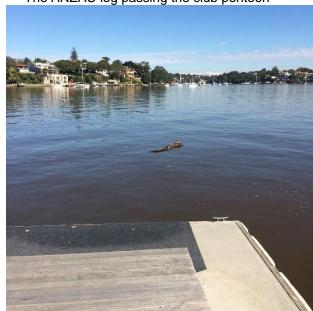
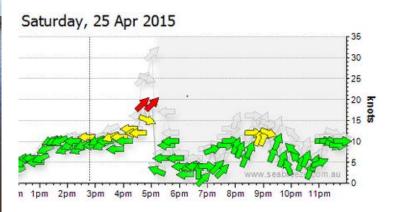
The ANZAC log passing the club pontoon





In true ANZAC tradition the departure of the GFS fleet was delayed by weather conditions. This proved to be a good thing as it allowed GWhereareyou to start as they travelled from their new mooring at Coasters Retreat.

Course 10 proved elusive as the pre start fleet searched the western front for the location of the start boat which was nicely camouflaged along the Birchgrove shore. It was very hard to pick a course in windless conditions but the choice seemed to work with the resulting wind direction.

The Blue fleet set off after the bugle sounded and headed for Compass. Solitude revelled in the conditions and led the race right up until the last post. The fleet stayed as unit for much of the race and it wasn't until the charge to the finish that the Chippies made a break on the others. At the finish Chloe, Speedwell, Eggshells and Gwhizz finished within a minute to end hostilities. Honour roll – Solitude, Speedwell and Blue Chip.

In Red the depleted unit headed into battle with the F troop momentarily leading the charge but falling. From then Joka took up the charge and continued to increase their lead with military precision. Flair battled the elements and attempted to make up lost ground. Zig Zag came home like the charge of the light brigade. Joka took the honours and in the true spirit of mateship the F and Z troops couldn't be separated and tied for last.

Luckily we all made it back before the gusty change, thunder, lightning and hail.