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No race A All races are
abandoned. No more racing
today.



Series Race 1

CYAA Winter

May 4 2015

No wind no race

After all the late minute efforts to be at the Race 1 start line after a 2 month race layoff and with over the top optimism 14 Classics showed up to open up the 2015 Winter series, but not to be.

Although the fleets racing at Brighton and Sandringham showed no movement, the HBYC race committee considered there may be some hope for a breeze at the northern end of the Bay. Not to be. So at 11:00am, with whistles blowing the decision to abandon the race was announced.

Something in all that pee whistle blowing, the noise immediately attracted a two minute zephyr.

Pastime II and **Trim** managed some tide induced movement with this two minute wonder. **Sayonara** did a motorised circuit of Beacon Cove all sails flying and the Classic fleet began a sad motor or tow home. Don't worry, the breeze finally arrived at 8:00pm and next Tuesday we have a Gale warning for the same waters.

Some of the no wind stories are seen below. Stories such as the Tumlarens, **Zephyr**, **Sirrocco** and **Avian** being towed around by Mercedes III while Gordon Tait of **Ettrick** maintained a close watch on his galley slave Dave Brodziak taking a rest from his task of the day. The boys on **Loama** went for liquidated damages as they pondered the question about attracting crew for the Classics.



Photo Ross Clark



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Photo Ian Macfarlane

Ian Macfarlane has sent a link to see how the fleet looked as seen from **Kingurra**.

https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0Bz9QaM4D6WXpfnB0VUJjTEZJc2IGYU5yRmJzMjY3cEVDV3JGLXhsMINsaThTUk9xdVVfWGs&usp=sharing_eid



Photo Ian Macfarlane

Kingurra with Mark Chew in the helm



Photo Ian Macfarlane

Tandanya, Swan and Sayonara



Photo Andy Doolan



Photo Ian Macfarlane

Race Abandoned

Race 2 May 17

May 17 will be our next race. **Dingo** should be with us for next race. Jim Hutchinson report that heavy and hard work is happening to have **Dingo** on the Race 2 start line.

With the race rules in place that allow for one race result drop if all 8 races are conducted we now have a situation were no racing mistakes can be made in any of the remaining races. Some task. At least the Classic's unable to be out for Race 1 don't receive their 25 point penalty.

Call for Crew.

Although this call out for spare crew was put out late Saturday night, the day before the race, considerable comment was received.. The prime comment being, have your crew sign up as Classic Crew members. Not a big financial ask, \$50 will do it. So there's a start right there.

Classics and long distance racing.

We had two of our fleet take part in the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club race from Williamstown to St. Leonards on Saturday, May 2, **Shamrock** and **Alwyn**. With a 25 knot northerly start and a couple of westerly fronts that shredded several spinnakers, Rod Fuller on Shamrock and your handicapper on Alwyn thought it was their day. But not to be. The fleet leaders finished before the breeze died and so did our chances. In spite of all the work on **Shamrock** by Rod over 21 miles **Alwyn** managed pip **Shamrock** by 57 seconds.

Alwyn returned around 7.00pm that night after a 45 mile sail. **Shamrock** overnighted at Queenscliff. A detail to be noted for considering taking part in next year's Queenscliff Maritime Festival. It's not that far.

If the Classic's have sufficient entries in these HBYC long distance races , HBYC will set up a Classic division in addition a PHD entry.



That's all till May 17, Race 2 of the 2015 Winter Series.

Here's a bit of news. The Steam Yacht Ena is up for auction May 19 10:30 am. for further details checkout the link. <http://www.mossgreen.com.au/content/ena-australias-finest-steam-yacht/>

Regards to all

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