

Canterbury J Class Race Officers Report 1st March 2020

Ranger, Endeavour and Shamrock Trophy

So I have been asked to write a report on the weekend event....Oh no, what to write.

Saturday Match Racing, Ranger Trophy.

The day started with a cool Southerly, with a few showers. This was predicted to clear, and it did.

Leon and I toyed with a few ideas on a course suitable for the wind, but there was only one option.

We began the day weighing and checking boats, while Vern, Wes, Tom, Noel, and Ashley set up for the day. The Flight board was set, and after the skippers briefing, we were good to go.

The morning went like clockwork, and a few stood out as contenders for the prize. We had a break for lunch, along with a presentation for our CMYC club patron's 95th birthday. Happy birthday Norm.

Then it was back into it. The afternoon saw a few hiccups.....the start box let us down, and the music from a nearby event was taking its toll on some. Thank you all for your patience and understanding with this.

The day ended, and a first and second place getter identified, 3rd was a little trickier, but Vern had that under control.

A dinner out was enjoyed by all that attended, complimented with the usual good humour.

Sunday March 1st, Endeavour Trophy, Fleet Racing.

A classic North East breeze on Victoria dawned, gusty, and shifty.

A quick canvas of the competitors saw us change from a two fleet race to a single fleet so with a minimum of 12 races required, we set a course, had a few practice runs, had our briefing and got underway around 10.15 am.

Fourteen boats in all started the day, a few mishaps, and mister meaners saw several 360 turns taken. By lunchtime we had our 12 races in, with another 6 after lunch, and we then had our winner.

Sad to say something went horribly wrong with the results system and we had a quick and successful change to the very reliable "A Fleet" results system

I would like you all to thank and acknowledge the hard work put in behind the scenes to make this event happen by the organising committee led by Wes, and you the competitors for making the event one to remember.

Thanks to Dave and Dave for travelling the distance they did, and I hear our fleet is a little lighter now too.

Congratulations to the winners, and thank you for the good sportsman ship shown throughout the weekend.

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