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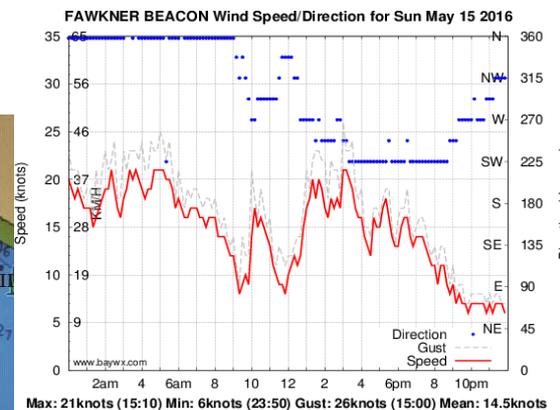
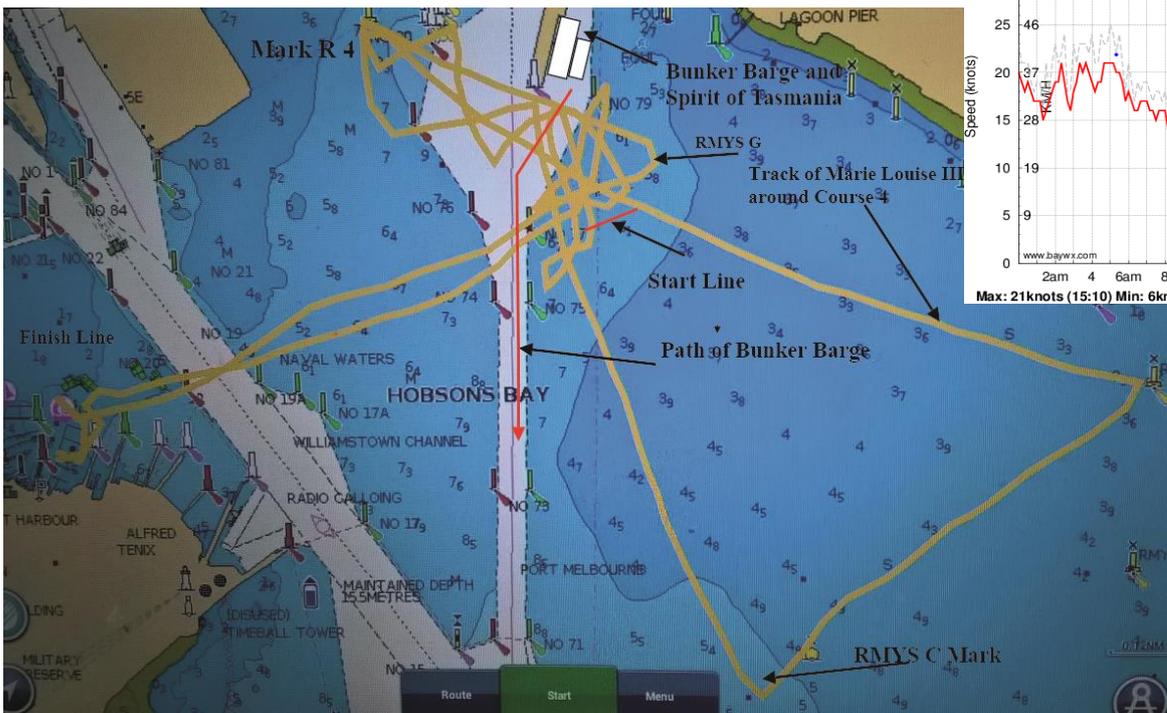
2016 Winter Series Race 2 Results

Attached are the results of the first race of the 2016 Winter Series plus the Series aggregate and ML III Consistency aggregate status.

The Race

After a Melbourne VTS request to the RYCV Race Director to postpone the start for 9 minutes for a drama free departure of the bunker barge from the Spirit of Tasmania ferry the Classic fleet were ready for the first race of the winter series.

With a new set of courses for RYCV Classic racing ideal conditions were at hand to pick up a course with some decent length beating legs. The RYCV race director didn't let the fleet down. Course 4 was the signal.



Wind conditions for Race

Race 2 Course 4 and the track of Marie Louise III

The start

A magnificent sight as the 15 Classic's from all 5 clubs ran down the start line for their on the button start. Unfortunately no pics of this moment but with the local northerly wind at 20 knots there was no holding back. Classic fleet start tactics and decisions were made and kept.

From a downwind view of the start line scene, the best performed start of the fleet had to go to **Serifa** with Michael McTavish on the helm. She was steaming down the line and went on to the beat immediately hearing the gun. **Kingurra** and **Avian** were also at hand giving **Ettrick** the big squeeze. **Frances** also had to fight for clear air after her start line squeeze.

The first beat.

On the first beat to the R4 mark **Kingurra** put her foot down and began clearing out from the fleet. **Snow Goose** looked brilliant while in full flight trying to escape from the lee side of **Warringa** who, with a late day before return to the water after her new tallow wood bow sprit and new self tacking head sail, was throwing tacks with no loss of steam.

Racing at her best was **Loama**, the couta boat of the Classic fleet. The boys worked **Loama** hard to a great start and had her dicing with the fleet throughout the first beat to R4. Craig Brown with his **Cyan** crew also had a good start and came out with the fleet leaders at the first R4 mark rounding.

With a constantly changing wind direction **Marie Louise III** was able to play the shifts and begin the work moving up the fleet. We had one retirement with the sight of the Tumlarer **Zephyr** returning home.

The first run

After the R4 rounding and a clean kite hoist on **Kingurra** was being chased by **Mercedes III** and **Frances**. Both with fast rounding mark kite sets. This was a CYAA Members from Royal Brighton versus members from Royals affair. **Kingurra** and crew from Royal Brighton, **Mercedes III** and her Cowes in training team from Royals and **Frances** from Royals with a Royal Brighton crew.

On the run to the RMYS D Mark as the northerly wind strength increased with whites caps everywhere so did the excitement. Rocking and rolling with some brilliant Chinese gybing across the fleet were feature of the run to the RMYS D Mark. Time to start those barber haulers working was the word. **Serifa** was still with the fleet leaders and **Loama** stayed with the fleet as she raced down to the RMYS D Mark with an uncharacteristic no kite **Martini**. **Akuna** was going well and still with the fleet till dying winds finally did her in and her withdrawal call went out.

Through all the downhill dramas **Marie Louise III** kept to the task of moving up the fleet. Past **Dingo** and **Snow Goose** and **Warringa** and then **Cyan**. **Cyan** fought hard with some brilliant helming and tight tactical moves at the RMYS D Mark. Never the less conditions favoured **Marie Louise III** as she lined up her next target.



Warringa after sorting out the new asymmetrical furler

Lots of excitement seen on **Warringa** as they hauled up for a first time try out of her furling asymmetrical. After a fight with the furling stem it finally set and there it stayed, up. With the shore fast approaching there it still stayed, flying in full set. Flying just right. Too much fun to be taken down was its words as Tony Hoppe and Sam Cowell fought with the furling system. A big gybe was the word to avoid the shore, and get

past the St. Kilda breakwater. The fleet's last sight of **Warringa** as she plowed her way to Brighton was still a brilliant asymmetrical set. Never fear, the locked up furling system was sorted out but time to complete the race had disappeared. A DNF call was the next step before retiring to the RYCV bar to get their story straight for the handicapper.

Tight beat the RYMS C Mark and beyond.

With a shifting and dropping of breeze some of the fleet leaders such as Trim and Avian were hit but Serifa hung in for a one tack beat.

On the return beat to the R4 mark **Avian** with her now plumb mast outfooted **Ettrick** and **Serifa** while **Marie Louise III** found new wind to stand higher and faster over the Classic's that rounded Mark C earlier and was 4th to round the R4 mark. **Kingurra** still held off **Mercedes III** and **Frances** who were suffering from a dying and shifting wind as they sailed around Mark R4 but not to it. Loama's great run also came to an end as the boys were hard at work trying to get to R4 in the fluky dying wind. Similar stories were heard from **Martini** who had done well on the return beat, **Dingo** and **Snow Goose**.

After rounding the final Mark, RMYS Mark G, the fleet held their fleet positions during the tight run to the finish. After a flawless demonstration of crew work and helming, congratulation go to **Kingurra** for their line and handicap honours. **Serifa** came home to a well deserved second on corrected time. After working all race to keep Serifa up with the fleet leaders the light winds at the end of the beat to R4 did her in. The performance of **Avian** outstepping **Ettrick** was the surprise performance of the race and was rewarded with a third on corrected time placing. The second and third over the line placing saw **Mercedes III**, after receiving some unexpected Cowes training after rounding Mark G, pip Frances by 6 seconds.



Mercedes III all set to give a team tune up session to the Classic skippers and crew who are off to the Cowes 2016 Classic Yacht Regatta

Further placing saw very close corrected times mid fleet. No doubt the handicapper will be working the formulas to hopefully make a tighter result next race.

Thanks to all the Classic skippers and crews for making our first race of the 2016 Winter Series another great day of Classic Yacht Racing on Port Phillip.

Next Race May 29 at HBYC.

Important Note.

Impending change of 2016 Winter Series race schedule.

During the week news that the ORCV people had released the dates of their 2016 Winter Series of races was received. Unfortunately these ORCV dates clash with the Classic Winter Series dates for the last four races. All clubs including the Classics had presumed the ORCV would follow the pattern of previous years, wrong.

As several of our Classic members compete in these races and because the Club race committee resources used by the Classics also conduct these ORCV races we have no option but to move our dates. The current strategy is to move the last four races forward one week starting on July 10. This is the last day of the Vic School term 2 holidays. Both HBYC and RYCV have agreed to the change. RMYS will be contacted to see if they can handle the Race 5 re-schedule date from July 17 to July 10.

The amended dates will be July 10, July 24, August 7 and August 21. This is an indication of how tight the race dates on the Bay are. We also have a 2016/2017 Summer Series race scheduling to organise due to the post Rio Sailing World champs held at RMYS in November and December 2016. An amended Notice of Race will be published when the rescheduled race dates are sorted out.

Regards to all.

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