

A Successful Day for the Bigger Yachts

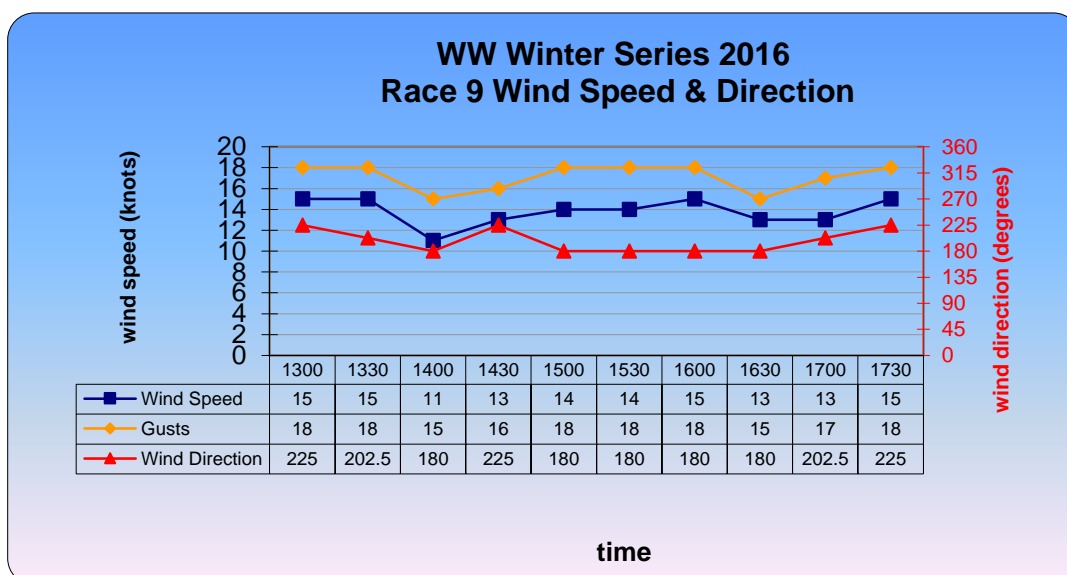
WW Winter Series 2017 Race 9

(31 May 2017)



A fleet of 29 yachts contested race 9 around the 6 leg 9.9 nautical mile course 14. In a breeze that averaged about 14 knots and fluctuated around the south south west. About 46% of the course was downwind with the remainder to windward. The yachts with higher handicaps fared the best in these conditions. Of the first 10 yachts across the finish line 8 were among the late starters. Winning the race and recording her first podium finish of the series was the Beneteau First 40 WICKED (Mike Welsh). Finishing 1 minute after WICKED was STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) who also recorded her first podium finish. Both these yachts registered an elapsed time of 1:37:08. BACARDI (Martin Power) was 3rd across the line to record her best and first podium finish of the series.

The winner of the Misty Blue Trophy for the Summer Series, BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch), was back in her stride to win Start of the day for this race. NUTCRACKER II (Rob Davis & Andy Baker) continue to be the fastest yacht in the fleet, sailing around the course 5 minutes 49 seconds faster than any other yacht.



The result of this race did not affect the top three yachts in the aggregate. SALT SHAKER (Ken Gayler) remains in the lead with 15 points followed by CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) with 17 points and SALTWHISTLE (Alex Hall) third with 25 points.



WICKED has sailed only 2 races this series. She finished 32nd in her first race (race 2), received a 4 minute decrease to her handicap and recorded her first podium finish since the 2015 winter series. WICKED started 32 seconds late for her 44 minute handicap from 27th place. She completed the first 3 legs of the race in 55 minutes 57 seconds and was in 7th place. WICKED sailed the entire course in 1:37:08 – the 2nd fastest elapsed time of the race and was first across the finish line at 15:51:08. WICKED shared the same 44 minute handicap with ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) but started 28 seconds later. Nevertheless she sailed the course 6 minutes 25 seconds faster and finished 6 places ahead. This win helped WICKED from 43rd to 40th in the aggregate.

STAMPEDE is one of 18 yachts to have sailed 7 races this series. She had her best start to a race this series, only 7 seconds late for a 45 minute handicap. She started from 28th place but was already in 5th place at the completion of the 3rd leg of the race. STAMPEDE completed the last 3 legs of the race in 42 minutes and crossed the finish line in 2nd place at 15:52:08. She started the race 35 seconds behind WICKED and after sailing the course in the 3rd fastest time of the series finished 60 seconds behind. This 2nd place was her best result of the series to date surpassing her previous best of 19th in race 5. This podium finish helped STAMPEDE from 32nd place into 29th place in the aggregate.



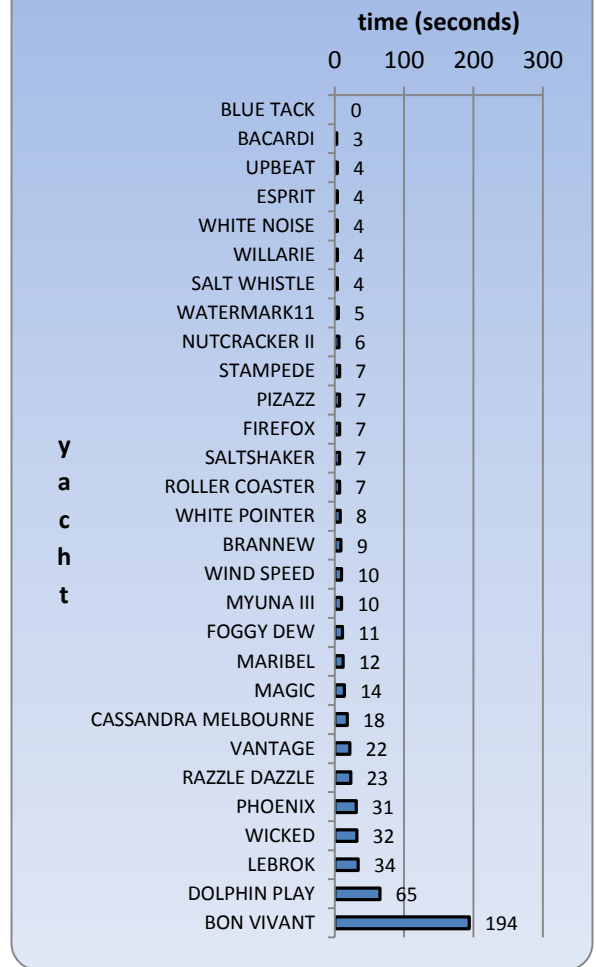
An 18th place was the best result recorded by BACARDI in her previous 5 races. However, she



equalled her best start of the series when she started 3 seconds late for her 38 minute handicap from 22nd place. At the first rounding of number 4 she had moved into 4th place but was still 8 minutes 13 seconds behind the race leader. During the final 3 legs of the race BACARDI was able to overtake the 3 yachts ahead but she was overtaken by 2 others. She sailed the last 3 legs of the race in 35 minutes 6 seconds and finished in 3rd place at 15:44:11. This was her first podium finish this series and the first since race 23 of the 2016-17 summer series. BACARDI moved from 31st to 27th in the aggregate.

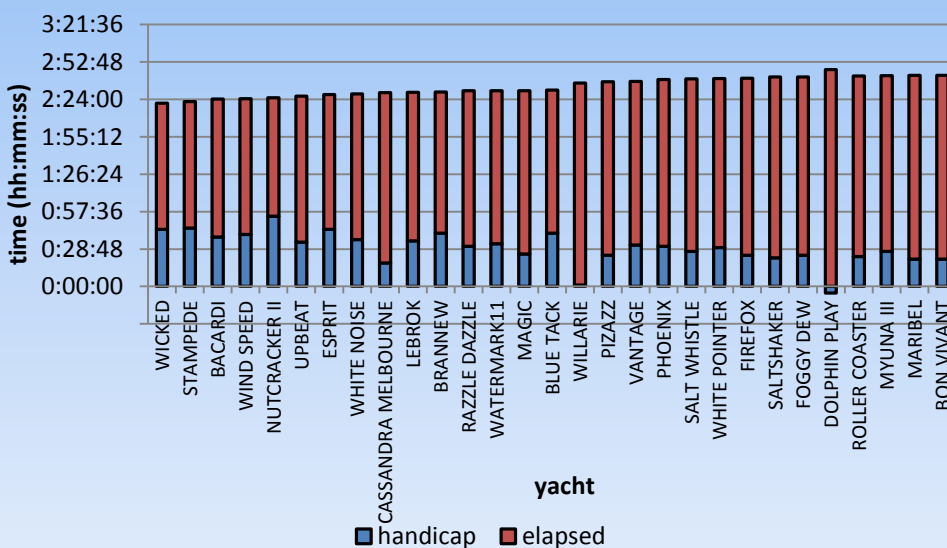
WW Winter Series 2017 Race 9 Start of the Day

Eighteen yachts, well over half the fleet, started within 10 seconds of their handicap. BLUE TACK recorded the best start of the race becoming the 3rd yacht this series to record a perfect start. Only 2 yachts were more than 60 seconds late for their handicaps and the median start was 8 seconds.



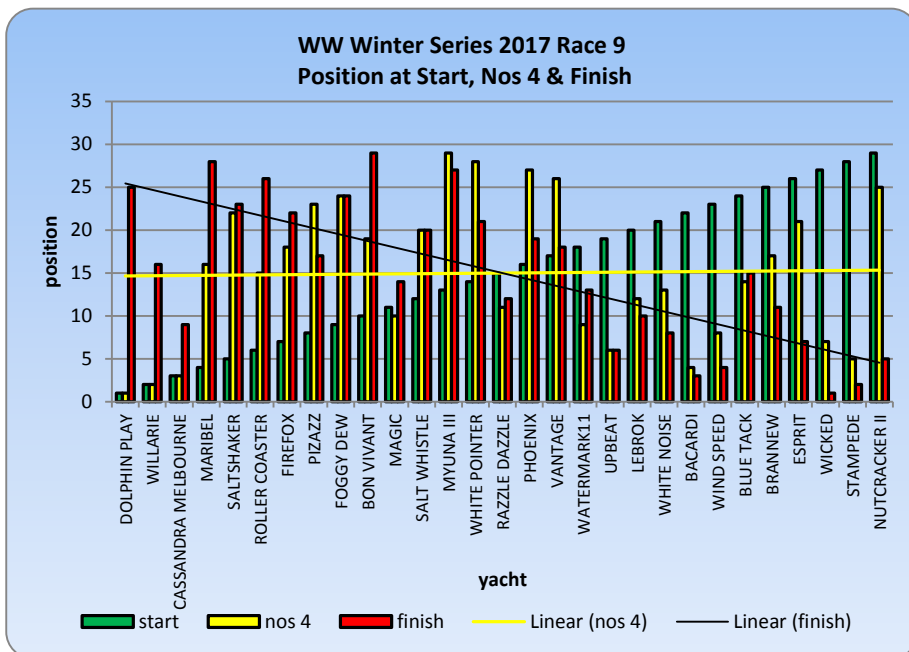
The fleet started 58 minutes and 1 second apart and were 17 minutes 18 seconds apart at the first rounding of number 4. This gap increased during the final 3 legs of the race to become 21 minutes 24 seconds. However, 14 yachts finished within 10 minutes of the winner. The closest finish was for 12th place when RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp) crossed the

WW Winter Series 2017 Race 9 Result

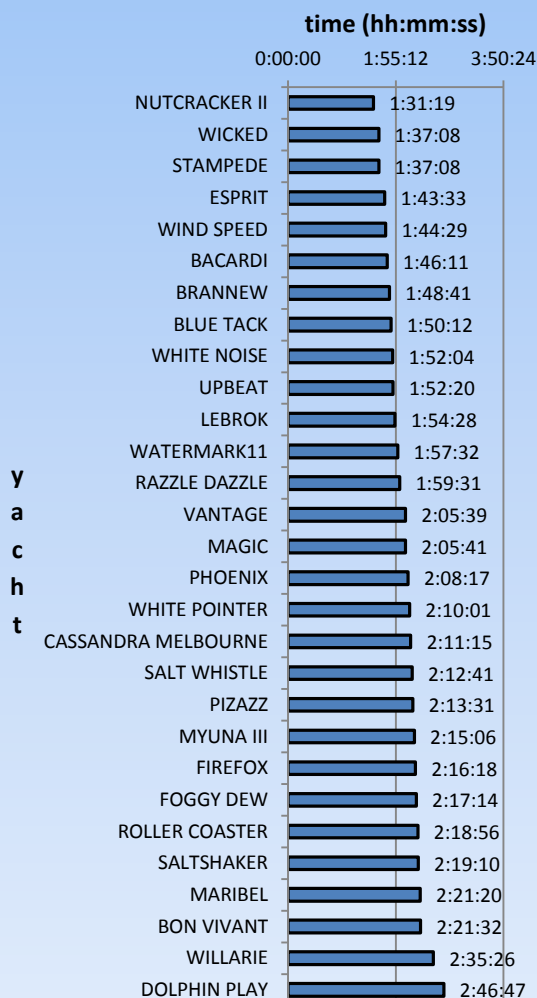


line 1 second ahead of WATERMARK II (Herschel Landes).

The yellow trend line indicates an even distribution of early, mid fleet and late starters rounding number 4 for the first time. The black trend line (sloping down from left to right) indicates the late starters finishing towards the front of the fleet.



WW Winter Series 2017 Race 9 Elapsed Time



NUTCRACKER II finished in 5th place but still sailed the course in the fastest time of 1:31:19. The median elapsed time for the race was 2:05:41. Sixteen yachts, more than half the fleet made it into the “Two Hour Club”.



Twenty yachts had their handicaps reduced (green highlight) with six yachts receiving an increase (red Highlight) to their handicap. The average handicap fell from 30 minutes in race 8 to 29 minutes for this race.

WW Winter Series 2017 HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS									
Boat Name	RACE NUMBER								
	25	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9
ALIBI	45	44	43	43	41	41	42	42	39
ANDANTE 1	9						28	20	20
BABYDOLL	36	36	34						
BACARDI	41	40	40	41	40	40	40	41	38
BALI DANCER	27								
BARNSTORMER	45	44	44	45	44	44	45	45	43
BLUE TACK	41	41	41	41	40	40	42	43	41
BON VIVANT	24	24	24	24	19	20	19	19	21
BRANNEW	44	44	45	45	44	45	43	43	41
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	14	12	12	12	11	12	16	16	18
CODE VIOLATION				28	23	23	23	23	23
CONQUEST	50	50		46	46	45	43	41	41
DOLPHIN PLAY	0	0	0	0	0	-18	-18	-20	-5
ESPRIT	51	51	53	53	51	49	46	46	44
FIREFOX							28	27	
FOGGY DEW	16	17	15	19	21	19	22	24	24
FUN AND GAMES	39	37	37	37	35	34	35	35	35
GUN BOAT		28	25	28	23	23	23	23	23
HOT CHIPPS	34	35	33	34	30	30	28	35	34
LEBROK	39	42	40	39	38	37	37	39	35
MAGIC	26	25	26	27	24	27	26	27	25
MARIBEL	16	14	14	15	21	20	23	23	21
MAVERICK		43	40	40	38	38	38	36	36
MELTEMI SYC	32	32	32	32	34	32	32	32	32
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	1		1	5	3	3	3	3	3
MYUNA III	26	25	28	30	28	24	27	27	27
NUTCRACKER II	57	62	63	58	61	61	54	59	54
PHOENIX		29	33	32	31	31	31	31	31
PIPPA	6	5	5	8	6	3	7	4	5
PIAZZ	24	27	25	27	24	23	24	25	24
PRIMO	34	34	34	34	36	34	34	35	32
RAZZLE DAZZLE	31	30	30	32	32	32	30	31	31
ROLLER COASTER		28	27	30	22	20	22	23	23
SALT WHISTLE	24	24	25	23	26	26	27	25	27
SALTSHAKER	16	14	12	14	12	17	15	19	22
SECOND NATURE	34		32	32	31	29	31	34	32
STAMPEDE	51	52	51	54	52	52	48	52	45
SUMMER WIND	17	15	12	15	12	9	9	12	12
SURI	25		24	27	22	18	19	24	24
THE SECRETARY	44	43	43	42	42	42	40	40	37
UPBEAT	35		34	34	34	34	34	34	34
VANTAGE	30	30	30	30	29	29	29	30	32
VINDALOO					48	48	48	45	45
WATERMARK11			39	38	34	34	34	33	33
WHITE NOISE	40	39	41	38	40	40	38	37	36
WHITE POINTER	30	32	28	32	22	19	22	34	30
WICKED	49		48	46	46	46	46	46	44
WILLARIE	0	0	0	3	4	4	4	1	1
WIND SPEED	46	45	45	43	43	43	43	42	40
DECREASE		15	13	9	30	17	12	12	20
INCREASE		7	8	19	7	5	15	18	6
AVERAGE	31	31	30	31	30	29	29	30	29
MEDIAN	32	32	32	32	31	31	30	32	32

There are 10 yachts contesting the 2017 Century Class series. Seven of them competed in race 2. MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette Moore), PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) and THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) were not in this race won by CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves). RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp) finished 2nd whilst MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) finished 3rd. Details of the results are shown in the following table.

CENTURY CLASS WINTER SERIES 2017 RESULT RACE 2						
POSITION	YACHT	DESIGN	SKIPPER	ELAPSED	FINISH	HANDICAP
1	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Mottle 33	Bob Reeves	2:11:15	15:59:15	0:18:00
2	RAZZLE DAZZLE	SWARBRICK 111	Andrew Stopp	1:59:31	16:00:31	0:31:00
3	MAGIC	S & S 39	Phil Spry-Bailey	2:05:41	16:00:41	0:25:00
4	WILLARIE	Triton 24	Graeme Kaufman	2:35:26	16:06:26	0:01:00
5	SALTSHAKER	Jarkan 925	Ken Gayler	2:19:10	16:11:10	0:22:00
6	DOLPHIN PLAY	Triton 24	John Brennan	2:46:47	16:11:47	-0:05:00
7	BON VIVANT	S80	Russell Keays	2:21:32	16:12:32	0:21:00



It's times like this when having 2 rudders have their benefits. Whist one is out of the water the other is well and truly in the water.

There are two sets of sails both being pushed to starboard. There has to be 2 yachts there. Hasn't there?





After starting 2 minutes 57 seconds ahead of FIREFOX (Kim Beveridge & Howard Davies) was unable to hold off the challenge of SALT WHISTLE (Alex Hall) who crossed the finish line 36 seconds ahead.

There were blue skies for most of the race with the rain staying away. There were some very threatening skies.



Many thanks to Bruce Parry for the photographs. Bruce has photographs of every WW yacht loaded on the SYC computer. These are obtainable through the Boating Department. Simply leave a USB stick or other suitable media format to the Boating Department and they will download photos of your choice.

Mr. & Mrs. M. Windward are taking a break but should be back in time for race 11.

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