

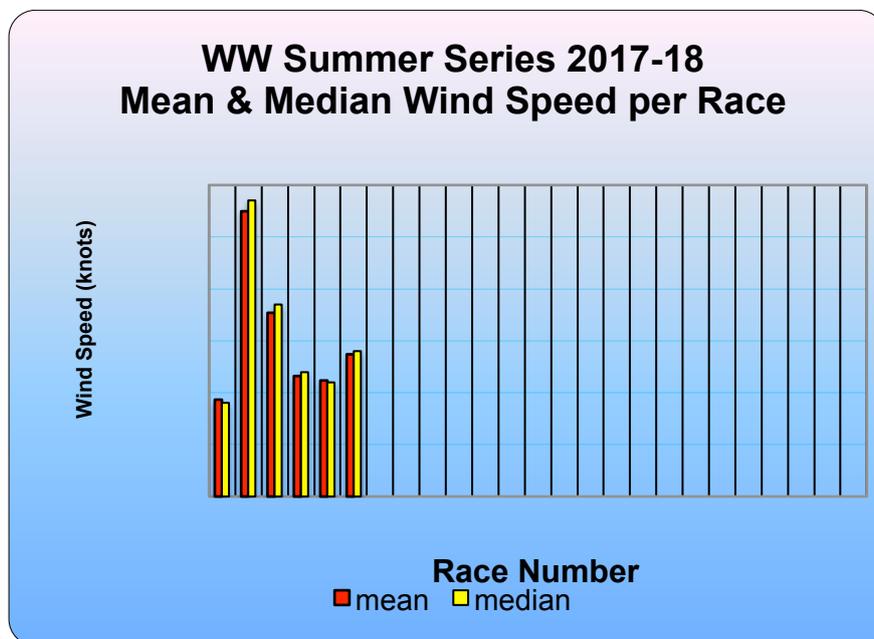
QUARTER TIME - 6 out of 24 races

Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2017-18

8/11/2017



Wednesday Wonders continues to be a popular race series with forty-nine yachts entering the summer aggregate. The series consists of 25 races so race six is not quite but almost the quarter way mark. Of the six scheduled races five have been completed with one race abandoned due to strong winds. The average wind speed for the 5 completed races has averaged about 12.5 knots. The first race of the series had the least breeze resulting in an average elapsed time of 3:03:40. It was a close call but all 37 starters finished the race.



An average of 39 yachts has contested each race with 21 yachts completing all 5 races. Two particularly significant features of the series have emerged. First, is the regularity and range of handicap changes. Second, is the number of different yachts that have emerged as podium finishers. Not only have 15 different yachts won all the 15 available podiums finishes but Start of the Day has been won by 5 different yachts. There have been 2 perfect starts one recorded by BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes) the second By BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch).

Five different courses have been sailed so far and these have averaged 9.9 nautical miles. The average elapsed time has been 2:13:54 with an average finish time of 16:20:21. Based on her performance in past series, it is no surprise that NUTCRACKER II (Rob Davis & Andy Baker) has recorded the fastest time in 4 of the 5 races. Her elapsed time has averaged 1:48:07 – 25 minutes 47 seconds faster than average.

Race SIX Summary

- 45 handicaps adjusted. 37 reduced. 8 Increased. Previous week 33 increased, 8 decreased;
- Perfect start for Blue Tack. 22 yachts started within 10 seconds or less of their handicap.
- 3 yachts started too early
- The Median start time was 9 seconds
- Fastest race of the series with an apparent average speed of 5.47 knots and average elapsed time of 1:49:01
- A further 3 different yachts make the podium i.e. 15 out of 15
- Closest finish – 1 second between Fun & Games & Suri for 7th place
- Yachts started 59 minutes 57 seconds apart, at the halfway mark the difference was 22:15, and at the finish 21 minutes 56 seconds apart;
- 9 of 13 early starters among early finishers;
- Club Comedie & Nutcracker II both recorded DNF
- Average Wind Speed at Fawkner Beacon for the afternoon 14 knots. It increased very slightly towards the end of the race.

Start of the DAY 214 Blue Tack with “OWLS EYES”



THIRD PLACE Myuna Sm16 was third in Race 6. She started off 11th on 17 mins and was a little bit late (+ 1:31). After being 11th at the half way mark, she finished just 1:20 behind the first yacht so with maybe a 11second better start she would have gained first place. Lap time 1:53:59. Geoffrey Nixon will be away for several weeks due to some major medical treatment and we hope that it all goes smoothly. Best wishes Geoffrey.

SECOND PLACE Salt Shaker Sm1298 started in 6th place off 10 mins. Lost only 7 seconds at the start. By half way she had moved into second place just 30 seconds off first. The 7-second start was costly as she just missed first place by 6 seconds. Ken is now equal 19th overall. He moved up the ladder with this race, and a 13th in race 5. Lap Time 1:59:45



Re the photo below: "Hi Mark, This is not the incident wherein Vindaloo's bowsprit was damaged (in the same race 18/10) but it looks like a close call from this angle. I would have thought it should involve dinner and a movie at least before trying this approach."

Perhaps poles should be classified in the same way as protruding anchors are in WW races. MW



FIRST PLACE Cassandra of Melbourne She started 4th off just 5 mins and was only 6 seconds late. By half way around she had moved into 3rd place just 32 seconds behind Pippa who was first around and only 3 seconds behind Salt Shaker. At the finish line she was 6 seconds in front of Salt Shaker. This is a jump up in place for the last season's winner whose best this season was 26th. Lap time 2:04:39

Unlike the previous race she did not have another yacht pushing her along...or was she towing?
See above photo.



Magic leading a group of yachts to the finish line. She sailed the course in 1:52:34 and finished 13th. White Pointer sailed the course in 1:52:08 and finished 4th.

What do WW Tower management do on weekends?

Mark thought he had warned WW sailors about never assuming that the Pappa Art Sea will not capture you in action when you least expect it, but it seems some people have not heeded the warning. To quote the person in this photo "It is all quiet, no one is around to see us".



This couple was caught in action at SYC in what seemed to him to be a dance, or maybe a training activity to secure a loose halyard.

As most skippers realize a loose halyard is a serious incident. Like MOB drill, halyard catching training will be a safety requirement.

The problem for someone who has not got a yacht is finding somewhere to rehearse the activity of catching a wayward halyard. It seems the Sail Captain has come up with a solution to that problem. Except the Pappa Art Sea captured him in action!



Margaret's explanation is that "Rowan and I thought you might like to see what Race Management gets up to at the weekend. Rowan was bringing in some flags and let go of one of the halyards and so the fun began to try and catch it in 15 - 20knot winds. It took us a while but we caught it in the end."

Spare time? Build a bigger boat



Handicaps (Lucky Numbers) are adjusted regularly with about 40 yachts receiving an adjustment each race. The average adjustment over the first 6 races has been about 6.5 minutes.

The largest single adjustment was 12 minutes awarded to SUMMER WIND, a 46ft Savage. Rumour has it that she gained about 6ft " 'Cause Granddad did not have much to do a few years back so extended it."

WEDNESDAY WONDERS 2017

GRAND PRIX CLASSIC CAR YACHT RACE



NOVEMBER 29TH RACE 9 2017

Eligibility: Any Wednesday Wonders Summer series entrant, skipper or crewmember that can prove by bringing their car, showing a photo, or other means, that the car that they own or did once own was manufactured pre -1975.

This race will be conducted within the normal Wednesday Wonders Race with normal handicap times determined by the Wednesday Wonders handicapper. However for those registered for the 'Classic Car Yacht' race, there will be modifications to the start procedure. Start time 20mins before handicaps and will be timed from the Ken King centre.

Adjustments will be made to the yacht's finishing position by various time criteria to determine the results for the Car Yacht Race Scores. Prizes will be awarded to yacht skippers who have a classic car at SYC on the day. There will be other fantastic prizes presented on the day but you must register your yacht to participate.

To register Email mark-windward@live.com.au.

See details in Mark Windward's report titled Grand Prix Classic Car Yacht Race

Note: A late entry time penalty will apply for entries received after 23:00 on 23rd November

Thanks to Red Bluff Homes for providing all the prize

Send comments to Mark about any of the car photos below. You might gain extra time in the Grand Prix race.

There is a time allowance if entrants send a photo of their car with their entry.



The Misty Blue Trophy is awarded to the boat having the lowest averaged time closest to her allocated start for the number of races scored in the series. The winner cannot be determined until the completion of the final race of the series. However, some indication of how boats are performing can be gauged from their weekly start times. Past winners of the trophy have averaged times of less than 3 minutes and usually include a couple of Start of the Day wins.

At quarter time and on current form, NUTCRACKER II (Rob Davis & Andy Baker) is in a strong position but she is likely to be seriously challenged as the series progresses.

WW Summer Series 2017-18 Aggregate Top Ten

YACHT	Race Number					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
WHITE POINTER	29	29	10	3	3	1
MARIBEL	28	28	17	29	5	2
ANDANTE 1	3	3	6	2	2	3
LEBROK	6	6	11	7	10	4
ROLLER COASTER	12	12	12	13	20	5
WHITE NOISE	7	7	13	10	11	6
ESPRIT	16	16	3	4	4	7
CONQUEST	38	38	1	1	1	8
BARNSTORMER	19	19	19	6	8	9
HOT CHIPPS	2	2	4	11	16	10

Car Bits MG

The photo right is of the boot rack from my MG Midget. It came to me from a friend when he sold his TR3 and is pretty adjustable. All the bits are there and, will no doubt scrub up with a bit of TLC.

Free to any owner who can use it. Keith Woodruff



Tips for sailing downwind

Compare the sail shapes of these two yachts.

The one with the smooth sail finished in front of the other by just under a minute at the finish



Shanti At Sea 8th November 2017

Yay!! I made it to Mauritius! A short hop of only 350 nautical miles, 3 days; nothing really. But ... read more from Jacqueline on <https://shantiatsea.blogspot.com.au/>

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

There is a borrowing book kept by the Tower Management so you can borrow a copy from the club.

Thanks to Windward Buoy, Pappa ART Sea, St George, Keith Woodruff, Margaret et al

Feedback or contributions send to MARK WINDWARD mark-windward@live.com.au

Sunset and Moonrise at QYC on a Recreational Boating Cruise. (Jeffrey and Gai travelled courtesy of The Secretary).



A previous WW crew is selling his small 18ft timber ‘Centaur’ craftsman built yacht for \$3000. It is a trailer sailer.

He can no longer sail due to poor health. It is at Sorrento. All rigging, sails and outboard safety gear etc.

Email Mark for details or visit [CLICK](#)

