



CYAA 2017 Winter Series Race 5 July 23

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Conducted by the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron



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Race 5 venue, St. Kilda Pier as it was 80 years ago.

Dancing sylphs of Port Phillip preparing for Classic Yacht racing 80 years hence
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Tumlarens **Tarna (91)** and **Zest (98)**, sea nymphs of Port Phillip disporting by St. Kilda pier.

Race 5 Documentation

The Race Sailing Instructions and entry list with handicaps for all entrants are attached and are posted on the CYAA Web site. Handicaps for Race 5 are based on 5 previous race results. Extra attention was given to the first three Race 4 placings.

A Race 4 results note, the elapsed time difference between the first and second corrected time placing was 26 seconds. Similar elapsed time stories were seen between the first eight placing's. Soldiers course based placing applied to the remaining Race 4 starters. Let's see what happens in Race 5.

As seen from the above photo the Race 5 venue is the waters of the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, adjacent to the St. Kilda pier and breakwater.

RMYS courses for Race 5 are attached to the Sailing Instructions. Course a location maybe announced by Radio when the RMYS control Tower goes on station. Our race officer for the day is Alistair Hart.

The current BoM forecast for Port Phillip on Sunday indicates another day with conditions ideal for Classic Yachting, strong winds and flat water. Better than earlier forecasts let's see if the forecast holds up.

RMYS will be asked to provide a VHF Channel 73 radio countdown start. Although this feature takes away some of the skill needed for an on time start, recent starts have shown the pay off is a safer start for an increasing start fleet that's widely diverse in water line length and speed.

Finish times may be taken on water from the RMYS Rescue vessel William Paterson.

Additional Race 5 entrant

For those who check the start sheet, a new entry will be noted. This week past your Exec. Team voted in favour of accepting the CYAA boat register listing application from member Chris Warren for the Diamond named Rough Cut. Welcome to Rough Cut to the fleet of Classic Yachts racing on Port Phillip. Your CYAA Exec. team is considering proposals to further recognise Jack Holt, designer of the Yachting World Diamond and the 12' International Cadet Dinghy. CYAA notables such as Doug Shields and Col Anderson began their yacht racing life with these dinghies. We'll see Rough Cut when she takes on the Race 6 fleet



Mark Chew

Rough Cut on her Race 4 Demonstration



The Flying Dutchman of the Winter Series.

All being well weather wise an extra treat for the Race 5 fleet should be finally on the water. Jaemie Wilson has plans to drop his Dragon **Siena** into the water this Friday at RYCV.

Dragons and 30 Square metres.

Shifting the focus off Dragons on Port Phillip, word has it that Peter Kerr, our Brisbane member who operates Deagon Slipways, is working on a Dragon restoration project. Peter Kerr is also restoring Aoma the Classic that left RMYA awhile, for our Sydney member Scott Ryrie. Scott races KA2, renamed Quadrato Trinta or QT for short, a 30 square metre, similar to Peter McDonalds Pastime II, at Sydneys Vaucluse Yacht Club. KA2 was trucked over from Perth where she was raced in the Perth based

Swan River Restoration series, the equivalent to the CYAA on Port Phillip. Many ex Port Phillip classic's race in this series conducted by the Royal Perth Yacht Club and Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.



Peter McDonalds Pastime II at Hobsons Bay Yacht Club



Scott Ryries QT (Quadrato Trinta) at Vaucluse Yacht Club

Race 5 spectator craft

While on Race 5 action we may have some company in the form of the St. Kilda Ferry. Operators of the ferry service have been informed of the Race 5 schedule and have been invited to give their passengers a close photo opportunity look over the fleet. The operators are aware of the need to give the fleet sea room to race. When the ferry is close by don't start screaming as you do at people fishing from Station Pier. The CYAA welcomes the St. Kilda ferry operators. They are an invaluable CYAA racing publicity platform viewing. Give them a welcoming wave.



Panerai 2017 Classic Yacht Week Cowes UK



Melita stands tall with her battle flag proud

After 6 days of racing the 1926 6 metre Melita held and occasionally bested the hot 6 metre's at the Cowes UK Regatta. Martin Ryan, Phil Brown and Bob McClusky all report positive on and off water stories. They all say thanks to John Mellows for his many weeks of work to have Melita ready and the generosity of Violeta Alvarez of Mena to give away her 'old' sails to assist with Melita's campaign.



John Mellows organiser of the Melita campaign, putting the final touch to Melita's battle flag.



Martin Ryan A trimmer in top form



6 Metre Class Phil Brown working on the kite launch tactics

Last update: Fri Jul 14 23:56

1	SIOMA (Fenton Burgin)	6	2	1	2	2	1	3	3	2	22	16
2	ST KITTS (Robin Richardson)	5	1	7	7	1	2	1	1	1	26	19
3	THISTLE (Tom Richardson)	2	6	2	1	3	3	2	4	3	26	20
4	VALDAI (Robert Owen)	3	4	7	7	5	4	4	2	4	40	33
5	MELITA (Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron)	4	5	7	7	6	5	5	5	5	49	42
6	MENA (Charlie Hatfield)	1	3	7	7	4	7	7	7	7	50	43



Melita Day 1

Photo Nicole Shrimpton

Clipper Round the World Race No place like home

For Catherine North who crews with Michael McTavish on Serifa, home for the next 10 months is what you see in the photo.

Here's the contents of a status message recently received, July 13, from Michael McTavish.

Hi Peter

Catherine and I are now in Gosport Uk to finish our Clipper training .

We have just finished five days of sailing on the older 68 ft boats and then on this Friday we start the final level of training on the



newer 70 ft boats .

The Marina here has 12 of the 70 ft boats , and 6 of the older 68 ft boats with Sir Robin very much in attendance .

Incidentally the 70 ft boats are designed by Tony Castro who also designed Tenacious.

Michael be will be competing in two stages of the series. Left is an example of Michael in training mode while sweating up the main halyard.

Further information of Micheal's and Catherine's Clipper round the world action

can be seen here on the July 14 [RYCV E News](#) web page.

Best of British

In July 2016 your CYAA magazine editor Roger Dundas featured a story prepared by Mark Chew that described his visit to the Gannon and Benjamin Marine Railway at Martha's Vineyard, Rhode Island. One feature of Marks article was comments and photo's of the construction of the vessel Artemis, as shown below. Now for the latest news on Artemis



The G&B boat yard supervisor signals official approval of the keel of the Nat Benjamin design 86 ARTEMIS In the front shed Design 86 Artemis. South to her is another close to completion Design 1

Artemis 2017

Classic Boat magazine conducts a series of subscriber vote based annual awards for various classes of Classic Yachts. One class that features in the awards is known as the best traditional build. So for 2017 who takes out the award

Winner: Artemis, canoe-sterned gaff yawl designed and built by Gannon & Benjamin, Martha's Vineyard, USA

Artemis

Designed and built Gannon and Benjamin, 2016, LOD 31ft 6in (9.6m), rig gaff sloop

Artemis was built the old-fashioned way by G&B, who don't 'do' any other method. She was built for an English couple who had to have a canoe stern. Inside, she's a four-berth yacht with all the accoutrements.

A Classic Yacht ready for the project.

A note was recently received from CYAA member Leigh Norgate that his Willaim Atkins designed "Little Dipper" is being retired from her Classic Yacht racing life and is now available for a concours based restoration project or if it fits the bill a new life of leisure on the Gippsland Lakes

At 28' lwl 33' loa Avalon fits the window where she's easily transportable, not too big to work on but big enough to be comfortable on. For sure she's that ideal vessel for the Gippsland Lakes. We already have CYAA members on the lakes with Terra Nova and a Laurent Giles Vertue and not to mention Terry Grundy's fleet of wooden dragons. The Paynesville Classic Boat festival which featured in a recent CYAA magazine is now a big drawcard for the likes of Avalon. Her 10HP Simplex Single Cylinder Petrol Motor with that classic one lugger pop takes anyone back to those dreamer times of the 1950's.

Leigh tells us she will need some work to bring her back to concours condition so if there's a plan to take on the Geelong Wooden Boat Festival competition, Avalon is your girl.

Here she is as she was a couple of years ago.

Looking over the Classic Boat Magazine awards and comparing the vessels listed in their concours competition Avalon would be right in there.

That's it for CYAA pre race news.

The current forecast hasn't changed. RMYS are all set. It's now up to the Classic Skippers and crews to make a clean and on time getaway 10:30am Sunday



Avalon in her RYCV Marina Pen

Regards to all
Peter Costolloe CYAA (Vic) Handicapper