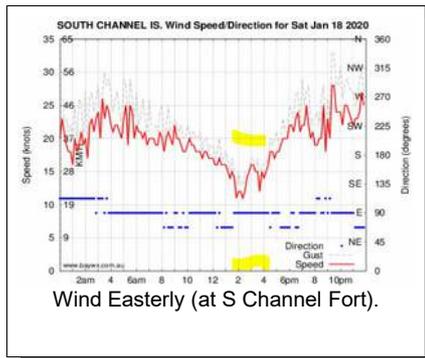


Race for the Lady Skippers trophy. 18th January 2020.



Another great day on the water, and thanks to the two Ians for OOD/Swan duties allowing 6 vessels to race. It was a good day for the Lady Skippers race with enough wind to sail by without so much that anyone was put off sailing for life. However, owing to various circumstances, only 3 vessels had lady skippers, namely Sundance, Tintagel and Boomaroo. The forecast increase in wind strength came in late, just after the race finished.



Imagine.

In Division 1 the solitary Tintagel made a late start after fighting the tide to reach the start line near QA. Division 2 boats were thankful for a respectably long start line with the cautious separation of Tiercel, Valentine and Boomaroo still allowing a simultaneous start - after some running along the line. Division 3 had an uneventful start as far as known to the writer.



Valentine and Tiercel



Tintagel

Course 14 had been selected and proved satisfactory, with Div 3 boats, as expected, overtaking the others mid-race. The "no spinnaker" rule allowed some determined goose-winging on all the runs back from

West #3 towards QA. The relatively strong ebb tide in the first half of the race did bring a problem for Tintagel, with a course that denied her the usual tactic of beating the tide using very shallow water. Otherwise, quite diverse tactics did little to separate the competitors. Tiercel had a few spells of determinedly slipstreaming Valentine or fleetingly Boomaroo, to some advantage. Towards the end Valentine had a slip of memory regarding the relatively complex sequence of marks (QA and/or the starting buoy nearby) to result in a dsq.

A very close finish on handicap brought a win for Robyn Curtis on Sundance. After the race, de-briefing at the Clubhouse was combined with the launch of the Paddling Group. Thanks again to Ian Campbell and Ian McKenzie for "Swan" duty.