

Our aim is to promote the appreciation and participation of sailing classic yachts in Australia, and help preserve the historic and cultural significance of these unique vessels.

Note: All images in these race 6 (Aug 18) notes are linked to far better quality full size copies. Check them out.

CYAA Winter Series Race 6 August 18 2019

Exasperating on Thursday & glory on Friday

Earlier in the week, it all looked sweet for Sunday then on Thursday out came the Sunday forecast for 23 knots. Exasperating but there it is, but let's stay optimistic was the Thursday thinking.

Switch to Thursday evening and optimism rules. Let's see what is the BoM story for Sunday is tomorrow.

Best we waited for Friday for this Race 6 August 18 story to go out

The Race 6 August 18 [Sailing Instructions](#) and [Group Start Times](#) are now available for download. All being well the scheduled start for the first off group is 10:00am at the RYCV Marina start line.

No need at this time for Race on/Race off discussions with RYCV on Saturday afternoon. But as we never know, if a weather glitch happens a status SMS will go out to the Race 6 skippers and crews

Sunday forecast not a downer

Below is a combination of the Friday 10:20 am BoM forecast for Sunday and what the Met Eye is saying at 11:00 am EST on Friday 16 August 2019.

BoM forecast for Port Phillip

Sunday 18 August

Winds Northerly 15 to 20 knots turning northwesterly 10 to 15 knots during the afternoon.

Met Eye

Sunday	7.00 AM	10.00 AM	1.00 PM	4.00 PM
Wind direction	N	NNE	N	NNW
Wind speed knots	16	19	21	13

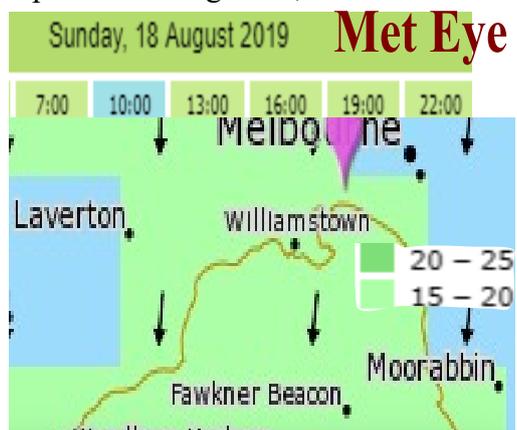
Group Start Time calculations for Race 6

For those who think Sunday wind forecasting isn't exciting then calling up Nostradamus. That what your left field thinking handicapper did.. If the Men from the Met can't do it then maybe old Nostra can, was the thinking here. That great handicapper spirit in the sky who claims knowledge on all things about to happen sent a strong missive (retort) back to the handicapper with full on wisdom words. "As one great handicapper to another, this Port Phillip weather thing has me beat, best polish up those dart board spikes".

Go you darts.

So it's back to the fun times. Predicting the landing place for a flight of darts. To help our newly sharpened and fine feathered friends of the handicapper, they were programmed with the following input. The elapsed time fleet performances of three prior races, including a pursuit start and the elapsed time performances of the three boats leading the fleet on aggregate.

Wind speed and direction (knots)
Updated 16 Aug 2019, 6:09 AM AEST



The handicapper and the dart board.

Those handicapper dart's found their way to numbers that give the three aggregate leaders group start time differences similar to Race 4. This link shows [the elapsed time results for races 4 and 5 for these three aggregate leaders](#). They show similar numbers for the Race 6 group start times. All this indicates action a plenty at the Race 6 finish line. Hopefully not in the [Mel Schumacher and Blue Era](#) style.

For the mid fleet and the back markers these sharp pointed darts flew true to the high wind numbers All boats in these groups have been moved up by 5 or more minutes. The handicapper says, "with no mistake racing these two groups have a decent chance to catch the first off groups at the finish line."

These pursuit start group time changes also reflect the entered boats average handicap performance for the winter series race 3, 4 and 5. An average of twelve performance inputs derived from these three prior races is used to generate the base handicaps used for group start time allocations. This group start time calculation process is now documented. The handicappers wild card input 13 is waiting to play it's role. For what ever the reason, the handicapper cannot find any Race 6 entrant that qualifies for input 13.

Some CYAA news

2019 The Cup Regatta

Take a look. Remember it was Mark Chew's Phillip Rhodes designed **Fair Winds II** that took home the Col Bandy Trophy and everything else, the Tumlare **Avian** with Roger Dundas took home the Tony Blake Trophy and Tony Hoppe with the Will Baileau designed Couta Boat **Eliza** wrote his name on the Stradbroke II trophy.

Rumor has it that Cup Regatta fine tuning up has already started.

The online Program has been drafted. Now to glitter it up.



2019 The Cup Regatta poster features Fair Winds II Winner of the 2018 Col Bandy Trophy

2018 The Cup Regatta memories



Roger Dundas with the Tony Blake and take homes



Mark Chew with Col Bandy Trophy and everything else



Tony Hoppe with the Stradbroke II trophy
All photos: Karen Batson



Sayonara and Katohiti race for the Sayonara Cup, Saturday 19th January, 1907. © A. D. Blake 2013
This magnificent painting has been donated by its creator A.D. (Tony) Blake to commemorate the bond between the Classic Yacht Associations of Australia and New Zealand

2018 Tony Blake Trophy for the best performing boat for calendar year 2018 and the 2018 Cup Regatta went to Avian's skipper Roger Dundas



Our late and great mate Col Bandy.
Our inspiration for THE CUP REGATTA



Stradbroke II trophy for the best performing Couta Boat Eliza with Tony Hoppe skipper

Other CYAA activity publication platforms

To give members of the yachts who conduct our races an insight about what the CYAA is up. The clubs either publish in their own newsletters these race notes in full or publish special comment we send to them. This week we had race notes go out in the newsletters of RYCV and HBYC. Along with the recently released 2019 The Cup Regatta poster we sent these old world images of 21 footers racing on Port Phillip. Royalist H1 from HBYC courtesy of the Col anderson cigarette box collection and Bunyip R8 from Evan Digby Best click on the images to see anything



Sayonara and Francois Henri of 1910

Never a dull time at the CYAA news desk. A recent mail and phone from Echuca has revealed a new supporter member is in the wind. It's all about the family great grandad Francois Marie Henri, sometimes referred to in [newspaper reports as Francois Henri](#) and Franc Henri. Francois was Sayonara's "paid hand" in 1909 and 1910. He crewed and prepared Sayonara for the 1910 Sayonara Cup challenge's from Sydney. She lost to Culwalla. In those day's the term paid hand applied to a person who sorted out all the work to keep a racing yacht in racing shape. The foreman of works in other words. To see how big an event this 1910 Sayonara Cup was here's a link to the [1910 Wirth's Olympia program](#). Wirth's had their own camera man out on the water recording the event. All this add's to the importance of our record of the 1908 Sayonara Cup Challenge provided to us by the commissioned marine artist, Tony Blake from the CYANZ.

So come Cup Regatta time when Sayonara's mast is re-stepped Doug Shields has reserved a place for Marlene and her family to re-connect with her grandad, Francois Henri. To help Marlene on her re-connect quest a call has been made for anyone who may have a photo Sayonara and Francois. If a movie of the event can be made there must be a photo of him somewhere.

2019/2020 Summer Series

Although our 2019 winter series is not done by a long way the music is all set to roll on for our 2019/2020 Sumer Series. First race is scheduled for September 28th.

This series will again feature a race conducted for the Association by the Sandringham Yacht Club.

Here's a link to the [current full schedule of series racing](#) including our 2020 Winter Series for that matter. This calendar will be bought up to date after our last 2019 Winter Series race this Sunday.

Psst Psst Over here!! Psst Psst This is only between you and me. Right? [On the QT take a look at this!!](#) Promise you tell no one. Right? Especially, not even that great man.

One more thing

Received this in the mail from Martin Robertson of the CYANZ via Martin Ryan. It's a link to the latest Nigel Sharp magazine article for the Wooden Boat Magazine. Nigel's article features the New Zealand Mullet boat. [The link to this article](#) is to a Wooden Boat Magazine incentive to subscribe. Matt Murphy, Wooden Boat editor say it's OK if you don't but better if you do subscribe. Although it's a bit long winded in the page download and set up, there's no hidden or otherwise catches to opening this link.

Best wrap up

I'm sure there's plenty more items to mention. Your probably notice the web site is beginning to carry the odd general Classic Yacht story. All this is good to see but we need to work on people to provide personal stories for our Magazine. Every time time I talk to someone I hear a story that needs to go into our magazine. The world is full of this style of Classic Yacht stories. Must make a Geelong 2020 Wooden Boat comment in the next issue of race notes. To date no poster. The CYAA are talking to the organisers.

Regards to all
Peter Costolloe
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