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Friday Twilight Chicken Report Race 8 Summer Series

Australia Day – a little quiet for some:

Despite my best efforts only 7 of you turned out for the Australia Day Teams Race. A little disappointing but still fun for the few that did turn out as requested. I shall not regale you with the description here, you should have been there.

Race 8 – good times continue:

Race 8 saw another easterly which is a difficult wind on Pittwater in anyone's language and trimmers, good ones, were in short supply. With only 17 real boats and two multi-hulls, things were a little more quiet than we have become used to lately, but what a fun event this was. Nothing like Australia for making a long, long weekend out of what should have been a one day holiday. Let me tell you what happened before the start first so you are in the picture; We didn't have the presence of Pacific Express this time because she is a stick in the mud, really. She was stuck on her Horseshoe Cove mooring beyond rescue. Time and tide wait for no man including Ian Kilpatrick it seems. However at the start time around 100 tonnes of fibreglass, wood, lead and steel descended on the start line only to be confronted by a comfortable cruising vessel under mainsail only languishing parallel to the start line and with no way up at all. Well done to all those skippers who skilfully veered left and right to avoid what could have been a nasty full stop to someone's race aspirations. Piece of advice, set your sails and sail, then aim at crossing the start line at the release signal while SAILING in the direction of the first mark. One boat that was sailing in said direction was Outlandish (OLD to those who know her) and she was off like a startled gazelle. Inspiration was off running along the eastern shore not quite gazelle-like but good for her just the same. The course was SL TP LNP WP AV LNP TP FL to try and make use of the easterly 8 knot breeze but it would be a course for the long boats just the same with plenty of broad reaches to keep things moving along. Red Red Wine was the boat that relished the conditions and she was unstoppable throughout. Supernova found some form, lacking recently as reported here, and Inspiration was putting in one of her best. OLD was out front on scratch with only new boat, Hussy, able to challenge. Wright of Way had her wings clipped on handicap due to her recent win but seems to have slowed on scratch as well. Shining started brilliantly but faded where it mattered most. That Boat was quick and constant throughout, you can't beat that, except on handicap.

New boat, Annie, looking big and comfortable scored a creditable 8th on scratch and scored a handicap finish in the middle, which is exactly where this Chicken reckons new boats should finish.

A word to new-comers, you cannot have your anchor protruding beyond the line of the bow. This is a safety factor and will prevent your boat from locking together with anything you hit in a moment of passion.

Here's Trouble could offer no answer to Red Red Wine or That Boat and was trashed on handicap. Savarna did evil things to a poor little New Zealand thoroughbred while Tiwi 2 found excellent form to score well on points.

OLD looked all the goods out front from Hussy with Avalon third on scratch some minutes in arrears.

Where it really matters, on handicap, it was a different outcome with Red Red Wine scoring a well-deserved first place with Hussy only 21 seconds behind. Supernova was a mere 8 seconds behind her and Inspiration in third only 20 seconds behind her.

The spread of the fleet thereafter put just about everyone within three and a half minutes of each other.

As mentioned at the Chicken Presentation you can all blame your crew.

One bad tack would amount to a drop in several positions and one leg of poor trimming would see you totally miss out on your bottle of Molly's Cradle Wine, your Bosun's Locker voucher, Johnson Bros Mitre 10 voucher, Baywash voucher, Hang-Out voucher, the list goes on.

Never mind, I'll let you have a chicken to go home with even if you do sail like crap.

Good Wind

Chicken Boy.

Molly's Cradle
WINES

hang out

BayWash
YOUR CARWASH CENTRE



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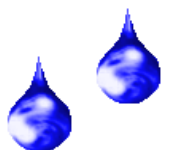
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