

KING OF THE GULF REGATTA

By David Eldridge



THE 2016 APC King of the Gulf was another fantastic success with the fleet doubling to thirty yachts from our first event last year. It was fantastic to see a big increase in the monohull fleet along with several interstate multihulls. The regatta committee was excited to once again attract the extremely fast multihull APC Mad Max from Queensland.

The series started with a passage race from North Haven to Pt Vincent; the racing multihulls sailing 50nm, the racing monohulls 40nm and the cruising boats sailing 30nm. A welcome addition to the event was the large motor yacht King Jo Jo who accompanied the fleet across the gulf, Dave Brooksby at the helm. However Dave and his boat was not required as everybody arrived at Pt Vincent without incident, although it was a reassuring comfort to have such support for the race.

An exciting finish saw the cruising Corsair trimaran Eldo just beating racing APC Mad Max into Pt Vincent with the fast monohulls G-WIZZ and Outrageous just behind. A big Pt Vincent crowd was on hand to see the King of the Gulf fleet finish in front of the marina. Averaging a speed of 17.7 knots in the passage race some multihull geeks computed that a passage time from Adelaide to Port Vincent for APC Mad Max would be around one hour and 40 minutes. Now that is quick.

The fleet then gathered on the marina lawns for a welcome dinner, which was provided by the day sponsor, the Ventnor Hotel. Multihull racing trophies went to APC Mad Max – George Owen (OMR) and Goldfinger Iain MacDougall (PHS). Monohull racing went to G-WIZZ – Greg Patten and in the cruising Peter Hastwell took the honours in Witchcraft.

The Pt Vincent regatta was held in generally light to moderate winds with the usual Pt Vincent flat seas. The feature of the series was the incredibly close racing in all the divisions. One of the regatta highlights was the Canegrass Saltbush Lamb dinner cooked by the Canegrass company chef in a huge outdoor roasting machine on Saturday night.

the majority of the fleet had great winds to Orontes the faster boats were going so quickly that they kept sailing out of the wind band thus allowing the rest of the fleet to catch up. Once around Orontes the fast racing boats led by APC Mad Max, Crosshair and G-WIZZ, who were now all in good 12 knot winds, just flew home.

The presentation dinner at the Ventnor hotel had the hotel dining room at capacity and the fast moving evening featured an entertaining presentation by Quantum Sails, Ben Kelly, who talked about Sean Langman’s record setting sail from Sydney to Auckland. Ben’s experience in the crew of 40 knot speeds in the night with an average speed of 25 knots across the ditch was exciting to say the least.

MYASA president, Iain MacDougall, acknowledged Nives Vincent and her team on Miss Robyn, the KOG committee, and the generous sponsors for their outstanding contribution to the event. The day sponsor, Quantum Sails, presented random nomination winner Kangaroo with a \$500 sails voucher with Sundog taking home the \$300 voucher.

Before the fleet returned home, they had to visit Mario Minuzzo on his boat Miss Robyn as he had generously bottled a pack of 4 bottles of superb ‘King of the Gulf’ wine in a Beneteau bag for each and every boat. John Hardy of H&L had donated the King of the Gulf labels.



Lloyd Cushway (Quarante Deux) crowned monohull racing ‘King of the Gulf’

SERIES RESULTS

Multihull – King of the Gulf	APC Mad Max (George Owen)
Monohull – King of the Gulf	Quarante-Deux (Lloyd Cushway)
Multihull racing (OMR)	1st APC Mad Max (George Owen) Queensland 2nd Fifty Fifty (Geoff Floyd) Victoria 3rd Crosshair (Gerald Valk) RSAYS
Monohull racing (PHS)	1st Quarante Deux (Lloyd Cushway) RSAYS 2nd Renegade (Robert Francis) RSAYS 3rd G-WIZZ (Greg Patten) CYC
Cruising division (PHS)	1st Aquitaine (David Eldridge) RSAYS 2nd Circe (Colin Doudy) RSAYS 3rd New Morning 3 RSAYS
Multihull racing (PHS)	1st Medosa (Brian Smith) CYC 2nd Crosshair (Gerald Valk) RSAYS 3rd Fifty Fifty (Geoff Floyd) Victoria

Full results : <http://www.topyacht.net.au/results/2016/kingofgulf/index.htm>

ADELAIDE TO PT. LINCOLN RACE

By Mal Denton



The crew of Blue Diamond

Thank you to my crew for the trip over. Well done all. Well done to those who placed in the winnings too – I can still see a smiling Trevor from Vicky J IV.

Race week was a mixed bag of results – some good, some less so. There were two windward/leeward races on Monday and Thursday, a long race (six hours) on Tuesday and a shorter course race on Wednesday.

All who race at RSAYS know of my country sail – the number one that cost me a carton of beer and has a huge amount of sail tape on it. Well it got me a second in the long race on Tuesday but it is nearing retirement, especially when I had two other sail makers approaching me trying to sell sails.

We gained another second place in the very last windward leeward race when the winds were up. Trying something different, I went with a number two and a reef and kept the power low. Worked a treat. We came away with a matching pair of beer glasses with second place written on them.

I just wanted to come away with something – other than the wooden spoon – and have a safe fun week. Boy did we do that, what an awesome week.



If you are a Blue Diamond you will always find something to be doing. Staying in the caravan park we were entertained with twirling fire sticks by Sarah, checking out local sights, the Crew Dinner and Skippers Cocktails, riding Makybe Diva of course, playing in the playground after more “elbow exercise”, joining in with others at presentations and the big Sunday rest day. Blue Diamond also won a crayfish and Sarah a Galaxy tablet through supporting events there.

The week has drawn to an end ... what a week. Three needed to fly home and five of us sailed. A nice sail with a stop in West Cape overnight. I am so glad my anchor winch was rebuilt (thanks Uncle Clive) as we kept dragging anchor. A symptom of a Sydney boat with a plough anchor, resetting about six times made for a restless night ensuring someone was on watch.

Then a long final day and back home, all exhausted and all still smiling. What a trip. Good fun – yes. Exhausting – yes. Recommended for those who haven’t done it – yes, have a go.

