

## CYAA 2014/2015 Summer Series Race 3

November 27 2014

### Pre Race notes

Attached are the entries, allocated handicaps and Sailing Instructions for the Race 3 of the Classics 2014/2015 Summer Series.

Looks like light winds may be experienced on Sunday. Will be a change from our recent racing conditions but we need some wind to race. The handicaps have been slightly adjusted based on the results of the last race. Nothing spectacular.

Received a note from Gordon Tait of **Ettrick**. He's looking for crew help on Sunday and also for the remainder of the Summer Series. For someone who wants to experience what racing a Tumulren is all about now's your chance. Let the handicapper know if you want to take up Gordons offer.

Please note there are **two changes to the SI's** for this race. The changes are about the Part 8 **Time Limit** and the Part 10 **Safety**. **Race Director is person to decide if race is conducted or not conducted.**

1. After the first finisher the remainder of the fleet now has to finish by a set time of day. 1300 hours. Yachts finishing after that time are DNF'd and are scored a point more than the number of starters.

Would like to think a more timely publication of results will happen. Maybe.

2. The decision to race or not race is now a race director decision. Guidelines to a decision will be consistent wind strength over 25 knots on Hobsons Bay or a gale warning. During the Cup Regatta wind strengths were generally 18 knots with high gusts and the sea condition in Hobsons Bay whereas further down the bay, wind was in the consistent 25+ knots with high seas.

Note. The Sailing Instructions allow HBYC to set Hobsons Bay courses from the RYCV Green Sailing Instruction Book. This is why the SI's say the course number will include a H or R prefix.

Remember it's still the Skippers decision to race or not race.

**No more racing 101.**

### AGM Meeting Nov 25 2014

Our AGM went off well on Tuesday. Martin Ryan will again do the Presidents work and will be supported by David McKenzie as Treasurer and Anne Batson will be running the secretarial tasks of the Association. The committee remains unchanged. Anne Batson will send out the minutes and a financial report to our financial members.

The Boat Owner and Crew Member or CYAA supporter subscription fees remains unchanged at \$75/\$50 and no joining fee still applies.

### **Crew members and Association membership.**

A comparison of a boat owner to crew numbers was noted. Boat owner member numbers are almost double crew members. An analysis reflects a feature of the Association where we have many boat owners who don't race their Classic Yachts and hence no crew.

But, the Association needs people who regularly crew in our racing events to be Association crew members. Apart from all the usual stories about why join up, a high and consistent member participation is a primary reason for the Associations credibility around the yacht clubs. This fact helps the Association when meeting with various Local and State Government Departments and regulatory authorities where you have to talk in terms of local economy activation.

**No more of this heavy stuff here's some other news.**

### **Docklands Rotary Fund Raising Day. November 30**

Our fleet has been asked to support the **Docklands Rotary Fund Raising Day** next Sunday 30 November at Docklands. Take a look at this web site to find out more [.http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/Whatson/Festivals/Multicultural/Pages/9ad97e52-fb6a-4868-a683-65cb4b0ef406.aspx](http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/Whatson/Festivals/Multicultural/Pages/9ad97e52-fb6a-4868-a683-65cb4b0ef406.aspx).

Here is an opportunity for members of our fleet to participate in some cruising, post our Sunday race and support a worthy cause. There will be plenty of opportunities to have lunch at Docklands. Melbourne City Marina has advised that berthing availability should be fine.

For those members who want to go up to this Rotary event by water, Martin Ryan will be taking **Mercedes III** up. He'll be tying off the Royals Marina for awhile after Sunday's Race. Go and check with Martin before he leaves his marina pen on Sunday or let your handicapper know. I'll chase him up on the subject.

### **2014 Cup Regatta**



**Stradbroke II Trophy**

2014 Cup Regatta Trophy engraving images

For those who would like to know more about the Stradbroke II take a look at the web pages below

<http://tradboatsqld.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/flipbooks/Stradbroke%20II%20NRW%20booklet/index.html#12>

<http://tradboatsqld.asn.au/history-articles/historical-galleries/>



## Christela News

In our CYAA magazine Issue 33, soon to appear on our Web Site, we published a story about **Christela**. She was up in Brisbane and owned by our Member, John Devers. For a while she was with us at the RYCV. John has recently parted with her and she is now owned by Greg Clarke of Sandringham Yacht Club. This week Greg submitted his application to Join up with the Association and race her with us. Currently Greg has his hands full preparing for the Australian Finn National titles in the New Year. He's also holding down the position of Commodore of the Hampton Sailing Club. Greg has assured the Handicapper his racing intentions are completely honourable. That is to give Phil Atkins with his Ohlsen 35 a fright. The Ohlsen 35 was designed for one task, to beat the New York Yacht Club Concordia class.

We will attempt to provide more stories of the ocean voyaging and racing Christela's life in the CYAA magazine. She's has many big and eventful stories.

Starvation, strandings, a couple of mid ocean rudder losses are some.

The owner who saw her through these many stories is still going strong and living in Adelaide.



**Christela alongside Trim and David Ascott's Vertue Sunbeam  
SYC opening Day 2014**

There's another big Vertue story associated with our member David Ascott's Vertue, **Sunbeam** and our Member Andy Indrans Vertue **Corio Vertue**. This story is about another Vertue, **Cardinal Vertue** and her then owner, an Australian Bill Nance. In 1962/1963 he was the first Australian to complete a solo circumnavigation voyage by sailing eastward past the 3 Capes, mostly in the roaring 40's. He held a long voyage distance record averaging 122 miles a day for 53 days. Taken from him by Chichester.

## Serifa News

To finish up here's some news about Serifa. Michael Mactavish reports she has received a new engine. Take a look.

No more news.

All the best for Sunday

Regards to all  
Peter Costoloe



