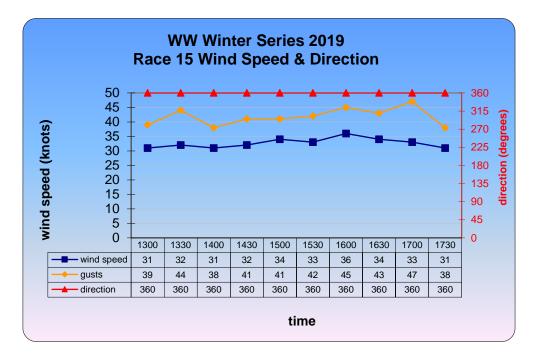
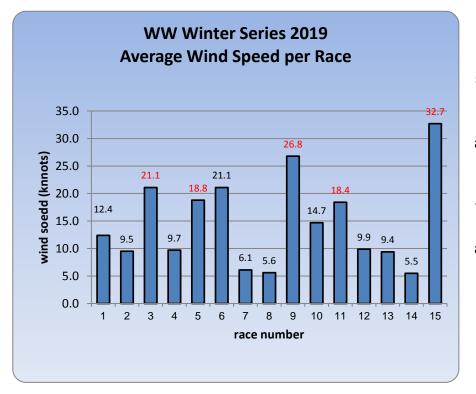
Windiest Wednesday this Series Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2019 Race 15 (10 Jul 2019)

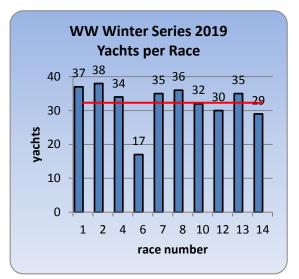
Race 15 became the fifth race to be abandoned this winter. The Bureau of Meteorology issued a gale warning for Port Philip on Wednesday with seas increasing from 1.5 to 2.5 metres. Observations at Fawkner Beacon showed maximum wind speeds of 36 gusting 47 knots from the north with an average of 33 knots for the afternoon. This was the windiest Wednesday afternoon this winter eclipsing the 27 knot average recorded for the abandoned race 9.





The chart on the left shows the average wind speed per race for this winter. Of the 15 scheduled races, 5 have been abandoned (races 3, 5, 9. 11 and 15) and 4 shortened. The average wind speed for the 10 completed races is only 10.4 knots. At the same stage in the 2018 winter series 2 races had been abandoned and the average wind speed for the 13 completed races was 13.1 knots. An average of 32 yachts has contested each of the 10 races. Eleven yachts have completed all 10: ARCH DE TRIOMPHE, BACARDI, BON VIVANT, BRANNEW, FOGGY DEW, MAGIC, PEGASUS, PIPPA, SALTSHAKER, WICKED & WILLARIE.





WW Winter Series 2019 Start of the Day Winners				
RACE	YACHT	TIME		
1	FUN AND GAMES	0		
2	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	1		
4	WICKED	2		
6	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	2		
7	UPBEAT	2		
8	WHITE POINTER	1		
10	LUSCIOUS	0		
12	PANAREA	1		
13	UPBEAT	4		
13	WICKED	4		
14	BRANNEW	4		
14	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	4		
AVERAGE		2.08		

Ten different yachts have won Start of the Day. ARCH DE TRIOMPHE and WICKED have won twice and there was a tie in both races 13 and 14. Only two yachts, FUN & GAMES and LUSCIOUS have made "perfect" starts. The average winning start time for the series is 2.08 seconds.









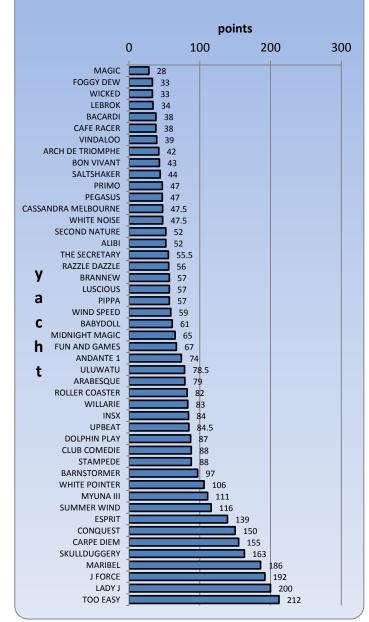
WW Winter Series 2019 Podium Finishers						
YACHT	POSITION					
	1	2	3	TOTAL		
ALIBI		1		1		
ANDANTE 1	1			1		
ARABESQUE	1			1		
BACARDI		1		1		
BARNSTORMER				1		
BON VIVANT		2	1	3		
CAFE RACER		1	1	2		
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE			1	1		
CLUB COMEDIE	2			2		
DOLPHIN PLAY	2			2		
FOGGY DEW		1		1		
FUN AND GAMES			1	1		
INSX			1	1		
LEBROK		1		1		
LUSCIOUS	1			1		
MAGIC		1		1		
MIDNIGHT MAGIC			2	2		
ROLLER COASTER			1	1		
SALTSHAKER	1			1		
SUMMER WIND		1		1		
THE SECRETARY		1		1		
ULUWATU			1	1		
VINDALOO			1	1		
WICKED	1			1		

Twenty four different yachts have recorded podium finishes. Five have been on the podium on multiple occasions. BON VIVANT has collected 3 podium finishes – two 2^{nds} and a 3rd place. BOTH CLUB COMEDIE and DOLPHIN PLAY have 2 wins; CAFE RACER a 2nd and a 3rd with MIDNIGHT MAGIC collecting two 3rd places.





WW Winter Series 2019 Aggregate Race 15



There are still 12 scheduled races left in the winter series. Only 16 points separate the aggregate top ten with 29 points separating the top 21 yachts. With a total of 28 points MAGIC is the current aggregate leader followed by FOGGY DEW and WICKED both with 33 points.



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