

# THE LONGEST RACE OF ALL THE SEASON

Wednesday Wonders Summertime 2017 -18

Race ONE

4/10/17



Sm 4646 leading a parade of yachts. She finished just 30 seconds off third place.

## THE FORECAST

Forecast was for a sunny day of 20°

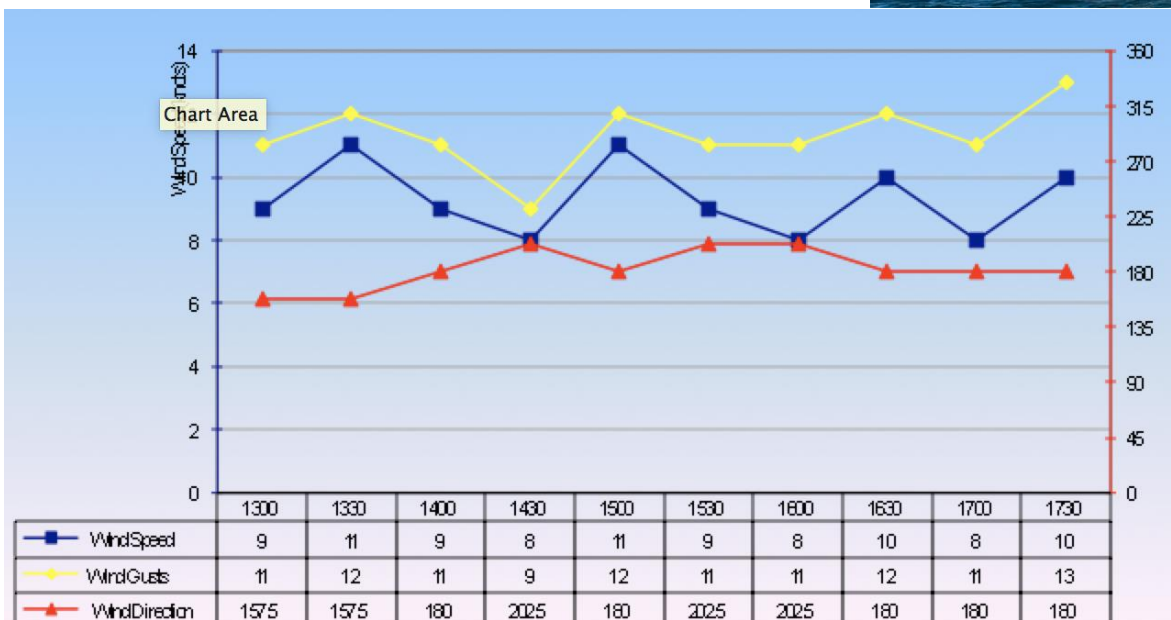
Met Eye forecast SSE wind 6knts dropping to 5knts

Willy Wind forecast SSE 6knts to 5knts by 17.00.

The predictions were fairly accurate. Mark envisaged that there might not be sufficient wind to keep moving, but only around No1 did the smaller yachts come to a stand still, where the bigger yachts passed by taking the wind with them, or used up the entire breeze that was there. Fun and Games gets the gentleman's award for allowing room for a yacht that was "stalled" trying to round the mark.



## THE Actual WIND at Fawkner Race 1



## TIMING

**Starting time** for all yachts to cross the start line:

13:33:19 to 14:35:12: total 1:01:53

**First lap time** at No 4 15:24:09

Time of all yachts to pass 16:08:13.

44:24 mins - the closest time the fleet were together

**Finish of first yacht** 16:41:33

**Last yacht finished** at 17:34:57

Time taken for all yachts to cross the line 53:22

**Fastest elapsed time** 2:14:37 Surprise! It was  
**SM 6539 Nutcracker** who was 15:01mins faster than  
**SM9988 Brannew** 2:29:38, third **Sm3535 White Noise**.

**19 Yachts** had elapsed times of over 3 hours.

The slowest being 3:52:30

Is this evidence that handicaps do not really work very well when race goes for such a long time? A closer race would have been finishing at Number 4 at about 15:40, around about 2 hours. Yachts at the end of the fleet were delighted that ALL yachts had time to finish.

“There is nothing more frustrating then sailing for hours as not get a place recorded due to the time expiring.”

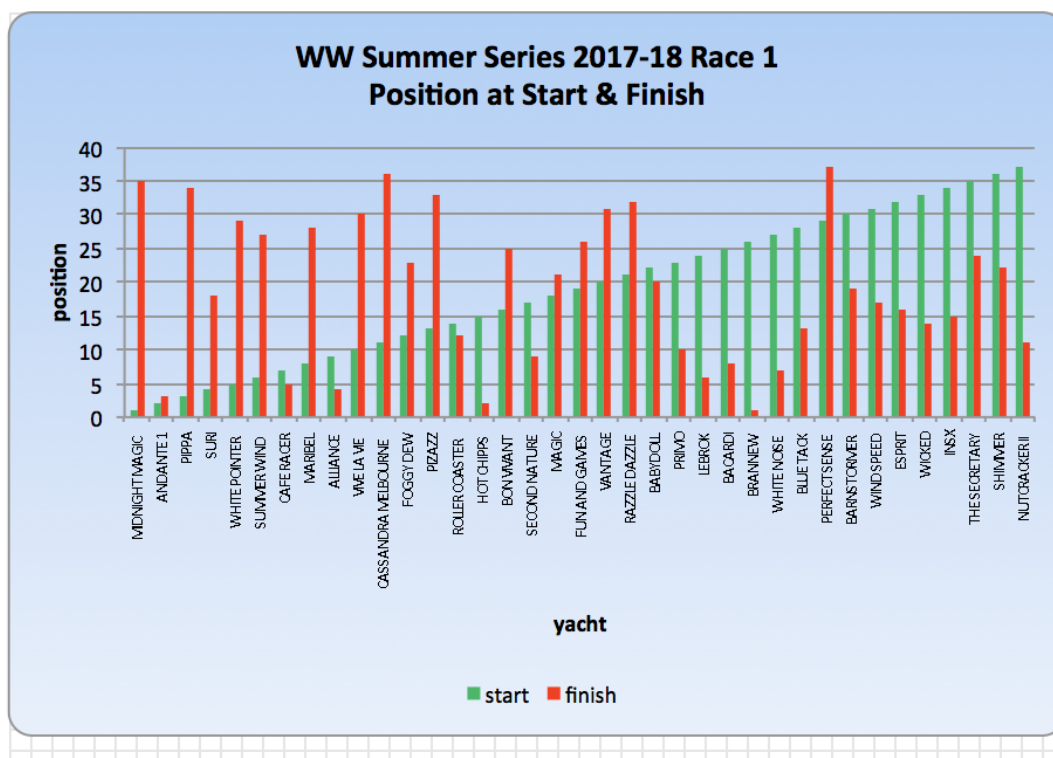
## WINNING YACHTS

**First** 16:41:38 **Sm 9988 Brannew** Clive Sondheim

**Second** 16:42:16 **Sm 41 Hot Chips** John Chipp (with no seagulls assisting)

**Third** 16:42:23 **Sm Andante** Keith Woodruff

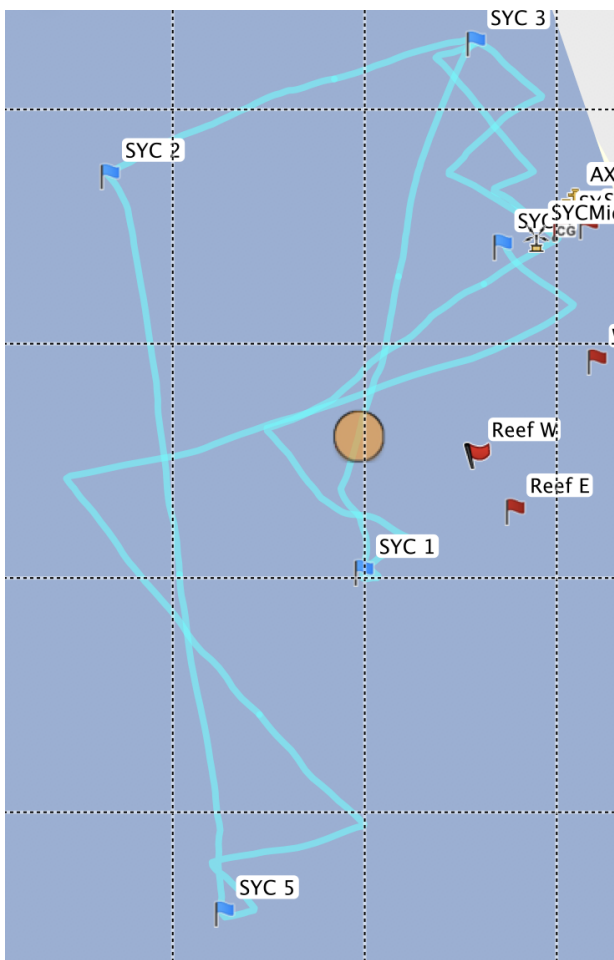
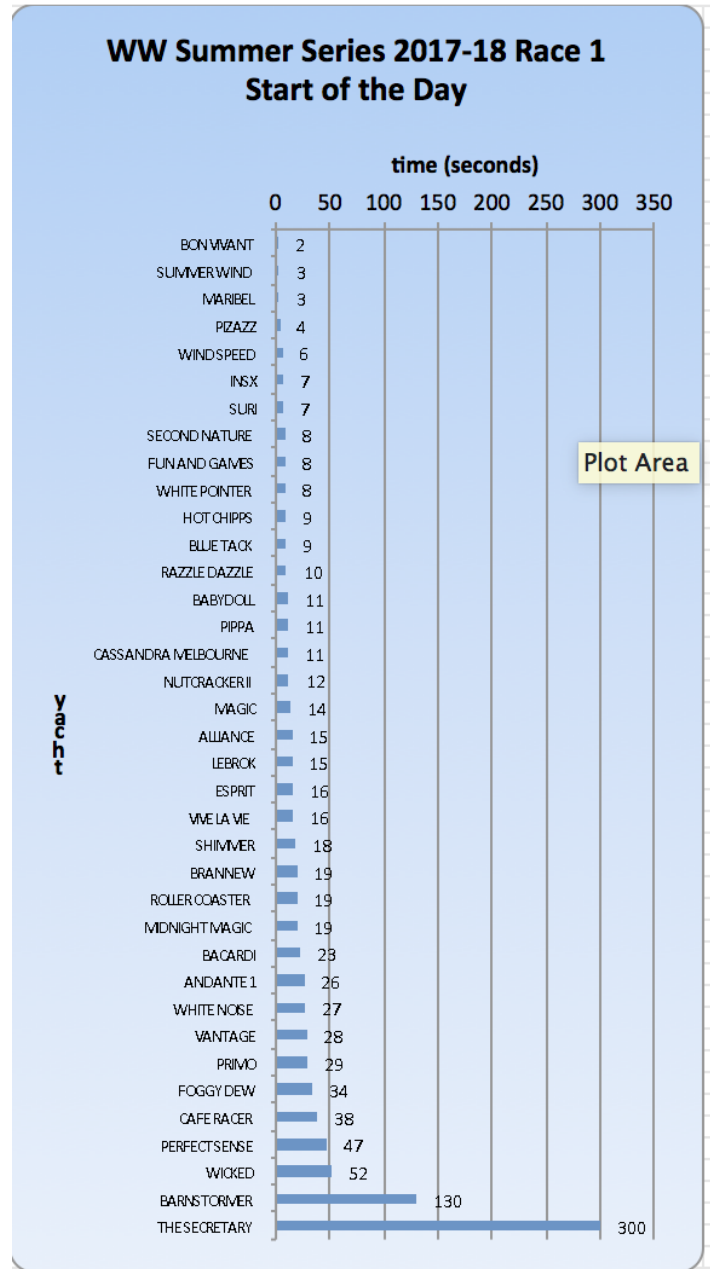
With a better start Keith would have jumped to second place. Three yachts crossed the line within a minute from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> places.



## THE START of the day

Won by **Sm 355 Bon Vivant** 2 seconds.  
There was just one yacht over early by 20 seconds.

All other yachts started within a minute of their handicap time except Barnstormer who took 2:10mins to cross the line - a very unusual occurrence



Where were you when the first yacht crossed the finish line at 16:41:38?

If you were one of the 19 yachts who took over 3 hours to complete the race, the chances are that when the first yacht crossed the line you would have been near the orange dot having just passed No1 and still with 35mins to sail the remaining 2nm at a speed of 3knts in a breeze that had just dropped to 8knts.

## LAST WINTER SEASON

Figures from last season. Who got all the glasses?  
35 skippers went home with glasses, only 12 missed out.

WW Winter Series 2017 Podium Finishers				
YACHT	TOTAL	1	2	3
PIPPA	3		1	2
WILLARIE	3	1	1	1
BLUE TACK	3	1	1	1
SUMMER WIND	3	3		
FOGGY DEW	3	1	1	1
ALLIANCE	2		2	
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	2			2
DOLPHIN PLAY	2	2		
LEBROK	2		2	
MAGIC	2	1	1	
MARIBEL	2	1		1
ALIBI	2		1	1
NUTCRACKER II	2	2		
WIND SPEED	2		1	1
WHITE POINTER	2		1	1
VANTAGE	2		1	1
STAMPEDE	2	1	1	
SALTSHAKER	1	1		
WICKED	1	1		
BACARDI	1			1
BON VIVANT	1			1
THE SECRETARY	1		1	
FIREFOX	1			1
PHOENIX	1	1		
SECOND NATURE	1			1
PRIMO	1		1	
SALT WHISTLE	1		1	
MAVERICK	1			1
MELTEMI SYC	1			1
MYUNA III	1	1		
ROLLER COASTER	1			1
RHAPSODY	1		1	
RAZZLE DAZZLE	1	1		
PIAZZ	1		1	
HOT CHIPPS	1	1		

## TALES FROM OVERSEAS.

*By Windward Buoy who was travelling with Hugh on Blue Flyer*

### **A flightless cormorant**

This information placard, depicting the flightless cormorant, was noticed at the Fausto Llerena Breeding Centre on Santa Cruz. The flying variety of cormorant has long been a source of annoyance at SYC. The club and individual boat owners have come up with all sorts of contraptions to prevent these birds depositing their cement like droppings on boats and the marina without much success. Maybe a cross breeding program with the flightless cormorant could be beneficial. After a few generations it may be possible to replace the flying with the flightless variety.



Graham is not sure how long he has been Windward Buoy. Mark Windward started in 2010 and the Buoy a bit later. Buoy "came out of the closet" when Paul Mentiplay was the handicapper. I think that was 2011. Buoy has written reports and compiled all the graphs for every race (including abandoned races). He is still putting together graphs for these reports, just not writing comments.

### **Other people**

Welcome back to Rob Sill in INSX. Rob has been away so long that people using the radio have forgotten how to say his yacht's name. Mark was disappointed that Rob did not get the answer to the Hood 23 owner (last week's quiz). Mark was sure Rob would be watching the revisited COUNT DOWN on the ABC.

Welcome to **Sm 1143 Perfect Sense** Peter Sutton, starting off 44mins, another 'bent toes' white 43 ft. yacht. Peter only lost 7 places during the race. Mark is sure with a few more races and more breeze Peter will improve on that result.

Sm 491 Vive La Vie Mark Sutherland a Hunter 36 has signed on for Wednesday's but is yet to race.



Some sailors accuse Mark of trying to influence the handicapper. Mark is unsure how this rumour started. Maybe it was showing how fast some yachts move through the water. This photo had to be dropped out from the week before due to lack of space. You have to admit Bruce has captured a great action shot of Alliance.

## Mark's advice for Race One



If you have a visitor on board you should do every thing to make him or her comfortable.



Try to avoid other yachts pinching your wind even if they gang up on you. Check behind you but still look in front to see where you are going.

If you have a spare wheel consider having a helmsperson looking forward and another looking aft. It seems a waste not to use both wheels.



Remember your MOB or WOB. Maybe make a date with Wendy in the boating office (but don't tell your wife).

If you are mature enough to enter the century class (Your age and your yacht's age adds up to 100 years or more) enter before the first race on October 25 at the Boating office. There are no dropped races.

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Comments of a positive nature, advice for fellow yachts people, and photos are welcome.

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