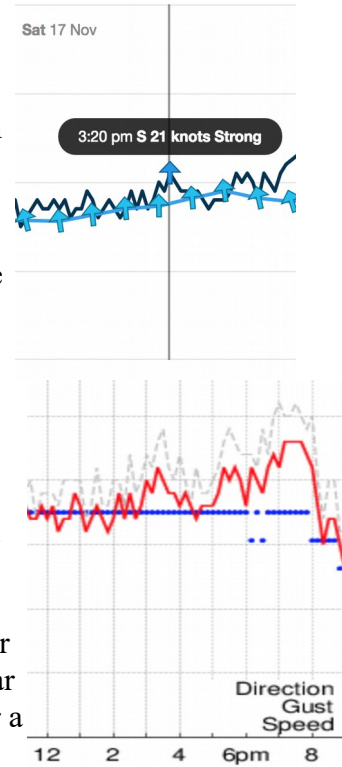


Ray Maki 5. 17 November 2018

A promising day with a forecast southerly of 15 to 19 knots. 7 vessels signed on namely Imagine, Sundance, Valentine, Boomaroo, Tintagel, Rosie and Warrior. Captain Steve thankfully welcomed two new crew for Swan, Andy Doolan and Andrew Giles.

On the water, course 7 was displayed involving Grass Beds, Popes Eye mark, Swan Spit and QA. All starts went without incident, with a long beat down to Popes Eye beacon, with a fairly strong ebb tide, then a run back to Swan Spit against the tide and other legs between these marks. Only Imagine was game to fly a spinnaker today, as the wind picked up to exceed the forecast, with a maximum of 21 knots recorded at South Channel - and rather more on the course. Fluctuations in direction were also rather greater on the course than at South Channel's wind gauge.

Over the line, the order was Imagine, Sundance, Boomaroo, Warrior, Valentine and Tintagel, with the conditions getting the better of Rosie, with only 2 on board, resulting in a dnf. On handicap, the order was Boomaroo, Warrior, Imagine, Sundance, Tintagel and Valentine. Congratulations to all who competed in the brisk conditions. Chips and drinks at the Clubhouse, for those that were able, completed a good day on (or around) the water. Particular thanks to the Swan crew for a brilliant first session.



Warrior powering down-wind



Concentration on Sundance



Tintagel reefed down



Hold them sails