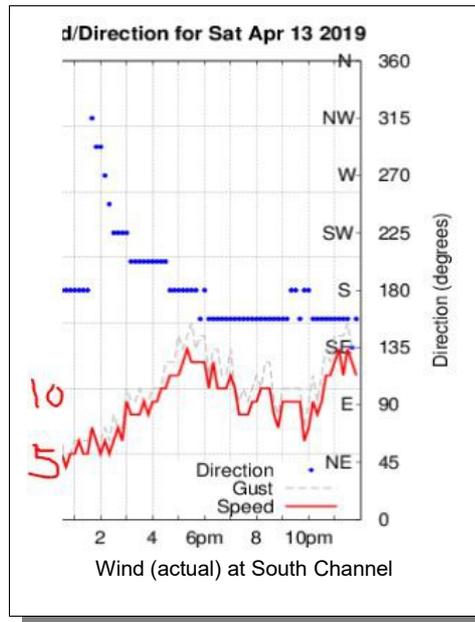


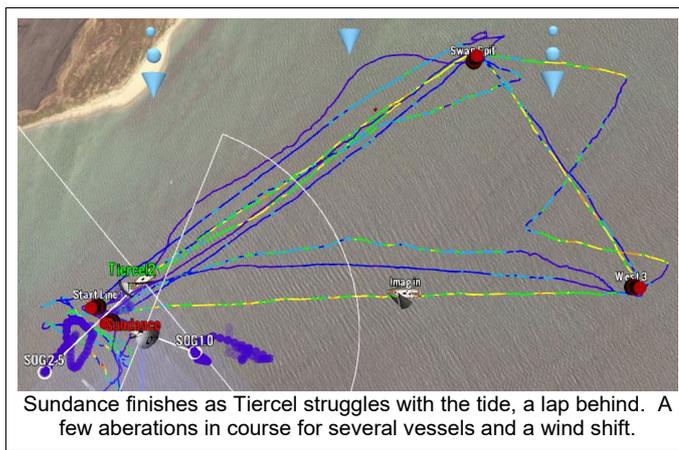
Cec Anderson Race 6. 13th April 2019

In the absence of Captain Steve and hence of Valentine, 5 vessels fronted up for briefing, namely Imagine, Sundance, Boomaroo, Tiercel and Warrior. Given the conditions of increasing tide and forecast for very light winds, some debate ensued as to racing vs cancellation, and “racing” won.

Course 12 was chosen and Warrior got away, as did the other divisions, but the rapidly changing wind direction soon made the first leg a broad reach or even a run, and it was not long before spinnakers were flying. With Tiercel's regular crew all AWOL and only two persons on board, only the Blooper went up and this barely kept pace with Boomaroo flying only main and jib.



Sundance and Imagine were 'neck and neck' while Imagine's kite was up but Sundance got away after rounding Swan Spit. Both overhauled Tiercel before halfway into the second leg (to West Channel #3), with Warrior still well ahead at this stage. Back to Grass Beds and another outing for



spinnakers on the second run to Swan Spit followed by the leg directly back to GB. Tiercel, short-handed, was late getting the kite down around Swan Spit and lost a lot of time. By the time she got back to Grass Beds, against the increasing tide, Sundance had finished and it was clear Tiercel would not finish before 5 or before crew and OODs would hope to be relaxing

in the boat shed, hence a retirement. This dnf was despite the fact that the wind strength held up much better than forecast.



Imagine approaching Swan Spit.



Warrior.



Boomaroo.

Over the line the order was Sundance, Boomaroo (just ahead of) Imagine, and a persistent Warrior nearly 40 minutes later as the flood tide increased.

Corrected times left the results on handicap in the same order though much closer, particularly Sundance and Boomaroo. Another atypical race not suitable for handicap adjustment.

With another wedding on at the Clubhouse, drinks and chips were enjoyed in the boatshed, with a considerate helping of chips left for the short-handed Tiercel. Thanks to Ian Cook and Geoff Cook for OOD duties on Swan and to Neil Hickman (Tiercel) for photos.