

LINE HONOURS - ANY DIVISION

GOLDEN EAGLE		18' J.A.K.	M. HOWLETT	SARATOGA S.C.
CLASSES MORE THAN 20 ENTRIES				
BOOMAROO				
1	LEAH II		B. NYE	T.Y.C. OF VIC.
2	CENTAUR		T. THOMAS	BOOMAROO ASSN.
RL 24				
1	PEGASUS		B. CASTLES	L.W.Y.C.
2	SAFARI		J. BERRY	L.W.Y.C.
SC/NW 23				
1	SOULSEARCHER		D. MELDRUM	SC 23 ASSN.
2	TREKKA		T. JONES	MORNINGTON Y.C.

CLASSES MORE THAN 12 ENTRIES

AKUNA	COLE 23	D. KALESKI	BLAIRGOWRIE Y.S.
TORTLE	SUNBERD	S. PHILLIPS	NEWHAVEN Y.S.
DONNYBROOKE	TIMPENNY	F. STEBBING	SAFETY BEACH S.C.
SHELLEY MAREE	BOTTERILL	M. ROSS	BLACK ROCK Y.C.
THE TAROONA	MATILDA	A. HARDNESS	WARNEET M.Y.C.
SEA WYF	ULTIMATE 18	W. RUSSELL	CANADIAN BAY Y.C.
KOZ	TS 18	T. LAINSON	T.Y.C. OF VIC.
JEAN	SONATA 6	V. TURNER	AVALON S.C.

WOODEN SPOON

SERENA	SAVAGE DOLPHIN	K. LANGLOIS
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ENTRIES	STARTERS	FINISHED
604	577	490

After each Overnight Race the race committee always have some regrets about various aspects of that particular race. This year we seem to have very few, the major one being that the light conditions took a heavy toll, on the Cat. 110-118 yachts. On Huey's behalf, we would like to commiserate with those gallant skippers who put in 22 hours of effort for no result. We have already approached our local M.P. about getting more wind next year.

The O.O.D. had considerable problems with the light winds also - upon arriving at Paynesville at 3 a.m. he was informed that the leading yachts had passed Hollands Landing at 1.30 a.m., he unceremoniously dragged the finish line crew from their beds in Sale to get down there pronto. "They're off Wattle Point already", he said. Staggering to the finish box in the pre-dawn gloom, the crew were most unimpressed with the O.O.D.'s latest bulletin - "still off Wattle Point".

The straits were relatively clear this year, with only a few waltzing couples to be observed. The main problem that competitors had with this part of the course seemed to be a pre-occupation with trees!! Bob Kay, who visits us regularly from Sydney, was striving to extricate his rigging amidst a shower of twigs and deserted birdnests, was heard to politely decline the offer of a chainsaw from a passing local.

Other strange happenings occurred - the crew of a patrol boat - stationed in Lake Victoria came out in a cold sweat when a deserted TS 16 appeared from the fog, like the Marie Celeste, and sailed past them, heading back towards the straits. They plucked up enough courage to investigate this phenomenon and found skipper and crew soundly asleep on the cockpit floor.

The patrol boats mentioned very few infringements this year, quite a bit of motoring observed, but all those checked were genuine retirements. Two protests are pending, both resulting from collisions, one on the starting line. The crew of the starboard-end start boat also wished to lodge a protest after a tug-of-war with a yacht determined to sail away with the barging buoy.

To all our competitors we wish to say "thanks for coming" and to the successful ones "congratulations". Also congratulations are in order to all competitors for the great response to our request to be specially litter conscious - we even earned a word of praise from the Bairnsdale Shire. We would welcome your comments and suggestions for an even better race and wish you fair winds and good sailing. Look forward to seeing you again next year.