



CYAA 2023/2024 Summer Series

Classic Yacht Association
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Race 4 Pre race notes Conducted by the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron

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**Race Four Stop Press announcement.
Race Four has been abandoned**

Although this race abandonment message is an early call, the conditions forecast for Port Phillip on Sunday have been deemed to be unsuitable for classic yacht racing.

While the forecast wind strength will be within our upper limit, the sea state in the location we race in, has been seriously rough in conditions similar to what has been forecast for Sunday.

For the prior four days the BoM has been forecasting these Port Phillip conditions. They know what's coming. The Tumblaren Yvonne withdrew from the competing in the RMYC Cactus Cup in similar conditions to what's forecast for Sunday.



Good morning to all our Classic Yacht people.

A short recap on our Race 3 action.

Decision to start in light winds

While a course selection at 10:10am in two knot wind conditions, was made to include as many shorten course options as possible at 10:25am, it was a still close call to starting the race on the scheduled time. However hearing the wind strength building story from the RYCV Lipton Cup organisers and then seeing the building wind line approaching St. Kilda at 10:25 it was **"Let's Go"** time.

As usual we had our views of close start line duels with our Tumblaren fleet. Great stuff to watch this fleet at the start line. When they can be seen that is.

Building wind strength

By the time the fleet leaders approached the R3 mark in a building wind of 7.0 knots, there was no more shorten talk. In fact after the Mark G rounding Acrospire III was on her beam ends.

Congratulations to Zephyr

Best Race 3 performer was Pete Bannerman with his Tumblaren **Zephyr**. He went seriously well. Aside from the podium placings we had close corrected times across the fleet. One pair of corrected times was of particular interest was between **Tandanya** and **Merlin**. Click on this link to [check out the race three results](#).

A race three video record.

To see how Race three went visually, [take a look at this video of the action on Mercedes III](#)

Sail Training fleet incidents

We had a couple of RMYC Sail Training meet up incidents when the classic fleet was approaching the finish line. RMYC have been informed about these incidents.

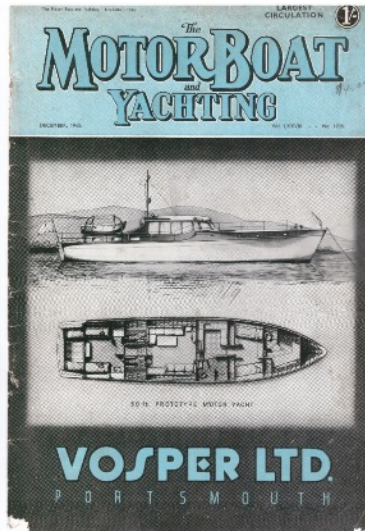
2023 Cup Regatta results

The final results for the Col Bandy trophy are in. Div one went to Mercedes IV, Div two went to Skipjack and Div three went to Joan. Now to the trophy engraving task.

Jim Hardy Eulogies

Click [HERE](#) for the recently published eulogies on the life of Jim Hardy as presented in the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron news letter by Max Press.

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Motor Boat and Yachting Magazine

Click [HERE](#) for those who like to look over magazines from yesteryear. Here's one from the December 1945 for the Richard Downey files. There's one story, from the Skippers Page, page 35, the sacred calabash, that has a connection to the comments on maps in today's SWS post.

Time flying
Best finish up

Regards to all and sorry for the race abandon message. I know it's a big call to not wait till the last minute on Saturday in the hope the forecast may change. It won't.

Peter Costolloe CYAA (Vic) Handicapper

**A look over of Sayonara
as she greeted the
CYAA Race three fleet.**
Photo Ann Rogers

