

Cadet Open Regatta - Rewards for Those Who Wait

If anyone has a good working relationship with the weather gods, could they let us have their contact details, please?



Saturday was, well, rather breezy with 22 knots plus of wind causing a cancellation by our OOD Richard Dobson.

Two RS400s and the Keen's Vago got nicely out of the river, only to be nearly flattened by the weather. The two Jacks in the red Holden RS went flying about awaiting the remnants of the fleet to leave the beach. Meanwhile, the female crew of the Renson RS got into a spot of bother. The two Vickis (yes, two boats crewed by identically named boys and girls - spooky) found themselves in shallows after jibing, with the mast trying to drill itself into the sand bottom. This made righting the craft a little difficult, but help was on hand and they sailed back to the safety of the river. The Toppers and Laser remained in the river and did not see the racecourse at all.



The barbecue planned to celebrate the first day's racing went ahead with gusto to make up for the lack of racing earlier. Food, games, food, music, more games, and more food were the order of the evening. A good time was had by all.

Sunday saw fewer cadets but the sun shone and the wind had abated enough for a good three-race series to be run. An RS400, Vago, Laser, and 2 Toppers came out to race. The RS400 with Jack Munnely and Jack Holden seemed to have the upper hand all afternoon. Richard Keen and Arthur Chebernaud in the Vago had spinnaker problems and took a number of swimming lessons, without which they might have given the RS boys a better run for their money. Jordan Gosine in the club Laser confounded the sceptics by almost staying onboard for all 3 races, hanging on and out for all he was worth.

The Toppers had the toughest time, with Alice Gosine succumbing to the waves and wind after a tenacious upwind leg on the first race. Miss Georgina Hughes mastered the growing seas, wind, and tide to last right through the 3-race series, only to have her mast break on the very last lap as she was leading the race.

The afternoon finished with prize giving, with Nick Clare and Cadet Captain, Jade Fenner, doing the honours. Prizes were awarded to the first Topper (Georgina), the third boat (Jordan), the second boat (Richard and Arthur), and the first boat and overall winner (Jack and Jack).

Two safe and fun days run by an enthusiastic team of helpers for a small, but energetic and committed group of cadets. Keep up the great work.