

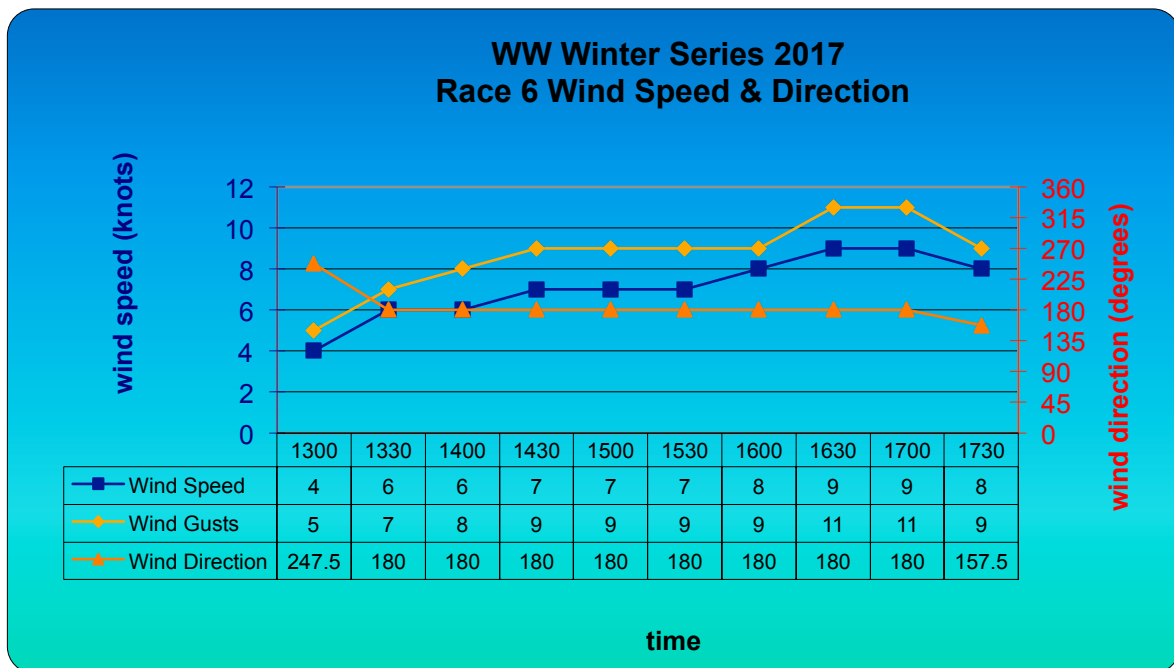
# Light Breeze Attracts Large Fleet - sailing at ease in the breeze

## Wednesday Wonders Race 6 Winter Series 2017

(10 may 2017)



This was the lightest breeze in a series that is becoming renowned for light breezes. Observations at Fawkner Beacon indicated it was a southerly averaging 7 knots for the afternoon. Coupled with plenty of sunshine and flat seas the breeze was enough to bring 38 yachts out onto the water for a great race. Being a light breeze a shorter than average course, course 7, was selected and that took the fleet around a 7 leg, 7.9 nautical mile circuit. Forty three per cent of the course was to windward with the remainder downwind. The race produced a new aggregate leader in CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) who had been waiting patiently in the top five since the start of the series.



SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) won her first start of the day when she started 1 second late for her 17-minute handicap. Led by the Cavalier 37 MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon) three yachts became podium finishers for the first time this series. MYUNA II was last on the podium on 2 Mar 2016 when she won race 21 in the 2015-16 summer series. Joining her in her latest win was BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch) in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) 3<sup>rd</sup>. If NUTCRAKER II (Rob Davis & Andy Baker) is in a Wednesday race then she usually sails the course in the fastest elapsed time. This race was no exception. With an elapsed time of 1:34:42 she was 14 minutes 28 seconds faster than her closest rival – BLUE TACK.



MYUNA III combined her worst start with her best finish all in this one race. She has completed 4 races this series recording 2 top ten finishes including a first place in this race. At the start of the series she had a 28-minute handicap but this was reduced to 24 minutes for this race. She started 28 seconds late from 13<sup>th</sup> place but moved into 6<sup>th</sup> place at the first rounding of number 4. At this stage MYUNA III was still 6 minutes 12 seconds behind the race leader. However, she was able to sail the last 3 legs of the race in 56 minutes 19 seconds and was first across the finish line at 15:58:19. MYUNA III sailed the course in 2:04:19, which was 10 minutes 9 seconds faster than SALT WHISTLE who began the race 2 minutes 10 seconds later. After race 5 MYUNA III was in 22<sup>nd</sup> place but she moved into 12<sup>th</sup> place following this win.

In some respects BLUE TACK has a similar record to MYUNA III. Both have completed 4 races and both have 2 top ten finishes. BLUE TACK started 3 seconds late for her 40-minute handicap from 27<sup>th</sup> place. She was one of 6 yachts to have a 3 second start. She completed the first 4 legs of the race in 58 minutes 16 seconds rounding number 4 for the first time in 20<sup>th</sup> place. Her last 3 legs of the race were completed in 50 minutes 51 seconds during which time she moved up 18 places. She crossed the finish line in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 15:59:10, 51 seconds behind the winner after sailing the course in the second best elapsed time of the race. This 2<sup>nd</sup> place put BLUE TACK into the aggregate top ten in 7<sup>th</sup> position.



The last time ALIBI had a podium finish was 2<sup>nd</sup> place in race 24 of the 2016 winter series. Although she completed 22 of the 23 races in the last summer series she did not record a podium finish. However, she did have a top ten finish on 6 occasions. ALIBI began this race from 30<sup>th</sup> place 17 seconds late for a 41 minute handicap. She had made significant inroads into the fleet ahead and was in 14<sup>th</sup> place after completion of the first 4 legs. She completed the final 3 legs of the race in 54 minutes 35 seconds and was 3<sup>rd</sup> across the finish line at 16:01:08. After starting 1 minute 14 seconds behind BLUE TACK she finished 1 minute 58 seconds behind. ALIBI recorded the 4<sup>th</sup> best elapsed time of the race. ALIBI moved from 24<sup>th</sup> into 16<sup>th</sup> place in the aggregate.

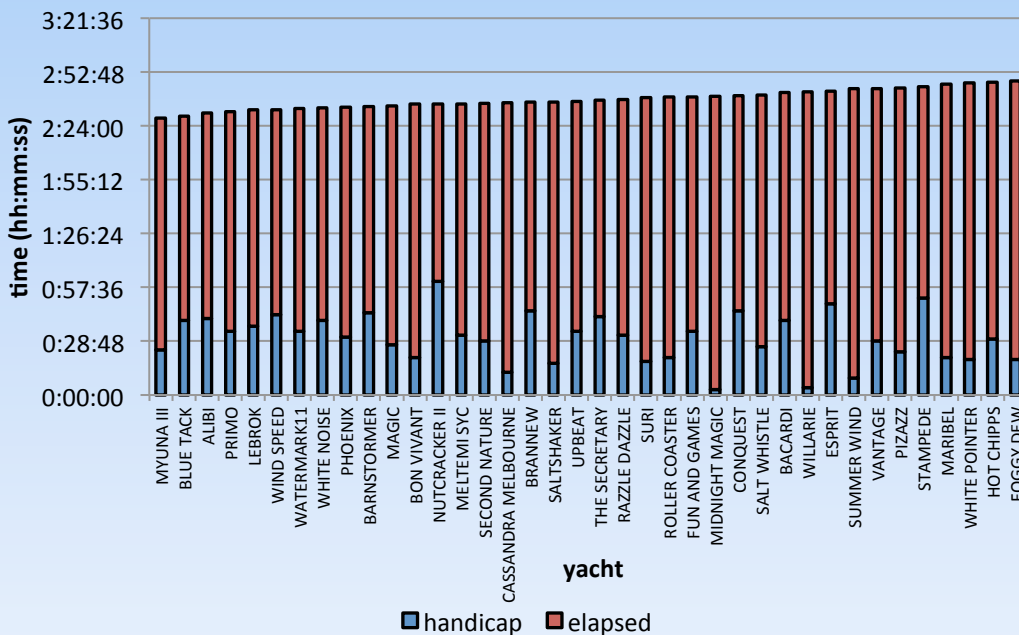
All but one of the 38 yacht fleet started within 37 seconds or less of their handicap with 25 yachts starting within 10 seconds or less. The winner of Start of the Day was SALTSHAKER who became the 3<sup>rd</sup> yacht this series to start 1 second late for their handicap. The median start time for the race was 7 seconds by far the best of the series.

The 38 yachts finished 19 minutes 45 seconds apart. They had started 56 minutes 43 seconds apart and were 23 minutes 43 seconds apart at the first rounding of number 4. The closest finish was for 23<sup>rd</sup> place when ROLLER COASTER (Geoffrey Simpson) crossed the finish line 1 second ahead of FUN & GAMES (Alan Edwards).

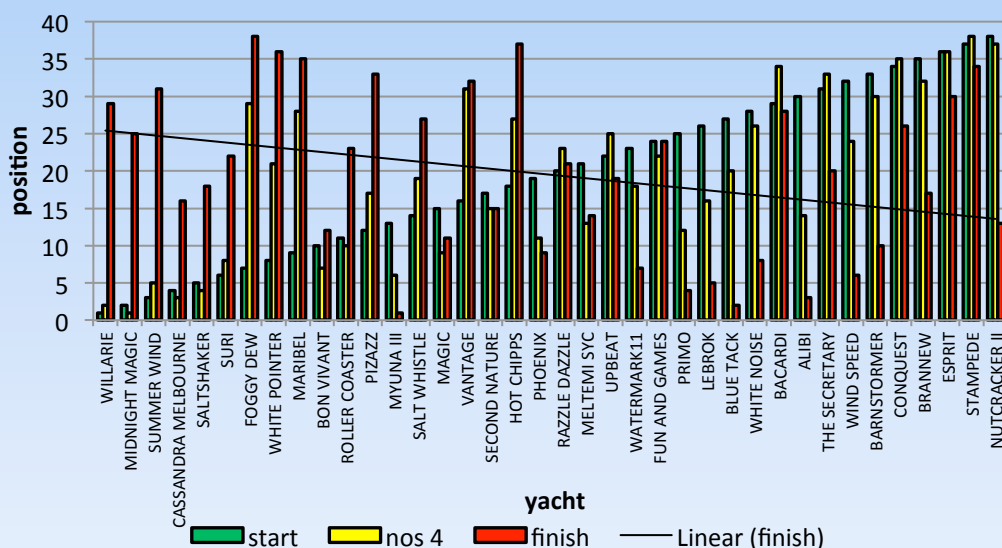
## WW Winter Series 2017 Race 6 Start of the Day



## WW Winter Series 2017 Race 6 Result

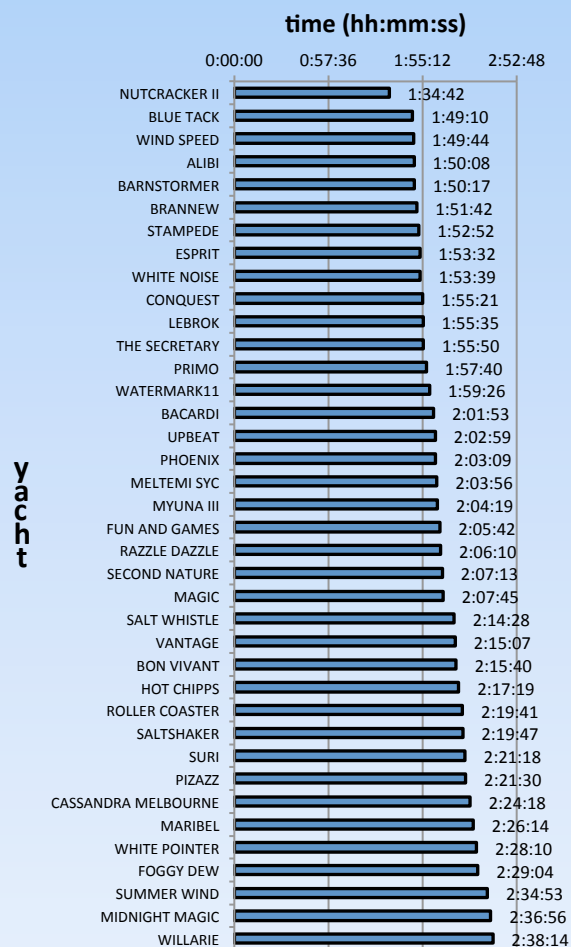


## WW Winter Series 2017 Race 6 Position at Start, Nos 4 & Finish



Only 2 yachts among the first third of the fleet to start were among the first third to finish. Late starters dominated the finish with 7 among the 13 early finishers.

## WW Winter Series 2017 Race 6 Elapsed Time



Although this was the shortest course of the series it had the longest average elapsed time at 2:07:46. The range of elapsed times was 1:03:32. Fourteen yachts sailed the course in less than 2 hours with the remaining 24 yachts sailing between 2:01:53 and 2:38:14. NUTCRACKER II was fastest in a time of 1:34:42.

The handicap adjustments made during the Series are shown in the table below. Seventeen yachts received a decrease in their handicap whilst five yachts received a decrease.

ALIBI	45	44	43	43	41	41
ANDANTE 1	9					
BABYDOLL	36	36	34			
BACARDI	41	40	40	41	40	40
BALI DANCER	27					
BARNSTORMER	45	44	44	45	44	44
BLUE TACK	41	41	41	41	40	40
BON VIVANT	24	24	24	24	19	20
BRANNEW	44	44	45	45	44	45
CAFE RACER	27					
CARPE DIEM	49					
CARRERA	22					
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	14	12	12	12	11	12
CODE VIOLATION				28	23	23
CONQUEST	50	50		46	46	45
DEJA VU	25					
DOLPHIN PLAY	0	0	0	0	0	-18
ESPRIT	51	51	53	53	51	49
FAST COMPANY	32					
FOGGY DEW	16	17	15	19	21	19
FUN AND GAMES	39	37	37	37	35	34
GUN BOAT		28	25	28	23	23
HOT CHIPPS	34	35	33	34	30	30
INSX	48					
LEBROK	39	42	40	39	38	37
MAGIC	26	25	26	27	24	27
MARIBEL	16	14	14	15	21	20
MAVERICK		43	40	40	38	38
MELTEMI SYC	32	32	32	32	34	32
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	1		1	5	3	3
MOANA	20					
MYUNA III	26	25	28	30	28	24
NUTCRACKER II	57	62	63	58	61	61
PHOENIX		29	33	32	31	31
PIPPA	6	5	5	8	6	3
PIAZZ	24	27	25	27	24	23
PRIMO	34	34	34	34	36	34
PUBLIC BAR	43					
RAZZLE DAZZLE	31	30	30	32	32	32
ROLLER COASTER		28	27	30	22	20
SALT WHISTLE	24	24	25	23	26	26
SALTSHAKER	16	14	12	14	12	17
SECOND NATURE	34		32	32	31	29
SHIMMER	43					
STAMPEDE	51	52	51	54	52	52
SUMMER WIND	17	15	12	15	12	9
SURI	25		24	27	22	18
THE SECRETARY	44	43	43	42	42	42
TRUE COLOURS	28					
ULUWATU	37					
UPBEAT	35		34	34	34	34
VANTAGE	30	30	30	30	29	29
VINDALOO					48	48
WATERMARK11			39	38	34	34
WHITE NOISE	40	39	41	38	40	40
WHITE POINTER	30	32	28	32	22	19
WICKED	49		48	46	46	46
WILLARIE	0	0	0	3	4	4
WIND SPEED	46	45	45	43	43	43

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MARK WINDWARD'S Affair with Bronie Kitis

## Video VEIWING

Item 1 Off Centre Harbour.com a video of the Inside Passage 750-miles race.

Copy the link below and paste in you browser.

<http://sailinganarchy.com/2017/05/11/whale-of-a-story/>

Item 2 The 2015 video Sydney Hobart Race Film from the CYCA 24mins

<http://www.cyca.com.au/news/racing/2016/05/spirit-of-yachting/>

A few sailors realized that Mark was not sailing so he must be unwell

Thanks for the getting well comments.

*Hope you are on the mend. Bonny has been around for a while and she's not fussy. I try to keep a safe distance but she has her ways." Hope you have divorced that Brony woman, and are feeling better*

## Photos of your yacht.

Remember that you can access high quality photos by taking a USB stick to SYC Boating and requesting copies of photos of your yacht on the water Thanks to the Pappa Art seas.



Myuna and her wining ways. Mark Does recommend that in cooler months you keep the crew in the sunshine

Some Honeymooners take tacky photos of their honeymoon to show people but this photo is not tacky in fact they are going to Windward (Race 5)



A few catch up pics from another races. These are included to see if Dennis will be able to tell which race this was and where on the course they were taken.

Do you notice how the sails change colour to blend in with the colour in the sky?



Photo One



Photo Number 2



Good to see **Midnight Magic** back on the water with new mast, and a few etc etc, Not quite the best start, she should have been 1 min ahead in front of Willarie, but at the finish line she was 2mins in front of the 24' Triton

Hope to see you back on the water; your comments and suggestions are very welcome.

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