



CYAA 2016/2017 Summer Series Race 3 November 27

Nov 25 2016

SI's, Entries and allocated handicaps

Attached are the Race 3 at SYC Sailing Instructions and allocated handicaps. The handicaps are based on Race 2 results that were scored in heavy weather. After Race 2 the handicaps for the first 3 place getters went up and the rest had their handicap tightened up once again. Let's see who makes the least mistakes this race.

The Race 3 documents are available from the CYAA Web Site home page as well.

The race will be conducted for the CYAA by the Sandringham Yacht Club.

No race on/off status by SMS for Race 3

Current wind strength conditions forecast for Sunday are in the 10-15 knot range. No race on/off decision by SMS will be issued for this race.

Race start signals. Horn, flags and count down time display.

The SYC race tower as well as using numeral flags to display the allocated course will announce the allocated course for Race 3 using VHF channel 77.

The SYC Race tower count down timer display and a horn on the SYC race tower will be used from the beginning of the 5 minute race warning signal.

The large CYAA flag will be used as the Race 3 division flag. It's scheduled to be seen at 10:25am from the flag pole on the city side of the SYC Race committee tower.

Discover Sailing day at SYC

The SYC race people have notified the Classic's that tie up space will be limited due to the clubs efforts to take people out for a short sail on Sunday.

The side benefit of the Discover Sailing at SYC on Sunday for the Classic's is that more people will be able see Sayonara Cup Winners **Sayonara** and **Frances** from different era's racing together and some of the most famous Admiral cuppers, **Mercedes III** and **Boambillee** plus Sydney to Hobarters, from **Renene** to **Kingurra** racing together with the worlds largest fleet of Tumlarens and a host of other important Australian Classic Yachts. Nowhere else in the world is there such a diverse range of Classic racing together on a regular basis.

SYC entrants for Race 3

We have 27 listed entrants for Race 3. Of this number and thanks to the work of Phil Atkins of ex **Trim**, 6 entrants are CYAA members from SYC.. Our CYAA members at SYC have jumped at the chance to race with the Classic fleet. As well as Kent Bacon's **Renene** who is a series entry we will have Greg and Dawn Clark's **Christela** with us.



Christela at the 2016 Geelong Wooden Boat Festival

Christela has been involved with the Classic's for many years in both Melbourne and Brisbane when she was owned by John Devers, a long time CYAA supporter. **Christela's** recent efforts saw her take out the best overall at the 2016 Geelong Wooden Boat Festival. Whoops! Best not tell the handicapper about that magnificent performance.

Some more excellent news, again thanks to Phil Atkins, is that 3 previous CYAA members at SYC have rejoined the Classic's to race with the fleet on Sunday. The fleet will see the return of **Scarlet**. Mark Watson's Laurent Giles Wanderer

design, the Eric Hiscock Wanderer IV design. This is the Eric Hiscock who arrived at SYC during one of his round the world epics and pronounced Port Phillip as no good for anything but racing. What would he know!



Scarlet in the Sandringham Yacht Club yard



Scarlet under sail

Auntie Jack (not the Couta boat) is another Laurent Giles now owned by Robert Lepore. Built in the 1950's she's similar to Cam Smith's **Manuka Rere**.

The third SYC Classic to return to racing is Steven Mathew's **Gypsy JAC** a Mobjack Hereshoff built in 1935. She be easy to pick being a clipper bowed ketch. These Hereshoff Classic's out of Mobjack Virginia, USA were known as being built to a standard not a price.

Another regular CYAA boat from SYC we'll see on Sunday is Carl Dafina's **Anitra**. **Anitra** and her well shirted out crew have been a Classic regular since the days of the Volvo 70's visit when the Classic's conducted a big regatta with the Couta Boat Association to celebrate the event.

During pre start maneuverers when you sail alongside a CYAA boat from SYC give them a welcome call.

The return of Serifa and Tandanya to racing

This race will see Michael Mactavish's **Serifa** back with to series racing the fleet after her preparation work to voyage to Hobart. One other to watch is Bob Munro's **Tandanya**. After watching her race so well in the Cup Regatta under the helm of Stephen Lake this Cup Regatta performance had to be not taken into account for series racing. The handicapper hand had to be dragged to write down **Tandanya's** handicap for Sunday. Let's see what happens.

Use of VHF Channel 77 Some Tums may need a tow.

As noted in the SI's and previous comments, SYC Race tower uses Channel 77 for their race control management.

When each Classic leaves their home club can they listen in on 77 to see if any Tums are calling for a tow. This comment was based on early forecasts of light wind for Sunday. The current forecast for Sunday is much better so every chance Tums won't be asking for a tow. Even so as good practice keep a listening watch on 77 for the SYC race management messages.

Two more Classic Yacht racing good practice comments.

Recently our racing within the fleet has become quite tight. This is good but keep in mind that older design classics will keep moving forward over the ground for possible 2-3 boat lengths even though the helm has been put hard over. Boats required to give way need to give an early indication of tacking or dropping down so the right of way boat knows the margin for error will remain low. Don't push that margin for error envelope. We need to keep in mind we have to sail to the lowest common denominator of Classic design. We know Tums and later design Classic's can turn on a tray bit but not so the older design Classics. Remember Marine law override's the Racing Rules of Sailing and has significant consequences for skippers, crews and the race organiser involved in the race when a worst case situation develops.

The same good practice comment, "don't push that margin for error envelope" applies to the overtaking boat. Take a look at the attached Race 2 photo. A wind flaw can easily put a mast truck well below the mast truck of an adjacent boat. Unhappy consequences if too close when a wind flaw hit's. Classic racing rules in the Med now require an overtaking boat to maintain a clearance of 3 boat lengths. Again being too close to a leeward fixed mark during a rounding when a wind flaw hits, especially if your topping lift is flying, can bring unfortunate consequences.



Tight Classic Yacht racing at the start of Race 2 Nov 13 2016

Regards to all and welcome to all the SYC Classics competing in the CYAA Race 3 Sunday is going to be big day for Classic Yacht racing at Sandringham. Some additional CYAA news follows below.

Peter Costolloe CYAA (Vic) Handicapper

Race 2 photo's

Speaking of race 2 here's the link to the Race 2 photo's taken from the HBYC Rescue boat. It will show thumbnails of 53 images of the Race 2 Classic Fleet.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1bvs2vr3s3f6mah/AACVt2ZXqv8SXIVYcq5wFgQca?dl=0>

The photographer has told the Classics they are welcome to use them for web or story use. High resolution images suitable for printing can be provided.

Photographer, Jarrod McShane, web site

<http://www.jarrodmcshanephotography.com/sailing-photos/>



Blackadder Race 2 winner on corrected time



Tight action at the start line. Astrud and the Tumlaen Ettrick



Cyan going well after the start with an eased main

Friends of Yvonne story

We know that recently the Tumblaren **Yvonne** was purchased by a group of CYAA Tumblaren owners with the view of restoring her back to her national championship winning ways. What has evolved from this venture is a support group known as the Friends of Yvonne. Here an recent of Friends of Yvonne story from the convenor Roger Dundas.



*We have another "**Friend of Yvonne #97**".*

*Geoff Martin is another of our friends, along with Bob Munro, who has sailed **Yvonne #97** in her prime.*

*Geoff had **Yeoman #309** (now back to original name **Snow Goose**) for many years awaiting a restoration and in 1993 purchased all the nails and roves required for the job.*

He has very generously donated these valuable items to us and I am looking forward to getting the first one into place.

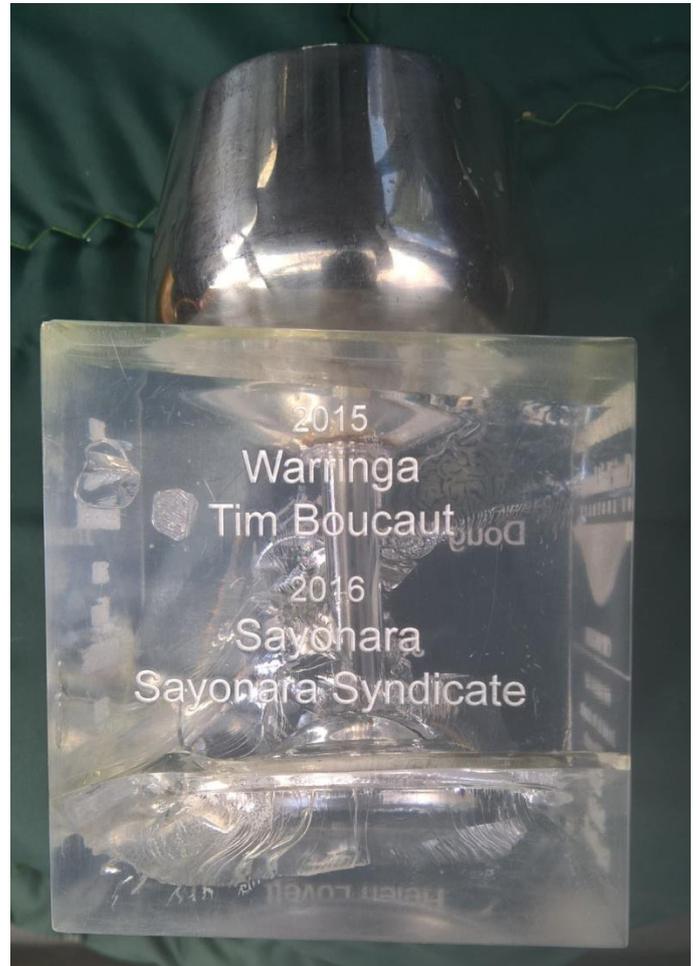
I am looking forward with even greater anticipation to getting the last one in !

The current restoration status of Yvonne is that her deck is off and she will be re ribbed, Those copper nails and roves from Geoff Martin will be a huge impact on the task. Nails like this are hard to find and seriously expensive. Geoff helms and crews on the Tumblaren **Zephyr**. Geoff is also a big time ship modeller.

Cup Regatta Trophies

To finish up here's what the Cup Regatta Stradbroke II and the Col Bandy trophies now carry.

Regatta trophy photos with new engraving



2017 Geelong Festival of Sails Early entry closing Nov 30

For those considering to idea of entering the 2017 FoS Classic Division.

Mail was recently received from the FoS organising committee alerting that the date for the closure of the early entry fee discount is closing on November 30.

So far two entries in the FoS Classic Division
Ron Caddy with **Athena** From Mornington and Bill Chittenden from RGYC with **Cardinal Puff**.