

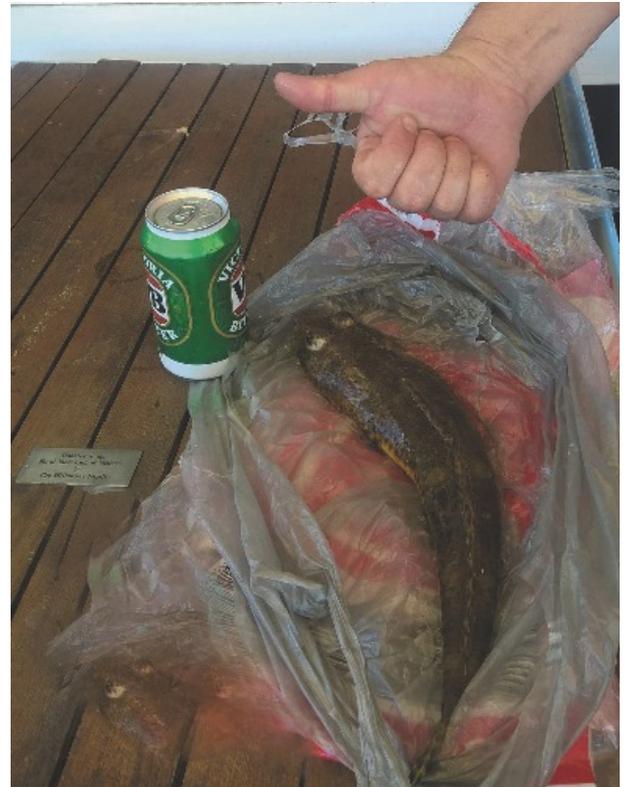
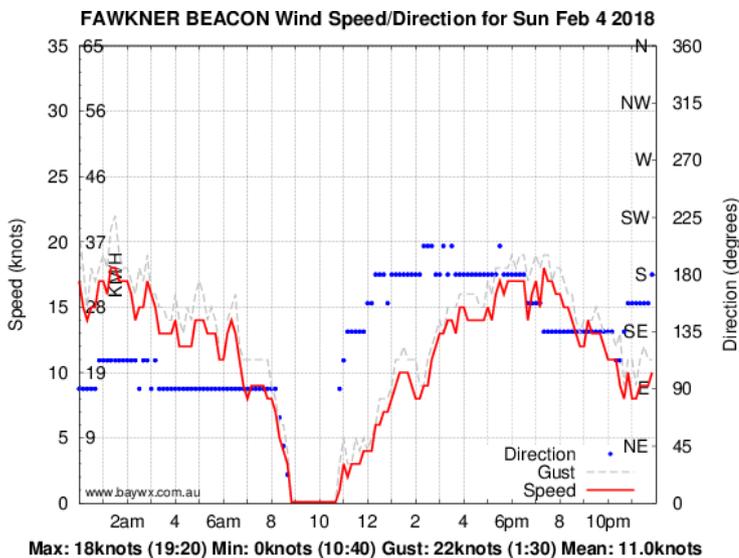


# Classic Yacht Association

O F A U S T R A L I A

## Classic's Summer Series Race 5 Feb 4 2018

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### Race 5 No result

No finishers. Technically now known as a dead fish event with details supplied courtesy of a bottom drifting lure and Matthew Fewster on a slow moving **Loama** on their way back to Williamstown

Although there was plenty of on water action that deserved better, after race comments underscored that losing a race didn't matter. The bigger picture is that we use racing as a means to use our Classics and sail in company with other Classics. It doesn't matter if the race doesn't generate a result. But after all that work to keep our Classic's in full race trim, it sure hurts though. There goes our discard race. What else can you do, sailing wise, on Port Phillip? You race.

From the pre race start to when time ran out it was full on racing. A pin end start line planning attack by **Sayonara** and **Cyan** that was going well till the the tidal flow made it presence felt. Both went below the pin. **Loama** was in close company here.

A stalling start by **Snow Goose** to be clear of the Starboard boats for a throw on to port was noted. Would have/could have/should have been a winning move. The Dingo crew were all set and led the fleet over the start line.

**Fair Winds** hit the line just right and began her clearing out from the fleet action on starboard tack. Not so easy, **Boambillee** and **Frances**, with her first time helmsman Nick McGuigan, both with on time starts, moved ahead of **Fair Winds**. **Dingo**, another starter hurt by the closer to shore wind flaws was eventually reeled in by **Marie Louise III**. **Ettrick** with constant tweaking and playing the wind flaws by Gordon Tait and his first time crew kept in contact with **Fair Winds**. Further down the starboard line was **Astrud** pacing well but badly hurt by the slop. This constant slop in light winds put paid to **Cyans** efforts to catch up after being sent below the line pin at the start by the local current. **Martini** was another who had trouble breaking into a steady rhythm. **Avian** and **Eliza** said enough of this and followed **Fair Winds** out on port tack. **Boambillee** held on for longer, then threw on to port and easily sailed across **Frances** on her starboard tack. **Frances** said now's the time to go and threw on to port, alas it was a wind flaw that soon had them pointing back to **Williamstown** so back to port hand they went. Not for long though, her next throw to port was better. **Marie Louise III** held on and made the R2 mark in one tack, after all her usual competitors had gone around ahead.

As we know, when trying to figure out what's going on the rule is follow the money. For the Classic fleet on Sunday the smart money was **Snow Goose**, **Sayonara**, **Zephyr** and **Loama**. Throwing on to port after the start put these smart money classics in more consistent wind to handle the chop, less flaws as well as an additional payoff.. Watching **Snow Goose** and **Sayonara** in the distance with bow waves wasn't a good sight for the starboard tackers. For all those who eventually went on to port it was too late. **Sayonara** required a short tack to reach the top mark well ahead of **Boambillee** and **Frances**. The top mark rounding order between **Snow Goose** and **Fair Winds** isn't known, although **Zephyr** headed **Avian** at the rounding. Your scribe was busy preparing for his down wind run foredeck action that was the subject of many after race comments. **Loama**, although further back, rounded the top mark in a time to put her in placing contention.

The down hill run saw **Frances** and **Boambillee** pass **Sayonara**. This was a race against the clock. Unfortunately the clock won by 7 mins 56 seconds. Too late to beat the first to finish time deadline of 12:30 pm. This detail didn't matter to the Tumlarens. A super tight finish saw **Snow Goose** pip **Ettrick** by 14 seconds. **Zephyr** followed 1 min 9 seconds later and **Avian** finished 1 min 31 seconds later. **Eliza** with Tony Hoppe on the helm was 43 seconds later and **Martini** was 1 min 19 second later. The other starters with the exception of **Loama** all headed home. On the way home **Loama** with the aid of Matthew Fewster's big toe went fishing off Station Pier. This was too much a temptation for a bottom feeding flattie. So **Loama** came home with additional extra crew. Best stop now on this subject.

### Feat of the day

Perhaps the feat of the day was the after start conversation on **Dingo** by overheard by the **Marie Louise III** foredeck hand. The feat was a word of thanks for the great start from the helm of **Dingo**, Celia Dymond, to her crew of Janet Dean and Marius of Norway. As deemed by chief tactician of **Dingo** Janet Dean, shouting is a go slow tactic. Perhaps Janet's words of tactical advice will eventually be a feature of our classic fleet racing. Good manners cost nothing.

### The bright side of the no fleet finish.

Two non racing Classic's were seen checking out the fleet on Sunday. Click on the images for a better view. Ferdy and Wendy Darley had **Ruthean** out to review the fleet off Brighton. John and Rosalie Counsel had **Merlin** out to greet the fleet as it returned to Williamstown after racing. **Merlin** is a veteran of round the UK racing and circumnavigations.



### Geelong Wooden Boat Festival

More skippers putting their hand up for the sail in Company to Portarlington on Friday morning. **Shamrock** with Rod Fuller will be joining in. Click here to see [upgraded Portarlington harbour layout](#).

### CYANZ Trillion Classic Yacht Regatta

Eight CYAA members attending. Pics and story promised.

### Next race Race 5 at RMYS Feb 18

RMYS will conduct the next Classic Summer Series race. The race will be named race 5 to comply with Top Yacht race scoring and series points aggregation requirements. No handicap changes will occur for the next race. Race 5 Feb 18 documentation has been posted on the CYAA Web site home page and CYAA Racing page.

Regards to all

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