

CYAA 2023 Winter Series

Race 9 Pre race notes Conducted by the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria



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First up a Race 8 comment.

Click [HERE](#) to check out the gallery of Race 8 photo's .

It's congratulations to Richard Gates who helmed **Wanita** home for her first on corrected time finish. Pushing all the way is the word on **Wanita**. From the tower it was the performance by **Marama** that attracted attention. It not being in the right place at the right time, it's doing it right thing at the right time that counts. That was plainly the case on **Marama**. Her performance sure had the tower heads nodding to one another. So sail of the day congratulations went to **Marama**. With her startling first over the line performance **Boambillee** was a clear runner up to sail of the day award.

Here's a race eight from the **Mercedes III** skipper Martin Ryan

Div 1 start saw **Wanita** on the line at A mark despite **Mercedes III** trying to push her up , with **Fair Winds** close behind coming at full speed. **Boambillee** chose 20 metres

to leeward in clear air, climbing up with her go fast no 1 light headsail. A drag race to G, slightly sprung. **Boambillee** was the clear winner from **Fair Winds** with a gap to **Mercedes III**.

Near G, two yachts appeared to have a gentle kiss, **Wanita** and **Avian**?

Boambillee the standout sail of the race..

The Race 3 course description problem has been sorted out. Too much race documentation flying around is the story.

2023 Winter Series Race 9 scheduled for 27th August

Here we go again. Last race of the 2023 Winter Series. Another series of great classic yacht racing behind us. For once we have a full card of completed races for the series. Touch wood Race nine will run as scheduled.

This last race will be an on water start conducted by the RYCV. The RYCV committee boat call sign will be Royals Three. VHF Channel 72 will be the working channel for this race. The start line location will be in the vicinity of the Kerferd Road pier. For wind direction reasons the start line may be closer to the main shipping channel.

The course selection and start line location for race 9 will be notified by Royals Three at approx 9:45am

All posted start times will be signalled by a sound signal from Royals Three.

Although the BoM Forecast for Sunday says 15-20 knots ESE for Sunday the Met Eye indicates 10-15 for our racing area on Port Phillip. So it's all systems go for a scheduled start for the first boat off at 10:00am

Click [HERE](#) for the Race 9 allocated start times for each entrant.

Click [HERE](#) for CYAA Course descriptions for on water starts V1.1 4th May Included in this link is the QR code for the boat racing sign on and results listing.

Click [HERE](#) to check out the CYAA Winter Series Sailing Instructions. The SI's include course descriptions.

RMYS Two Handed race on Sunday

Some FYI for Sunday's fleet. RMYS will be conducting a Two handed race on Sunday with a 10:30am start time. We'll be in contact with their race committee in the tower. The plan is to avoid course selection that will cause mark rounding clash problems. They will be using channel 72 as well.

A 2023 Winter Series fleet congratulations

All things considered, entrant participation numbers for each race have been a feature of our 2023 winter series of Classic yacht races on Port Phillip. So it's congratulations and a serious thank you to all our fleet for this significant detail from our CYAA executive team. It's our sustained fleet participation in our racing that keep the Association going and our executive on their toes.

Keen Series medallion competition

First up is the close series point status. Let's hope that handicapper, who you all know and love, has got it right for the allocated start times. While **Wanita** is looking good there's plenty of keen competition on her heels to receive the Series medallion.

Mercedes IV returns to classic yacht racing

Second is the weather dependent participation of **Mercedes IV** in this race. To have **Mercedes IV** is a big occasion for both her syndicate of owners and for the CYAA. To have a classic yacht from the same stable as **Mercedes III** is a definite boost to the high reputation that classic yacht racing has always had on Port Phillip..

A story from Martin Ryan on how Mercedes IV came to be racing with the classics on Port Phillip fleet id provided further on in these notes

2023/2024 Summer Series

Yes! It's all go with entries now being accepted via the [RMYS Top Yacht race entry portal](#).

This Summer Series has been named the **Sayonara** Summer series. A RYCV permanent trophy in the name of Sayonara is being established by the Sayonara syndicate to recognise the CYAA contribution to yachting on Port Phillip.

We intend to give each Summer Series race a title, either using a boat name or a sponsor name for trophy reasons

So far, no takers of this offer. To all you CYAA members and supporters out there, here's a chance to put your name up in CYAA lights

2023 Cup Regatta

Entrants count is sure building for the 2023 Cup Regatta

Click [HERE](#) to sort out your entry, be it racing or display only, and your participation in the 2023 Cup Regatta social whirlwind.

Post race nine social catch up

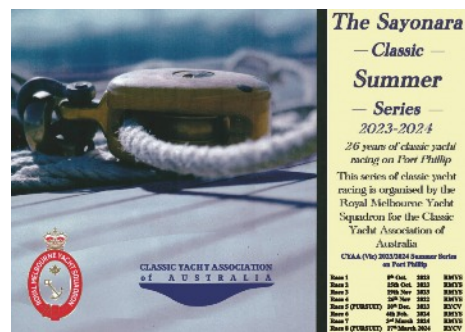
All being well weather wise, we'll have our usual post race catch up on the RMYS Marina. If Mercedes IV is with us she'll be ready for an eye catching inspection

So till next week post race notes

Time has run out for these notes to hit the press. Copyboy

Here's to another day of great classic yacht racing on Sunday to wind up our 2023 Winter Series.

Regards to all. Peter Costolloe, CYAA (Vic) Handicapper



Click [HERE](#) to check out the full size poster. It's a re-use of our Logan sponsored 2000/2001 Summer Series poster. The image is a turning block on the deck of Sayonara.

Below is some **Mercedes IV** information provided to us by Martin Ryan our CYAA Past President

A CLASSIC WITH A SPECIAL HISTORY JOINS OUR FLEET- Martin Ryan

In February, four team members from **Mercedes III** formed a Syndicate and purchased **Mercedes IV**. Since then they have been “fixing things”, most of which were known to them from the survey, but once you start digging....

They have sought advice from Bernie Webber and Richard Blake on the rigging and hull, with the sail wardrobe “old but in good nick” not needing immediate attention.

Mercedes IV’s bloodlines are true Classic:

Designer: Kaufman

Builder: Quilkey

Length: 41'11", Beam 3.88 and draft 2.30,

Objective: Admirals Cup team 1975. Team members Love and War, Bumblebee III and Mercedes IV. Finished 9th in a light winds dominated Admirals Cup

Sydney Hobarts: 15, 4th overall in 1974, 6th overall in 1984, and 3rd in her division in the well-remembered 1998 race, placing 13th overall.

Mercedes IV was at RYCV in the late seventies and Doug Shields raced on her. Historical records are scant but RYCV has her documented as winning the 1979 Cock of the Bay on line honours.

For the last ten-plus years she has mainly cruised from Pittwater. She participated in the 50th Anniversary Admirals Cup Regatta in 2017, finishing 5th against stiff competition.

The Syndicate’s immediate plans are to participate in our Classic fleet racing including the Cup Regatta, obtain an AMS rating, and race in the 2023 Cock of the Bay, joining previous winners from the Classic fleet Kingurra and Mercedes III.

So, watch out for the grey-hulled yacht and if the winds are favourable for a spinnaker, "Big Red" will likely make an appearance.

Mercedes IV will tie up post Sunday’s race at RMYS marina with Jane Williamson, John Miles, Ashley Sharples and Richard Stringer on board. They look forward to introducing Mercedes IV to the fleet.

Martin Ryan

Click [**HERE**](#) to check out Mercedes IV images and results including her Admiral Cup and Sydney to Hobart racing