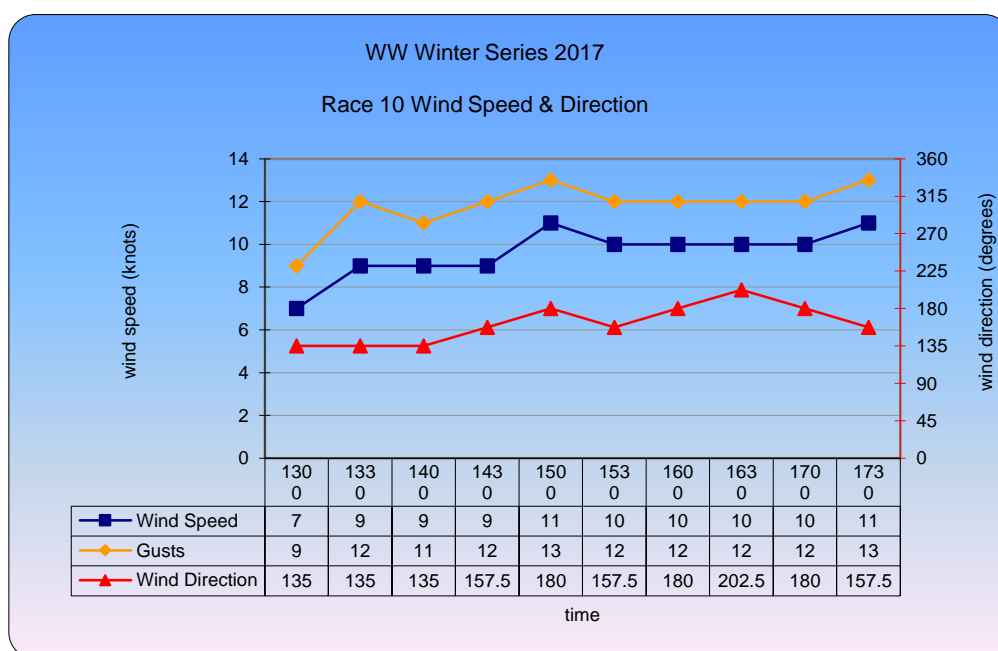


## Early Starters Retain The Lead WW Winter Series 2017 Race 10 (7 Jun 2017)



Although the fleet came together as the race progressed it was the early starters that held the mid fleet and late starters at bay. Of the 12 early finishers 9 yachts were early starters, two from mid fleet and 1 late starter. The Triton 24 DOLPHIN PLAY (John Brennan) led the race from beginning to end for her 2<sup>nd</sup> win of the series. Finishing 5 minutes 24 seconds behind the winner was the other Triton 24 in the race, WILLARIE (Graeme Kaufman), who kept her 2<sup>nd</sup> place from start to finish. Finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place only 10 seconds behind WILLARIE was FIREFOX (Kim Beveridge & Howard Davies) recording her first podium finish of the series. MELTEMI SYC (Ian Howarth) became the 9<sup>th</sup> winner of Start of the Day when she crossed the start line 2 seconds late for her 30 minute handicap. It probably comes as no surprise to learn that NUTCRACKER II (Rob Davis & Andy Baker) sailed the course in the fastest time. She started last and finished 29<sup>th</sup> but sailed the course 10 minutes 29 seconds faster than any other yacht.



The forecast for Port Philip was “Variable about 10 knots” and 10 knots was the average recorded for the afternoon at Fawkner Beacon. There was an easterly component to the breeze which could have resulted in some variation particularly inshore. However, there was enough breeze to drive the 35 yacht fleet around the 6 leg 9.9 nautical mile course.

After sitting in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for 3 consecutive weeks a tie for 6<sup>th</sup> place put CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) on top of the aggregate. She replaces SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) who has been leading the aggregate for the last 3 weeks. UPBEAT (Peter Dunne), who tied for 6<sup>th</sup> place, moved up from 6<sup>th</sup> to be 3<sup>rd</sup> in the aggregate.



DOLPHIN PLAY won race 8 by a margin of 9 minutes 15 seconds after starting with a handicap of minus 20 minutes. She had a handicap of minus 10 minutes for this race but was still able to win by a margin of 5 minutes 24 seconds. DOLPHIN PLAY had her best start of the series and 3<sup>rd</sup> best of this race when she started 4 seconds late for her handicap. She led the race from beginning to end recording the 2<sup>nd</sup> slowest elapsed time of 2:32:14. DOLPHIN PLAY has completed 6 races with mixed results. For example, she finished 25<sup>th</sup> in a fleet of 29 yachts in race 9 but was first in this race of a fleet of 35 yachts. Both races were around the same course. Her win in this race raises her 3 places in the aggregate from 33<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>.



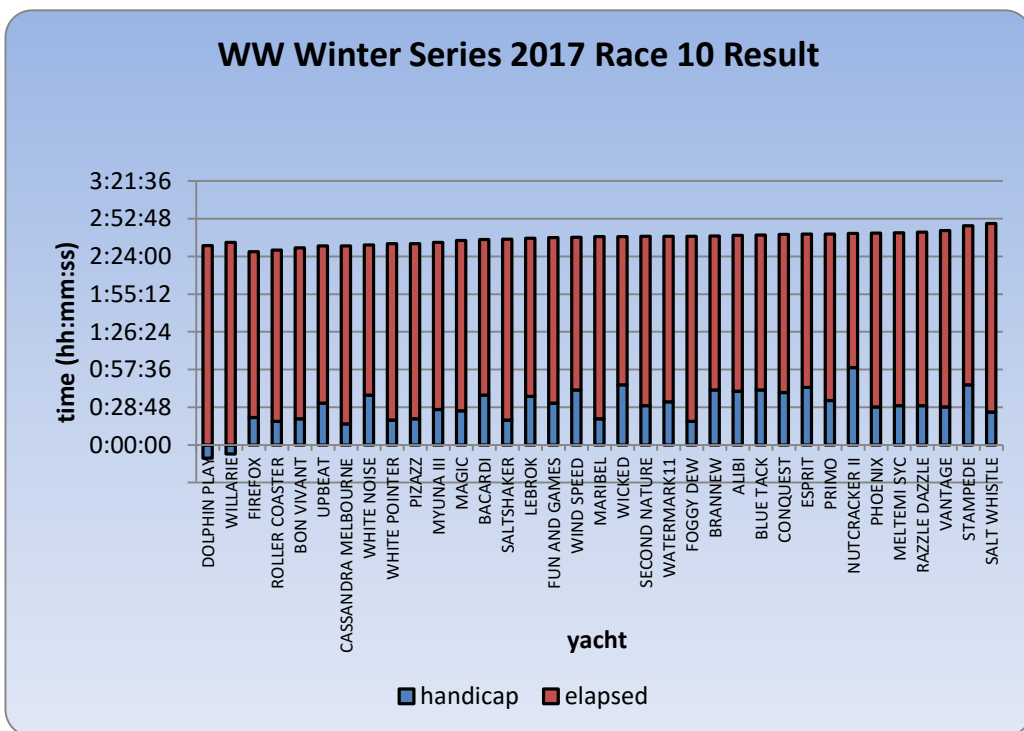
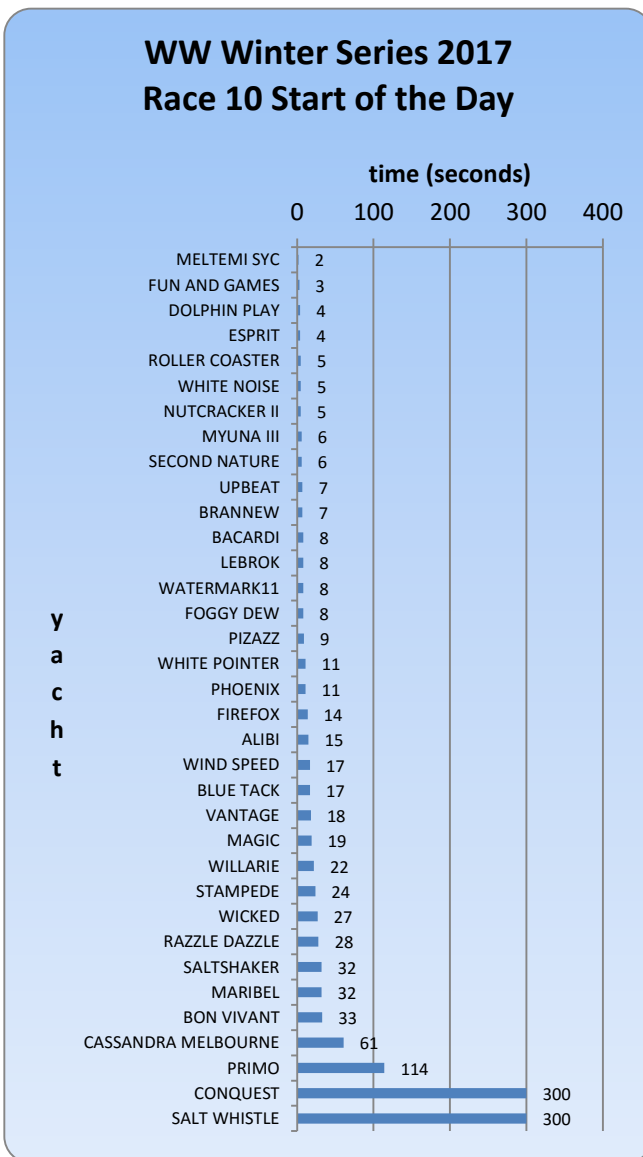
WILLARIE is one of 8 yachts to have completed 7 races this series. She has 3 top ten finishes which includes a win (race 2) a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in this race and a 5<sup>th</sup> place in race 3. She began this race 22 seconds late for her minus 7 minute handicap from 2<sup>nd</sup> place. WILLARIE sailed the first 3 legs of the course in 1:13:40 and was still in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. She completed the last 3 legs of the course in 1:10:36 and crossed the finish line at 15:57:38. She started 2 minutes 18 seconds behind DOLPHIN PLAY. Was 7 minutes and 23 seconds behind at the first rounding of number 4 and made up some time in the final 3 legs to finish 5 minutes 24 seconds behind. This 2<sup>nd</sup> place raised WILLARIE from 20<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> place in the aggregate.



This was the first podium finish in 4 races for FIREFOX. Her handicap at the start of the series was 28 minutes but has fallen to 21 minutes for this race. FIREFOX started from 11<sup>th</sup> place 14 seconds late for her handicap. She had moved into 4<sup>th</sup> place at the first rounding of number 4, still 21 minutes 21 seconds behind the race leader. During the final 3 legs of the race she narrowed the gap to 5 minutes 25 seconds when she crossed the finish line at 15:57:39. FIREFOX sailed the course in 2:06:39. This was 3 minutes 55 seconds faster than BON VIVANT (Russell Keays); 7 minutes 12 seconds faster than PIZAZZ (P Martyn & R Kemp); and, 13 minutes 27 seconds faster than MARIBEL (Graham Frazer) who started off a 20 minute handicap. FIREFOX is sailing as a casual entry so is not

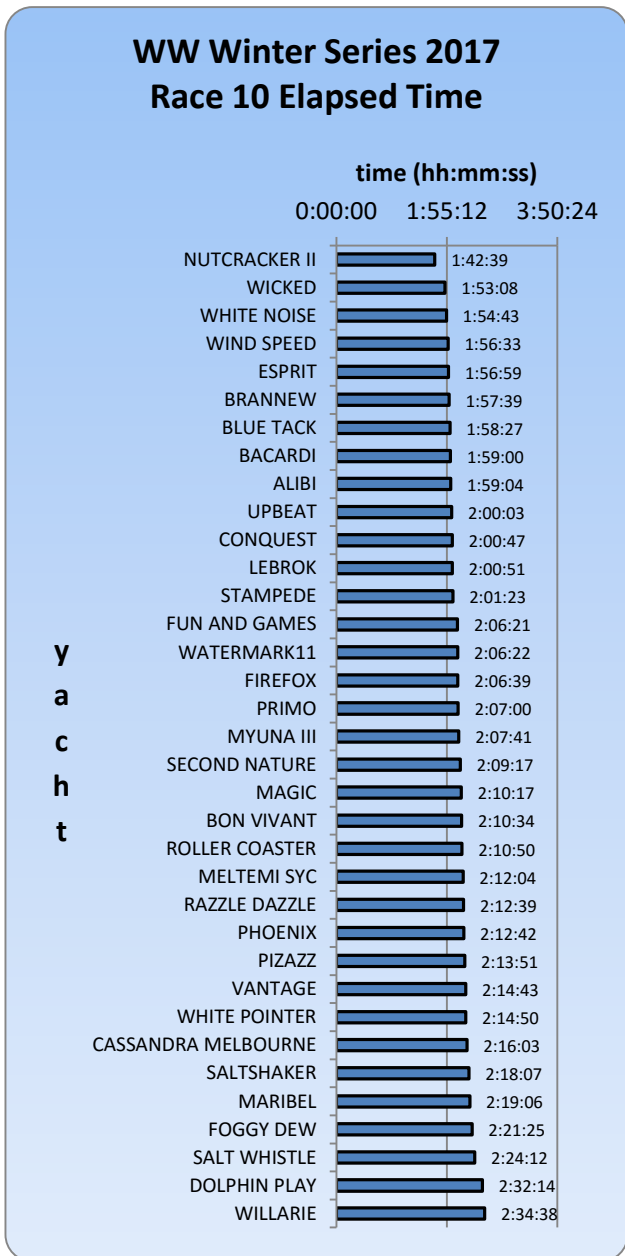
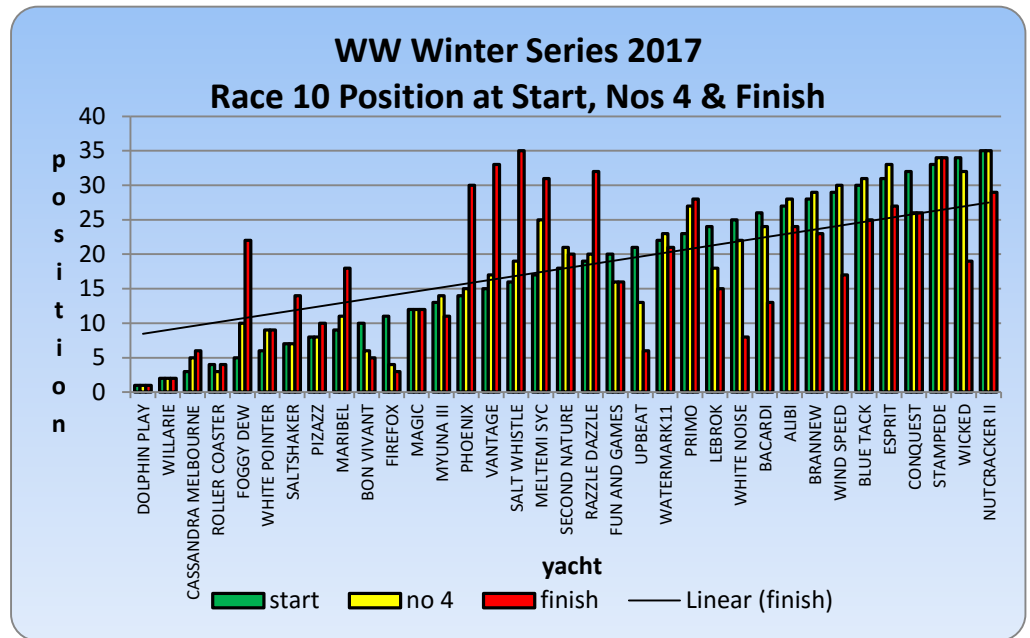
listed in the aggregate.

Thirty one of the thirty five yachts started within 33 seconds or less of their handicap. Two yachts started too soon and may have cost CONQUEST (Paul Jacka) 13 places and SALT WHISTLE (Alex Hall) 2 places at the finish. MELTEMI SYC won Start of the Day and the median start time was 11 seconds



It is unusual to have a tie at the finish line of WW but CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE and UPBEAT both finished at 16:02:03. The fleet started 69 minutes 1 second apart and this gap reduced to 26 minutes 58 seconds at the end of the race. Only 7 yachts finished within 10 minutes of the winner.

The average finish position for the 12 early starters was about 9<sup>th</sup>. For the mid fleet starters it was about 24<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> for the late starters.



The average elapsed time of 2:08:05 was the longest of any race this series. Nevertheless, all 35 starters finished the race and 2 yachts sailed the course within 1 second of each other. With a handicap of 32 minutes FUN & GAMES (Alan Edwards) sailed the course in 2:06:21 whilst WATERMARK II (Herschel Landes) with a handicap of 33 minutes sailed the course in 2:06:22.

With 25 decreased handicaps (green) and 12 increased (red) the average handicap fell from 29 to 28 minutes.

WW WINTER SERIES 2017 HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS										
YACHT	RACE NUMBER									
	25	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10
ALIBI	45	44	43	43	41	41	42	42	39	41
ANDANTE 1	9						28	20	20	18
BACARDI	41	40	40	41	40	40	40	41	38	38
BARNSTORMER	45	44	44	45	44	44	45	45	43	42
BLUE TACK	41	41	41	41	40	40	42	43	41	42
BON VIVANT	24	24	24	24	19	20	19	19	21	20
BRANNEW	44	44	45	45	44	45	43	43	41	42
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	14	12	12	12	11	12	16	16	18	16
CODE VIOLATION				28	23	23	23	23	23	23
CONQUEST	50	50		46	46	45	43	41	41	41
DOLPHIN PLAY	0	0	0	0	0	-18	-18	-20	-5	-10
ESPRIT	51	51	53	53	51	49	46	46	44	44
FIREFOX							28	27		21
FOGGY DEW	16	17	15	19	21	19	22	24	24	18
FUN AND GAMES	39	37	37	37	35	34	35	35	35	32
GUN BOAT		28	25	28	23	23	23	23	23	23
HOT CHIPPS	34	35	33	34	30	30	28	35	34	25
LEBROK	39	42	40	39	38	37	37	39	35	37
MAGIC	26	25	26	27	24	27	26	27	25	26
MARIBEL	16	14	14	15	21	20	23	23	21	20
MAVERICK		43	40	40	38	38	38	36	36	36
MELTEMI SYC	32	32	32	32	34	32	32	32	32	32
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	1		1	5	3	3	3	3	3	1
MYUNA III	26	25	28	30	28	24	27	27	27	27
NUTCRACKER II	57	62	63	58	61	61	54	59	54	59
PHOENIX		29	33	32	31	31	31	31	31	29
PIPPA	6	5	5	8	6	3	7	4	5	4
PIAZZ	24	27	25	27	24	23	24	25	24	20
PRIMO	34	34	34	34	36	34	34	35	32	34
RAZZLE DAZZLE	31	30	30	32	32	32	30	31	31	30
ROLLER COASTER		28	27	30	22	20	22	23	23	18
SALT WHISTLE	24	24	25	23	26	26	27	25	27	25
SALTSHAKER	16	14	12	14	12	17	15	19	22	19
SECOND NATURE	34		32	32	31	29	31	34	32	30
STAMPEDE	51	52	51	54	52	52	48	52	45	46
SUMMER WIND	17	15	12	15	12	9	9	12	12	9
SURI	25		24	27	22	18	19	24	24	18
THE SECRETARY	44	43	43	42	42	42	40	40	37	39
UPBEAT	35		34	34	34	34	34	34	34	32
VANTAGE	30	30	30	30	29	29	29	30	32	29
VINDALOO					48	48	48	45	45	45
WATERMARK11			39	38	34	34	34	33	33	33
WHITE NOISE	40	39	41	38	40	40	38	37	36	38
WHITE POINTER	30	32	28	32	22	19	22	34	30	19
WICKED	49		48	46	46	46	46	46	44	46
WILLARIE	0	0	0	3	4	4	4	1	1	-7
WIND SPEED	46	45	45	43	43	43	43	42	40	42
DECREASE		15	13	9	30	17	12	12	20	25
INCREASE		7	8	19	7	5	15	18	6	12
AVERAGE	31	31	30	31	30	29	29	30	29	28
MEDIAN	32	32	32	32	31	31	30	32	32	29



CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE sailing to the top of the aggregate.

Something will have to be done about his handicap!



It only needs one to shout "starboard pole" and everybody does it.



Hello Hello Hello is there anybody there?

They were there a moment ago. Just keep looking.



The end of another wonderful day



Many thanks to Bruce Parry for some more great photos.

*Windward  
Buoy*