



## CYAA 2017 Winter Series Race 3 May 28 Conducted by Hobsons Bay Yacht Club

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### Results

Race 3 results plus the Series and Marie Louise III consistency status are attached. They also appear on the CYAA Web site. Thanks to RYCV for producing the Race 3 results in record time.

**Sunday 28 May** Met Bureau forecast

**Winds** North to northwesterly 15 to 25 knots turning westerly 20 to 25 knots during the day. Squalls to 40 knots possible with showers or thunderstorms.

### Race/no race decision

Race/no race discussions with the HBYC race people on the Friday and Saturday evenings indicated every chance of a no race. With the front coming through earlier than predicted, at midnight, the window for the predicted drop in wind strength before the next front also moved forward. Out went the 6:30 am SMS informing the race is on. Come 1:00pm and in came the next westerly front. Not as strong as predicted but no problem to all those CYAA people generating post race alibi's to anyone who would listen.

Conducting CYAA races between weather fronts is becoming the new norm. Our Race 2 was conducted between weather fronts.

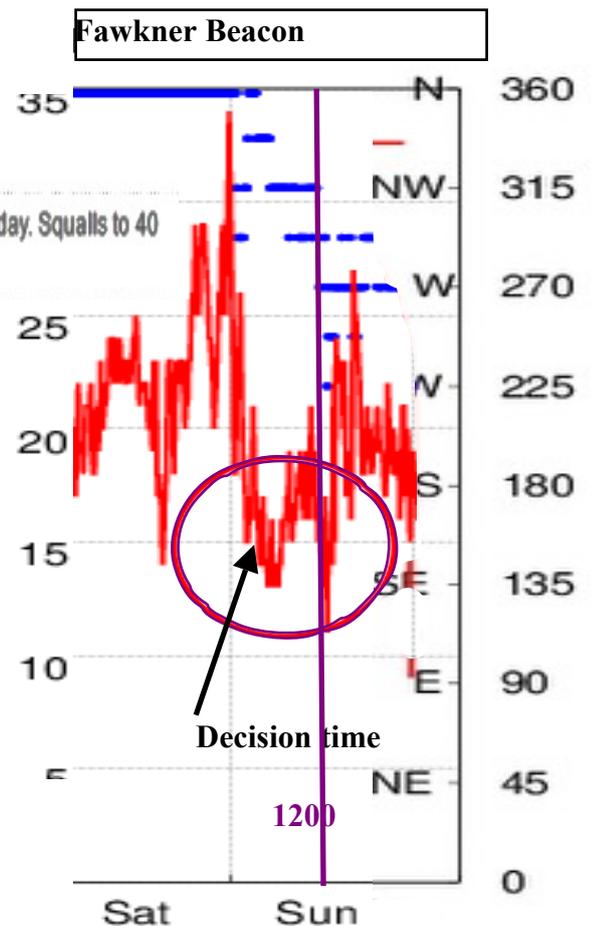
### No wild west start to Race 3

A note of thanks from the CYAA went out to the HBYC Race committee people for their radio countdown start. Being able to go for the start line without looking at timers or flags during the last 10 seconds was a first for the classic fleet. While adding a higher degree of safety during the race start to a diverse fleet, use of the radio didn't take away any of the pre start stress. You still had to have your approach timed right. Post race reports from the committee boat indicated they had a ringside seat to some vigorous start line action.

The race committee reported some Classic's went OCS after the 5 minute signal. While we don't have a round the ends rule remember any time an OCS boat returns to the start side of the line she is weather boat and cannot call room on any approaching Classic. The non use of the round the ends rule for safety reasons will be reviewed.

### Tight corrected times feature in race 3

The corrected time spread between the third and eighteenth placing was a fraction over 5 minutes. Once again showing, mistakes will bring corrected time pain when racing with our fleet.



## Corrected time honours to Corio Vertue

Congratulations go to Andy Indrans and John Price for their work to give Corio a good start and to keep her steaming in those conditions she thrives in on the beat to the first mark and the finish line. A definition of a beautiful sight is to be watching a Laurent Giles Vertue with a bone in her teeth. The classic fleet had such a sight in Race 3.



Photo Peter Costoloe

Cam Smith bust with the Denis Connor, shark skin polish from top to bottom in prep for Manuka Rere's next classic race.



Photo Cameron Dorrough

Andy Indrans and John Price discussing winning trim tactics on Corio Vertue

Not be be outdone in the congratulations is our second place getter on corrected time, Manuka Rere, the Laurent Giles Trekka with Cam Smith on the helm showed off her ocean racing pedigree to the Race 3 Classic fleet . Our shortest Classic on waterline length was pushed hard all around the course. Tight kite flying and constant sail trim had Manuka racing at her maximum waterline speed throughout the race.

## Avian takes out third

Taking out third on corrected time was Avian. Skipper Roger Dundas reports Avian was going great guns with a brilliant start. That is till Frances moved up with speed and took all her wind. To make up for this loss of wind and and to hold off Ettrick smart spinnaker work was the first call. Then the second and finally the third call did the job. On board Avian was some old time CYAA members out to once more experience the world of Classic Yacht racing on Port Phillip.

## A first time Classic Yacht racing experience.

For Race three Avian had crew in the shape of David Pizzey an ex CYAA member who owned and raced the 30 square metre yacht Phantasy. Next time when visiting Ferdy Darley's work shed at Seaworks take look at her. In her early days Phantsy raced against Pastime II. She now almost gone but not forgotten.

On board Avian for the first time was Martin Delves. What an introduction to Classic Yacht racing!! When you take a look at the image of the line honors winner powering away from Avian you'll agree. Martin received a Classic Yacht racing experience that he will remember or better still when he and David again experience when they join up with the Classics.

Fourth on corrected time is our series aggregate leader Astrud. She was steaming under the green and gold spinnaker. Skipper Rob Pullin reported after the race of his enjoyment of trying to catch Bungoona. Some of Rob's professional experiences with our late and great mate Col Bandy were recounted, post race, to the handicapper.

Vale Col Bandy.

### Consistency rules

Further down the fleet on corrected time was Richard Macrae's Claire. Another consistent performance from Claire.



On the consistency subject we had three Classic sail to their allocated handicap, Marie Louise III, Bungoona and Frances. While not taking anything from the higher race 3 placing's, slightly over one minute separated the corrected time between the third and seventh placing. This tight time indicated hard racing. Frances had clean but noisy spinnaker launch and retrievals while Marie Louise III popped her genakker early on the second leg. Not as early as Avian though. Bungoona, with Cameron Dorrough skippering and Colin Orchard doing the work, was raced hard all the way to keep close to the Tumlaren Avian and ahead of Tumlaren Ettrick.

### Call the stipes in

What could be classed the sail of the day was the performance of Doug Jenkin helming his Knud Reimers Albatross Blue Jacket. After race interviews and swab downs by the handicapper of the three generations of the Jenkin family who were claiming only two generations, Doug with Kath and Ben Solly, were hard at work, while the winner of the recent 49FX world series, Eliza Solly did nothing, to keep that brilliant Blue Jacket spinnaker flying and bring Blue Jacket home in fine style, the handicapper decided. An undeclared substance or body known as a 49FX worlds series champion was the root cause of the out of exception performance here. The penalty is a now closely watched Blue Jacket. Take note Blue Jacket is on the market

### 49FX and the Stipes

One fact the handicapper has to now live with is the words 49FX no longer refers to the back seat of the Australian car that his generation remember so well. Such is life. For those who are yet to lead a colorful life based on horse racing a Stipe is a short form for a stipendary steward. The stipe's were people who carefully watched colorful people carefully watching them. Of course the handicapper watches the lot of them.

### Hard luck, video's and the Grey Nurse

Next down the list were Ettrick, Tandanya, Loama and Martini. All have hard luck stories as to why. We have explanations from Ettrick and later on from Snow Goose indicating the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. From Tandanya, thanks to her skipper Stephen Lake, we have a video record of their performance, say no more after you take a look at [Race 3 from Tandanya's point of view](#). Stephen also supplied a video of parts of [Race 2, again take a look](#). Joe Tuck and the boys on Loama all cried dirty bottom while Martini people, like the grey nurse, said nothing. Handicapper suspects they has lots to throw up. Who was the grey nurse? A grey nurse shark which had been caught and then placed in an aquarium disgorged a tattooed human arm. The alleged person of interest was tried and acquitted due to court procedures.

### The wind did it

Corrected time placing's between Mercedes III and Snow Goose were tied and were close between Boambillee and Kingurra. Changing wind conditions didn't favor the Race 3 fleet leaders. After a tight rounding at the last mark the four fleet leaders sailed into a wind knock that added at least three minutes to their elapsed time. The following fleet gleefully sailed along the shore line to the no boating zone before tacking. This extra three on course minutes played a big role in the corrected time results.

### Zephyr closes out the placings

Elapsed times showed Zephyr was up with the fleet. The effect of a high allocated handicap compared to the other Tumlarens. A slower than normal performance was not enough to call out the handicapper Tumbrils but just maybe, just maybe next time.

## Line honors

Take a look at the Classic who took out Race 3 line honors.

This was an image taken in fright by Dave Pizzey as Frances powered her way past Avian shortly after the start.

Avian skipper Roger Dundas who lays claim to the best Race 3 start was happy she cleared out so fast

Click on the image for a closer look of Frances powering past Avian



**Thanks  
RYCV**

**to HBYC and**

A note has gone to the Hobsons Bay Yacht club race director with the request to pass on the CYAA's thanks for their work to make Race three. A comment was made requesting the use of the radio call down future CYAA race starts.

As mention at the beginning of these post race note A feature of race 3 was the generation of the results thanks to David Leroy of the RYCV.

## RMYS Presentation Night

Big night for our Tumarlen skippers. The evening before race 3 was when RMYS made their re-activated perpetual trophy presentation for the Tumlarlen involved with CYAA racing. The re-activated Uira trophy went to Jim Hutchinson and Dingo for being the first Tumlarlen home in the 2016 Cup Regatta Pursuit race. The re-activated T L Banks Trophy was presented to the new Tumlarlen State champion Gordon Tait and Etrick.

It's suspected the after presentation knee's up was the cause of the Race 3 performance of Etrick and Snow Goose.

## Next race June 18

Next race will be the RYCV pursuit start race scheduled for June 18. Start times will be generated after the forecast for Sunday is known. To try to make the pursuit race have a decent finish the start times may be spread over 45 minutes. The wild card will be the course selection.

## That's all for now

Apologies for the late mail out of the Race 3 notes. Our next CYAA magazine production is in fill go mode. Regards to all Peter Costolloe CYAA (Vic) Handicapper