

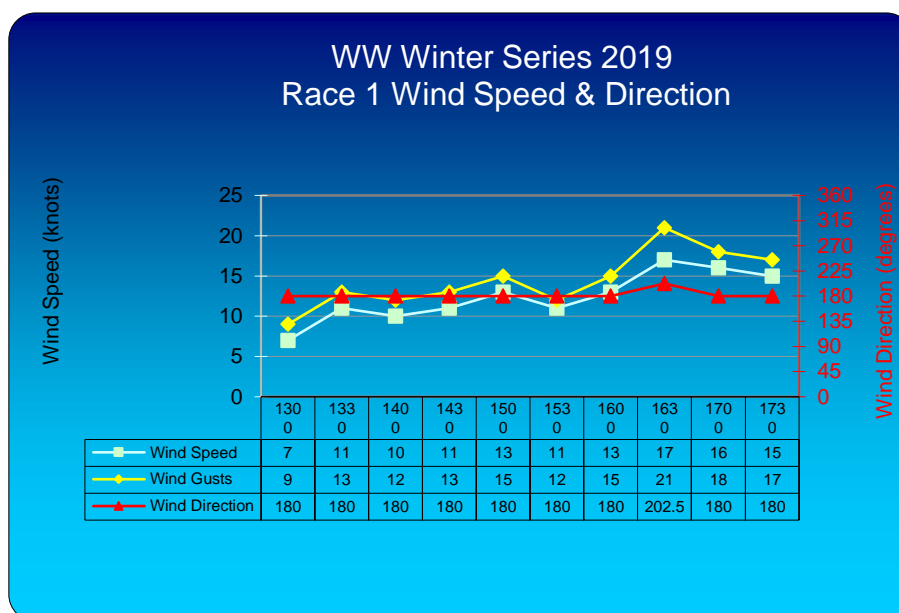
A Great Start to the Winter Series

Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2019 Race 1

(3 Apr 2019)



What began as a light variable breeze over flat seas gradually increased and steadied throughout the afternoon to produce a great start to the winter series. This probably favoured the late starters but it still produced a good race enjoyed by the thirty seven yachts that completed the race. The race was around the 9.8 nautical mile course 12, which in the southerly breeze, that averaged 12 knots for the afternoon, provided upwind, downwind and reaching legs. Although it was a cloudy and dull day there was only the most minimal amount of rain.



The contest for Start of the Day was commenced in the best possible way with FUN & GAMES (Alan Edwards) crossing the start line precisely on her 38 minute handicap. A 3 second start helped WICKED (Mike Welsh) become the first podium finisher of the series. She was followed across finish line by THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) in second place, whilst third across the line was BON VIVANT (Russell Keays). She became the first casualty of the sign on requirement as detailed in the Notice of Race. BON VIVANT was one of four yachts in the race not to register their crew before the start, resulting in a five point increase to their respective scores. Not only was WICKED the winner of the race but she also sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time.



In her last six races of the summer series WICKED recorded 3 top ten finishes – a trend which she carried into the winter series. She began this race from 32nd place 3 seconds late for her 48 minute handicap. She rounded SYC 4 in 20th place after sailing the first 4 legs of the course in 65 minutes 29 seconds. WICKED completed the last three legs of the course in 32 minutes 3 seconds and crossed the finish line at 15:57:35. This was her first podium finish since race 7 of the summer series.

After leading the summer aggregate for 7 consecutive weeks THE SECRETARY finished in 5th place and was away to a good start in this winter series. Like WICKED, THE SECRETARY had a handicap of 48 minutes. They started 3 seconds apart from 32nd and 33rd place respectively but by the first rounding of SYC 4 THE SECRETARY was 5 places and 83 seconds further behind. It was during the last three legs of the race that the time between the two yachts increased but THE SECRETARY improved her position by 23 places. She recorded the third fastest elapsed time of the race and was 2nd across the finish line at 15:59:51- 2 minutes 16 seconds behind the winner.



It must have been a disappointing start to the series for BON VIVANT who had sailed very well to cross the finish line in 3rd place but received a 5 place penalty for not signing on before the race. She had started from 12th place 11 seconds late for her 26 minute handicap. By the first rounding of SYC 4 she was in 4th place only 3 minutes 35 seconds behind the leader. BON VIVANT moved up into 3rd place in the last three legs of the race and crossed the line at 16:00:29. She was one of only two yachts in the 37 yacht fleet that was among the first 12 yachts to start and were among the first 12 to finish.

WW Winter Series 2019 Race 1 Start of the Day

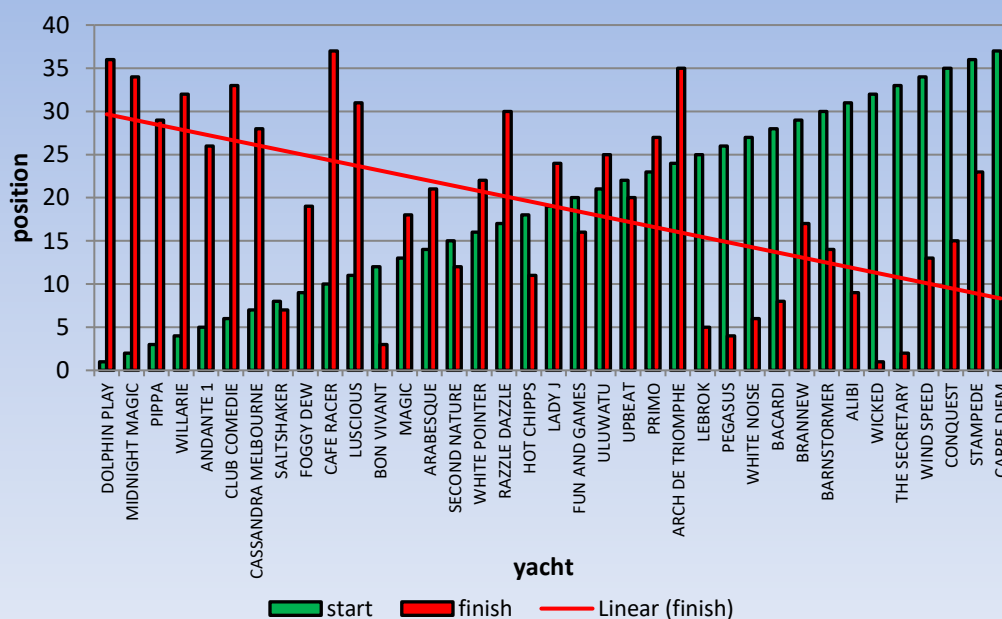


The median start time for the race was 13 seconds with FUN & GAMES winning the start. All but 2 yachts started within 34 seconds of the handicap. MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette Moore) made the Start of the Day of a different sort. She was 8 minutes 20 seconds late for her handicap but still completed the race. ARCH DE TRIOMPHE (Alistair Murray) started 12 seconds too soon and received the 5 minute penalty.



This race belonged to “the chasers” who pursued, caught and overtook the early starters. Of the 12 yachts that were last to start, seven were among the first 12 to finish. The fleet started 48 minutes 47 seconds apart and was 18 minutes 30 seconds apart at SYC 4. Helped by an increasing breeze the faster yachts increased their lead in the last 3 legs of the race so the fleet finished 22 minutes 59 seconds apart.

WW Winter Series 2019 Race 1 Position at Start & Finish



WW Winter Series 2019 Race

1 Elapsed Time

time (hh:mm:ss)

0:00:00 1:55:12 3:50:24

WICKED	1:39:35
CARPE DIEM	1:41:45
THE SECRETARY	1:41:51
CONQUEST	1:43:54
WIND SPEED	1:45:19
STAMPEDE	1:45:33
ALIBI	1:45:41
BARNSTORMER	1:46:42
BRANNEW	1:48:33
WHITE NOISE	1:48:58
BACARDI	1:49:28
PEGASUS	1:49:40
LEBROK	1:50:17
FUN AND GAMES	1:56:28
HOT CHIPPS	1:57:12
UPBEAT	1:57:22
PRIMO	1:58:26
ULUWATU	1:59:02
SECOND NATURE	1:59:14
LADY J	1:59:47
WHITE POINTER	2:01:27
ARABESQUE	2:03:24
BON VIVANT	2:04:29
RAZZLE DAZZLE	2:04:36
MAGIC	2:07:47
SALTSHAKER	2:11:11
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	2:12:18
FOGGY DEW	2:12:52
LUSCIOUS	2:15:14
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	2:20:55
ANDANTE 1	2:23:03
CLUB COMEDIE	2:27:02
PIPPA	2:27:29
CAFE RACER	2:28:34
WILLARIE	2:30:29
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	2:45:53
DOLPHIN PLAY	2:50:51

The median elapsed time for the race was 1:59:14 with the fastest time (1:39:35) being recorded by WICKED. She was 2 minutes 10 seconds faster than CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) with THE SECRETARY the third fastest. The range of elapsed times was 71 minutes 16 seconds – 22 minutes 29 seconds more than the range of handicaps. With an elapsed time of 2:50:51 DOLPHIN PLAY received best value for money.



Both LUSCIOUS (left) and CONQUEST (below) made good starts to the race.





Foresails receiving attention on *CAFE RACER* (left) and *RAZZLE DAZZLE* (below).



It would be easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than..... maybe not.



STAMPEDE (left) displaying well trimmed sails whilst *PIPPA* (below) takes things easy.





(Left) LADY J finished 24th in her first summer series. WHITE POINTER finished 22nd.



(Left) BON VIVANT finished ahead of WILLARIE with LEBROK (right) crossing the line in 5th place.



BARNSTORMER (left) started 30th and finished 14th.

MAGIC (right) started 13th and finished 18th.





PEGASUS (Flying Horse) & new tender.
She finished 4th in her first WW race.



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