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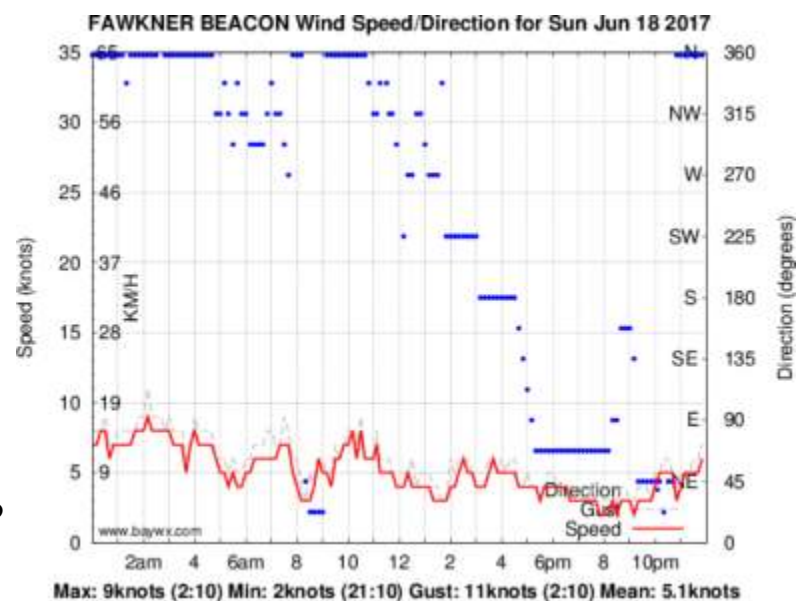
CYAA 2017 Winter Series Race 4 June 18 Conducted by Royal Yacht Club of Victoria

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Results

Result for race four was race abandoned. It will be re-sailed on July 9 at HBYC. Although wind puffs were around at the time the race was abandoned, it was deemed insufficient strength and duration to allow enough boats to score a finish and make the race a fair race, This status precluded the shortened course option being taken up.

Even though the race was abandoned all skippers and crews have reported another memorable day of Classic Yacht sailing. For 24 Classic's to show to race when forecast wind conditions indicated every chance of a no race no one can dispute Classic Yacht racing on Port Phillip is alive and well.



The start

The race began with a short postponement to see if the onshore wind would move on to the water. Didn't happen so on with the start. No problems for the fleet to adjust to the new group start times. Of note is the small detail about how the course number and group numbers for RYCV Marina starts are displayed will be addressed for next RYCV pursuit start race.

One bright note was the patience of the Classic starters that waited for a passing ship before crossing the ship channel. An channel crossing incident during a recent race now has Melbourne VTS coming the serious heavies on RYCV.



George Low

Approaching Mark R4 as seen from Snow Goose



George Low

The calm after rounding Mark R4

On the way to Mark R4

After rounding the Channel mark 20 and on the way to R4 several Classic's like **Sayonara** with her cats 20 on board, **Boambillee**, **Pastime II**, **Zephyr** and **Claire** ended up further south of the main fleet. They were closely watched to see if the predicted southerly was going to happen. Not to be. A drifting reach back to the fleet was the result. Meanwhile **Avian** continued to make ground on the fleet leaders. **Kingurra** was also very quietly making up ground after leaving **Frances** and **Mercedes III** behind. **Marie Louise III** had a decent purple patch of two knots to glide under **Snow Goose** and over **Dingo**. This didn't last, between wind holes and incoming tide she went sideways when 100 metres from the R4 mark.



Sandy from Beacon Cove watching Zephyr leading Sayonara past the Princes Pier

First mark rounding honours

Honours for the first to round the first mark was a battle. Just ask **Loama**, **Manuka ReRe** and **Astrud**. Honours to **Astrud**, the current leaders of the Summer Series aggregate score. Other features of the 1st mark rounding was the scene of **Avian** showing how well Tumlarens go in light winds, **Boambillee** after her long reach back to the fleet had a noticeable full steam up, 2 knots, approach to mark. **Kingurra** rounded clean while **Ettrick** had a clean and very tight rounding. **Frances** and **Blue Jacket** were in a close tussle at the mark. Never dismiss **Blue Jacket**. She has the knack of coming out of nowhere.

After the mark round that lean and mean no Tim Tam team on **Martini** made short work of **Bungoona's** Tim Tam burglars.

Best light wind performer.

The light wind performance of the day has to go to **Corio Vertue**. Watching her keep **Frances** at bay for a significant time after the first mark rounding had the handicapper calling in the stipes. An after race swab down was the order here. Saved by a no race decision was the call here comment from Andy Indrans. After a slight hiccup at the start that well known light air drifter **Renene** was right in there as well. **Serifa** and **Tandanya** also were in this mix after having to hold off crossing the shipping channel for several minutes.



Corio Vertue holds off Frances while Tandanya looks on



Boambillee preparing to sail under Marie Louise III. Snow Goose and Sayonara are to the right

Light air continues its work

Avian had a close set to with remains of Princes Pier while **Marie Louise III** came of second best with her encounters with **Bungoona** and **Kingurra**. Fortunately no fishing on the end of Station Pier was the word from **Marie Louise III**. Light wind tactics saw fleet position gains by **Dingo** and **Martini**, **Avian** and **Etrick** continued their close together battle while on different tacks.



Avian holds off **Etrick** and leads the fleet to RMYS Mark G.

All good things must end

But like all good things they don't last as so it was with Race 4. With a 3 hour time limit the decision to close off the race was made. Although some may have made the finish too many wouldn't have so to be fair the race had to be abandoned with no finishers.

CYAA wins Race 4

While there were no finishers for race 4 with no question there was a winner.

For a fleet of 24 starters to show up from all 5 keel boat clubs with large crews in forecast light wind conditions and every chance of a no race we still had a winner before the race. That of the CYAA. When a the race abandonment signal cheers from all Classics were heard across the water. These cheers weren't about we can go home now it was a signal of how deep the support for the CYAA is.

Next race will be designated Race 4, July 9, to be conducted for the CYAA by the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club. The handicaps used to allocate the Race 4 pursuit group start time allocations will be used for this rerun of Race 4.

Cowes Regatta and the CYAA

The CYAA representing at the British classic Week at Cowes UK is well under way. Sails have been organised by the Fife six metre **Melita** by her full of local knowledge navigator John Mellows.



Frances overtaking Ettrick has Avian and RMYS Mark G in her sights

This Regatta takes place from July 8 to 15. Progress reports will be posted on the special Cowes Regatta CYAA web site page.

By July 9 we'll have more Cowes UK news. I'll pass it on.

BTW For a closer look all the attached cropped images have links to the original image

That's all for now.

Regards to all

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Handicapper



After Mark R4 Rounding as seen by George Low from Snow Goose
Dingo, Mercedes III, Kingurra, Marie Louise III with Frances and Ettrick behind MLIII