

Race 4 Summary & Results – 12th December 2013

Again, déjà vu of Race 2 came to mind as a dying sea breeze saw 15 boats slither up the Otumoetai Channel over the quickly diminishing depth. But something was different - a starboard rounding of 10W mark...that felt weird. The stiff tidal stream of the ebb tide meant we had to approach well upstream before bearing away around the mark but it still wasn't the right angle to fly a spinnaker. Only once we'd driven across the entrance around Banks Buoy could we hoist the kite for only the second time this series. Coached by our Wednesday crew bowman, the girls even gybed it and dowsed it without too much drama but just when you thought the race was done and dusted...the wind was no more...arggghh! Bruce said we were 1mtr from the line and would've finished within seconds of Smudge but fate was not on our side as the boat hovered then slowly slunk away from a finish line. In desperation we gull-winged the headsail, heeled the boat more, eased everything while trying not to move around too much then finally decided to hoist the spinnaker just as a soft breeze came to our rescue and sent us back in the right direction. We hoisted the kite anyway just to make sure we completely finished...phew! Another nail biter from 'Whatever'... roll on Xmas!

Racing Division – helmsperson

1 st	Freedom Express	- Paulien Eitjes
2 nd	Heluva Hurry	- Leanne Smith
3 rd	Smudge	- Jackie Holt
4 th	Whatever	- Megan Harris
5 th	High Point	- Fiona Harrison
6 th	Legato	- Sonja Lampaert
7 th	Ghia	- Sally Clark
8 th	September Blue	- Jo Pennell
	Brilliant	- DNC

Cruising Division – helmsperson if known

1 st	Lynx	- Kim Winters
2 nd	Fly Away Sam	- Pamela Pedersen
3 rd	General Jackson	- Carolyn Campbell
4 th	Fiddlestick	- Fi Charman
5 th	Sea Beagle	-
	Eccles	- DNF
	Happy Hour	- DNF
	In Step	- DNS
	Alvarado	- DNC