

HBYC Classics feature at the CYAA 2020 Cup Regatta.

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The Classics 2020 Cup Regatta is being conducted in two stages. Two days of northern Port Phillip waters racing and one day of passage racing to Corio Bay and Geelong.

After four races conducted over two days of intensive classic yacht racing to decide the Classic Cock of Port Phillip, Scott McDonald's **Pastime II** gave the division one fleet a fright with her solid over the line performances to place second on corrected time. Consistency was the feature of **Pastime II's** performance with her second on corrected time results for three division one races. Scott McDonald took out the second place podium by a very small number of seconds to the likes of **Acrospire III**, **Acrospire IV** and **Boambillee**.

Classic yacht racing is not only about race results it's also about the recognition of people who stay true to the cause of Classic yacht racing. Throughout the two days of solid racing one boat from division three stood out among a classic yacht fleet that ranges from Australian meter racing champions through to proven Sydney to Hobart veterans. This one boat was Evan Bieske's **Seabird**. Evans performance with **Seabird** was supported by Cam Smith on one day and by his oneself on the Sunday. The way Evan turned from completing the first Sunday race and then straight back into it for the next race had the RYCV Race committee give a unanimous vote that **Seabird** was their feature boat of the Cup Regatta. To complete this race committee vote, the CYAA handicapper awarded his handicapper trophy for the most impressive boat performance of the day to **Seabird**. The Classic that kept going.

One big moment of the 2020 Cup Regatta was to see our Tumblaren **Zest** great the starter on Sunday. This was the big moment for **Zest** to repay Dave Wilton for the all those years of care he has put into her. **Zest** didn't fail. While Dave may beg to differ **Zest's** performance the RYCV race committee thought otherwise. Watching **Zest** perform boat for boat the comment was "when **Zest** is able to compete on equal term's she'll give the current Tumblaren fleet a real hurry up"

Check this link out to see some photo's of [Classic's competing in Race one](#). A video of this race will be published later this week.

Next 2020 Cup Regatta race is scheduled for March 20. This even will see Classic yacht passage racing return to Port Phillip. This event will be followed by a Presentation Dinner at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club that evening.

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