

Good Morning,

The final race of the 2016 West Harbour Winter Series is to be conducted this Sunday the 31st of July.

The series has [frustratingly] seen 2 races abandoned. One due to the Storm Warning issued by the Bureau of Meteorology and last fortnight's race was abandoned due to the lack of wind! The four races that have been conducted to date have all experienced light winds and as I type this message, this Sunday's race looks to be much the same – although I'm feeling optimistic!

The final race of the series is therefore number Race 5, this Sunday.

Please be reminded of the amendment to the SI's issued prior to the previous race regarding the revised short course (refer to the BSC's website).

The Series scores are close under both the Performance Handicapping System (PHS) and the Ocean Racing Congress Club measurement system (ORC Club), particularly after discarding each competitors' lowest score. The series scores have now been updated and are now online with the discard applied.

PHS

In Division 1 – after applying the discard, Ray Parrott's X332 *Xray* is currently leading with 7 points, 1 point ahead of Simon Oliver's MD35 *Matagi* (8). Conrad Johnston's Fareast28r *Wildling 2* is also in contention with 9 points, just half a point ahead of Brian Wood & Neil Hamilton's Flying Tiger *Balmain Tiger* (9.5).

In Division 2, Craig Armour's Hick 30 leads with just 4 point ahead of Peter Horn on his Diamond (7), while last years Division 2 winner, Denis Speyer's Swarbrick 945 *Between Partners* is still in contention with 10 points, just a point ahead of Adam Baggett's Farr 1020 *Tenspeed*.

In Division 3, David Leslie's Holland 30 *Umzimkulu 2* is leading on 9 points, a point ahead of Doug Allan on his Peterson 30 *Silhouette* (10). The Beneteau First 33.7 *Eau De Vie* is in third place with 11 points. *Wind Charmer* and *Tana* are both a chance of a podium in the series, both with 13 points.

In Division 4 Jeff Finnegan's Endeavour 26 *Witchways 2* shares the lead with Michael Bleakley's modified Crossfire 20 *Loose Change* – both with 5 points. Vying for third place is Doug Surmon on his Bounty 35 *Second Wind* with 16 points and Dave Clark-Duff on his Farr 727 *Southern Aura 2* on 19 points.

ORC Club

It has been gratifying to see 21 boats obtain certificates to compete under the ORC Club measurement rule.

As with the PHS Series Scores, 1 discard had been applied to the ORC Club Series Scores.

In Division 1 *Matagi* leads with 4 points ahead of *Xray* on 5 points and *Balmain Tiger* is in 3rd place with 9 points.

In Division 2 Mal Thompson's Young 88 *Pistol Dawn* leads with just 3 points ahead on *Tenspeed* on 6, while *Between Partners* and *Passion* share 3rd place – both with 8.5 points.

Division 3 sees *Silhouette* leading with 3 points ahead of Pam Joy's *Tana* (5) and Susal Geary's *Les Girls 2* (7).

The Balmain Sailing Club will continue to race under ORC Club throughout the forthcoming 2016/2017 season that commences with Race 1 of our 2016 Spring Islands Yacht Race on Sunday the 21st of August, followed by our 2016 Spring Series which commences with Race 1 on the 4th of September. We will also be racing under ORC Club, using the non-spinnaker ratings for our 2016/2017 Twilight Series. Competitors will be able to enter via the BSC's website next week.

J70s

The 2016 WHWS saw 6 J70's enter and compete within their own division.

YKNOT and *JUNO* share the lead – both with 4 points ahead of *SPIKE* who has 11 points.

Competitors are invited back to the Balmain Sailing Club for the post-race and series prize-giving and sausage sizzle.

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