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Avian takes out corrected time honours.

Playing wind shifts and a kite flying every chance Roger Dundas had **Avian** back to old ways with the ghost of her long time champion skipper Bill Gash on board. Leading the Tum fleet home to take out corrected time honours. Yes, the handicapper has issued a Classic yacht racing declaration requirement, ghosts (or inspiration from) on the helm. It all adds up.

To be eleven minutes behind **Frances** after 8 actual miles of racing indicates **Avian** was close to her best ever racing days. Watching **Avian** in close company with the fleet leaders after the first beat and run to the first rounding mark sent out the message to the fleet. Today belongs to **Avian**, **Snow Goose** must also be mentioned here. Closing the finish line only a minute nineteen secs. away from **Avian** indicates George Low had his **Snow Goose** team hard at work to bring first and second on corrected time honours to the Tumlairen fleet.

Corrected time for **Boambillee** had her only 24 seconds behind **Snow Goose** while **Frances** was only fifty seconds behind **Boambillee**. Analysis shows with the handicap allocated to **Frances**, to come home equal third to **Boambillee** she needed to improve by one minute thirty seconds. All those little things add up. Similar story would apply across the fleet. Except to those two notorious late starters of course.

Frances takes out line honours.

Congratulations go to Peter Johns and his crew on **Frances** for their take out of Race 4 line honours. It was only in the last run where **Boambillee** was overhauled to concede line honours to Frances by ten seconds. Desperate team work and times indeed on both Classics for the Race 4 line honours outcome.

Sail of the day goes to Boambillee

Frances would be the first boat to congratulate **Boambillee** for her Race 4 performance. Watching **Boambillee's** signature blue spinnaker was the indicator to the fleet on how the battle was going.

The Race 4 start line

After race reports again indicate starting tactics by the Classic fleet need a tune up. While the idea of your boat being on the same start line with the Champion classic yachts of Australia has good intentions, two divisions and the attendant implications will be looked at. Having short waterline length yachts stuck with no wind between far longer waterline length boats who calling up on boats running down the line, isn't the way forward for Classic Yacht racing on Port Phillip.

Renene shows the SYC flag to the Race 4 fleet.

One great Race 4 sight was to see Kent Bacon on the helm of **Renene** with his long time crew once again racing with the Classics. A long time supporter of Classic Yacht racing on Port Phillip, the Colin Archer designed ex Sydney to Hobart competitor out of Hobart, **Renene**, was again with the fleet. Well known from many years of sailing up from SYC to compete in Classic races The opportunity to compete in a Classic race conducted by her home club was an opportunity not to be missed. A magnificent sight of Classic yacht racing.

Alwyn returns to Classic Yacht racing.

A rare sight was that of **Alwyn** with the Race 4 fleet. While good intentions to mix it with the fleet were there the realities of time to sail to SYC weren't. The time to make SYC from Williamstown is well known as the skipper did just this the day before when racing to Portarlington. Although late for the start, analysis of the results showed her appearance was an indicator that with Richard Macrae of **Claire** on the helm, her allocated handicap is about right for next time. Of course the handicapper will now return the favour to the short handed **Claire**. Another short handed story was received from **Merlin**. We'll see how the Team App system can be tweaked to help out this lack of crew problem.

Race 4. A great CYAA event with great support from SYC.

Thanks must go to SYC Race Director James Sly for the support from Sandringham Yacht Club to conduct the 2018 Summer Series race 4 at SYC. To the race committee on the SYC **Endeavour** thanks for the start line and well placed gate. Thanks to the SYC people who managed the finish from Race control tower. These people passed on their appreciation of receiving a thank you call from Cam Smith as Manuka Rere crossed the finish line. Finally a thank you goes to Madeleine Cummins of the SYC who provided the Race 4 results ever so promptly.

Race 4 2019 at SYC

Yes it's booked already. Same format, A committee vessel start with a windward gate at 10:30 am following the J24 fleet with their 10:00am start. Be there, on time.

CYAA AGM

The CYAA AGM will be held at 205 Domain Rd, South Yarra, Victoria 3141 on **Thursday 29th November 2018**, commencing at **7:00 pm** (light refreshments from 6:30 pm).

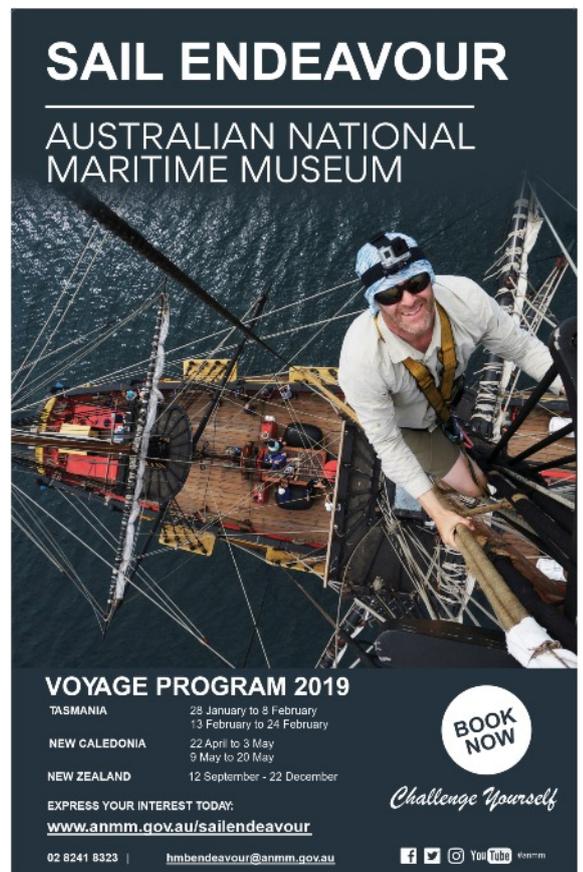
Hobart Wooden Boat Festival.

CYAA fleet at Hobart is growing. **Fair Winds** is on her way **Scimitar** has passed the word they are in. More details when available will be provided about the plans for **Defiance**, the Digby 8 metre, to visit Melbourne.

Here's a [link to the latest media release](#) from the Hobart AWBF,

Regards to all

Peter Costolloe CYAA (Vic) Handicapper



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