



Race 6 Start postponed to 1050hrs.

Two sound signals 30 seconds before the 10:30am start reflected the last chance scene in the race committee tower. Up went the AP. For the 14 strong Race 6 Classic fleet, all playing the gusty incoming southerly wind flaws, it was a let off. Good for some, not so good for other's. **Frances** the International 8 metre and a gleaming Tumlaren **Sirocco**, on her first post surgery race, were moving well. So well that Charlie Salter on the helm of **Sirocco** wanted to keep going in their private wind flaw. Not to be.

Such was the scene on Port Phillip where the predicted northerly winds hit the Windy Hill barrier. Many can recall wind conditions on Port Phillip where yachts are going like the clappers while 20 metres away others are becalmed. Note those Essendon Temps. Not so on the water.

With a 20 minute delay, the race committee decided a shorter course was needed. Unfortunately for **Frances**, this new course call wasn't heard.

The start at 1050hrs

Start at 1050 hrs. was still a shaky affair. **Mercedes III**, **Snow Goose** and **Frances** were running down the line into a no water situation. **Marie Louise III** and **Avian** had straight line starts. **Boambillee** while a bit late was definitely making up lost time. Some minutes after the gun, shameful scenes of desperation that are best not talked about in polite circles were in full flight. If only people could keep their post race mouths shut when that handicapper is foxing, their classic lives would be far easier.

Shame no pics. Indicative of everyone concentrating on the race. Even so to see **Sirocco** back with the fleet was import. Congratulations goes to Charlie Salter for his work to have Ferdi Darley bring **Sirocco** back to racing trim. **Marie Louise III** had a very close pre race inspection of Ferdi's work. Pete Jereback was on hand to supervise the inspection.

Winners on the day

Without doubt the winners of the day were the 14 classics who competed in Race 6. Under benign but usable wind, Port Phillip was in that rare state that doesn't happen often enough. Another great day of Classic racing on Port Phillip.

[Race 6 corrected time](#) congratulations must go to **Claire**. After her sail of the day Race 5 performance Richard Macrae went that extra bit to bring **Claire** home for her corrected time win.

Line honours congratulations goes to **Boambillee**. With her smooth working team all down on the lee side she was in her light wind element.

For the sail of the day **Snow Goose** gets the nod. It's one thing to say she picked all the wind shifts. Watching her keep in touch all around the course, first with **Frances** and then with **Boambillee** and **Mercedes III** showed George Low had **Snow Goose** on a wing. With Dave Brodziak pulling strings how could you go wrong. Let's not brush over the performance of the John Guzzwell Trekka, **Manuka re Re** under the helm of Cam Smith

Once again tight corrected times were a race result feature. 22 seconds between 1st & 2nd with 2 min 12 secs between 3rd and 11th. Light and fluky winds don't stop the Classics and their tight racing results. No wonder no pics. For handicapper purposes the results show what it would take for each boat to place equal 3rd.

Series status

It's all happening as we're at the worst score drop zone. Currently **Snow Goose** is heading up the Series Aggregate by two points over **Avian** and **Martini**. In the consistency stakes, **Snow Goose** heads up **Avian** by 0.12 of a point.

Fawkner Beacon

Date/EDT	Time	Temp °C	Temp	Dir	App Spd kts	Wind Gust kts
03/	12:30pm-	-		SE	8	9
03/	12:00pm-	-		SSE	8	9
03/	11:30am-	-		S	7	8
03/	11:00am-	-		SSE	4	5
03/	10:30am-	-		S	4	5

Essendon Airport

03/	12:30pm	36.8		N	14	21
03/	12:00pm	35.8		N	13	19
03/	11:30am	34.9		NNW	13	18
03/	11:00am	34.4		NNW	13	19
03/	10:30am	33.1		NNW	12	20

Hobart Wooden Boat Festival

News from the organisers of the Tim Phillips organised CYAA/CBA Cocktail function is the numbers booked have hit the venue limit of 150. A never before happening. Although the gate is shut the organisers are taking names to cover those who have last minute show up problems.

Looking over the festival entry directory indicates no changes to the entry list or the assigned tie up locations. Meaning the late entries have no location listed The entry directory list compiled for CYAA members can be downloaded here. [Boats Afloat](#) and [Boats Ashore](#) Positive Feedback has been received about the usefulness of these directories.



The top gun crew on Fair Winds checking out the Hobart Wooden Boat Festival scene from afar. Cygnet in fact

Serifa's voyage to Hobart story

During the week word was received from Michael Mactavish that **Serifa** is a reluctant no show. An unknown source of a battery current leakage occurred when off Wilsons Prom battery.

An intermittent electrical fault was flattening battery's and it not sensible to continue so off the Prom we turned back. We are still going by air . We had some great sailing and in 5 metre seas of San Remo yesterday the boat her was in its element . Some of the crew including the skipper a little green about the gills . We sailed into Cleveland Bluff knife poised above the anchor retaining rope for a quick anchor drop but not needed as our rescue boat from Hastings was on station to tow us onto to the Commercial jetty .

Our new Whaling board was deployed and lots of fenders. Excellent advice on setting up all ropes from local fishermen. Very friendly and helpful guys . Jim Papas with his new fishing boat in particular . A bottle of Bill,s (crew on Serifa) home made Shiraz was a small gift in Return .

Still looking forward to being in Hobart for the Festival .

Akuna has gone to Port Hacking

Chris Havre sent a note informing his work of art, **Akuna**, has gone to Port Hacking. New owner is in love. Chris has informed he's still a CYAA supporter and is available for crewing. After learning the ropes of yacht racing with the Classics Chris has stepped up a gear by taking on the Adams 10 "**The Bird**" from Mackay, Q'ld.

Some real news

When the Jan 24 race notes warm up message went out this was the response received from one recipient.

Thank you for your email. I on sick leave after a significant spinal injury and will have restricted ability to sit at a computer and respond to email until around Monday 23rd of Feb. I will check my email when I am able, but accept my apologies if my response is delayed.

On Jan 31 This was brilliant recovery progress report was received. Dumped while body surfing is the story.

Nice to hear from you. I'm making a slow but progressive recovery. Importantly, I'm able to walk for 30 to 40 mins and sit for 10 - 15 mins, so I expect that should make a full recovery. I feel very fortunate to have avoided a catastrophic injury resulting in paralysis. I'm happy for you to inform the CYAA community to help them understand why a peachy looking Scimitar is firmly parked in her pen at RYCV. I hope to be back sailing when I can.

With the word Scimitar being the giveaway, these mails are from Damian Purcell. A post op forensic description with graphic images was sent out by Damian What happened between Jan 24 and Jan 31 is for his family and close associates only. Reports on Damian's recovery progress will be provided.

No doubt this news will floor you. Just think how Damian and his family and close people around him felt. That recovery progress news is definitely brilliant.

Off to Hobart

So it's off to the Hobart Festival tomorrow, all aboard the **Victory** Big meet up with the Digby family. Let's see what pics and vids we can collect.

Regards to all Peter Costoloe CYAA (Vic) Handicapper