

Peninsula Piers & Pinots Report from Flinders Yacht Club

9 March 2014

Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association again sponsored the traditional "Piers & Pinots Perpetual Trophy" race for Flinders Yacht Club, held during their recent Labour Day wine tasting event.

This year, for the first time, the race was run as two races concurrently, to prevent clashes between the larger keel boats & the smaller off the beach yachts. Two courses of similar length & difficulty were plotted, apart, with results between the two groups made comparable after handicap adjustments. The keel boat race was run concurrently with a challenge from Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron visiting keel boats. All together there were 15 boats on the water.

For those watching out to sea, many yachts were visible racing.

The winds for the keel boat section were 20 to 25 knots to start with, but fortunately dropped to 15 to 18 knots when the off the beach yachts started their race Times were very close with "Plow On" , sailed by Alex Mitchell & Matthew Milenkovic, an off the beach yacht, being the winner. Keel boat "Foxy Lady" was second by 45 seconds. The trophy was presented to the young winners, later at the wine tasting by Vice President Keith Harris.

By the way, RMYS won the inter club keel boat challenge for the third year in a row ! They only send their best !! A great day was had by all the sailors, especially at the wine tasting afterwards!!

Geoff Barnett, Commodore.

