

A Swell race for the big yachts not so swell for the small yachts

Wednesday Wonders Race 17 Winter Series 2017

(26/7/2017)

It looked like the early starters were going to finish the race in good positions until they passed number four. The fleet then started to spread out. The problem encountered was, with a gentle breeze, the swell takes away the power of the wind. The large yachts powered along not really bothered by the swell and gaining extra wind from their taller rigs.

If you compare the elapsed times for the race it starts making you question about just having one fleet. At the time the larger and faster yachts passed No 4 they had only been sailing for about 1.25 hours, whereas the smaller yachts had been sailing for about 1 hour and 40 mins.

Stating time	13:31 to 14:25	54 mins	for 25 yachts
Rounding No 4	15:25 to 15:55	30mins	24 Yachts 1 retired
Finishing at No 1	15:57 to 16:35	38 mins	

You will note from the above figures, that the fleet started to spread out after passing number 4 by 8 mins.

The early starting yachts also had difficulty in deciding about how much sail to hoist up. If you arrived before lunch the white caps on display would have you going for a smaller sail. PIPPA judged the wind to be a bit stronger and the skipper thought it would be a good time to try his new No 2 sail. The wind was gusting 14~16 knts. By the second leg she was in the lead but the wind was dropping. With just one crew Pippa managed to change up to No 1 and still retain first place until she went past No 4. CASSANDRA was also caught with not enough sail having set up for heavier winds. It is not easy for Bob to change sail with his rig. He was struggling at the end of the fleet and was the only yacht to retire. Cassandra is still the leading yacht in the series so gets to fly the yellow flag for at least another week. BON VIVANT is just 4.5 points away in second, and with a win in this race NUTCRAK CER moves into third position just 1 point behind.

26/04:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	S	15	20	8	11
26/04:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	S	17	22	9	12
26/03:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	20	24	11	13
26/03:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	24	30	13	16
26/02:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	24	28	13	15
26/02:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	24	30	13	16
26/01:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	WSW	22	26	12	14



NUTCRACKER is starting to get serious about Wednesdays and even imported an overseas Olympic Skipper from Germany to assist their sailing. Mark is not sure that this tactic worked very well. In race 7 Nutcracker won by 7 mins. This race she was just 3 seconds in front. Maybe if an Olympic sailor needs to hone up on their skills they should go for a yacht that would give them more time on the water and a longer time in front of the fleet. ...like Pippa, who even had a German speaking crew on board.

ALIBI came in second. Dennis will really have to work on his starting procedures. The loss of 9 seconds at the start cost him first place, and he was 16 seconds late in race 15. The way Dennis had Alibi sailing it was hard to believe that he did not have a motor running, she was slicing through the water so well. This was about the same time that the Pippa Skipper was convinced that there was a rope dragging from Pippa's rudder that was unseen. Alibi, you will notice, had the third fastest time around the course (1:49:58).



WINDSPEED was just 18 seconds behind in 3rd place. She had the second fastest elapsed time. She was 3rd passing number 4 and held on to that place. In the series, she now is just 3 points behind Nutcracker in 4th place on 55 points.



It is interesting to note the gains made in sailing the last leg out to Number 1, and the number of places lost by the smaller yachts.

The fastest yacht around the course by about 10 mins was NUTCRACKER 1:32, then WINDSPEED followed by ALIBI. Out of the 24 yachts racing there were 9 with less than 2 hours elapsed time. Yes Martin, Bacardi just made it by 38 seconds. 19 yachts sailed for more than 2 hours to finish the race, the early starters taking close to 2 ½ hours.

Yacht	Total lapsed time	Finished position	Time at No 4	Position at No 4	Elapased sailing to No 4
Nutcracker	1:32:00	1	15:35:32	14	1:16
Abili	1:50:00	2	15:30:32	5	1:32
Wind Speed	1:58:00	3	15:28:55	3	1:18
Primo	1:58:00	4	15:32:24	8	1:29
Brandnew	1:51:00	5	15:32:05	7	1:11
Second Nature	2:07:00	6	15:29:28	4	1:23
	Rounded off				
Last Five Yachts to finish					
Hot Chips	2:24	19	15:41	22	1:49
Midnight	2:46	20	15:34	10	2:03
Myuna 111	2:23	21	15:52	23	1:40
Pippa	2:46	22	15:25	1	1:52
Lebrok	2:12	23	15:40	19	1:34
	Rounded off				

CENTURY CLASS

As it was the last race for the month this was a Century Class race. Congratulations go to Russell Keays on BON VIVANT first, followed by SALTSHAKER who was only late back to the marina as he was undertaking rescue rehearsal. Third place, despite being a bit light on crew was Magic. Just two races are left in the series, the next one being on the August 30.

Century Class of Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2017

No. of participants	Sail No.	Yacht				26.07.17	30.08.17	27.09.17
1	sm303	Pippa				5		
2	sm315	Willarie				10		
3	sm355	Bon Vivant				1		
4	sm616	Magic				3		
5	sm1101	Midnight Magic				4		
6	sm1147	Cassandra of Melbourne				6		
7	sm1298	Saltshaker				2		
8	sm1546	Dolphin Play				10		
9	sm2627	Razzle Dazzle				10		
10	6107	The Secretary				10		

DNC = x points (number of participants at that time)

DNF = next after all which finished

N/E = not yet joined; awarded x points (number of participants at that time)

Withdrawn from Series = x points + 1 (x = number of participants at withdrawal)

Note: If a race is cancelled or abandoned, then the next normal (non Century Class) race shall be counted with exception of the last race in which case the results from the last normal race will apply

Racing cancelled/abandoned on:

There were some major alterations to handicaps as per the table below.

Please note, as Windward Buoy is away the colour coding is NQR. E&EO

THE MIDWAY AWARD

For finishing halfway in the fleet, in 12th place, (24 finished) was Geoffrey Simpson sailing ROLLER COASTER. Geoffrey always seems to enjoy his sailing and continues to smile whenever he is near a yacht. He started 28 seconds late on his handicap of 21 minutes. Roller Coaster would be a good way to describe Geoff's handicap, which started at 28mins, did top at 30, back to 22, then 21. His elapsed time was 2:22:58. Finishing 12th in this race will take his score to 107 for the series and put him in 29th place. He has four scores in the 20's and his best result was 3rd in race 10. Keep smiling Geoff.



Boat Name	RACE15	RACE 17	
NUTCRACKER II	55	55	
WICKED	46	44	minus
VINDALOO	45	41	minus
BARNSTORMER	40	40	
BRANNEW	43	41	minus
STAMPEDE	45	48	PLUS
BLUE TACK	41	40	minus
CONQUEST	40	42	PLUS
ESPRIT	41	41	
WIND SPEED	38	40	PLUS
THE SECRETARY	39	38	minus
WHITE NOISE	39	39	
ALIBI	39	38	
BACARDI	39	39	
LEBROK	37	37	
UPBEAT	37	37	
MAVERICK	38	38	
PRIMO	34	33	minus
BABYDOLL			
FUN AND GAMES	32	32	
MELTEMI SYC	30	30	
WATERMARK11	29	24	minus
MYUNA III	28	24	minus
SECOND NATURE	27	26	minus
MAGIC	27	25	minus
RAZZLE DAZZLE	31	31	
CODE VIOLATION	23	23	
HOT CHIPPS	26	22	minus
PHOENIX	30	30	
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	21	18	minus
GUN BOAT	23	23	
SALT WHISTLE	28	26	minus
VANTAGE	29	29	
BON VIVANT	20	23	PLUS
ROLLER COASTER	21	18	minus
SALTSHAKER	22	21	minus
ANDANTE 1	19	13	minus
PIAZZ	20	18	minus
SURI	19	18	minus
Foggy Dew	19	15	minus
Maribel	19	14	minus
White Pointer	23	18	minus
Pippa	4	2	minus
Summerwind	5	3	minus
Dolphin Play	3	1	minus
Midnight Magic	2	1	minus
Willarie	4	0	minus
Café Racer		20	-

Bits and Pieces

Best Wishes to our SAILING MANAGER **James Sly** who will be competing in the TASAR WORLDS in Japan for a few weeks.

Welcome back to Albert Doggett and to Bruce Parry. Bruce has been in Norway taking about 2000 photos. We look forward to seeing some new shots of Wednesday Wonders.

A request to Tommy Raft that Bruce does not spend too much time at the wheel of WHITE POINTER so he can take photos.

Mark has received some great feedback following Sandy Mackinnon's presentation at the Rec Boating meeting. We did sell around 20 books or more.

One gentleman sailor at our club has been so inspired by reading Sandy's latest book "The Well at the World's End" that he is actually going by sea to Iona to bathe or drink at the well. "The Well", legend has it, holds the secret to eternal youth. Mark is not at liberty to say who it is but, if you see a youthful looking man returning from a holiday in around 4 weeks, who looks younger than he did when he left, it could be as a result of bathing in (or drinking from) the well of eternal youth.

Tower predictions could replace the BOM?

One person in the tower was very pleased with herself on Wednesday as she predicted that "It is a squall with not much behind it, and I think it'll clock left after it goes through". She said that "It was fabulous watching that squall come through about 12.15 and then to see my predictions come true."

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Just a teaser to encourage you to read on at Jacqueline's Blog:

"Seisia to Gove is only three days and nights, and I discovered how tough sleeplessness can be. The first day was virtually windless, so it was a reluctant key-turning, diesel burning time. (I was very conscious of my limited diesel capacity, but thought at least I could top up in Gove if need be.)"



Mark would just like to point out that it was Daniel Edwards from the noisy white yacht that received the SYC Stirrers Award and not (the new) Daniel Woolhouse pictured here with his sister.

Congratulations Daniel.

It is hard to believe that after this windy weekend next Wednesday looks like being another quite day. Lets hope for some flat water. Mark would welcome any input to help write these reports, or please send photos to:

[MARK WINDWARD](#)

What do you call a sail with only two corners? I haven't got a clew.