



# Classic Yacht Association

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## CYAA 2017 Winter Series Race 4 July 9 Re-race Conducted by the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club

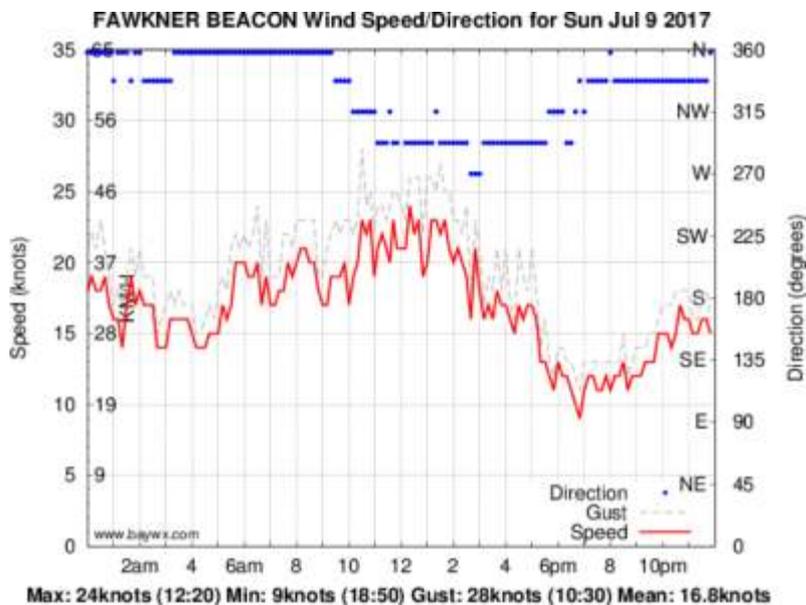
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### Race 4 July 9 Results

Attached are the Race 4 July 9 results and the Series and **Marie Louise III** Consistency trophy status. Tight corrected times again featured with 1.5 corrected minutes separating placing 2 - 8

The wind strength conditions diagram shows the fleet that went over to the Port Melbourne shore line on the beat to the R4 mark suffered. The additional elapsed time required by the wind shift to the west played a big role in the corrected time results. After allowing for the first beat distance between Race 3 and Race 4, your handicapper has noted the elapsed time comparison over the same course with the same wind strength.

These difference's will play a role in the race 5 handicaps allocations. The time taken to fly, set and reset spinnakers in the shy conditions was also noted by the handicappers pencil.



### The start of Race 4

The HBYC race committee reported the tightly timed but all clear start as another visual epic of Classic Yacht racing. Post race debrief heard reports of pre race close calls. The need for a tight lookout in the preparation for the rush of blood to the brain charge to the line by our guided missiles that cannot be stopped has to be kept in mind.

**Mercedes III** lead the fleet away. With a windshift based tack on to port she went on to blow the fleet away with her first to the R4 mark rounding. Other Classic's such as **Marie Louise III** hung on the starboard tack and took advantage of the westerly wind shifts. It must be said the dirty air from the Princes Pier didn't do any favours to the classic's, such as **Blue Jacket** and **Bungoona** that hung on starboard for the port tack approach.



*For a collection of Bill Nance stories, the first Australian to single hand circumnavigate in Cardinal Vertue, bought from David Lewis after OSTAR, [take a look here.](#)*

*RYCV played an important role in this epic voyage*

Corio Vertue settles down to take out first on corrected time after Sayonara steamed through her lee. Sayonara then tacked over to port The Port tack fleet can be seen heading for the shore of Port Melbourne.



**George Fisscher managing pre start manoeuvres on Boambillee**



**Frances preparing to call the start**



### Start line action.

With the HBYC Race committee in the background calling all clear, **Bungoona** is going for the pin end. **Sayonara** at full throttle is caught, cannot tack or go down, prepares to squeeze through **Bungoona** and **Corio Vertue**. **Marie Louise III** is pinching to make the pin. Seen in the background under the **Sayonara** boom is **Claire** on port, 3<sup>rd</sup> on corrected then **Manuka Rere**, 2<sup>nd</sup> on corrected who is giving a reefed down **Pastime II** dirty wind.



Zephyr, a no stress picture of Classic Yacht racing with Anne Batson on the helm and Karen Batson and Charlie Salter as bit players



**Cameron Dorrrough on the helm of Bungoona congratulates his first time on board Blythe Spirit for the steady hand shown during the close by encounter with a hard charging Sayonara under full steam.**



**With David Pizzy on the helm of Avian those mice on Avian are sure having fun.**

## The run after the first mark rounding



The Frances foredeck in full action as kite launch preparations kick in after the first mark rounding



During Marie Louise's run to the R2 mark, the handicapper gives John Lechte's A Cunning Plan, the on water platform for Mark Chew's photos, the numbers once over in preparation for her request to be listed on the CYAA Register. In 50 years time.



### **Blue Jacket takes out the handicapper's sail of the day award.**

Is this the **Blue Jacket** crew for race 4? No. It's the **Roama** crew for the 1986 Sydney to Hobart.

Doug Jenkin in situation normal mode, relaxed, while his 1986 crew keep **Blue Jacket** at hull speed, confirmed by **Avian**, as they did with **Roama** during their circumnavigation and the 1986 tilt at the S2H.

On Sunday Doug's **Roama** crew of 1986, ie daughters # 2 Kath Solly on the helm, Pam Heuer renewing her acquaintance with yacht racing after a 25 year break and John Ling on the foredeck were all still hard at work. After the 1986 S2H Pam Heuer said enough of the ocean life for me and took up 400 metre racing at State Champ level. Sunday was the ice breaking day. Congratulations to Pam and all the Heuer family.

Their work experience from 1986 paid off. **Blue Jacket** came home 4<sup>th</sup> on corrected time. She also had the best elapsed time performance comparison between the Race 3 fleet with 104.87 for 9<sup>th</sup> on corrected and the race 4 fleet with 105.27 for 4<sup>th</sup> on corrected. The elapsed time variation between the two fleets



## The handicappers sailing sight of the day.



Gybing tactics being prepared on **Sayonara**. Result an ever so smooth 23 knot gybe. A magnificent sight of a 110 year old Classic Yacht in full racing trim. Sayonara went on to eat up **Boambillee** for breakfast and almost chased down **Mercedes III** and **Frances** for lunch.





A couple of Tumblaren's, **Avian** and **Ettrick**, under shy kites to finish up the story

Below is the Jack Holt Yachting World Diamond **Rough Cut** with the 3 Diamond skippers who came out to assess their performance against the Classic Fleet.



All up another notable classic Yacht race on Port Phillip. Congratulations to all the race 4 skippers and crews for the work to have their classic on the Race 4 start line. As previously mentioned the Race committee reported it was a big moment sight to be on hand to watch the start.

If there's a demand for high resolution copies of Mark Chew's Race 4 image's let's know. The 15 meg zip file has been put up on drop box. No links in this pdf to the full size images. Time is very limited right now.

Now on to the next race July 23.

To finish up, the report from Cowes shows **Melita** scored a 4<sup>th</sup> for race 1 and a third for race 2. **Melita** scored the best leg 4 run in Race one.

No Cowes photos to date. The Cowes yacht tracker tells the story of an ever changing lead within the 6 metre division.

That's all from the handicapper for now.

Regards to all