



# CYAA 2023/2024

Classic Yacht Association  
OF AUSTRALIA

## Sayonara Summer Series

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### We're on our way

### Race one goes off in fine classic yacht racing style



#### Classic yachts and newly shorn sheep .

Yessir, those classic yachts were sure a frisky lot when let out of their marina pens for the opening race of the classic Yacht racing summer series.

Dragging classic's back to the start line, handing out OCS calls, like confetti, to those full of good intent, was the scene for the opening race of our Sayonara Summer Series.

Watching our classic fleet in pre opening race mode gave rise to the memories rounding of up freshly shorn sheep after a dipping trough swim.

#### Anxious is it on or off calls

With a couple of anxious light wind based calls to the race tower on a race/no race question the course selection debate was over. When your race officer team set out on their crossing the Delaware voyage it was to be a northerly course. However like our Melbourne weather wait awhile and the Bureau prediction will happen. So wait awhile it there it was, a swinging four knot westerly was in it's way. Our went the course selection call and it was count down to 10:25 time.

#### Line and corrected time honours down the fleet comments.

#### Boambillee cleans up

First up it's congratulations to the **Boambillee** crew under the helm of George Fisscher.

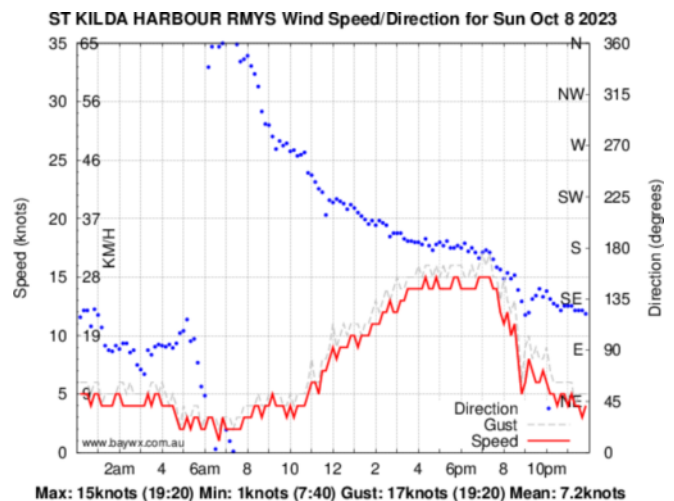
After a demonstrating her neat wind shift picking performance to lead the fleet around the R3 mark **Boambillee** went on to lead the fleet home with a handsome corrected time margin.

Another fine non spinnaker performance was put in by **Pastime II**. All things considered her performance on the day that gave her second placing on corrected time was notable.

#### Avian leads the Tumlaeren fleet home

In the Tumlaeren world, **Avian's** light weather performance with that great man on the helm was closely watched. The race tower comments watching her round the R3 mark were "surely the handicapper must see this one" as she lead the Tumlaeren fleet home with a third on corrected time performance. Her shy kite holding performance was noted.

Yvonne approaches race one finish line in fine style



## Acrospire III the picture of the fleet

With her full rig flying, **Acrospire III** gave the fleet the opportunity to watch a command performance as she took all the wind shifts to make the weather mark as though she was a high pointing light displacement go faster. Check out the picture she presented to the fleet in the race one gallery.

## Spectators thrill at the Fairwinds, Mercedes IV and Akala for the line battle

In the race tower it was catch your breath time before **Fairwinds** steamed through after her intense down hill running battles with **Mercedes IV** and **Akala**.

Perhaps the most intense part of the race was the Mark G rounding and down to the battles to the line between these three classics. **Fairwinds** was able to clear out as **Akala** pushed **Mercedes IV** up as a tactic to keep clear of the **Mercedes IV** wind shadow. It worked but come the finish line and **Akala** had to concede and head down which allowed **Mercedes IV** to take off to cross the line by thirteen seconds over **Akala**.

## Dingo in the ruck.

Leading this ruck of the fleet home on corrected time was the Tummlaren **Dingo**. After holding on to the her kite as long as possible to keep ahead of **Ettrick** at the Mark G rounding it was a down to wire chase with both **Ettrick** and the netboat Jean. However the run to the line didn't favour **Dingo**.

## Ettrick heads off Dingo and Jean

As **Ettrick** cleared out to lead Jean home by sixteen seconds and **Dingo** by twenty seven seconds. Another impressive finish line battle scene was that between **Dingo** and **Jean**. It was down to the last 50 metres. Jean found some good wind and sailed though **Dingo** was sailed in a most impressive hard eyed manner by Monica Jones, Jean had an eleven second lead across the line. The race officer's voice record of this performance would have put that well known race caster Bert Bryant to shame.

## Will they or wont they. A Cyan and Marama story

Another will they or won't they do it story was the finishing line scene between **Cyan** and **Marama**. It was tight all the way till the last moment which saw **Cyan** put seventeen seconds between herself and **Marama** as she crossed the line. There was defiantly no one jumping around on Cyan as Peter Lloyd held tight control over that finely fitted out and loquacious **Cyan** crew.

## Yvonne makes up ground

The Tummlaren **Yvonne** followed this duo of classic yachts over the line. All things considered Yvonne's elapsed time performance was notable when considering the extra ground she covered in the light breeze.

## Martini sails hard

After some hard downwind under kite sailing seen on **Martini**, her finishing time, when considering her water line length, was notable. A stiff note to the handicapper is the word here. Some nice pics of her with the fleet while going down wind and going for the line will show how hard she was sailed by Michael Williams.

## Merlin and Tandanya. Say no more

Another pair of closely watched classics were **Merlin** and **Tandanya**. While we know light winds aren't execrate the conditions they revel in they still put in a creditable performance considering the conditions. The bow wave on Merlin as she crossed the finish line was outstanding.

## Sail of the day performance

All up that was the story for our first race of the Sayonara Summer Series. Across the fleet we had some brilliant classic yacht racing particularly those close across the finish line performances. Stirring stuff is the words need to describe these scenes. For those scribblers of the press, the handicapper recommendations of the sail of the day must go to **Merlin** and **Tandanya** for their light wind performances. To see them so close to the fleet after the down hill run drew many race tower compliments.

## Race one photo gallery credits.

To finish up compliments must go to our team of photo contributors. From the race committee boat we had a serious slew of them from Dave Taylor while Ashley Sharples gave us some brilliant classic yacht racing scenes as seen from the cockpit of **Mercedes IV**. Scott McDonald a consistent provider of classic yacht racing images as seen from **Pastime II** maintained his record.

## Race one Photo Gallery posting

Thanks to Steve Holloway, our on the ball website admin , the web site Summer Series page will have links to this gallery.

## Race Management moments

From the Race management side of the fence we had Peter Bowie as deckie in chief assisting Dave Taylor of the RMYS on the **William Paterson** and Chris Crellin is still searching for the smelling salts after another stint of handling more than his fair share race officer fun filled dramas.

## For action seekers only

For those who want some real action in their lives, we'll need someone to help out as deckie on the rescue boat and the some one to control the race officer

## Next classic yacht race.

This coming Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at RMYS

The entry list is all done and posted on the RMYS Top Yacht classic race results portal.

Access to the RMYS facilities will be fun with the Melbourne Marathon in full swing.

We'll put our some prerace notes next Friday

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Regards to all

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