

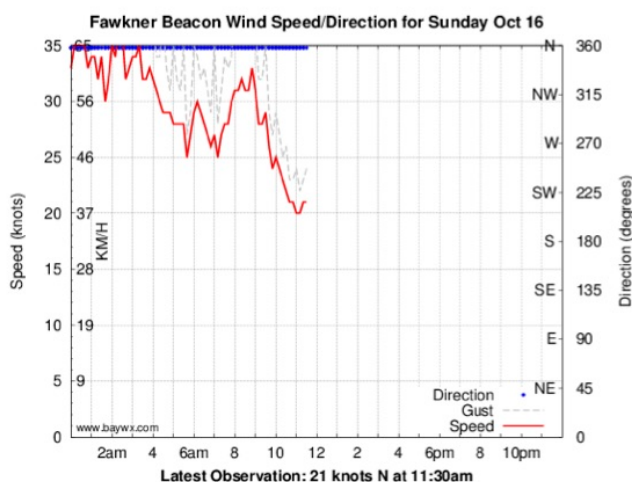


CYAA 2016/2017 Summer Series Race 2 October 16

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Disappointment

The cancellation of Race 2 was a possibility since the storm of last Sunday. The forecasts earlier in the week indicated a window in the current weather was a possibility for Sunday.



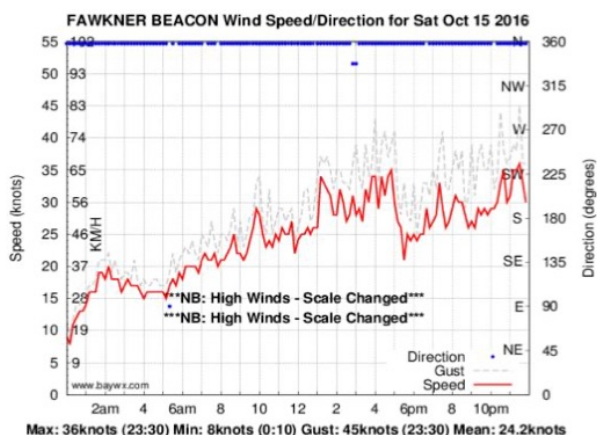
But, not to be.

At 10:43 am, when the gale warning was dropped to strong wind warning the bay sea conditions would still be at the gear breaking washing machine status. Not a place for a Classic Yachts.



A thrown out bow wave from the Minna about 4 pm on Saturday off Point Ormond. Photo Craig Begby

Yesterday's gale was experienced first hand by your handicapper. In deference to the conditions he withdrew his Alwyn from racing and raced with CYAA member Richard Downey on his Cole 43 **Minna**, a modern classic. While the Alwyn would have been swamped by the non stop high and steep breaking waves the Minna at 7.5 tons was only thrown sideways into the next wave hollow in preparation to being drenched by the next incoming wave spray. Stirring stuff.



Steady as she goes Cap'n. Richard Downey sizes up the next incoming. Photo Craig Begby