



# Classic Yacht Association O F A U S T R A L I A

## CYAA 2016 Winter Series Race 1 May 1

April 29 2016

### 2016 Winter Series Race 1 Sailing Instructions and Handicaps.

Attached are the Sailing Instructions plus the Entry list with allocated handicaps for the first race of the 2016 Winter Series.

Sunday's race will be conducted for the CYAA by the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club. The HBYC Race Director will be Maureen Dickens on board the HBYC race committee vessel, **Privateer**, stationed in the vicinity of Port Melbourne channel mark 74.

Been a long time since our Summer Series finished, unfortunately that long wait may be extended. Current BoM Sunday weather forecast for Port Phillip indicates wind conditions will exceed the upper limit of the wind strength allowed for Classic Yacht racing.

The HBYC Race Director will be issuing a race/no race decision early Sunday morning. A race/no race SMS will be sent to all skippers and some of their crew approx. 7.30 am Sunday morning. This decision will be displayed on the CYAA Web site home page.

### Tony Blake's best Classic Yacht of the year Trophy

This Winter Series is the second of the 3 event series to determine the winner Tony Blake Trophy. This trophy is for the best performing Classic yacht on Port Phillip award. This award is based on aggregate points for both summer and winter series and double aggregate points for the Cup Regatta . The Trophy is a signed copy the painting. The story of this Trophy is contained in the recent CYAA Magazine.

### CYAA (Vic) Fleet news.

This series will see the welcome return to classic Yacht racing by Anne Batsons Tummlaren **Zephyr** after the completion of mast repairs.



Photo: Blake Anderson

Scimitar



Other big news is that after repairs to her second bout of mast damage caused by a wave surge in the RYCV marina we'll be able to again watch the Purcell's family Philip Rhodes designed **Scimitar** also return to racing. Nothing beats the sight of **Scimitar** in full flight with lee gunnel down.

Zephyr

Tim Boucaut also reports **Warringa** will miss the first race. Slipping problems have delayed the fitting of a new Richard Blake bowsprit made from tallow wood recovered from the upper structure of a Corio Bay navigational beacon dismantled act 50 years ago. Other parts of **Warringa** that carry Metungs history are her tiller using recovered timber from the Metung hotel front bar, her Bumpkin is from parts of the Metung Hotel organ. Tim has finally removed the last of the many years Metung mud accumulation from her NZ Kauri hull. The task for the handicapper will be to watch and see what happens with the removal of the many years of Metung mud and a **Warringa's** new self tacking headsail.

Kent Bacon has **Renene** and her crew all set to return to Classic racing. While we know **Renene** is based on the Colin Archer lifeboat design, here's a confirmation about another well known characteristic of Renene that we grind our teeth on. In 1948 the Sydney yacht Kathleen, Colin Archer designed and similar to **Renene**, took Jack Earl and his crew on their round the world voyage. A report from the Kathleen on the leg from Cape town to St. Helena had this comment.

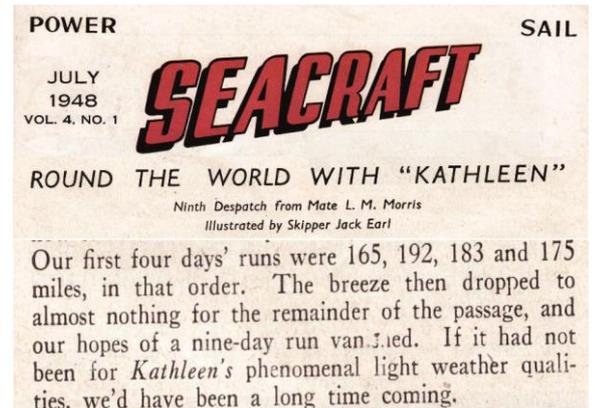


Photo: Ross Clark

Martini about to receive her 2016 Cup Regatta Ferdy Darley Trophy

Another Classic yacht all set for the Winter Series is Martini. The attached image has Ferdy Darley all set to apply the Ferdy Dalry Shipwright Trophy coat of antifoul that Martini took out in the Previous Cup Regatta. Ferdy reports a similar trophy for the most consistent performing Classic in 2017 Cup Regatta is in the works.

Now for the sad news story. A note was received from Doug Jenkin last week informing that neither he or his Knud Reimers designed Albatross, Blue Jacket, will be able to compete in the 2016 Winter Series with the Classic fleet. A big hole in the fleet for sure. Doug has been along time active racing member of the Association with the Tumlarlen fleet as skipper of Ettrick and more recently as skipper of Blue Jacket. After an engine re-install Doug will put Blue Jacket on the market. Memories of the handicapper watching Blue Jacket carving up the fleet under spinnaker are still strong. For more stories about what Blue Jacket is capable of take a look at the Adlard Coles book "Heavy Weather Sailing". His Albatross named Cohoe and her Trans Atlantic racing stories will give an insight into how this design is today still one of the best.



Doug Jenkin on the Blue Jacket helm  
Photo Tim Boucaut

## CYAA Web Site Administration

After several years of looking after the Associations web Site that limited resource known as spare time has finally caught up with our Web site Administrator Scott McDonald. Scott took over the Web Site administration at short notice and was responsible for site upgrade to the Word Press template and the migration of the archival database from the Go Daddy host to Rack Servers as the host site. No small task. To bring the CYAA Web Site functionality and presentation up to todays expectations using current web design packages is a challenge for some CYAA Member. Who's up to it? Those members who can take over the Web Site Administration from where Scott has left off, contact the Handicapper.

## Out and about. Maritime Museums

One feature of the CYAA membership is the time, effort and cost given to maintaining or rebuilding their yachts to keep them compliant to the Yachting Australia safety standards required for racing yachts under the YA Racing Rules. What this means is that although we have vessels that would qualify as a static maritime museum object worthy of preservation they are still being preserved but in a dynamic manner ie, they are active used objects. This feature of the Associations fleet is recognised and supported by the Australian National Maritime Museum where our member Damian Purcell actively represents the Association on the Council of the Australian Register of Historic Vessels. To help develop knowledge of the Association activity within the local Maritime Museum world the Association recently became a member of the Paynesville Maritime Museum.

The connection between the Association and the Paynesville Maritime museum is another story. The Association was recently asked by the Paynesville people for help to find a person who could prepare an exhibit that displayed the building of hand sewn sails as used by the early Gippsland Lakes settlers. The CYAA approached their member, Col Anderson of Doyle Sails, for advice. The Museum and Col are now communicating with each other on how to proceed with the preparation of this Museum project. The Association will feature this exhibit project story and one about the Paynesville Maritime Museum in a future CYAA Magazine.



## Sandringham Yacht Club and the Valkarie.

The CYAA is increasing being seen as a reference point for knowledge about the history various Classic Yachts that raced on Port Phillip. One recent example is where a supporter of Classic Yacht racing approached the Association with an offer to provide a photo of Acrospire III. One story lead to another with the result we are looking into the race history

of an SYC Classic named Valkarie with the intent to consider if a trophy can be developed to Recognise the SYC ands CYAA relationship. Incidentally the Valkarie family have a stong connection with Renown Silvermiths who make all the trophies for Australia's prestigious horse races and a prior history with Richard Fox of the UK who amongst make Formula One Trophies



Valkyrie



Acrospire III

## Cowes Week 2016

The three teams of CYAA and CYANZ members are set to compete and leave all comers in their wake. Initial publicity of their participation can be seen through this link to the British Classic Yacht Club news page. <http://www.britishclassicyachtclub.org/news.html>

## Back to Sundays Race

Again about Sunday and the BoM forecast. HBYC and the handicapper are already communicating on the racer or no race subject. If the race goes ahead the handicapper will be on the HBYC Committee Boat **Privateer**. A well behaved start will be order of the day.

So till Sunday when we live again. Cheers to all

Peter Costoloe  
CYAA (Vic) Handicapper