

Race 7. First of Transit series Saturday 22/10/11

10.30 a.m. looks like the makings of a great day of racing some worried about the light breeze. This was to be a Handicap start and Steve Hall has set it out for the starters. Not sure of the course yet, slight wind changes happening.

11.30 a.m. no starters panic stations we will have to start from the Club but with a General start, much discussion Brett advises he has cancelled his crew and will do a General start and set a any marks required, (he will be given average points in the series.)*Thank you Brett*

Course decided and skippers advised Brett to lay a buoy in the area of Brotherson Dock round this and on to Ding Dong and home.

11 Boats lined up in a General start, wind had increased slightly to around 5-6 knots

Wasabi got a great start and made good use of it Katy Mae also was looking good when turning into the channel some yachts decided to try going against the tide a couple of us staid close to the Port channel marks and it paid off we were able to make outer Towra on the one tack and actually went across the bay past the end of the Southern runway picking off much of our opposition Katy Mae and Wasabi but lost out to Hop Step

Red Ned was first to Brotherson's dock mark followed by Happy Daze and the Windy point Fast Forward, Hop Step , Spinnackers up and away home went the fleet Red Ned was in overdrive and away they went with Happy Daze and Windy Point and Fast Forward out behind but well ahead of the rest of the fleet Hot Step was next and even in the fairly light conditions pulled away from Wundurra, Tic Tac was closing slowly followed by Wasabi, Blys and Stella way back

At the Starboard turning mark to align through Captain Cook bridge there was a wind change and we watched Hop Step try and jibe, we followed suit and with dismay watched Tic Tac charging on with sails full and flying, at the turn to the home finish at the Motor boat Club pontoon we were too close and Tic Tac went outside kite still full and left us for dead to the finish.

Overall a great day of sailing and as you can see by the results there is improvement from some of the smaller yachts and not so experienced crews

Well done, the results will be pleasing to some and a worry to some others and just maybe a clean bottom could see a different result for one.

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