

Division 2 Race 7 Spring Series Saturday 12/11/11

Arrived at the Club late 8.35 only Greg and Bob around, well did I miss Brett he had slept on board he was the night watchman. Bob took Greg and I out to our Yachts, boy the sea gulls had made a huge mess on my foredeck, they have nested on the Highlander just up from Jeremy's Parramatta and my E26.

2 starters AJ and Ian were to hand by 10.30 but not many skippers or crew.

Yachts started to leave the Club pontoon around 12.15, wind a steady 8 to 10 knots only 10 starters on the day, some over anxious skippers were running the line and a general recall was the order of the day.

Next start most yachts headed northwest a couple of us in bad wind sailed east this was good as the 1st mark was at 80 degrees and we were now sailing on a heading of 120 degrees, the wind being light the bigger yachts were not that far ahead at the first mark but when around and under spinnaker they started to pull away.

The wind was pretty constant for the duration of the race, well the end result on scratch was Red Ned followed by Vaya Con Dios then the little flyer Manic with Kelly at the helm and as a casual entréy although in a scratch place on the day is not in the series results published.

The first 5 boats were within 11 minutes of Red Ned and the last 5 within 20 minutes there was a tacking and covering 3 way dual for the 6th scratch finishing spot with Tic Tacs gaining on Wundurra then dropping off again, Hop Step crossed clear ahead of Wundurra, however, with some luck Wundurra crossed and finished 3 seconds in front with Tic Tacs only a minute behind Wasabi again showed how competitive it was with the long (Steve) and short (Charles) good crew work. Now Greg L has been complaining about not getting enough attention but he has been improving steadily and to his Credit this was a good result being 1st on Handicap I guess this was really his Happy Daze well done Greg and his fiery crew.

IMPOTANT NOTICE

The TENDER SERVICE operator KYLE finishes at 12 noon on race days, after that it is DO IT YOURSELF.

Skippers and Crew try and think of people who may be interested in helping the starting of races and becoming a Starter.

Brian C