

9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

*What a day it has been Merlin takes out the*

CYAA 2023 Summer Series Race 7 26<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Post Race Note's

*sail of the day*



Handicapper

On the run from RMYS G mark to the RMRS A mark  
Boambillee goes to windward to breaks through the  
Mercedes III cover while Pastime II looks on with the Race  
7 fleet in the background.



Scott McDonald

## What a day it has been

Leaning back to mop the sweat off your brow as you close the books on each classic yacht race you reflect on how you survived all the lead up and on the day dramas that make each classic yacht race a unique event.

Such things as generating and publishing new classic fleet courses to keep two fleets away from each other in the same waters. Climbing Mt. Everest was also a race seven challenge for our race committee. But like the postman who lives in the world of the mail must get through this same worldly thinking applies to our classic yacht racing, that is, the race must go on. Weather permitting of course.

## On with went race seven with all flags ahoy on the race tower.

With the sight of fourteen classic yachts hitting the 10:30 am start line with a decent breeze it was the Tumlaren **Sirocco** leading the fleet over the line by two seconds after the gun to receive the all clear start message and then begin her very tight beat to the top mark. The Tumlaren **Ettrick** and the Skerry cruiser **Pastime II** were close at hand.. In this mix of well timed starts was **Mercedes III** who choose to start at the far end of the line.



Jane Williamson

**Boambillee and Pastime III race for first around the top mark honours**



The race 7 classic fleet on the first beat  
to RMYS F Mark  
Jane Williamson

One performance on this first beat, as noted by the race committee, was that of **Merlin**. Considering the prevailing conditions weren't in her favour and starting from the back of the fleet she picked up and eventually joined the fleet at the top mark.

Race seven was the scene for two other notable performances. **Marama** with her new owners, John Russell Clark and David Moulday put in a race committee noted performance. With a load of Hobsons Bay Yacht Club heavies on board, **Astrud** put in a notable return to classic yacht racing by trying out two spinnakers. A feat of strength noted by the race committee handicapper.



Jane Williamson  
**Marama on the first beat**

## As it happened around the course

Apart from these three fleet leading classics the race committee handicapper watched the Tumlaren **Sirocco**, under the helm of Dave Allen, from her two seconds start after the gun to lead the rest the fleet around the top mark

The long run, for the classics, down from Mark F to Mark G was all about slowing the fleet down, time of day wise, so the RMYS pursuit race back markers didn't have start line interference from the classics. This would have been needed if the RMYS fleet had a full list of competitors. Not so this time.



Across from Mark G to round Mark A (Start line) it was spinnaker time for the fleet watchers on Beaconsfield Parade **Boambillee** had a spinnaker duel that saw her having to go to weather of **Mercedes III** to break through her wind shadow.



The spinnaker battle between Boambillee and Mercedes III

At the rounding of the Mark A to begin a beat to Mark C we saw the fleet leaders, **Boambillee** and **Mercedes III** split tacks. At long last we had a course to windward that gave the fleet a challenge on tactics. Who would come out this beat best. For the handicapper the big moment of the race. Alas while it appeared **Mercedes III** was favoured with a shifting to the south wind it also dropped in strength in the northern end of the wind pattern while for **Boambillee** it remained in the 12 knot region. While **Boambillee** won out in the tactics department, their spinnaker hoisting enthusiasm to keep ahead of **Mercedes III** delayed them.

Approaching Mark C **Mercedes III** gave **Boambillee** a gentlemanly keep clear and then proceeded to overtake her. It wasn't all beer and skittles for **Mercedes III**.

## Over the line results

After rounding Mark A a delayed kite retrieval and deck clean up made **Mercedes III** work hard at work to keep her fleet lead and eventually take out line honours with **Pastime II** one minute fifty seven seconds later.

**Boambillee** was also in the "*being a gentleman business*" by keeping clear of **Pastime II** to give her a clean Mark A rounding to come home one minute and 4 seconds after **Pastime II**. All up a close line honours result after almost two hours of classic yacht sailing in light wind conditions.



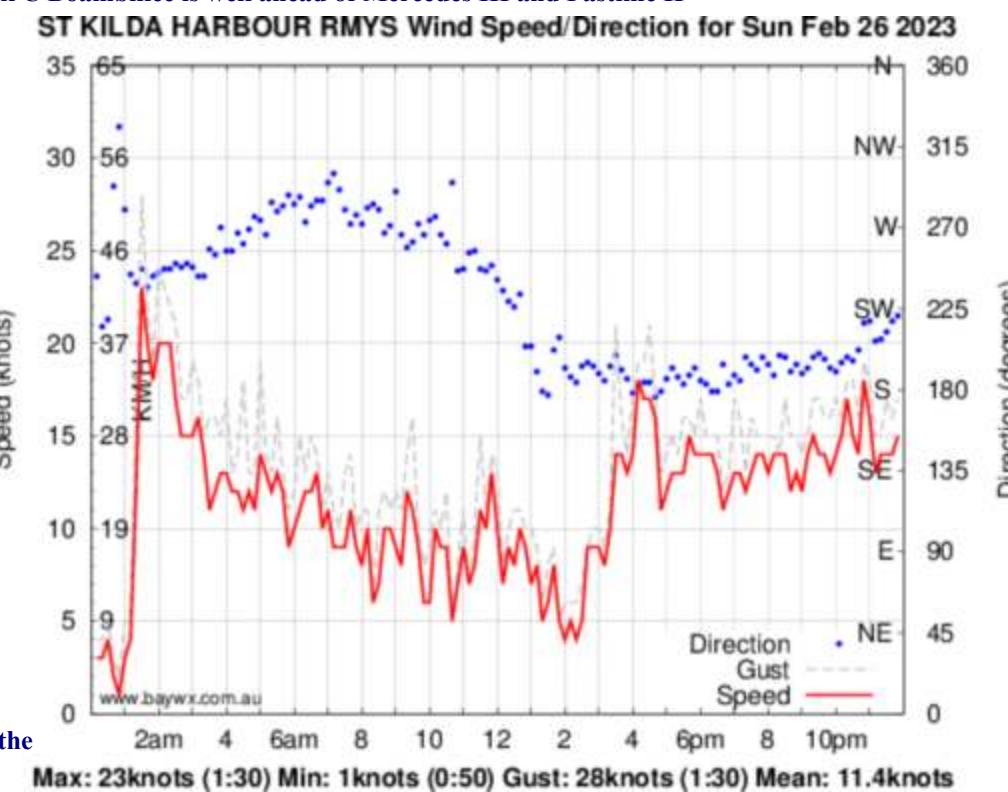
Handicapper

After the split tacks beat to Mark C **Boambillee** is well ahead of **Mercedes III** and **Pastime II**



Richard Stringer

**Mercedes III** and **Boambillee** skippers celebrate classic yacht racing at the post race knees up on the RMYS Marina



Fourth over the line was the Tumlaren **Sirocco** several minutes ahead of the another tight group of classic yachts **Marama**, **Dingo**, **Akala** and **Ettrick**. The next finishers were also in a tight group, **Avian**, **Zephyr**, **Snow Goose** and **Astrud** with both **Merlin** and **Martini** bringing the fleet home.

## Corrected Time Results

After a fraction over two hours of racing race seven results were a tight corrected time scene. After the first two placing it was five seconds between third and fourth and a one minute spread for the fifth to tenth placing's.

Congratulation goes to the Tumlaren **Sirocco**. To cream the fleet by a few moment more than a minute shows how well she performed under the helm of Dave Allen. She never looked back after her brilliant start. Her strategy was to stay on the starboard making leg, point a bit low and use her soft sails to keep her driving against the slop and fickle swinging westerly.

Dingo, who took out second placing, never stopped working hard throughout the race. Fast kite sets were a feature of her race. **Boambillee**'s third over **Mercedes III** showed how hard she worked to regain her fleet position on the downhill run from Mark C to Mark A.

## Special mentions for Race 7.

To see the number of new comers and returns from a break from classic yacht racing was the highlight of race seven.

**Marama** was a great sight to watch. She is not far off the form she had to take out the 2016 Cup Regatta Col Bandy Trophy.

**Astrud** back with the fleet was another great race seven sight. Two spinnakers had the Race tower scratching their heads. Who was that dark kite?

Last but no means least was the return of **Merlin**. A special Race seven mention must go to **Merlin**.

## Sail of the day goes to Merlin

With no doubt the sail of the day must go to **Merlin**. With the wind strength not in her favour, John Counsel helmed **Merlin** so well on the first beat that she picked up the fleet after a difficult start. But where she stood out for race seven was her brilliant approach to the finish line in shifting light wind conditions.

From the race tower there were several wind shift moments that said "she'll be tacking soon". In these conditions a tack by **Merlin** would have been fatal to her finish time. But no. John Counsell kept the head sails full by ever so slight up and down with the wind moves. This situation lasted for some time. Finally the wind veered back to the west ever so slightly and through the line went **Merlin** with good clearance from the breakwater rocks. No photo's of this duel. The Race tower people didn't move while observing how this tight approach to the finish line was handled so well.

Classics Summer 2022 - 2023								
Hosted By Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron								
Race 7 (2/26/2023) Hosted by Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron								
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Place	Boat Name	Fin Tim	Elapsd	Cor'd T	AHC	BCH	CHC	
1	SIROCCO	12:29:31	1:59:31	54:16:00	0.454	0.478	0.46	
2	DINGO	12:33:28	2:03:28	55:11:00	0.447	0.463	0.452	
3	BOAMBILLEE	12:20:43	1:50:43	56:15:00	0.508	0.516	0.511	
4	MERCEDES III	12:17:42	1:47:42	56:20:00	0.523	0.53	0.525	
5	ZEPHYR	12:41:32	2:11:32	57:05:00	0.434	0.434	0.434	
6	AKALA	12:34:10	2:04:10	57:07:00	0.46	0.46	0.46	
7	ETTRICK	12:35:51	2:05:51	57:16:00	0.455	0.454	0.455	
8	PASTIME II	12:19:39	1:49:39	57:34:00	0.525	0.521	0.524	
9	AVIAN	12:40:24	2:10:24	57:38:00	0.442	0.438	0.441	
10	MARAMA	12:33:14	2:03:14	57:55:00	0.47	0.463	0.468	
11	SNOW GOOSE	12:49:14	2:19:14	1:01:58	0.445	0.41	0.439	
12	ASTRUD	12:47:23	2:17:23	1:02:31	0.455	0.416	0.455	
13	MERLIN	13:04:03	2:34:03	1:03:56	0.415	0.371	0.415	
14	MARTINI	13:06:14	2:36:14	1:04:13	0.411	0.366	0.411	

## Post race seven knees up on the RMYS Marina

While not a picture of shameful scenes that you associate with a normal knees up, none the less it was a great post race catch up affair between a good number of CYAA members after they duelled their way, Enrol Flynn style, around the race seven course. While the RMYS Marina tie up area space is tight, there's always room for one more.



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## All up race seven is now behind us.

With no doubt Race seven was a big day for classic racing on Port Phillip. From our restart of our series after the Christmas/New Years break our classic yacht fleet numbers continue to be strong and growing.

One break through feature of race seven was the use of a course outside of the RMYS course sheet we normally use. The course used for race seven was set to try to give our fleet decent beats on the windward legs. While no one complained, you could say the course was a bit long as the forecast 15 knot breeze didn't show up. As previously said, this course was all about keeping two fleets separated while using the same rounding marks and start/finish line.

### A Race seven wrap up from Pastime II

"Nice sail today exchanging places several times with **Mercedes III** and **Boambillee**. We had 12 year old Oliver crewing today who has done a Tackers course and he was on the helm for a bit\".

Scott McDonald. Photo with permission from Oliver's dad.

### Our last race of this series, March 19,

Race 8 is a pursuit start with the venue being the RMYS Race Committee tower. The race will start at 10:00 am with a 9:55 am warning signal. This earlier start time will allow our fleet to have a close finish with some after race celebrations on the RMYS Marina. Remember the post race knee's up is a BYO event

For skippers who don't want to mix it on the start line now's your chance to sail your classic with the fleet in Race eight. Classic yacht racing is all about participation. Speed is not part of the scene. I know no one believes me but that's the essence of our classic yacht racing.

To bring more starters to the line I'm thinking of using divisions for the 2023 Winter Series. Five minute interval between the start of each division and varied length courses. Similar to what we use for our Cup Regatta.

### 2023 Tumlaren State Championships

Meanwhile we have our Biennial Tumlaren State Championship with us. The venue is RMYS, the home of the Tumlaren. Entries via the RMYS entry portal

Notes for these two events will be sent out separately.



The emerging spirit of Classic Yacht Racing

A black and white photograph showing two sailboats racing on a body of water. The boat on the left has a sail with the number '98' visible. The boat on the right has a sail with the number '16' visible. Both boats are moving towards the left of the frame. The background shows a distant shoreline with buildings and trees under a cloudy sky.

**2023 Tumlaren State  
Championship  
Venue RMYS  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**

## 2023 ABD Group CYANZ Classic Yacht Regatta, Auckland



Photo Roger Mills

We had a team of five CYAA members show the CYAA flag at the recent CYANZ's showcase regatta of classic yacht racing on Auckland's Waitemata Harbour

A full suite of great photo's of the event will come later. Hot of the press news is our Trans Tasman Trophy winner. This year congratulations for the best point score go to Jenni McKenzie.

### CYCA Great Veterans Yacht Race 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Recent news from our Sydney based CYAA Member,Nigel Stoke, tells us the CYCA is all set to conduct the 2023. This Classic Yacht Regatta celebrates all the pre 1976 classic yachts that have competed in a Sydney to Hobart yacht race.

The CYCA will soon issue the notice of race for this event of Classic yacht racing on Sydney Harbour.

The CYCA will be conducting the 2023 Classic Yacht Regatta this year on Fri 8 Dec thru Sun 10 Dec.

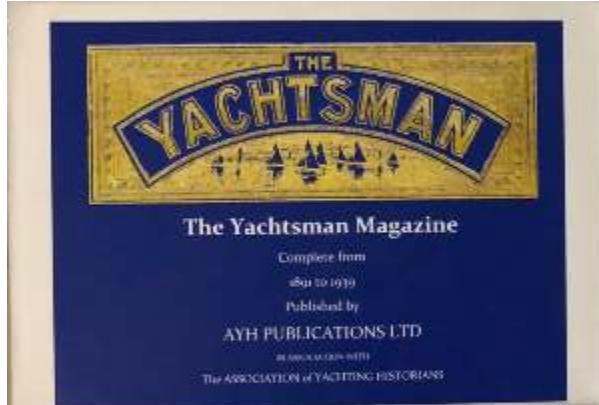
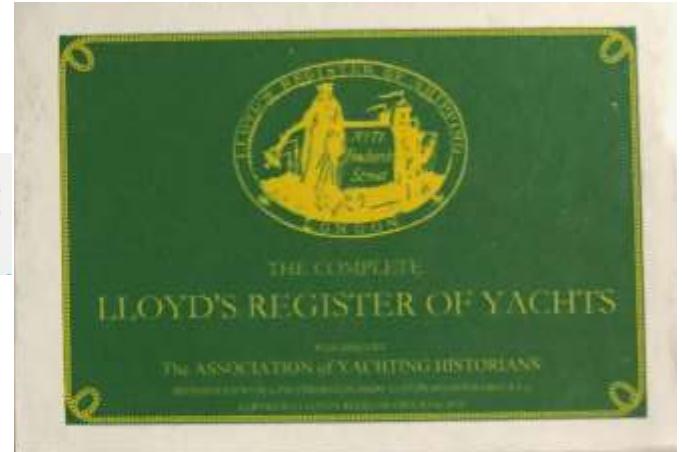


Jenni McKenzie takes home the 2023 Trans Tasman

## The Association of Yachting Historians

Our recent digitisation of many UK based Yachting World Monthly magazines has been recognised by this association. These magazines are available for reading through the CYAA website Archive pages. Click [HERE](#) to check out the Yachting Historians website.

To demonstrate this recognition the CYAA work to digitise these magazines is now listed as a friend of this association. During the recent visit to the Hobart to gather material on various assignments, Nigel Sharp, presented the CYAA with copies of the two projects undertaken by the Association of Yachting Historians.



## THE YACHTSMAN 1891-1939

When it was first published *The Yachtsman* was the only magazine, anywhere in the world, that was wholly dedicated to the sport of yachting. Its weekly issues boasted yachting news and intelligence from yachting centres not only from around the British Isles, but also from Europe, North America, Australia and other parts of the world; detailed reports on yacht races; tips; correspondence; model yachting and canoeing, together with suitable advertisements. Later issues would also feature the development of the marine engine and motor boating generally, as well as the early advance of the seaplane. Above all, each issue featured whole page photographs of the finest yachts of the day, taken by the very best marine photographers. It soon became the new journal of record.

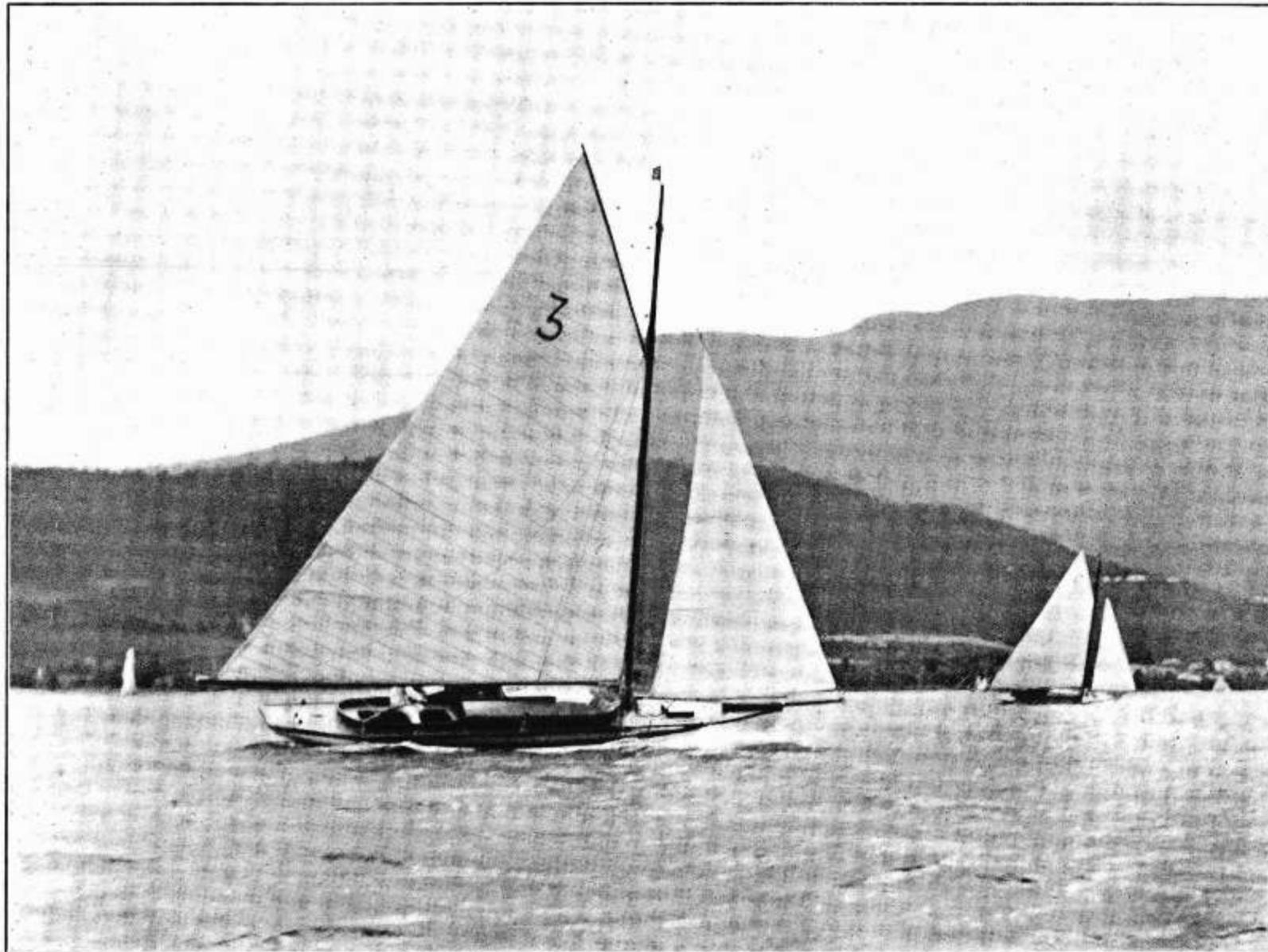
*Lloyd's Register of Yachts* was published annually from 1878 to 1980, except during the two World Wars. Although the amount of information on each yacht evolved over the years, in essence it provided details of construction, dimensions and ownership of most pleasure craft, as well as identifying those which had been subject to a Lloyd's survey. The annual registers were usually updated during the year by the issue of supplements. These listed new vessels, changes of ownership or recorded the fate of vessels.

It was up to the owner to provide the information. Certain designers and builders as a matter of course provided the necessary details and the dimensions they gave were accurate. Data provided by owners could be less so.

*Initially, it was intended that the register should contain all sailing yachts irrespective of size.* In 1948 it was decided place a lower limit of 300 square feet of sail area or 25 ft waterline for power vessels. If the vessel belonged to a subscriber then no limit applied. In 1974 the limits were increased to 350 square foot of sail area or 27 ft waterline respectively. The first volume detailed some 1,400 yachts. By 1980 the figure had risen to 12,000. The explosion in popular yachting in the 1970's meant that the Register was unable to keep all the entries up-to-date and in 1980 the decision was taken to cease publication.

## A sample of photos inside The Yachtsman

*Supplement to "THE YACHTSMAN," No. 1647, November 18th, 1922.*



HOBART (TASMANIA) ONE-DESIGN CLASS.

**One hundred years ago on Hobart's Derwent Estuary  
The one design class that became the A Class**

## **To finish up the notes**

The latest news from Charlie Salter is he and Pete Jereback will be sailing Baranne on her return voyage from Hobart to Geelong starting Tuesday next week.

Regards to all

Peter Costolloe

CYAA (Vic) Handicapper