

Spring Series 5th Race Report 29th October 2011

Beautiful day at the down town Botany Bay Yacht Club very light breeze most people started out a little early, wind up channel pretty light NNE tide running out fast, start a little late all 10 contenders trying for a good start those at the pin end did not heed the starters recall, wind very fluky all the way to the first mark, one minute you were travelling nicely next in a lull and the rest of the fleet were moving, after rounding the first mark Halcyon Daze and Tic Tac Blys followed by Wundurra and looked as if we had a huge start on the rest of the fleet which included Brave heart, Wasabi, Red Ned, Happy Daze, Jeeves and Stella, about 200 metres from the wing mark when looking back we could see the rest of the fleet gaining on us and, when only a few meters behind and to windward Braveheart with his own private wind came charging along and nearly caught some of the front runners, then the rest of the fleet except Stella passed Wundurra who was in GA GA land by now and wondering why the *wind god* had deserted us.

At the wing mark Halcyon Daze was way ahead but low down and the wind was quite strange and all over the place, it then shifted more to the east and Red Nest climbed high and was travelling back to the start mark, Jeeves at this point had his own private breeze and spinnaker full and sailed in between Blys and Wundurra which were only some 20 metres apart, all the other yachts now reset kites to try and keep in the game.

The scratch results were interesting Halcyon daze first, Red Ned made up ground and was second, Jeeves with his private wind was third, Happy Daze with 2 ex Commodores Colin Cole and Greg Lerond on board came in fourth.

As you can see from the results so far the wind is favouring the slower boats and to their credit they are well in contention, Wasabi is certainly trying hard and it is paying off, pity Jeeves has not been more regular. Well you can now see it was Tic Tac and Braveheart who did not heed the starters and were disqualified.

We will see what the weather brings for the next race on 5/11/11 see you all then

Brian C