

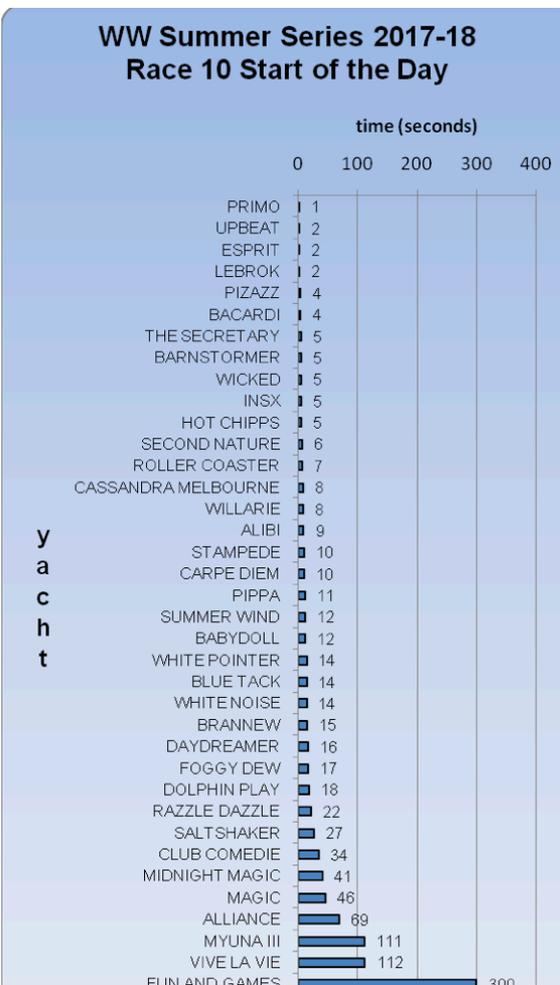
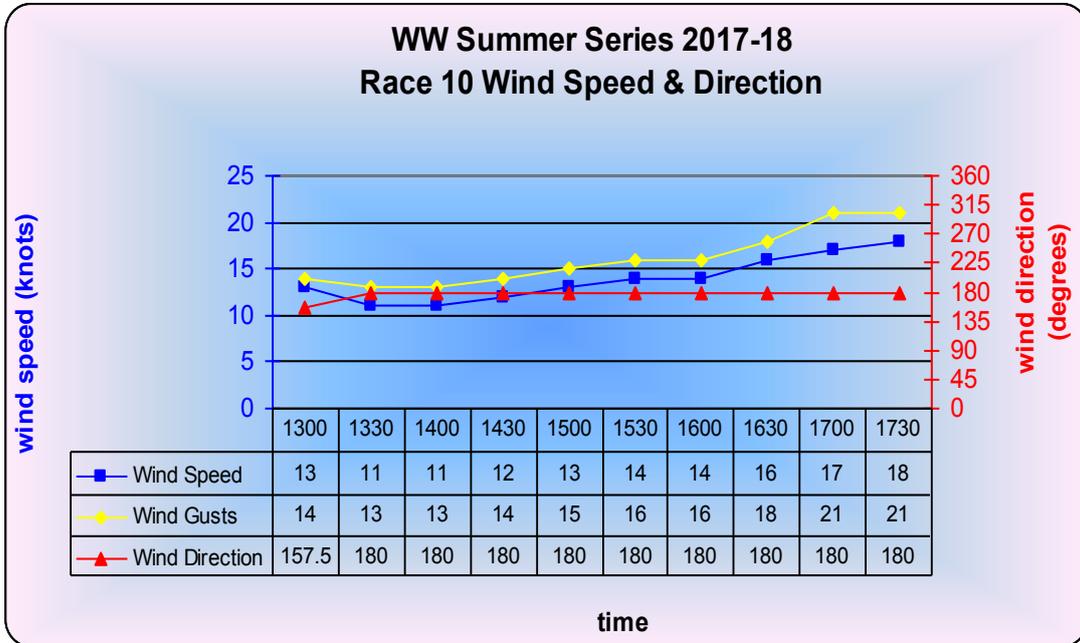
First win for a Salty Sailor

Wednesday Wonders Race 10 Summer season

6th December 2017-12-10

The Forecast

The prediction by the BoM was reasonably accurate (15:00 - SSW - 16.5knts) so we received what was expected. The choice of sail was a little difficult however, with a very long down-wind leg and then towards the end of the race a strengthening breeze that was just starting to overpower a few yachts.



Start of the day

Start of the Day on 1 second was PRIMO.

Three boats were just 1 second behind and 18 yachts on 10 seconds or less.

FUN & GAMES was 9 seconds early that cost her 9 places.



Who said that WW's don't take their racing seriously?

And who said it only takes 2 to sail a yacht? It looks like they need all the weight they have on the rail.

THIRD PLACE

Willarie 15:52:46 h/cap 0 mins

Elapsed time 2:22:46

25 seconds faster than the closest Triton



SECOND PLACE Cassandra Of Melbourne 15:52:02 Handicap 13mins

Elapsed time 2:09:02. In the Summer series is 3rd on 36 points.



FIRST PLACE Salt Shaker 15:48:39

Handicap 15 mins. Elapsed time 2:03:39.

In the summer series is now equal 9th place with Conquest on 49 points.

Photos from Race 10. The total of photos taken in this race was well over 100.

Some of them were taken from the SYC Southern Deck by Chris Furey.

These are available in higher resolution from Chris for those who would like them.

Please note that Chris Furey also provides photos of the race from time to time.

You are welcome to use these photos but please only for your own use.

As Chris is a yacht broker he does not want you to use his photos for another broker's business.

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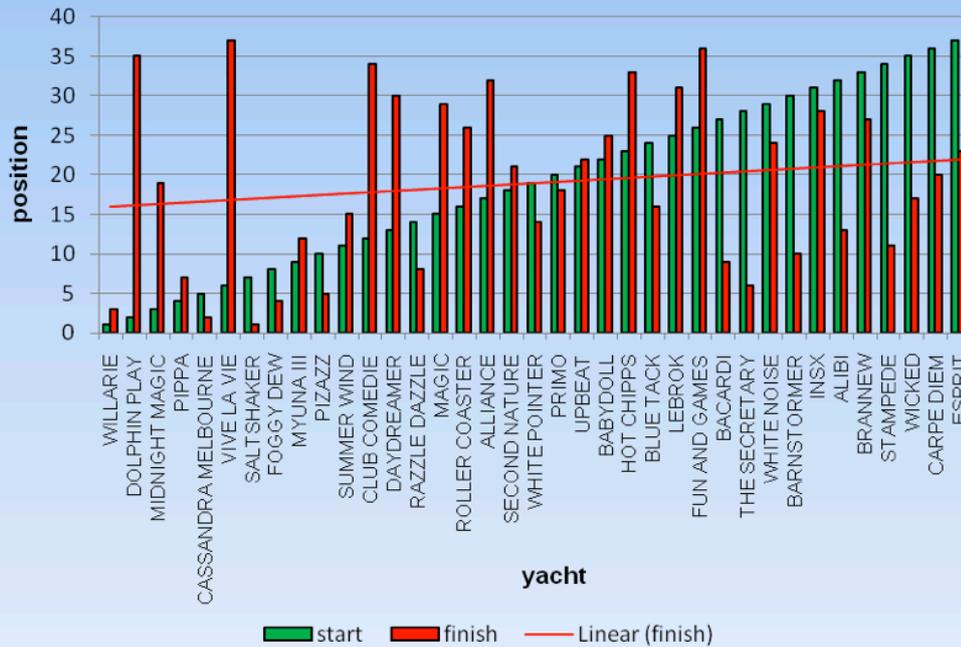
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The bulk of the photos for this race are from Bruce Parry and are loaded on to the SYC Boating Department's Computer.

If you would like a copy of a photo ask the boating office and provide them with a USB memory stick to copy to. It would be wise to have a USB with a large capacity, as it may be easier to load a lot of photos and sort them out at home.

If you are considering making a larger copy from a photo we suggest you contact Bruce Parry direct parrymb@tpg.com.au or Mark.

WW Summer Series 2017-18 Race 10 Position at Start & Finish



Bullet Points for Race 10 by Mark and Windward Buoy

Please feel free to contribute your own points. Send to Mark Windward

- 40 yachts receive handicap increase, 6 receive decrease;
- Southerly breeze increases as afternoon progresses. Average of about 14 knots at Fawkner;
- PRIMO wins start of the day for the first time;
- Median start time 11 seconds;
- SALTSHAKER records her 1st win by 3 mins 23 seconds and 2nd podium finish of the series;
- CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE finishes 2nd and records her 3rd podium finish of the series;
- WILLARIE finishes third for her first podium finish of the series;
- With 21 mins 41 seconds separating first from last this was the closest finish of the series;
- Seven of the twelve early starters among early finishers;
- ESPRIT records fastest elapsed time of 1:36:59; and this includes a stop to say Hello to someone on the way.
- Esprit had her handicap adjusted just before the race from 42 to 55;
- Average elapsed time 1:58:24;
- PIPPA, FOGGY DEW and SALTSHAKER re-enter aggregate top ten as BRANNEW, ANDANTE 1 and ROLLER COASTER slip out;
- WHITE POINTER leads aggregate for fifth consecutive week.
- One yacht, whose skipper is a Goon Show fan, tries something different ... (He was sailing backwards for Christmas. Is this some type of Irish cultural thing? Someone might like to enlighten MARK).

Most of us are familiar with the yacht CARPE DIEM and know it's meaning - the Latin term CARPE DIEM 'Cease the day'. Mark encountered another sailing Latin term you may know - "Ebro Quid Faiamus". Would someone like to assist Mark with a translation.

A perspective from the front of the fleet – Paul Commins, on finishing second, had this to say: "I don't really mind the typical course length and type that is currently run at around 10nm. As you know the weather has the biggest bearing on how any of the boats perform. Last Wednesday was purely the timing of the wind coming that helped Esprit and us to the front. Two weeks ago there was a major wind shift that assisted Pippa and made it tougher for the back markers.

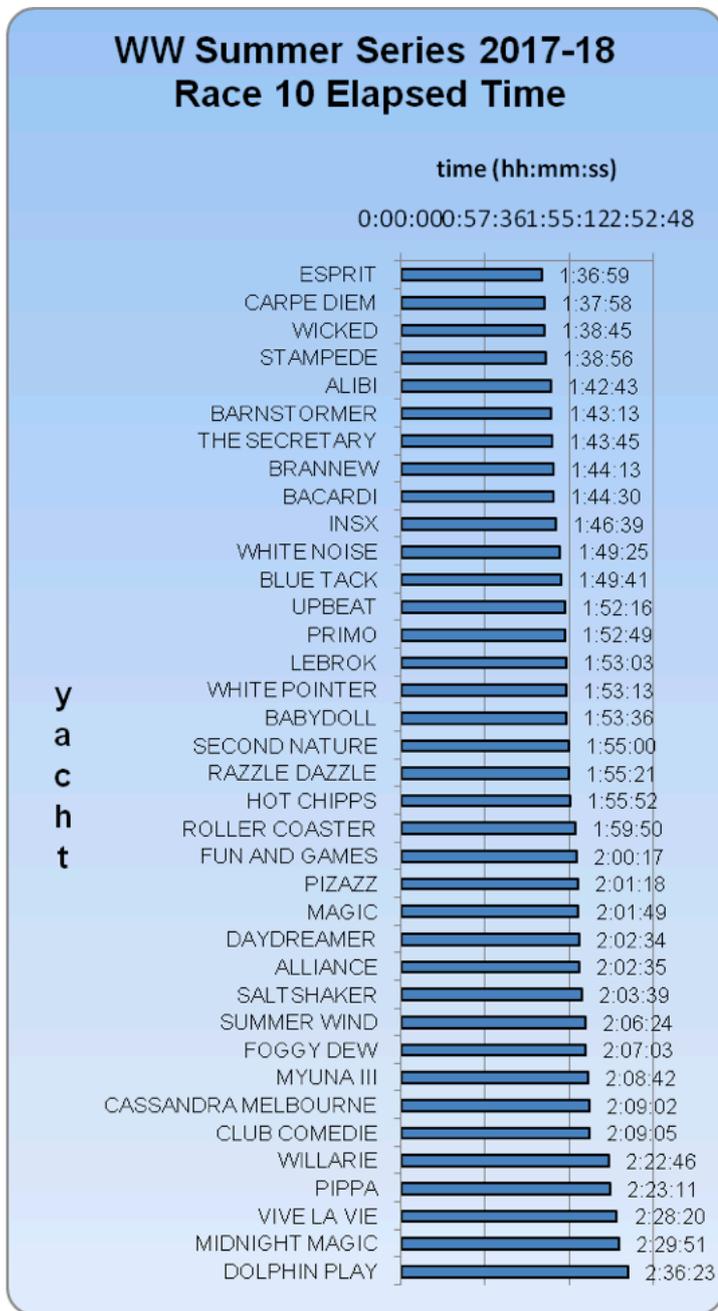
All part of the sport. Gives us something to talk about!"

Paul

An example of problems that handicappers face.

The following table compares some parameters of CARPE DIEM's performance with MIDNIGHT MAGIC. It suggests that CD needs a handicap of 55 minutes to finish at the same time as MM.

YACHT	AVE SPEED	TIME TO SAIL 10 nm	THEO HCAP	ACTUAL AVERAGE HANDICAP	AVE FINISH POSN
CARPE DIEM	6.03	99.5	55	49	16.8
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	3.88	154.6	0	1	32



WW Summer Series 2017-18 Average Leg Length

RACE	COURSE	DISTANCE	LEGS	Ave Leg Length
1	12	9.8	7	1.40
2				
3	26	9.9	6	1.65
4	59	10.2	4	2.55
5	14	9.9	6	1.65
6	12	9.8	7	1.40
7	25	9.8	7	1.40
8	13	9.8	6	1.63
9	38	10.2	7	1.46
10	13	9.8	6	1.63



At the finish line

Influencing the Sandy Capper: Advice Number 3 What is he on about?!

A few pointers based on some correspondence between the Sail Captain, a WW's skipper voicing a slight disapproval, and Sandy Capper.

Skippers should have a full understanding of Sandy's methods, even if they do not agree with them.

- Don't suggest your handicap should be reduced and then tell him you are taking your yacht out of the water next week to clean the hull and 'anti-fowl'. (Will 'anti-fowl' enable your yacht to go fast and throw Rooster trails out the back of your boat?)
- Don't just read your yacht's handicap without looking at the overall changes in the fleet.
- Consider your elapsed time and compare it with other yachts that have a better handicap.
- Be aware - Sandy Capper will know the weather and wind conditions your yacht performs best in and tries to match your handicap to the weather conditions, along with the rest of the fleet.
- Give the handicapper a bit of credibility for being honest if he is sitting in the middle of the fleet. As at race 10, Baby Doll is 28th out of 50 boats on 73 points. The leading yacht is on 26 points. This is not a result of a handicapper who was working the system in his favour. His best result has been an 8th finish.

You may not agree with his system but he has stated frequently his two criteria in determining handicaps.

ONE: handicaps could vary considerably for individual boats depending on forecast winds.

TWO: whether or not a given boat had podiomed in the series.

Some yachts need a leg up in less than optimal conditions for their yacht, and some need a leg up all the time.

To enable this to be possible room is required at the bottom end of the fleet to adjust handicaps. Sandy calls this Wriggle room and is usually accompanied by a red sign at the bottom of the Wailing Wall. Wriggle room can mean an adjustment for most of the fleet by up to 5mins, except for the early starters. This was the case for race 10.

Sandy uses three wind bands to establish handicaps each week: 0-10, 10-15 and 15-25 knots. He hopes you can appreciate his situation is similar to Abe Lincoln's in attempting to please people. You can expect one crack at the podium this season and a last position.

Some yachts have still to get this chance.

Sandy admits a couple of boats have slipped under his guard (pesky 'unknowns'), and he expects to get some serious wings.

Sandy's Advice to a slightly protesting skipper:

"Be brave, be patient and soldier on. At least you are doing better than Babydoll who is doomed to exterior darkness as long as I am handicapper as I hope to avoid a lynching".

The ESPRIT Handicap in Race 10 Everybody's talking about it....

With a win by nearly 1½ mins last race Esprit was surprized to see his handicap adjusted from race 9 off 44 mins to a decrease for race 10 to 42, as was the rest of the whole fleet. It was also noticed by Sandy Capper who adjusted ESPRIT start time to 55 mins making it the last yacht to start in this race. She finished 23rd, 50mins after the winner with the fastest elapsed time of 1:36:59, just 1 min quicker the Carpe Diem. She did have a slight encounter during the race that may have delayed her. Just another Spirited incident to add to her history.

One method of influencing Sandy to improve their handicap is being tested by one of the Pappa Art Sea - by providing excellent photos of BABY DOLL sailing to windward. It is doubtful this approach will work, but Mark will keep you informed.



WW Summer Series 2017-18 Handicap Adjustments										
Boat Name	RACE NUMBER									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
ALIBI		41	41	43	50	48	47	45	42	47
ALLIANCE	17	28	28	30	28	25	34	25	25	34
ANDANTE 1	3	8	9	9	17	13	17	14	8	17
ARABESQUE					35	32	36	32	32	32
BABYDOLL	36	34	34	34	39	36	39	35	35	39
BACARDI	40	41	41	38	43	43	43	43	41	43
BARNSTORMER	43	40	40	41	49	47	45	46	42	46
BLUE TACK	44	40	40	41	42	47	41	46	44	41
BON VIVANT	25	18	18	14	20	22	18	22	16	18
BRANNEW	42	40	43	47	48	45	49	45	45	49
CAFE RACER	15	10	10	15	15	10	13	10	10	13
CARPE DIEM	47	47	47	50	51	48	53	46	45	53
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	18	14	14	11	11	5	11	12	12	13
CLUB COMEDIE				11	9	4	14	4	23	28
CONQUEST	43	43	43	45	52	51	53	51	46	53
DAYDREAMER										32
DOLPHIN PLAY	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	0	1
ESPRIT	48	46	46	48	54	53	55	51	44	55
FIREFOX			28	22		25	23	25	24	24
FOGGY DEW	18	18	16	12	18	14	17	14	12	17
FUN AND GAMES	34	35	35	31	36	32	38	32	32	38
HOT CHIPPS	24	36	38	34	35	31	41	32	31	41
INSX	49	44	44	44	44	48	47	47	44	47
LEBROK	39	37	37	41	42	42	42	40	40	42
MAGIC	27	28	28	26	31	24	32	23	23	32
MARIBEL	17	15	15	12	10	16	22	18	20	22
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	3	1	1	0	3	1	0	2	0	1
MYUNA III	24	24	24	24	23	17	21	18	24	21
NUTCRACKER II	65	57	57	65	60	61	57	60	64	57
PERFECT SENSE	44	38	38	30	20	10	10	9	9	9
PIPPA	5	4	4	2	2	1	1	4	3	4
PIZAZZ	19	24	24	15	24	21	24	21	16	24
PRIMO	38	35	35	38	37	39	38	38	39	38
RAZZLE DAZZLE	35	32	32	29	35	30	32	30	27	32
ROLLER COASTER	19	25	25	19	25	18	33	18	16	33
SALTSHAKER	21	14	14	12	12	10	15	15	15	15
SECOND NATURE	26	28	28	34	31	30	36	31	30	36
SHIMMER	52	50	50	49	54	53	50	53	51	50
STAMPEDE	51	50	50	52	55	52	50	52	50	50
SUMMER WIND	14	18	18	11	23	23	23	25	15	24
SURI	10	17	17	18	18	13	23	12	16	23
THE SECRETARY	45	41	41	41	46	43	44	42	40	43
UPBEAT			36	37	40	40	39	39	38	39
VANTAGE	34	34	34	28	35	32	37	31	28	37
VINDALOO		33	33	34	39	36	36	36	34	36
VIVE LA VIE	17	13	13	10	13	11	12	11	8	12
WHITE NOISE	42	39	39	43	44	45	46	42	42	43
WHITE POINTER	12	24	24	13	21	19	32	24	26	37
WICKED	48	44	44	49	53	53	52	50	48	52
WILLARIE	5	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	0
WIND SPEED	46	43	43	44	51	48	48	46	44	48
MIN	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0
MAX	65	57	57	65	60	61	57	60	64	57
RANGE	63	56	56	65	58	60	57	59	64	57
AVE	30	29	30	29	32	29	32	29	28	32
MEDIAN	31	34	34	30	35	31	36	31	29	36
INCREASES		12	3	21	33	8	28	11	7	40
DECREASES		28	0	21	8	37	14	31	30	6



Close Encounters of the worrying type.



Maybe this was a chance to give way to the Handicapper?



Primo testing a new way of setting the main, seems like a bet each way. Are they on Port or Starboard tack?



I think this is called Rock Hopping

Thanks to the Pappa Art Sea for the mass of photos, also to Paul C, Sandy, Chris Furey and other An-noamous saucers.

Please send your contributions, feedback, information about your boat, the crew on board etc. to

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