

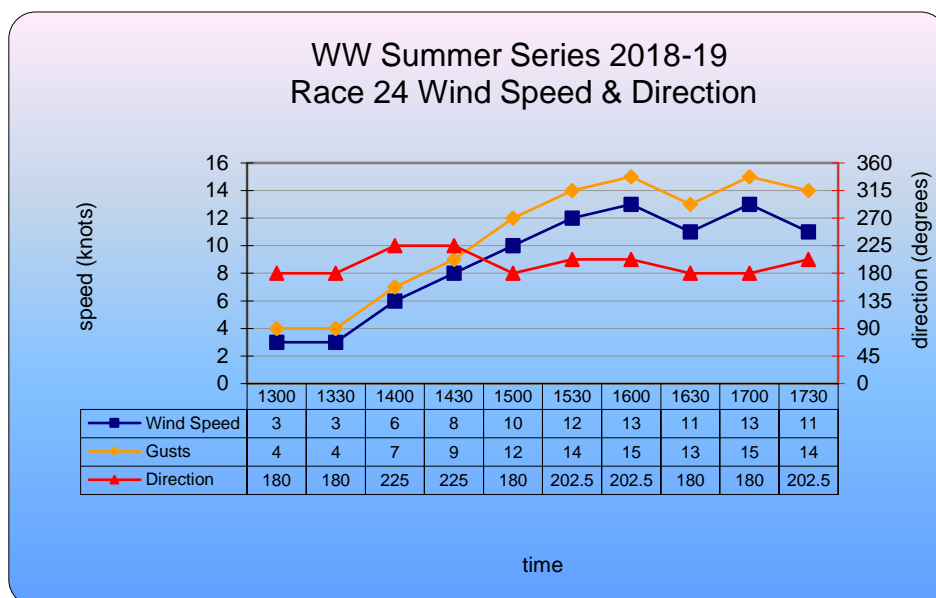
The Jaffa Trophy Race

Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2018-19 Race 24

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Insufficient breeze caused a delay to the start of this year's Jaffa Trophy race. Thirty minutes was all that was needed to see an increase in the southerly from around 3 to 6 knots. When the race started there was some doubt that the 40 yacht fleet would complete the 9.9 nautical mile course 26. However, all doubts were dispelled as the breeze continued to increase as the afternoon progressed and 39 yachts (1 retired) completed the race well within the time limit.



The race was off to a great start with WICKED (Mike Welsh) becoming the 10th yacht in the series to record a perfect start. All three podium finishers had their best result of the series. ANDANTE 1 (Keith Woodruff) won not only the race but also the Jaffa Trophy by a margin of 3 minutes 43 seconds. SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) finished in 2nd place with ARABESQUE (Milton Green) 3rd. For the second successive week ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) had the fastest elapsed time – 48 seconds faster than WICKED – her closest rival.

THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) still tops the aggregate but the 5.5 point margin she had last week has been drastically cut to 1.5 points with one race to go. After rejoining the aggregate top ten last week SALTSHAKER moves up into 2nd place with INSX moving up from 6th into 3rd place. The seven remaining yachts in the aggregate top ten are: SECOND NATURE, BON VIVANT (Russell Keays), WHITE NOISE (Daniel Edwards), SURI (Rick Blanck), RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp), LEBROK (Theo Korbel) and PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse).



This was the 11th race this series for the Catalina 38.5 ANDANTE 1. So far she has 3 podium finishes and a perfect start to win Start of the Day to her credit. She began this race from 4th place 6 seconds late for her 12 minute handicap. ANDANTE 1 sailed the first 3 legs of the course in 1:22:12 and was in 3rd place at the first rounding of SYC 4. At this stage of the race she was only 8 seconds behind

PIPPA who had started 97 seconds ahead. ANDANTE 1 completed the last 3 legs of the course in 54 minutes 5 seconds and was first across the finish line at 16:28:23. She had won the race and the Jaffa Trophy. The win takes her from 32nd to 24th in the aggregate.

After spending 14 weeks outside the aggregate top ten, SALTSHAKER moved from 10th into 2nd place. She is one of two yachts that have completed 18 races and has 6 top ten including two podium finishes to her credit.

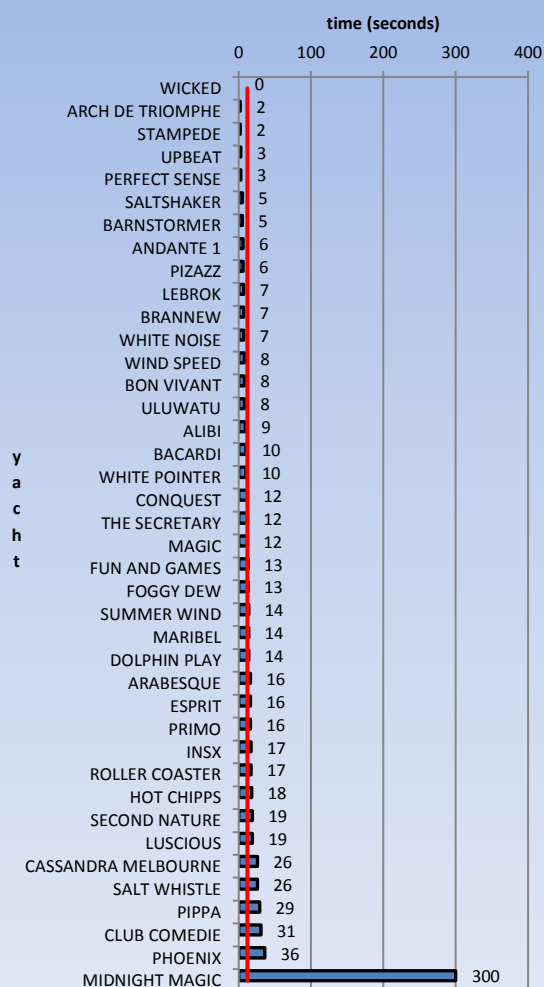
SALTSHAKER started this race from 7th place 5 seconds late for her 19 minute handicap. This was an increase of a minute after finishing 5th in race 23. She had moved into 6th place at the first rounding of SYC 4 still 4 minutes 53 seconds behind the race leader.

SALTSHAKER sailed the course in 2:13:06 and crossed the finish line at 16:32:06.



This was the 14th race this summer completed by ARABESQUE. She began the series with a 31 minute handicap which was reduced to 29 minutes for this race. She started from 17th place 16 seconds late for her handicap. By the first rounding of SYC 4 she had moved into 10th place 4 places 1 minute and 19 seconds ahead of PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg) who had started only 20 seconds later. ARABESQUE sailed the last 3 legs of the course in 50 minutes and 10 seconds and crossed the finish line in 3rd place at 16:33:02. This was 30 places and 5 minutes 51 seconds ahead of PHOENIX who sailed off the same handicap. ARABESQUE moves up from 37th to be 31st in the aggregate.

WW Summer Series 2018-19 Race 24 Start of the Day

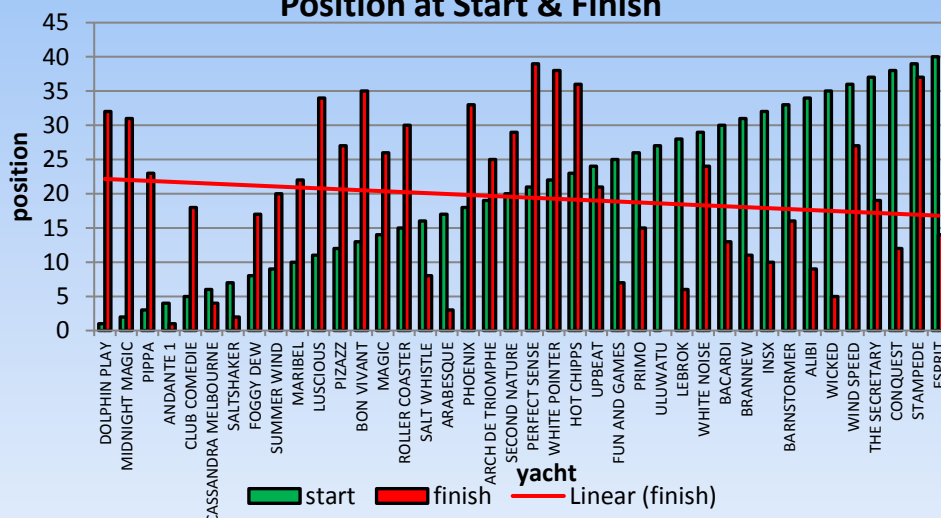


This was the first Start of the Day win for WICKED who started right on her handicap. The median start time for the race was 12 seconds. Thirty nine of the forty yachts started within 36 seconds of their handicap. The narrowest range of start times for the series. MIDNIGHT MAGIC started 49 seconds too soon and it proved costly at the finish line. Instead of finishing 6th she finished 31st.

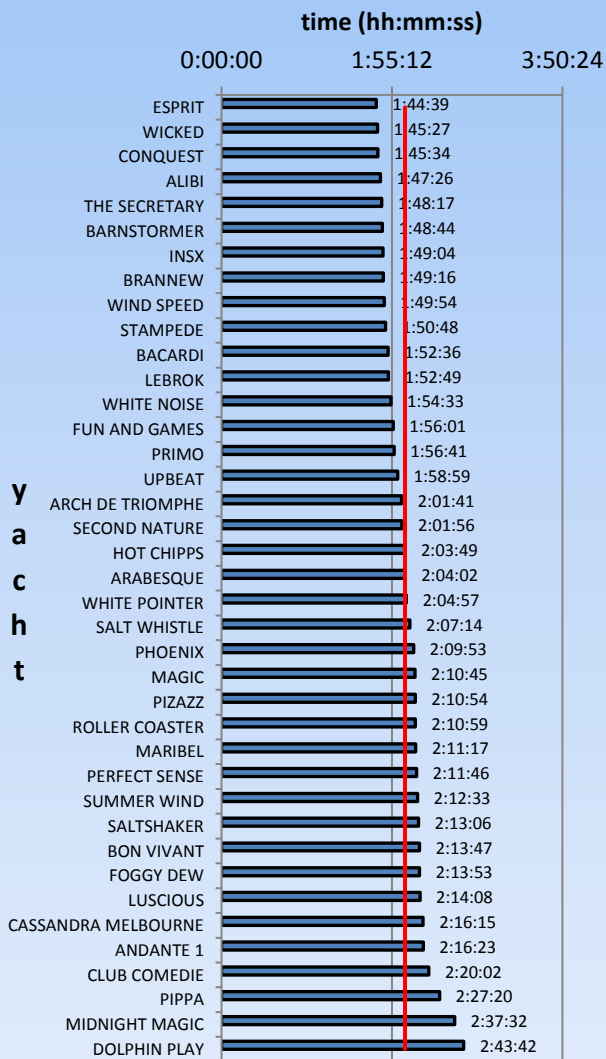


It was approaching a nightmare for those in the tower recording finish times with 31 yachts finishing within a space 6 minutes. PIAZZ and WINDSPEED both crossed the line at 16:37:54 to finish 27th. A trio of yachts comprising PIAZZ, MAGIC and ROLLER COASTER were almost inseperable. They started 11 seconds apart and finished only 9 seconds apart. The forty yachts started 56 minutes 2 seconds apart were 23 minutes 40 seconds apart at SYC 4 and finished 20 minutes 23 seconds apart.

WW Summer Series 2018-19 Race 24 Position at Start & Finish



WW Summer Series 2018-19 Race 24 Elapsed Time



ESPRIT is one of only five yachts this summer to have recorded the fastest elapsed time for a race. This was her 8th time this series. The other yachts are: ARCH DE TRIOMPHE, CARPE DIEM, STAMPEDE and WICKED. ESPRIT sailed the course in 1:44:39 in a race that had a median time of 2:04:02 and a range of elapsed times of 59 minutes 3 seconds.



DOLPHIN PLAY (left) led the fleet across the start line with BON VIVANT & PIAZZ (right) starting 2 seconds apart.





(Left) ULUWATU sails her first race since race 12. Phoenix (below) begins her 8th race of the series and PERFECT SENSE (right) about to start her first of the series.



(Below) ARCH DE TRIOMPHE nothing in front anything behind?



(Above) SECOND NATURE & INSX discussing tactics?

(Below left) HOT CHIPPS rounding SYC 3 with UPBEAT (below right) on her way to SYC 1.





(Above) WHITE NOISE started 29th finished 25th.

(Right) CONQUEST finished 5 seconds ahead of ESPRIT.



(Below) Will THE SECRETARY lead the aggregate this time next week?



(Above) The finish of race 24 - one more to go.



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