

CYAA Winter Series Race 1 April 28

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Classic Yacht racing is alive and well on Port Phillip



Race One results

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Race One Course selection

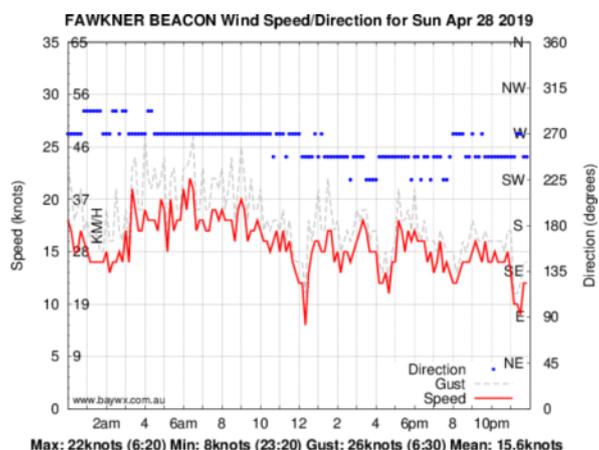
Forecast 25 knot conditions on Port Phillip for the first race of the 2019 Winter Series didn't happen was the good news. Finding a suitable course for Race 1 with prevailing 17 knot westerly winds was the bad news. To give the Race one fleet some after the start windward work the HBYC Race Director, Alistair Hart, put the start line close to the Beaconsfield Parade shore. This gave the fleet a working leg to clear Station Pier and then beat up to mark R4.

Race One start

Sure enough with 30 seconds before the CYAA flag was dropped to send the fleet away, it happened. An examination of the wind graph shows a momentary wind shift to the south. So for the fleet heading for the mid point of the start line, it was suddenly a fleet converging on the pin end of the line. **Mercedes III** and **Avian** it was glory, clean wind. For others such as **Serifa** it was go around time. **Fair Winds** nicely cleared the pin end with **Boambillee** abeam and slightly ahead. **Boambillee** being windward boat could no longer run the line so over she went seconds early to earn a recall. Sadly, gybe problem on her return to start put **Boambillee** on to a port tack drift through the fleet to meet **Serifa**. **Boambillee** retired.

Top mark beat

Mercedes III with her brilliant cleared out with **Fair Winds** chasing. **Avian** and **Snow Goose** began their dual while **Martini** was in her element, beating to windward with **Zephyr** following. All up the best performance to the top mark had to be **Claire**, with Richard Macrae on the helm. **Serifa** followed then came **Jedda** and **Manuka Rere** under the helm of Cam Smith and crewed by Colin Orchard.



The run to R2.

It was all about waterline length. **Mercedes III** fresh from her pit stop with her crew working hard put up their kite fast to hold off **Fair Winds**. They needed to. While **Mercedes III** is in her element on windward beats, off the wind calls for harder crew work.

Further down the fleet saw **Avian** and **Snow Goose** both pop shy kites. Watching **Snow Goose** heel and hold her kite during gusts was a sight for the following fleet. In marginal conditions **Avian** played safe by dropping her kite. **Serifa** with her waterline in action eventually passed **Claire** but not **Zephyr**. **Martini** didn't put a kite up this allowed the following fleet to pick her up. Both **Manuka Rere** and **Jedda** did what they could to make their water line work.

The Run to RMYS Mark D

This was where **Fair Winds** gave **Mercedes III** a fright. Further down the fleet **Serifa** made ground on both **Zephyr** and **Martini**. For **Claire** it was keep on going in the lighter conditions. **Jedda** and **Manuka Rere** began to suffer in the drop in wind strength.

From Mark D to the finish

A tricky wind flaw beat for all was the story on this leg. Some stayed inshore to pick their way through the flaws. Those who went out for wind strength had wind but were on a knock. After rounding mark D **Serifa** hardened up for some time and were ready to go on to a Starboard tack on the first knock and then back on the port tack on the next knock. This paid off as she then lifted to be close to the finish line where a short tack put her over.

Up from the duel between **Mercedes III** and **Fair Winds** was tightening up. Across the line it was honours to **Mercedes III** by 1 min 48 sec ahead of **Fair Winds**. Next across was **Avian** with 1 min 3 secs ahead of **Snow Goose**. **Martini** crossed the finish 2 mins and 24 secs of **Zephyr** while **Serifa** came across 2 mins 24 seconds later. **Claire** was on the wrong end of one knock. It was enough to take her off the winner podium though.

Jedda and **Manuka Rere** in particular did exceptionally well to keep going in that ever dropping in strength to come home in a respectable time.

Winners for Race one

Congratulations to Michael Mactavish for bring home **Serifa** for her corrected time win. Same goes to Martin Ryan for bringing home **Mercedes III** for the race one line honours. No mean task after her yard. makeover

Results analysis

The big winner of the day was our Race one Classic fleet. First race of the series is always a testing time to get back into how to handle racing once again.

Analysing the results show tight corrected times across the fleet. The three Tumlarens were lead home by **Avian** by 17 seconds from **Snow Goose**. **Zephyr** led the fleet on corrected time. 34 seconds of corrected time separated all three Tumlarens.

For the handicapper the results were analysed closer by checking the performance variation across the fleet as to how **Mercedes III** performed. How each classic should have sailed and how their handicap should have been to place third will go into the handicappers lucky numbers barrel.

Next race next week at RMYS

Race 1 is now packed away. Only 7 to go if the weather is on our side. Race two documentation will be sent out later in the week.

2019 Cup Regatta More intentions to enter are happening. The Web site list with pics will be updates shortly. More first timers are showing up.

Regards to all, Peter Costolloe CYAA (Vic) Handicapper