



## Welcome to the third race of the CYAA (Vic) 2018 Winter Series on Port Phillip

### Race three information

[Race 3 Sailing Instructions Rev 0](#) plus the [Race 3 entries with their allocated handicaps Rev 0](#) are now available. Click on the links to download the documents or visit the CYAA web site.

Race 3 will be conducted for the CYAA by the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club with Race Director Alistair Hart. A VHF Channel 73 based radio course allocation decision and race start count down will be announced.

The Race 3 start line area will be in the vicinity of Port Melbourne Channel Mark 74 and the RMYS Mark C Current conditions forecast for Sunday indicates a brisk 20 knot northerly.

### Race 3 welcome returns

This race will see the return to Classic Yacht racing by two of our fleet.

After showing she is still the yacht that she was in 1967 by participating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta on Sydney Harbour that celebrated the Admirals Cup win in 1967, along with **Kingurra**, and then competing in the Great Veterans race, **Mercedes III** has now returned to Port Phillip to work over the Melbourne classic Yacht fleet.

Fresh from her first race leadout of the fleet in 2017 Winter Series Race 5 the appropriately named Yachting World Diamond **Rough Cut** has returned to Classic Yacht racing. Let's see how she goes this race.. The handicapper has made compensation that allows **Rough Cut** to use her trapeze.

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Mercedes III Sydney Harbour  
Admirals Cup 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta



Rough Cut  
2017 Winter Series Race 5

## Classic Boat magazine and Nigel sharp story

An note was received from Nigel Sharp, the Classic Boat Magazine article writer who was with us last December. His piece about Tumlares worldwide is in the new (May/June) issue of Wooden Boat. His story about the Melbourne Tumlares will be in future issue of Classic Boat . Nigel reports he'll let us know when its published.

The Australian Wooden Boat Festival in Feb 2019 at Hobart is the venue for Nigel Sharps next visit. For those CYAA people considering attending plans are being considered to hold a CYAA knee's up on Digby designer tug boat Victory, now under restoration by Marius Fenger. Another reason to be there.



## Sydney and Brisbane member activity

The recent Race 2 post race story carried news about our Brisbane CYAA members competing in Wynnum Manly Yacht Club Traditional Boat Regatta. It turns out that through her dad Ken Digby, our new member from Sydney Ann Crisp has deep connections with this Club. With that connection a request for help from our sydney member Ann Crisp to locate a boat built by her dad. Scott Bishop of **Casurina** is



Ken Digby about to launch Moyne for the first time

on the job. Thanks must go to Greg Doolan of **Wotama** for his work to make this WMYC Regatta story happen and to Nicole Shrimpton, owner of **Defiance**, for actively helping Ann join up with the Classic's,. Ann's grandad is Ernie Digby, designer and builder of the International 8 metres, **Defiance** and **Frances**. Ann reports "The cradle. It was an old rusted truck he dismantled then re-welded to suit!!!! "The Yacht was named **Moyne** to remember Warrnambool and it's river, the town where Ernie Digby originally hailed from before their family days in Williamstown.

## A small Frances story

Can you believe our legendary fisherman from Port Melbourne, Doug Beazley, sailed on Freances? Yes he did. Ernie Digby co-opted him from Greg Blunts yard when Doug and his dad, Oppy, were cleaning up one of their netboats. Often times Doug comes out in the netboat **Pearl** to show the classic fleet they still have lot's to learn.

There's more stories about Ann Crisp and Frances plus the Melbourne Harbour Trust head ship wright, Clive Barnard, who worked with Ernie Digby's, to come,

## Marie Louise III Boat Register listing

A recent update to the [Marie Louise III boat register listing](#) has been made by Peter Lloyd. Take a look.

All the best for Sunday. Forecast indicates the oppiste conditions we had for Race 2

Regards to all, Peter Costolloe CYAA (VIC) Handicapper