

Wednesday Night Race July 10, 2019

by Tony Brogan

Wednesday promised steady winds from the SE. FCR Greg was away and I was nominated to set the course. There is always a risk in the course length being set too long or too short with the aim of having a good 1.5 to 2 hours sail.

A jolly band of pirates, skipper and crews of nine boats gathered on the wharf. The wind appeared steady, sunny periods cheered the day, although showers threatened.

There were no special announcements and the course announced as Start, Ganges Shoals(P), Welbury Spar(S), Batt Rock (S), Ganges Shoals(S) , Finish.

The meeting was short and sweet, with everyone off to their boats hoping the wind stayed healthy. at 8-10 knots.

Heading for the start Radiant Heat Was rigged for no flying sails but the late appearance of Martin as crew allowed for setting the spinnaker if required.

A minute before the start, we approached the line from the starboard end to see Kay D ahead of us and luffing. We were both a little early. Kay D quickly tacked to Starboard, and now on port tack, left the gate open for Radiant Heat, who approaching a few seconds early, was able to run the line before hardening up at the 1700 hours to be quickly off on the starboard tack.

Most boats had a good start.

Caliente was surging into the lead, Ogopogo close behind, Other boats to the left had to make the early tack and crossed us astern. And so it went up the harbour zigging and zagging now on port and now on starboard to the first mark. There was little change in the overall order and now it was the longer tack to Welbury. Radiant Heat found herself heading for the rock awash on the Welbury reef and did an early tack, and then another, to lay the spar.

The rounding put all boats on a long port tack to Batt Rock. Now we felt the Ebb current and has to come to close hauled to stay inside the mark.

Then we noted the two lead boats both doing strange things as both early tacked into the tidal stream. Then we hit the same wind shift that produced a 50% header but we took it and waited.

Then tacking back to starboard, the current carried us to the mark where we made good time rounding behind Caliente and Ogopogo.

Now came the decision whether to go to spinnaker but with the SW abeam so we stayed with the jib. Shingebiss not too far behind also sticker with her head sails. Further aft Kay D was seen raising her spinnaker.

Entering the harbour the wind came further aft allowed us to deploy the spinnaker. Both lead boats did likewise and were quickly long gone.

Now it was a run to the finish and the close of a good sail.

Sorry about the report being spare but I have other things to contemplate presently but await the results with interest. I'll will be surprised if Kay D doesn't show on the podium.

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Start: Start 1, Finishes: Place

Rank	Boat	SailNo	NHC3	Start	Finish	Elapsed	Correcte
1	Radiant Heat	67901	0.946	17:00	18:25:27	01:25:27	01:20:5
2	Kay D		0.892	17:00	18:30:48	01:30:48	01:21:0
3	Karisma	29921	0.857	17:00	18:36:25	01:36:25	01:22:3
4	Ogopogo		1.1	17:00	18:17:20	01:17:20	01:25:0
5	Effervescence		0.803	17:00	18:53:56	01:53:56	01:31:2
6	IMP	2107	0.928	17:00	18:38:48	01:38:48	01:31:4
7	Shingebiss	49077	1.015	17:00	18:31:26	01:31:26	01:32:4
8	Oasis	421	0.948	17:00	18:40:26	01:40:26	01:35:
9	CALIENTE	CAN45	1.097			DNF	

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