

Smooth Start ; Bouncy Finish

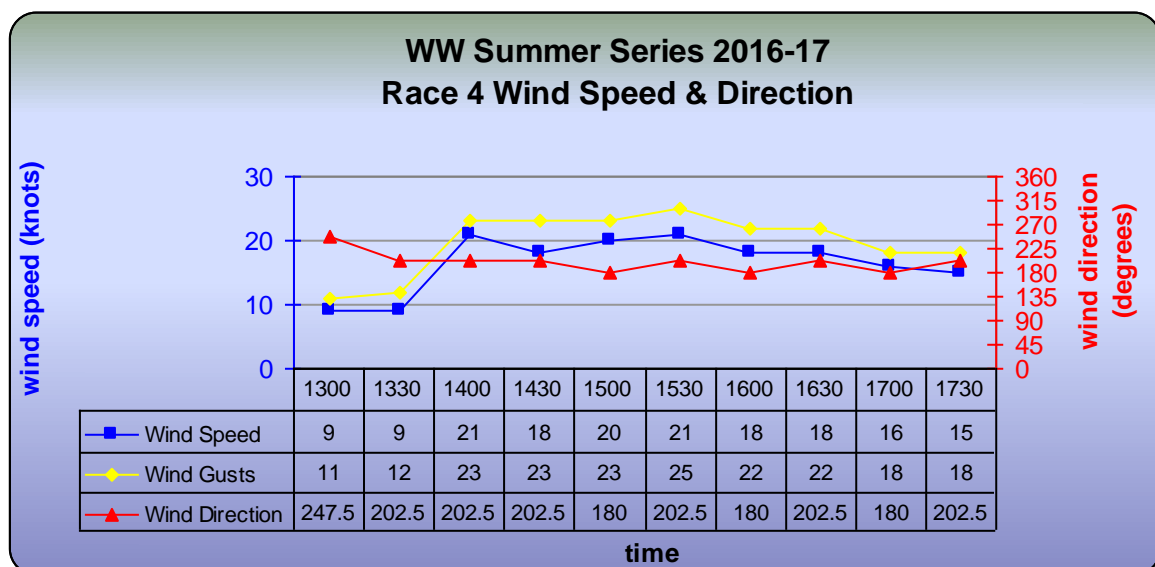
Wednesday Wonders Race 4 Summer Series 2016-17

(26 Oct 2016)



Following the benign conditions experienced in race 3 it was back to 15 knot plus winds for race 4. Observations at Fawkner Beacon indicated the breeze was less than 10 knots before the race began but quickly increased to over 20 knots within 30 minutes of the start. Low cloud and showers restricted visibility making some marks difficult to see. Despite the conditions 36 yachts started the race around the 7- leg 9.8 nautical mile course number 12. This was the same course contested by 13 yachts in race 2 in windier conditions. On that occasion all 13 yachts completed the race finishing within 7 minutes and 50 seconds of each other. In this race 34 yachts completed the race within 18 minutes 27 seconds and provided the earliest finish of a race so far this series.

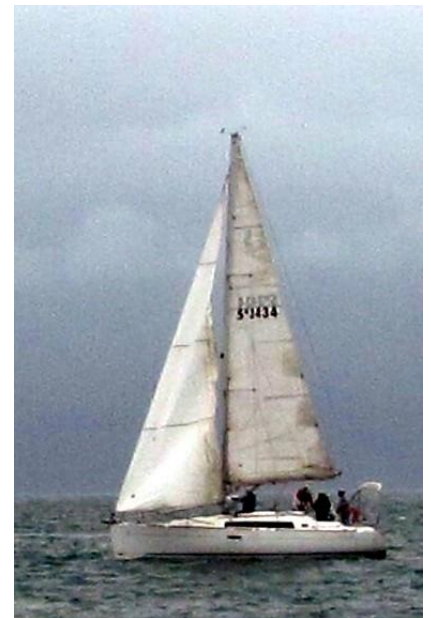
Twenty-one yachts started within 10 seconds or less of their handicaps. LEBROK (Theo Korbel) crossed the start line exactly on her handicap to win Start of the Day and was closely challenged by BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch) who was only 1 second late. First across the finish line with a 5 minute 55 second margin was MOANA (Stan Rankin). She was followed by PIZAZZ (P. Martyn & R. Kemp) within SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay) in 3rd place. This makes 9 different podium finishers in 3 races. The best elapsed time of 1:23:46 was recorded by STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala), which was 3 minutes 20 seconds faster than her closest rival ESPRIT (Garry Anderson). If NUTCRACKER II (Rob Davis & Andy Baker) had not started 8 seconds too soon and received the 5-minute penalty she would have recorded the fastest elapsed time.





MOANA found herself on the podium for the first time this series after crossing the finish line 5 minutes 55 seconds ahead of the rest of the fleet. She was the only yacht to receive a handicap reduction following race three. However, the one-minute handicap reduction cannot account for such a convincing win. MOANA had a good start from 7th place only 7 seconds late for her 20-minute handicap. She sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 1:06:27 and rounded number 4 in 2nd place only 2 minutes 20 seconds behind the leader. MOANA took the lead during the final 3 legs of the race and crossed the finish line at 15:37:48 after sailing the course in 1:47:48. The win lifted MOANA from 20th to 8th place in the aggregate.

PIAZZ completed 14 races in the winter series, which she finished with a win. This resulted in a handicap increase when she sailed race 3 of this series. The gentle breeze of race 3 was not to her liking and finished well down the fleet but she made amends in this race. PIAZZ started from 11th place 12 seconds late for her 26 minute handicap. By the first rounding of number 4 she had moved into 7th place still 5 minutes 42 seconds behind the leader. PIAZZ sailed the remaining 3 legs of the race in 40 minutes 28 seconds and crossed the finish line at 15:43:43 after sailing the entire course in 1:47:43. This 2nd place lifted PIAZZ 10 places in the aggregate from 30th to 20th position.

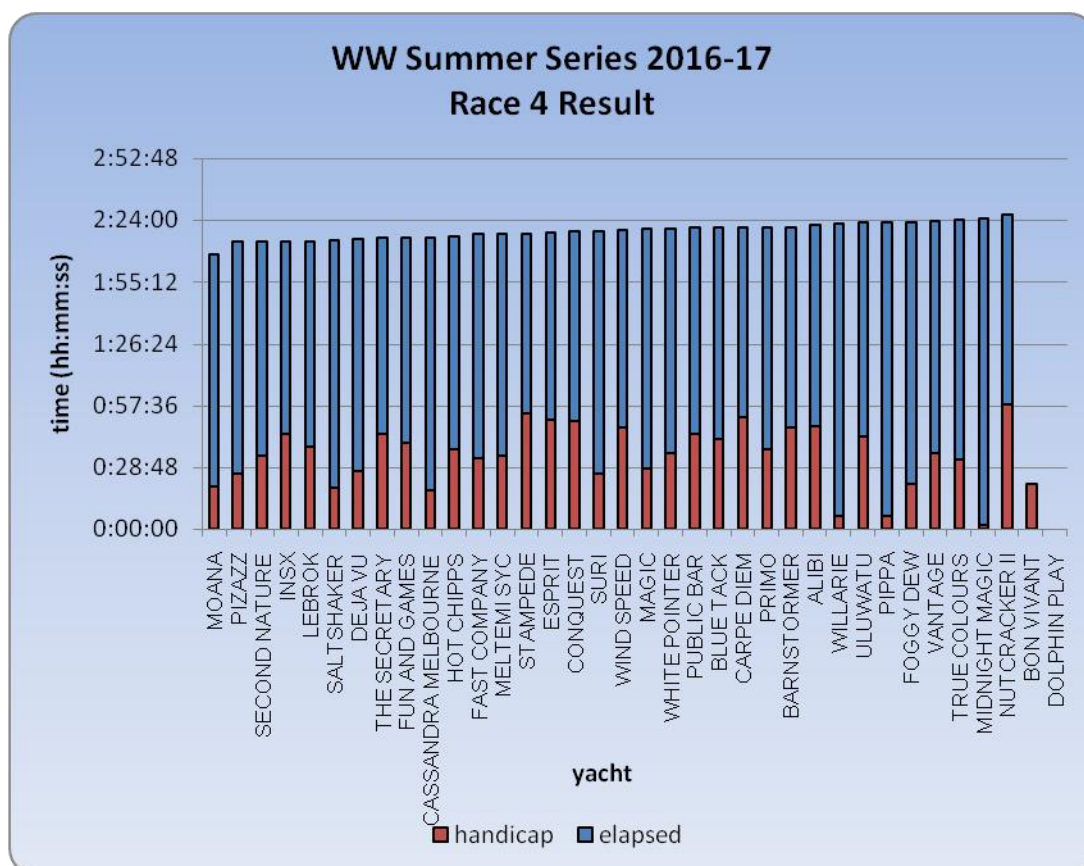


SECOND NATURE finished 20th in the winter aggregate after completing 12 races. However, she has made a good start to this series finishing 8th in race 3 and 3rd in this race. SECOND NATURE started from 16th position 11 seconds late for her 34 minute handicap. She was in 14th place at the first rounding of number 4 after sailing the first 4 legs of the course in 1:03:22. The last 3 legs of the course SECOND NATURE sailed in 36 minutes 26 seconds and crossed the line at 15:43:59. She had sailed the course 3 minutes 33 seconds faster than MELTEMI SYC who was also off a 34-minute handicap. SECOND NATURE moves up from 13th into 7th place in the aggregate.

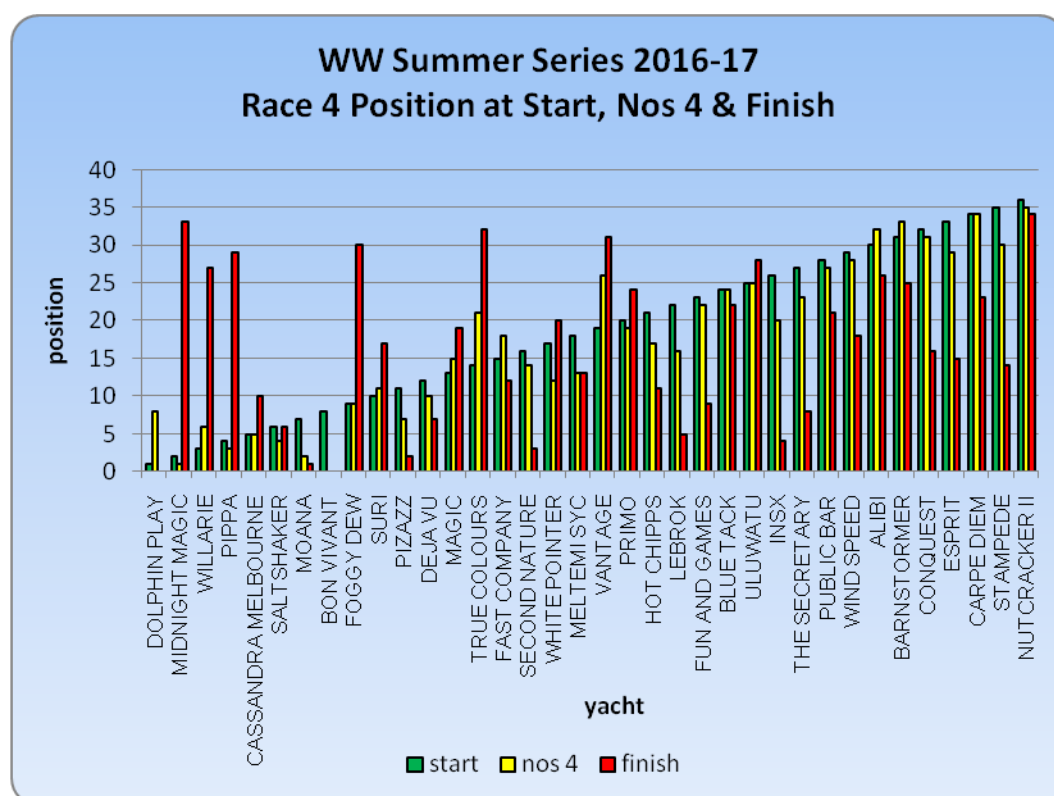
LEBROK became the 3rd winner of Start of the Day in as many races, with the second perfect start of the series. Six yachts were attracted to an 8 second start with 5 yachts starting 5 seconds late. Only 4 yachts were more than a minute late for their start and one of these was as a result of a penalty for starting too soon. The median start time for the race was 8 seconds. This compares with 7 seconds for race 2 and 27 seconds for race 3, which was contested in light breezes.



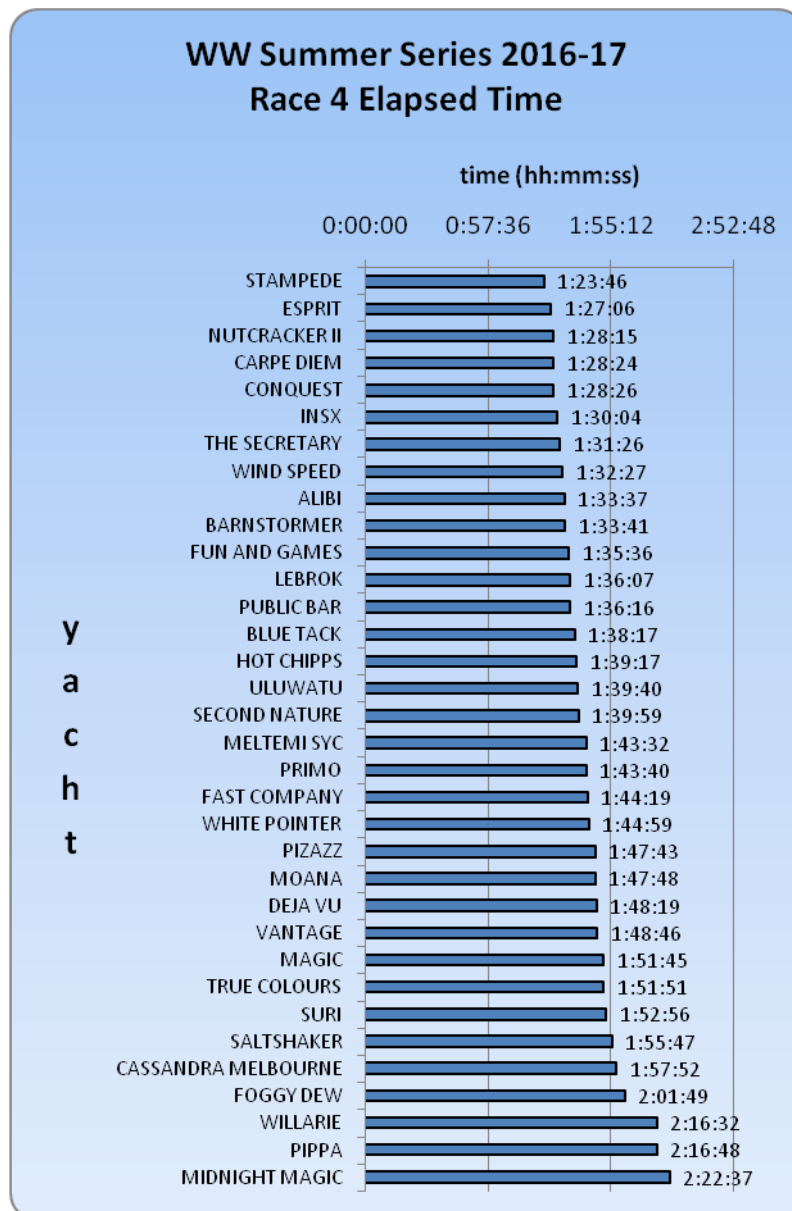
The 36 yacht fleet started the race 57 minutes 31 seconds apart. After the first 4 legs the gap had closed to be 24 minutes 27 seconds. By the end of the race 18 minutes 27 seconds separated the 34 yachts to finish the race. One second separated PUBLIC BAR (Clive Sondheim) from BLUE TACK who finished 21st and 22nd respectively. The same margin separated PRIMO (Steve Copley) and BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes) who finished 24th and 25th as well as PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) and FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard) who finished 29th and 30th.



Of the first 12 yachts to cross the finish line, 5 were among the 12 early starters, 5 from the mid fleet starters but only 2 from the late starters. During the first 4 legs of the race each yacht changed an average of 3 places. The last 3 legs saw yachts changing their positions by an average of 12 places.



The average elapsed time for this race was 1:44:06 compared to 1:36:34 for race 2. Both races were around the same course but the breeze for race 2 averaged 20 knots compared to 17 for this race. STAMPEDE sailed the course in the fastest time but only 2 seconds separated the times recorded by CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) (52 minute handicap) and CONQUEST (Paul Jacka) (50 minute handicap). Other close times were 4 seconds between ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) and BARNSTORMER; 5 seconds between PIZAZZ and MOANA with 6 seconds between MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) and TRUE COLOURS (P Akers & A West).



Eight yachts competed in the first of the Century Class Summer Series races. Two yachts that competed in the winter series are not in this series but MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette Moore) is competing. MOANA won the first race with SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) and CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE filling the minor placings. The complete results are shown in the table on the following page.

CENTURY CLASS SERIES SUMMER 2016-17 RACE 1 RESULT					
PLACE	YACHT	SKIPPER	ELAPSED	FINISH	H CAP
1	MOANA	Stan Rankin	1:47:48	15:37:48	0:20:00
2	SALTSHAKER	Ken Gayler	1:55:47	15:44:47	0:19:00
3	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	1:57:52	15:45:52	0:18:00
4	MAGIC	Phil Spry-Bailey	1:51:45	15:49:45	0:28:00
5	WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	2:16:32	15:52:32	0:06:00
6	PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	2:16:48	15:52:48	0:06:00
7	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	Bernadette Moore	2:22:37	15:54:37	0:02:00
8	BON VIVANT	Russell Keays			

A reminder that the MOB Safety Declaration for the 2016-17 Summer Series is due on 31 October. Get your completed MOB form to the Boating Office either by handing it in to the Boating Office, Main Reception or emailing it to boating@syc.com.au. To Download the MOB form [CLICK](#)

Windward Buoy

Wednesday Wonders Grand Prix Classic Car Race
November 30th race 9

Eligibility: Correction: Any Wednesday Wonder Sailor series **skipper or crew member** who can prove by photo or other means that the car that they own or did once own was manufactured pre -1975.

This race will be conducted as a normal Wednesday Wonders Race with normal scoring and handicap times determined as usual by the Wednesday Wonders handicapper. However for those registered for the 'Classic Car' race, there will be modifications to the start procedure. Start time 20mins before handicaps and will be timed from the K 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.

A yacht can enter two classic cars and have them on display at SYC on the day for bonus reduction in their finish time.

Example:

The Secretary, George Shaw

Nominated driver: G Shaw

Car: Pre 1956 Austin Healey, on site

Add a second car: 1968 MG Midget owned by crew Noel Allen.

This would give The Secretary
5 mins reduction to finish time for the first car
plus 2 mins for a second car.

Send your entry now to [MARK WINDWARD](#)

Late entry penalty after Midnight 23/11/2016 (Race 8)

Details at the end of this report





In an attempt to try and reduce his yard fees, (made dearer due to inclement weather) the Skipper of Pippa is trying to convince the yard that he owns a trailer sailer and not a keel boat and should be a cheaper rate. Those of you who are more observant will notice the white colour has been changed to red. According to well-informed sources this was due to the cost that would have been incurred by buying a new white car. Ralph White, who used a brush to paint Pippa, actually sailed on her with late Peter Bolton a few years back. The colour match to Pippa's skipper's car is spot on.

The advantages of having a handicap of around 30 mins

1. You have the chance of a more accurate judgment of the conditions and wind strength.
2. You will have a lot of yachts who have a very similar handicap starting within mins of you.
3. You don't have to worry too much about where the marks are. You can just follow the little red boat.
4. You have little chance of sailing the incorrect course.
5. You are very likely to have yachts closely competing with you most of the race.
6. You don't have to rush your lunch.
7. With a bit of good fortune you can avoid the larger yachts for most of the race.
8. If you achieve an excellent result no one can say it was due to a soldier's course and not your superior sailing skill.

Who said this? Quote Two: *The Sea, once it casts its spell holds one in its net of wonder forever.* Answer: A quote from **Jacques Yves Cousteau**

Who said this? Quote 3: *The Sea is only the embodiment of a supernatural and wonderful existence.*

Andy Kapper Mark Windward had been misinformed about the relationship to A Capp. The handicapper would like to make it clear that the relationship is with Warwick Kapper. Ask the Stubbs if you don't know who he is.

This well-known ALF footy player is not a person who you would want to tangle with. I think there might be very few complaints about WW handicapping this season.



Blue Flyer arrived at Port Louis, Mauritius

Comments, feedback or back-to-fronts send to [MARK WINDWARD](#)

A message to all mature sailors (not just the Century Class)
Getting old is just a matter of degrees.

If you are turning 70 you should realize that is only 21° Celsius

The Wednesday Wonders Classic Car Yacht Race

Wednesday 30 November 2016
Race 9.

Can you identify the WW sailor driving this car?



This race will be conducted as a normal Wednesday Wonders Race. Normal scoring for the Wednesday Wonders series will remain in place. The handicap start times will be determined as usual by the Wednesday Wonders handicapper. However there will be some modifications to the start procedure.

Adjustments will be made to the yacht's finishing position by various time criteria to determine the results for the Car Yacht Race Scores.

Eligibility: Any Wednesday Wonder Sailor series **Skipper or Crew** who can prove by photo or other means that the car that they own or did once own was manufactured pre -1975.

Rules: There will be an old style Grand Prix Le Mans start. The nominated car "driver" will start from the Ken King Centre 20 minutes before his/her yacht's official handicap start time (as per the regular sheets for WW racing). Other crew or Skipper may be aboard the yacht. The nominated "Driver" must be named in advance of the race on the entry form for the car race.

Note: a 6 min penalty applies for incorrect starting.

Adjustments to finish times: Classic Car Race finishing times will be adjusted after the race.

Reduction to finish times

LESS 5 mins if the Classic car recorded in your entry is parked in SYC Nth Car Park

LESS 2 mins for a second Classic Car registered by a yacht if the car in your entry is parked SYC Nth Car Park

LESS 2 min for Best-dressed classic car owner LESS 1 min for the best car photo submitted

LESS 2 min for the oldest Car

Increases to finish time

PLUS 6 mins for late entry

PLUS 4 mins if your car has to be pushed to start.

PLUS 6 mins if the designated driver starts at an incorrect time or place.

Prizes: A Perpetual Trophy will be presented and a special bottle of wine donated by Red Bluff Homes.

A bottle of sesquihoral wine will be presented to the skipper of each yacht that has one or more Classic cars in the Car Park.

Additional prizes may be awarded. Any donations of prizes are welcome.

Entries: must be submitted to [Mark Windward](#) before midnight Wednesday 23rd November, Race 8.

ENTRY Information to include:

Yacht Name & Sail Number.

Skipper's name, phone and Email address

The make and year of the classic car.

Evidence of Car ownership

E.g. a photo of that car, or registration papers, or the car itself.

The name of the nominated Classic Car "Driver" to start from Ken King Centre.

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Thanks to Harpo and Red Bluff for providing all the prizes for this event

