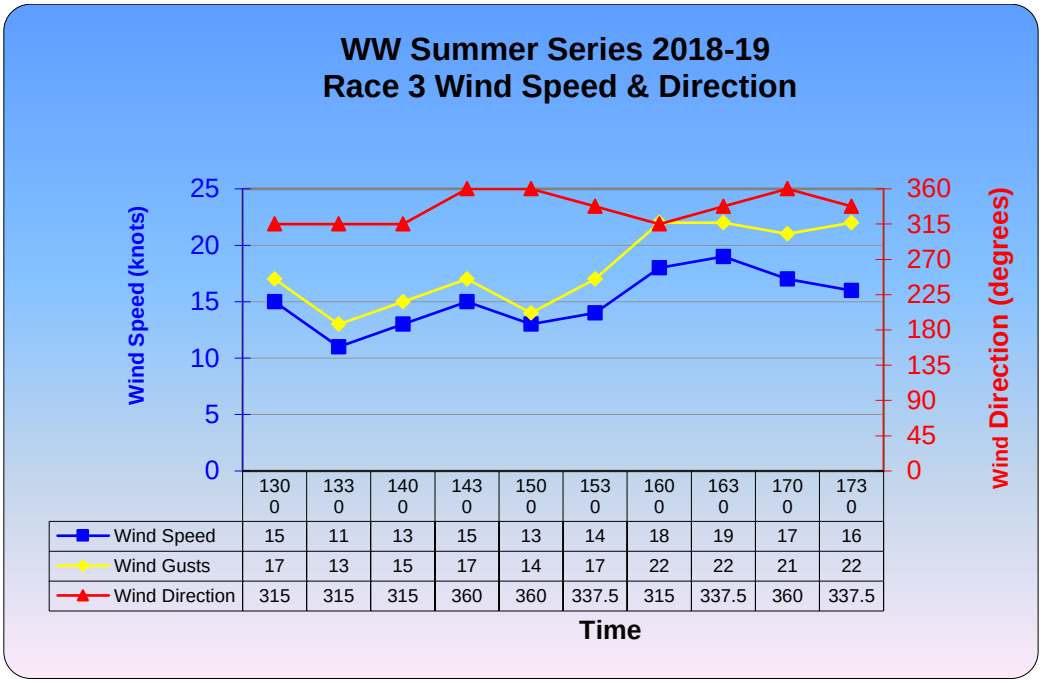
Something of a Procession
WW Summer Series 2018-19 Race 3
(17 Oct 2018)

A northerly breeze that averaged about 15 knots for the afternoon and gusted up to 22 knots was probably more than most expected. It was more than enough to propel the 38 yacht fleet around the 9.8 nautical mile course in quick time. The race was over when the last yacht crossed the finish line at 1553. Overtaking was minimal. If you were among the early starters then you were probably among the early finishers. If you were among the late starters then you probably finished among the late finishers. Of the 6 legs that made up the course only two were to windward. These two legs made up about 18% of the course.



	1300	1330	1400	1430	1500	1530	1600	1630	1700	1730
Wind Speed	15	11	13	15	13	14	18	19	17	16
Wind Gusts	17	13	15	17	14	17	22	22	21	22
Wind Direction	315	315	315	360	360	337.5	315	337.5	360	337.5

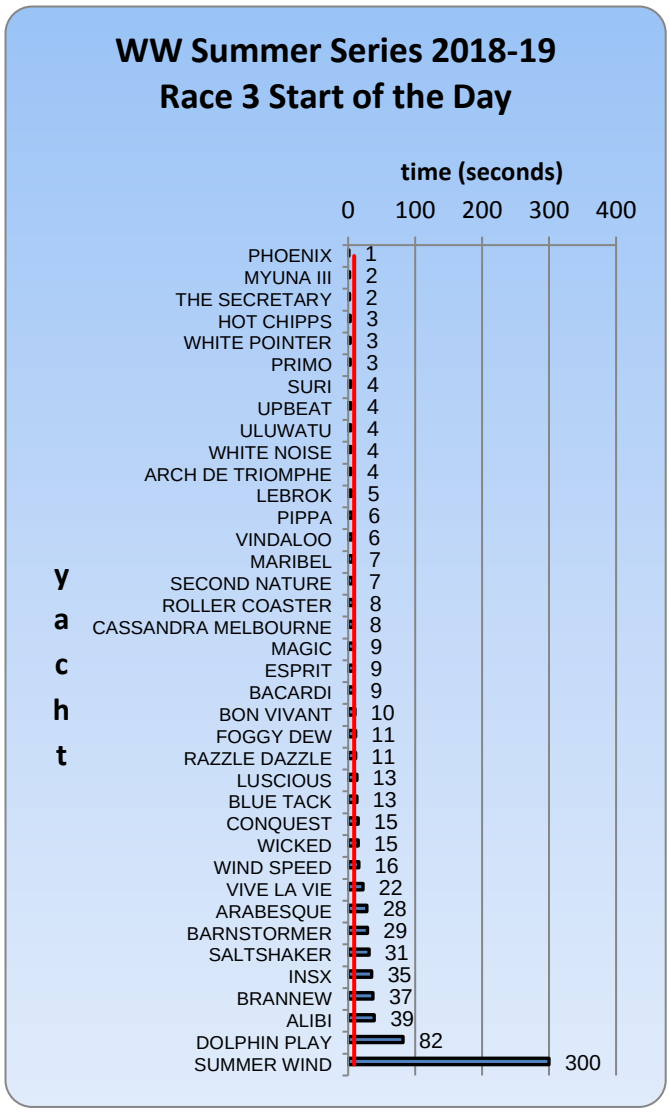
The race got away to a good start with 36 yachts starting within 39 seconds or less of their handicap. PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg) won Start of the Day only 1 second late for her 35 minute handicap. FOGGY DEW (Joe O'Grady) had two wins in the winter series and returned to the podium with her first win of the summer series. Second place went to VIVE LA VIE (Mark Sutherland) who crossed the finish line 1 minute 46 seconds behind the winner. HOT CHIPPS (John Chipp) sailed a very good race to finish 3rd after starting from 19th place. The fastest elapsed time of 1:27:13 was recorded by WICKED (Mike Welsh)

LUSCIOUS (Michael Butler) and FOGGY DEW are equal on points at the top of the aggregate. Behind them are VIVE LA VIE and CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) both with 2 points. HOT CHIPPS and ANDANTE 1(Keith Woodruff) each have 3 points.

FOGGY DEW started from 7th place only 11 seconds late for her 21 minute handicap. This was 63 seconds after CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE. At the first rounding of SYC 4, FOGGY DEW was in 5th place. She had already passed CASSANDRA with a lead of 74 seconds but was still 3 minutes 23 seconds behind the leader. During the last three legs of the race FOGGY DEW took the lead and crossed the finish line at 15:32:36 after sailing the course in 1:41:36. She sailed the winter series and is competing in Sunday Sailors making her eligible for both the Shebessa Shield and the Noelle Coram Trophy.

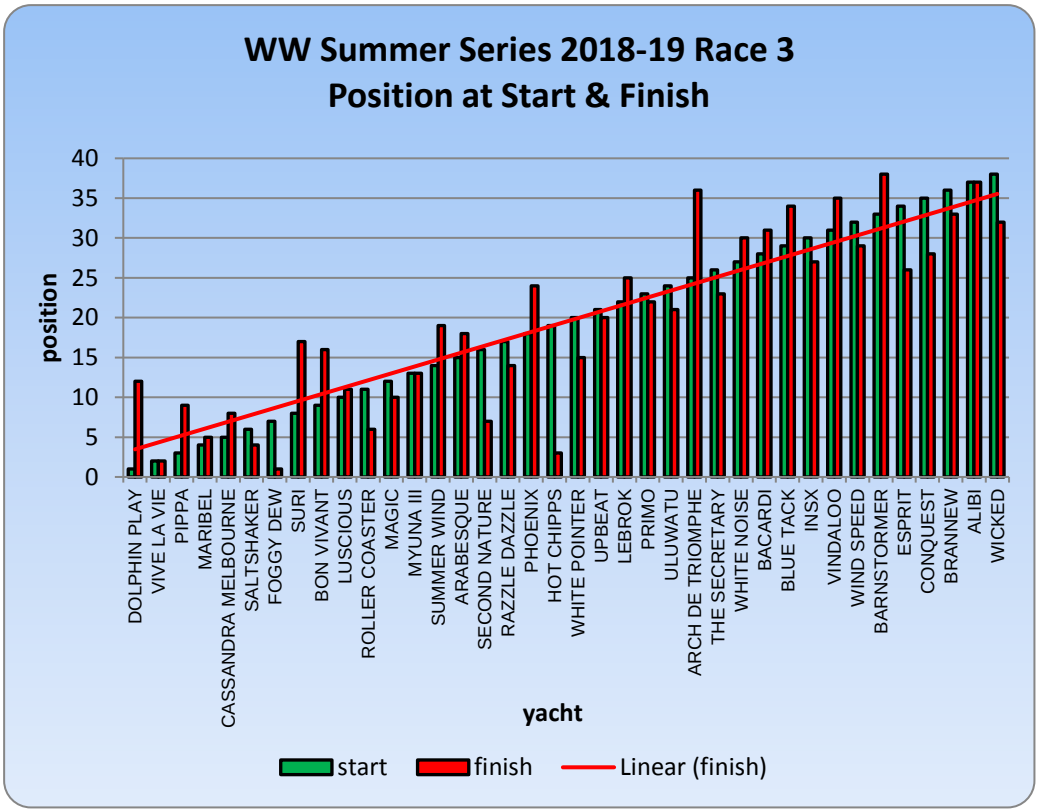
This is the first race in the summer series for VIVE LA VIE who finished 4th in the last race of the winter series. She was the second yacht to start 22 seconds late for her 6 minute handicap. She sailed the first 3 legs of the course in 1:15:15 and rounded SYC 4 at the front of the fleet with a lead of 38 seconds. It took VIVE LA VIE 43 minutes 45 seconds to sail the final 3 legs of the course and after being the 2nd yacht to start the race she was the 2nd to finish. Having sailed the winter series and entered in Sunday Sailors VIVE LA VIE is also eligible for the Shebessa Shield and the Noelle Coram Trophy.

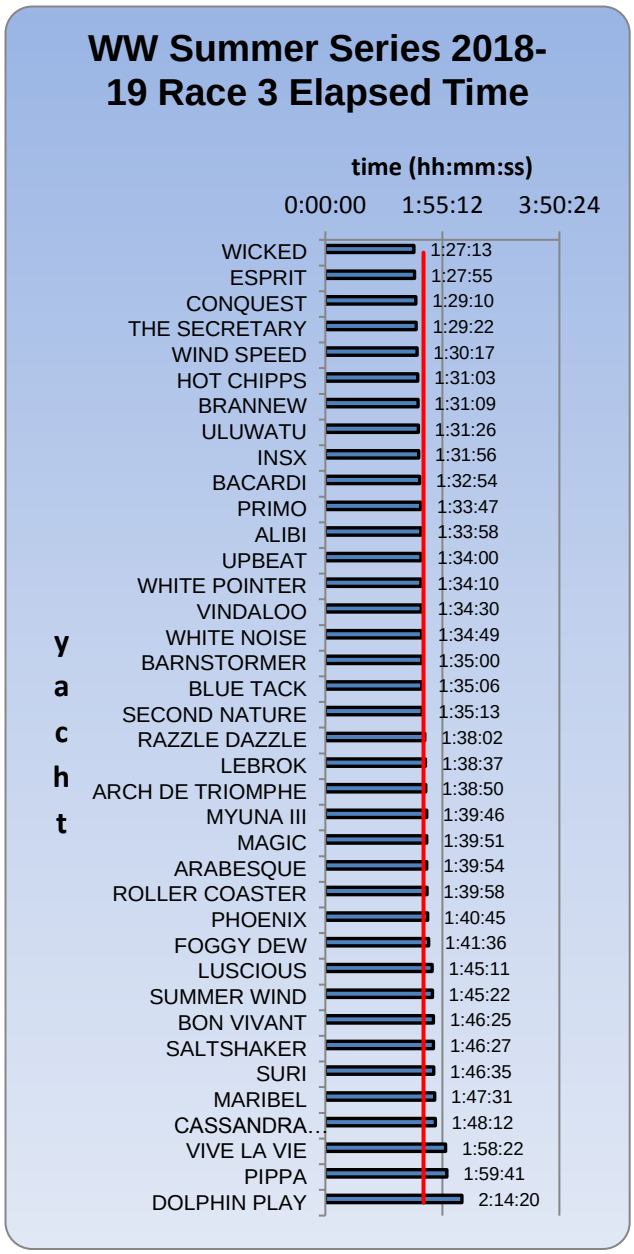
HOT CHIPPS put in what was arguably the best performance of the day. She had a good start, sailed a fast race and was well placed at the finish. She finished 16 places ahead of where she started. No other yacht made a double figure improvement on their start. HOT CHIPPS started from 19th place 3 seconds late for her 35 minute handicap. She was 15th yacht to round SYC 4 but it was during the last three legs of the race where she recorded the most improvement. HOT CHIPPS sailed the course in 1:31:03 – the 6th fastest time of the race and was 3rd across the finish line at 15:36:03.



PHOENIX became the second winner of Start of the Day this series. The median start time was 9 seconds in what was a good start. SUMMER WIND started too soon and this could have cost her 16 places at the finish line.

The red trend line, with a slope from bottom left to top right, speaks volumes about the race. Catching the early starters proved elusive. The closest contest was for last place with 2 seconds separating ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) form BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes).





WICKED recorded the fastest elapsed time, 9 minutes 41 seconds faster than the race median. She was 42 seconds faster than her closest rival ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) and 47 minutes 7 seconds faster than the slowest yacht.

Despite some dramatic clouds the rain stayed away.

There was some close racing.

Not a bad formation.

SECOND NATURE about to tack?

UPBEAT & PRIMO finished 20th & 22nd.

(Left) RAZZLE DAZZLE back in the summer series.

(Right) WHITE NOISE was able to find the breeze.

Any Old Rope?

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