

A Gale warning - whom ever she is! Winter series revisited

Wednesday Wonders Summer of 2017-18 Race Two

11/10/2017

Mark was concerned that his decision not to sail may have been made prematurely, but the early advice that the race was abn was very much appreciated. When you look at the wind at Fawkner particularly just when the race would have been starting (at 13:30, 27knts gusting 33knt), or for the bigger yachts (at 14:00, 39 knts gusting to 36knts) it was an excellent decision. Thanks Margaret!

Wednesday 11 October

Gale Warning for Wednesday for Port Phillip

Winds East to northeasterly 10 to 15 knots tending north to northeasterly 15 to 20 knots during the morning and increasing to 20 to 30 knots by the middle of the day. Winds reaching 25 to 35 knots at times in the south during the afternoon and early evening. Winds shifting westerly 20 to 30 knots during the late evening.

Seas Below 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres during the morning, then increasing to 1.5 to 2.5 metres around midday.

Weather Cloudy. 95% chance of rain.

Max 32 Knts (17:10) Min 5knts (2:40) Gust 45knts (21:00 Mean 17>50 knts

Fawkner Beacon Wednesday 11th October

Dir	Spd Knts	Gust Knts	Direction	
11/04:44pm		28	39	NNW
11/04:30pm		29	35	NNW
11/04:06pm		28	38	N
11/04:00pm		29	37	N
11/03:44pm		23	33	N
11/03:30pm		23	26	N
11/03:05pm		25	35	N
11/03:00pm		25	32	N
11/02:30pm		28	33	N
11/02:00pm		30	36	N
11/01:30pm		27	33	N
11/01:00pm		24	27	N
11/12:30pm		18	21	N
11/12:00pm		17	21	N

Wednesday Wonders Windward Buoy's Winterer Series Summary 2017

This proved to be a very engaging, successful and competitive series. It attracted a wide variety of different yachts chasing a wide variety of trophies. As well as the series aggregate there were 2 major trophies on offer. These were: The Misty Blue trophy, and the Century Class Trophy. It wasn't until the final race of the series that the winner of the aggregate was decided. Any one of the top ten yachts could've won the series in the last race.

Forty-eight yachts entered the aggregate and a total of 56 contestants entered one or more races. Of the 26 scheduled races 21 were completed.

There was an average of 31 yachts in each race and a maximum of 38 yachts took part in races 5, 6, 11 and 15. Thirty-four yachts completed ten or more races. No yacht completed 21 races but special mention has to be made of Foggy Dew (Frank Hilliard), Lebrok (Theo Korbel), Magic (Phil Spry Bailey) Nutcracker II (Rob Davies & Andy Baker), Saltshaker (Ken Gayler) and White Noise who each completed 19 races.

The competition for Start of the Day was nothing less than keen. The average winning time was 2.5 seconds and five yachts registered a perfect start. Nutcracker II was the winner of the Misty Blue Trophy and her winning time included 2 perfect starts.

There was a new set of Sailing Instructions for the series, which included some new courses. Thirteen different courses were selected for the series with a total rhumb line length for the series of about 190.9 nautical miles – approximately 9 miles per race. The average elapsed time for all races was 1:57:35 with an average finish time at 15:58:37.

With 21 completed races there was a total of 63 podium finishes on offer. These were distributed among 35 different yachts. Blue Tack (Andy Lynch) Foggy Dew (Frank Hilliard) Pippa (Jeffrey Woolhouse) Summer Wind (Martyn Sly) and Willarie (Graeme Kaufman) each recorded 3 podium finishes. There were 15 different winners of the 21 races with Summer Wind recording three wins. At the other end of the fleet there were 13 yachts that crossed the finish line in last place.

The summer series is already underway with over 44 yachts already included in the aggregate.



Sandy Capper's objective for the Winter series was to ensure that:

"Every yacht having a chance of coming last".

As there were more winners, 15 (with Summerwind having 3 wins), and only 13 yachts that came last, Mark is not sure if he can claim to have achieved his objective. Sandy Capper ensured that every skipper would check the Wailing Wall before leaving the dock, as, with his 'wiggling' of handicaps, there were some large variations.

**“Home is the Sailor - My Country, My Family, My Life”
by Stan Rankin Self Published**

Many of you will be aware after some years Stan has finally completed a book telling about his long life. SYC has copies available for loan. To keep track of the 2 books the following procedure is being adopted.

There will be a borrowing book kept by the Tower Management where you can request to borrow a copy. It is suggested that the loan be for 3 weeks. You need to record your name in the borrowing book, and when a copy is available it will be given to you after a Wednesday race. It can be returned either to SYC reception, or to the tower management after a Wednesday race. It is hoped that this will give a wide number of members an opportunity to read and enjoy Stan's interesting history.

Small Yacht for a Big Journey – Windward Buoy

The French Polynesian island of Hiva Oa is often the first stop for sailing vessels crossing the Pacific Ocean from east to west. The island offers a chance to replenish the diminishing supplies of victuals as well as a chance to take a break from weeks of non-stop sailing. Most sailing vessels that cross the Pacific whether mono hulls, catamarans or trimarans are usually 40 foot or more in length. It was a big surprise to see a 22-foot yacht, looking worse for wear, arrive in Hiva Oa. The yacht was being sailed solo by a 6 foot 3 inch man who introduced himself as Attila the Hun (garian). Attila (his real name) had previously crossed the Atlantic; passed through the Panama Canal; and, crossed the Pacific from Ecuador to Hiva Oa. His journey across the Pacific alone was about 4,000 nautical miles, which he sailed in 42 days (approximately 95 nautical miles a day or an average speed of about 4 knots). Attila planned to continue his westward journey at some future date but, for the time being, he was pleased to have a rest from the continuous sailing of the previous 6 weeks.



Windward Buoy was travelling on Blue Flyer with Hugh Pilsworth

Start of the Day - The Misty Blue Trophy

Nutcracker was the winner for the Winter Series with an amazing average time of 2.55 seconds. See the raw data collected by Di Tyndal who does a x cell lent job!

The final result after drops is the time in seconds that is used to calculate the Misty Blue Trophy. You will note Nutcracker's start time for Race 22 was 0, race 20 was 1, Race 21 was 0.

Mark succeeded in gaining a few tips from Alistair about how Nutcracker achieved such good results.

“When you start with a handicap of 1 hour or more it is difficult to achieve a good over the line result without some assistance from the weather, i.e. the wind dropping out etc., so we focus on the start time.

On the line we have the choice of getting a very good start, i.e. full speed at the pin end of the line, OR going for a start time close to our handicap time. We usually go for a close start time. We run along the start line and just harden up to cross the line anywhere just before our handicap time.”

Second was Blue Tack with 4 seconds, and third Lebrok on 4.45 seconds.

Start of the day times for Winter 2017

		Sail No.	Boat Name	Distance nms	9.8	9.9	8.7	9.8	9.8	Average secs from zero	sailed	Drop	Add
1	sm	6530	NUTCRACKER II			0	1	0		2.55	11		3
2	aus	214	BLUE TACK					4		4.00	11	8	
3	sm	367	LEBROK		3		2	7		4.45	11	6	
4	sm	340	SALT WHISTLE till 23.08							5.64	11		3
5	sm	3535	WHITE NOISE				2	6	5	6.00	11	11	
6	sm	3434	PIZAZZ			7			2	6.55	11	3	
7	sm	424	BARNSTORMER		16			3	14	6.82	11	2	
8	sm	32	FOGGY DEW		9	6	8			7.27	11	3	
9	sm	3639	WIND SPEED		5	9	2	11		7.27	11	4	
10	sm	6161	SECOND NATURE from 12.04		5		7			7.55	11		7
11	sm	430	WHITE POINTER			5			4	7.91	11	5	
12	sm	99	PRIMO			9				8.27	11	11	
13	sm	88	UPBEAT from 12.04			5				8.36	11	7	
14	sm	701	MELTEMI SYC					7		8.45	11	5	
15	sm	9988	BRANNEW			16		11		9.64	11	4	
16	sm	355	BON VIVANT					5	18	9.73	11		1
17	sm	927	PHOENIX		3	16				9.73	11	6	
18	sm	6	STAMPEDE		9		12			9.91	11	8	
19	sm	377	BACARDI			19			1	10.00	11	11	
20	sm	16	MYUNA III		6	8				10.27	11	7	
21	sm	1298	SALTSHAKER				6		12	10.36	11	5	
22	sm	616	MAGIC		11			14		10.82	11	10	
23	sm	303	PIPPA		8	8	12	18		11.18	11		1
24		6107	THE SECRETARY			3				12.36	11		3
25	sm	4646	ALLIANCE from 23.08		10	2	19	17	14	12.40	5	1	
26	sm	315	WILLARIE			20		11		13.00	11	11	
27	sm	1147	CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE		7	13	15	14	6	13.18	11	3	
28	sm	41	HOT CHIPPS			13		8	5	13.36	11	7	
29	sm	45	CONQUEST from 12.04							14.00	11	3	
30	sm	2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE		8	7			8	14.00	11	0	
31	sm	354	VANTAGE		2		5		16	14.18	11	10	
32	sm	600	FUN & GAMES						20	14.27	11	11	
33	sm	178	ALIBI		13					14.45	11		1
34	sm	911	ROLLER COASTER		6	5		23	23	14.45	11	8	
35	sm	3492	MARIBEL			27				19.09	11	8	
36	sm	6142	WATERMARK II from 19.04						60	19.18	11	6	
37	sm	477	ESPRIT					60	6	19.36	11	11	
38	sm	344	SURI from 12.04		18		60	32	12	20.36	11		5
39	sm	4	WICKED from 12.04		11	4	60	17	60	26.73	11	11	
40	sm	1546	DOLPHIN PLAY		15			19	60	30.91	11		8
41	c	20	ANDANTE 1 from 17.05		27	10	60	7	9	32.55	11		6
42	sm	3600	MAVERICK		60	60	60	60	60	37.40	11		11
43	aus	4457	GUN BOAT		60	60	60	60	60	45.73	11	3	
44	aus	4857	CODE VIOLATION from 03.05		60	60	60	60	60	60.00	11		1
45	sm	104	CAFÉ RACER		150	57	60	60	60	61.18	11	5	
46	aus	31002	VINDALOO from 03.05		60	60	60	93	60	62.73	11	11	
47	sm	1101	MIDNIGHT MAGIC from 10.05		259	17		114		73.55	11	8	
48	sm	580	SUMMER WIND		1	60	60	300	4	76.00	11		8

So for the Summer season maybe one of your yacht's aims might be to improve your Misty Blue score. It will have to be pretty good to knock off Nutcracker.

Iona

Iona is a small island in the Inner Hebrides off the Ross of Mull on the western coast of Scotland. It was a centre of Gaelic monasticism for four centuries.



Stuart Morrison-Jack Visits the Well of Eternal Youth, Iona

Stuart doesn't just dive under yachts. Following the recreational Boating night early this year and having read both of Sandy Mackinnon's books, and maybe inspired by fairies, Stuart's holiday this year included travelling by seas and land to the Island of Iona to visit the Well of Eternal Youth.



This is an extract from Sandy's book, quoting from an old druids manuscript:

On the very summit of Dun I, the highest hill of the island, a traveller may find at whiles the Well of Eternal Youth. Here, on the very brink of the hill, is a large triangular pool, bordered on two sides by walls of rock but on the third side by a fringe of green rushes.

From time out of mind, the waters of this well have been blessed with the power of giving external youth and beauty to those who seek it.

Any pilgrim who travels to this holy place, over land and over sea, who wishes for the fairies to grant their gift of eternal youth and beauty mustclimb the height of Dun I as the sun is rising in the east and then, when the first rays of the sun quicken the waters of the Well, must drink deeply of the draft therein. Thus may Eternal Youth be won.

Quote taken from A.J Mackinnon The Well at the World's End Black Inc.



Does Stuart look more youthful?

Mark has some concern about Stuart swimming in the Well. The instructions said to **drink** deeply of the draft therein - nothing about jumping into the water. Sandy Mackinnon made the same error. Please report to Mark if you notice any difference in Stuart Morrison-Jack's appearance.

The P.S.CURLIP



Paddle Steamer Curlip Rollin Down The River

Let's get those Big Wheels Turning again

Gary Plumley is the President of the Gippsland Lakes Classic Boat Club and a regular attendee at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. Gary writes:

Paddle Steamer Curlip Inc, is a not-for-profit community association based at Paynesville on the Gippsland Lakes in Victoria. Our members have elected to assist the community of East Gippsland to rebuild and restore the Paddle Steamer Curlip.

After many months of protracted negotiations with government instrumentalities, we gained permission to make an epic open ocean voyage from the Snowy River estuary at Marlo and steamed Curlip along Bass Strait and into The Gippsland Lakes system at Lakes Entrance.

This voyage made P.S Curlip the first paddle steamer to make an open ocean voyage since P.S.Werroona during World War II.

Their website [CLICK www.curlip.com.au](http://www.curlip.com.au) outlines her rich history as a replica of the original Curlip that opened up and pioneered supply to settlers in the river systems of East Gippsland during the 1800s. Read on [CLICK](#)

Thanks for contributions to this report from Alistair, Di Tyndal, Windward Buoy, and Stuart for their travellers' tales and pics, plus thanks to **all** the tower management for a great presentation night last Friday. The fact that it was booked out speaks for itself.

All comments and contributions most welcome.

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NB: MOB by Oct. 31