

**Champagne Racing**  
**WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 7**  
**(16 Nov 2016)**

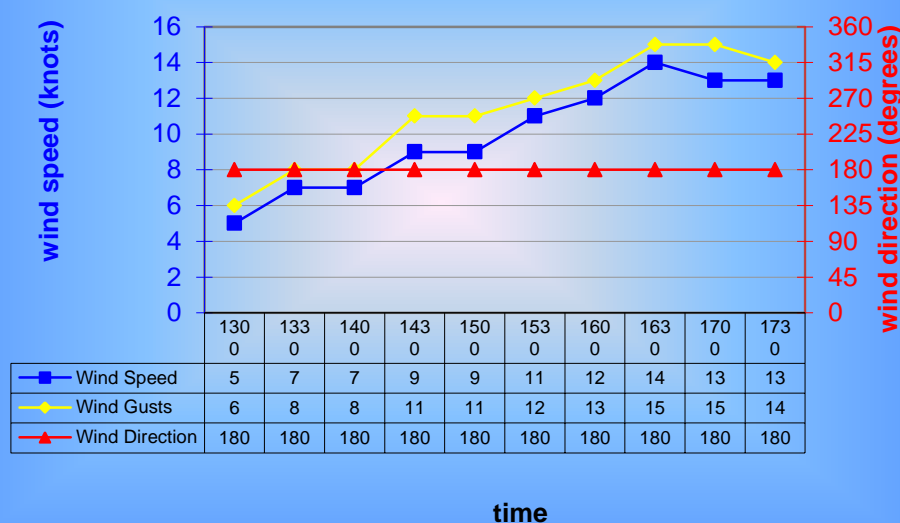


“Champagne sailing conditions” greeted the 39 yachts that assembled for race 7 for what was the largest fleet of the series. It was the first WW race for a yacht new to SYC - RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp). Unfortunately she started 2 seconds too soon, was penalised 5 minutes and dropped 5 places. The race was around the same course as the previous week – the 6 leg 9.8 nautical mile course 13 – but there was a different outcome. This was a race of contrasting fortunes – some good others not so good. Of the four yachts allocated a 21 minute handicap, BON VIVANT (Russell Keayes) finished first and CARRERA (Geoffrey Simpson) finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. LEBROK (Theo Korbel) was the third of the podium finishers. The other two yachts with a 21 minute handicap MARIBEL (Graham Frazer) and MOANA found the race more challenging and crossed the finish line in 25<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> place respectively.

Start of the Day was won by BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes) who was only 1 second late for her handicap. She is the 7<sup>th</sup> different winner this series. In contrast, last week’s winner SALT WHISTLE (Alex Hall) started more than 2 minutes too soon and recorded DNS. This was unfortunate as she sailed a good race and would have been the 9<sup>th</sup> yacht across the finish line.

For the third successive week NUTCRACKER II recorded the fastest elapsed time of the race with a time of 1:39:53 – 27 minutes 22 seconds shorter than the average elapsed time. She finished in 12<sup>th</sup> place following a 17<sup>th</sup> in the previous race.

**WW Summer Series 2015-16  
Race 7 Wind Speed & Direction**



Fawkner Beacon observations indicated the breeze increased as the afternoon progressing from around 7 knots at the start to about 14 knots at the finish. The average was a 10 knot southerly. This is less than the 14.6 knot average for the series so far. Consequently this race enjoyed the longest average elapsed time of the series.



BON VIVANT has completed 3 races so far and improved her result in each race. She finished 34<sup>th</sup> in race 5; 7<sup>th</sup> in race 6 and a 1<sup>st</sup> in this race. Her handicap has remained on 21 minutes for each race. She started this race from 5<sup>th</sup> place 5 seconds late for her 21 minute handicap. Hers was the best start of the 4 yachts with 21 minute handicaps. It took 1:23:40 for BON VIVANT to sail the first 3 legs of the course. She rounded number 4 for the first time in 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 1 minute 25 seconds behind the leader. BON VIVANT sailed the entire course in 2:06:30 faster than any of the other yachts with a 21 minute handicap. She crossed the finish line at 15:57:30 – 3 minutes 54 seconds ahead of CARRERA. BON VIVANT is now 25<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate, up from 35<sup>th</sup> place.

CARRERA made it two 2<sup>nd</sup> places in successive races when she crossed the finish line at 16:01:24. She started in 6<sup>th</sup> place 18 seconds late for her 21 minute handicap. That was 13 seconds after BON VIVANT. CARRERA was in 4<sup>th</sup> place after the first 3 legs of the race, already 3 minutes 42 seconds astern of BON VIVANT. CARRERA sailed the final 3 legs in 42 minutes 39 seconds overtaking two yachts along the way. In three races CARRERA has recorded a 6<sup>th</sup> and two 2<sup>nd</sup> places. These results put CARRERA in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the aggregate with a total of 10 points. She was in 25<sup>th</sup> place following race 6.

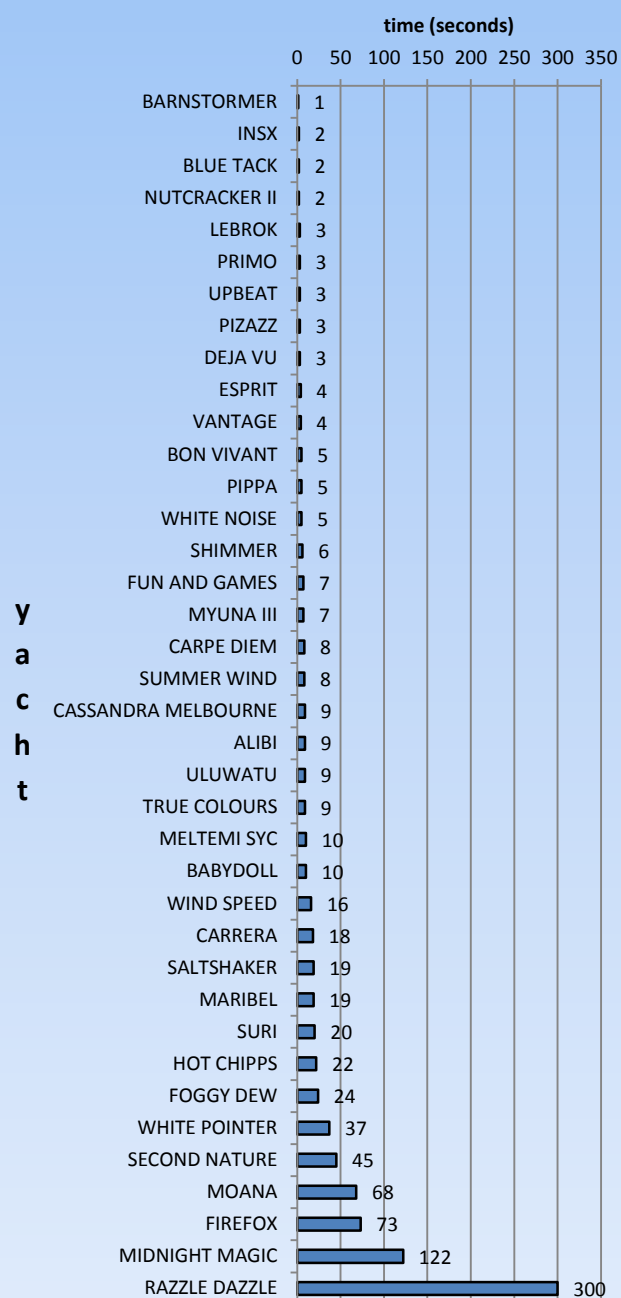


The Beneteau 367 LEBROK is one of 13 yachts that have completed 5 races this series and this was her first podium finish. She had a good start only 3 seconds late for her 39 minute handicap from 25<sup>th</sup> place. She sailed the first 3 legs of the course in 1:15:59 and moved into 10<sup>th</sup> place at the first rounding of number 4. LEBROK sailed the last 3 legs of the course in 37 minutes 22 seconds, crossing the line at 16:02:24. LEBROK started the race 4 seconds ahead of FUN & GAMES (also with 39 minute handicap) but sailed the course 3 minutes 55 seconds faster and finished 8 places ahead. Despite recording her best result of the series LEBROK dropped one place in the aggregate into 4<sup>th</sup> place.

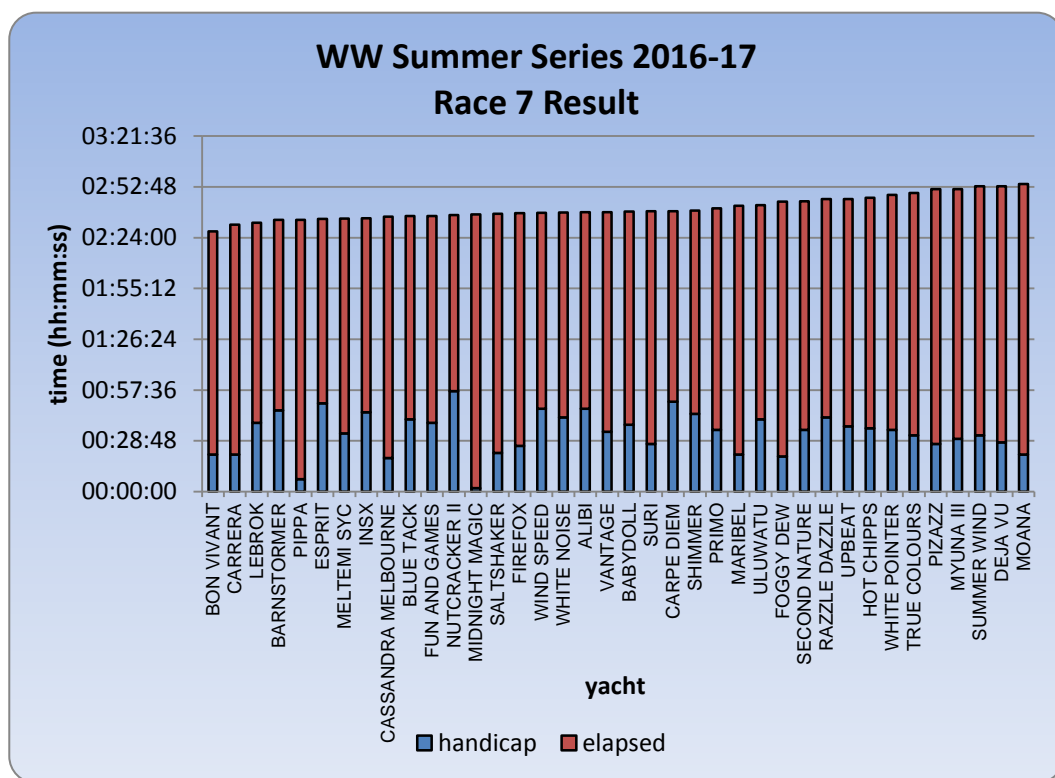
BARNSTORMER won start of the day with a 1 second start beating 3 yachts that started 2 seconds late for their handicaps. Twenty five yachts started within 10 seconds or less of their handicaps with only 4 yachts more than a minute late. The median start time for this race was 8 seconds compared with 11 seconds for the series.



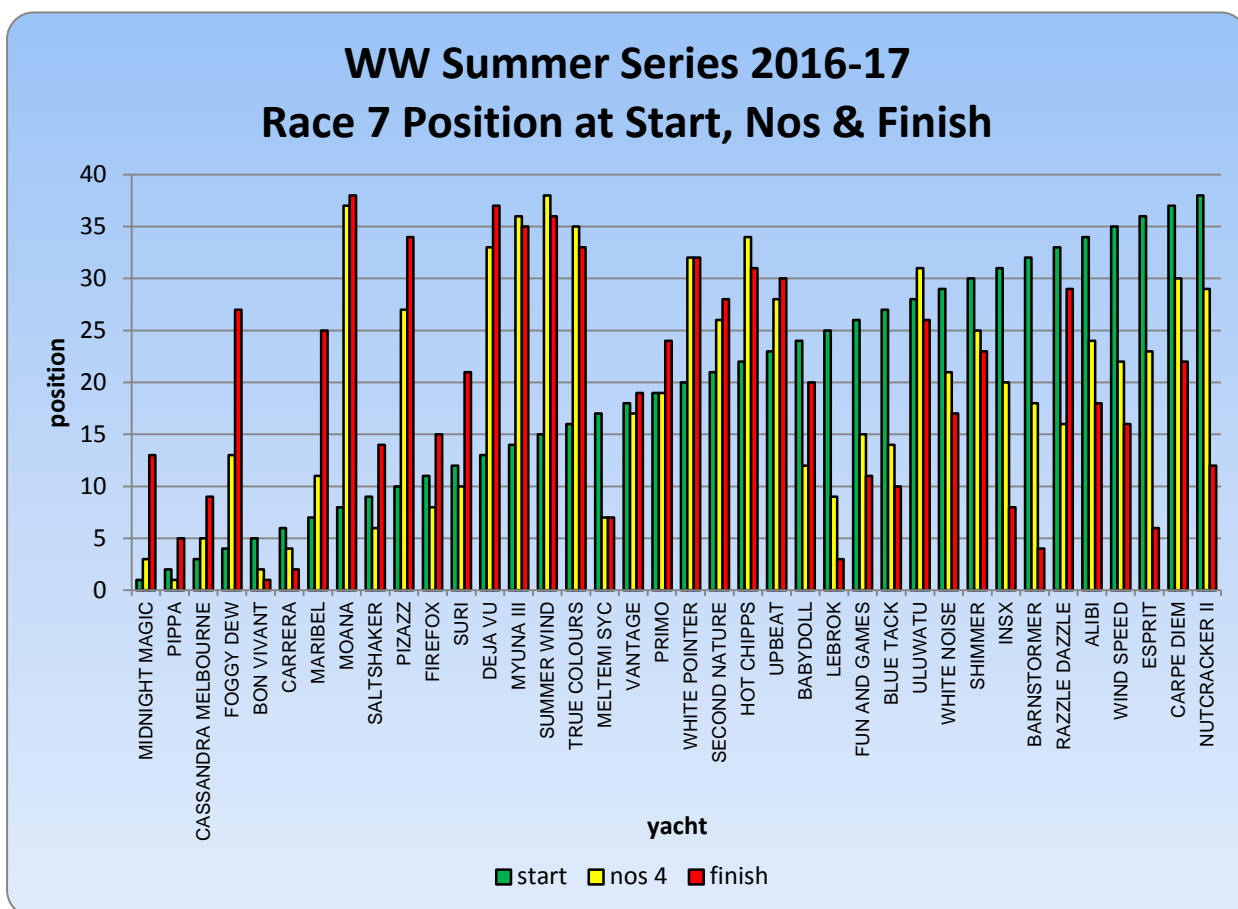
## WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 7 Start of the Day



The fleet started 53 minutes apart. Although no two yachts started at the same time, SUMMER WIND (Martin Sly) and TRUE COLOURS (P Akers & A West) started within 1 second of each other. At the completion of the first 3 legs of the race the fleet had reduced the gap to 25 minutes and 10 seconds. The gap increased a little in the remaining 3 legs of the race to 26 minutes 53 seconds. There wasn't a tie in this race but BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch) crossed the line 1 second ahead of FUN & GAMES and the same margin separated PIAZZ (P.Martyn & R.Kemp) from MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon).

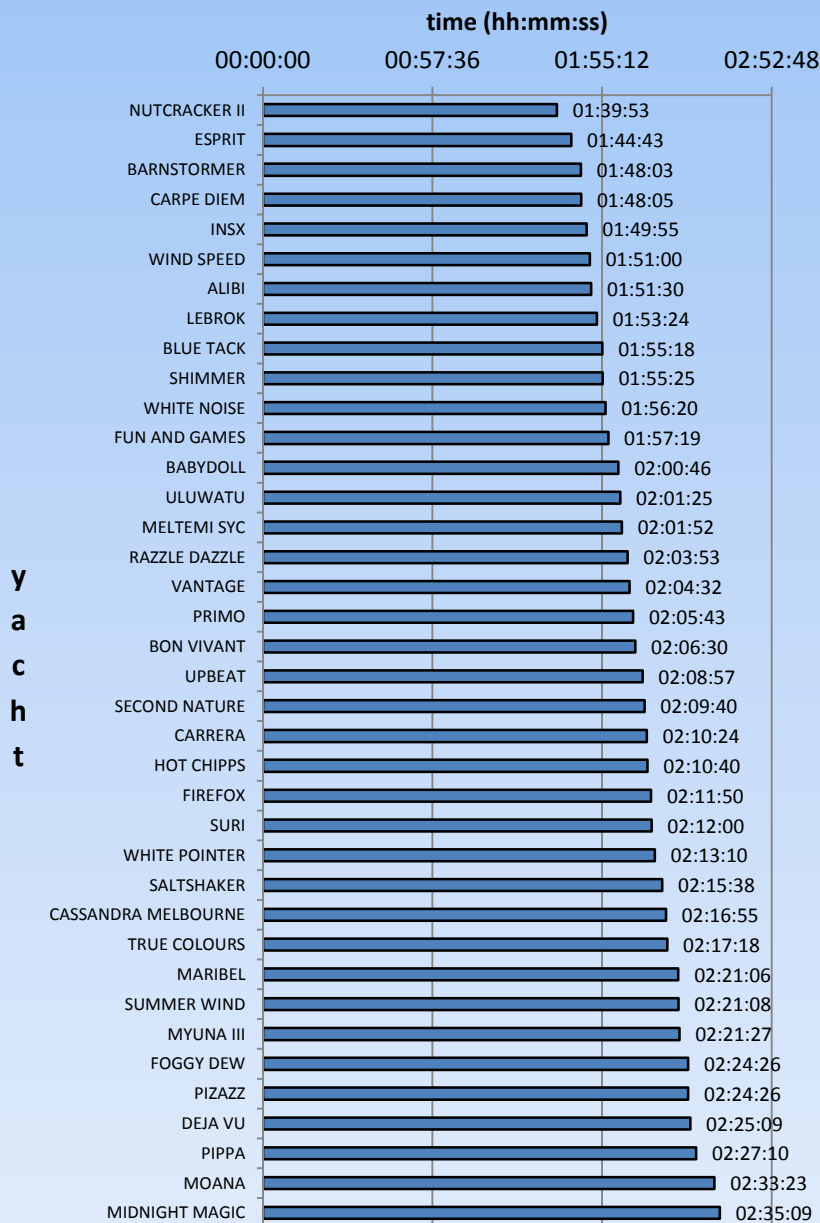


On average each yacht finished 16 positions away from where it started.  
This compares with 13 in race 6 and 8 in race 5.



## WW Summer Series 2016-17

### Race 7 Elapsed Time



The average elapsed time of 2:07:15 was the longest so far this series. The range was 55 minutes 16 seconds, about 2 minutes greater than the range of handicaps. FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard) and PIAZZ sailed the course in the same elapsed time but had handicaps of 20 and 27 minutes respectively. BARNSTORMER sailed the course 2 seconds faster than CARPE DIEM the latter having a handicap of 51 minutes compared with 46 minutes for BARNSTORMER. Two seconds was also the difference in elapsed time between MARIBEL and SUMMER WIND whose handicaps were 21 and 32 minutes respectively.

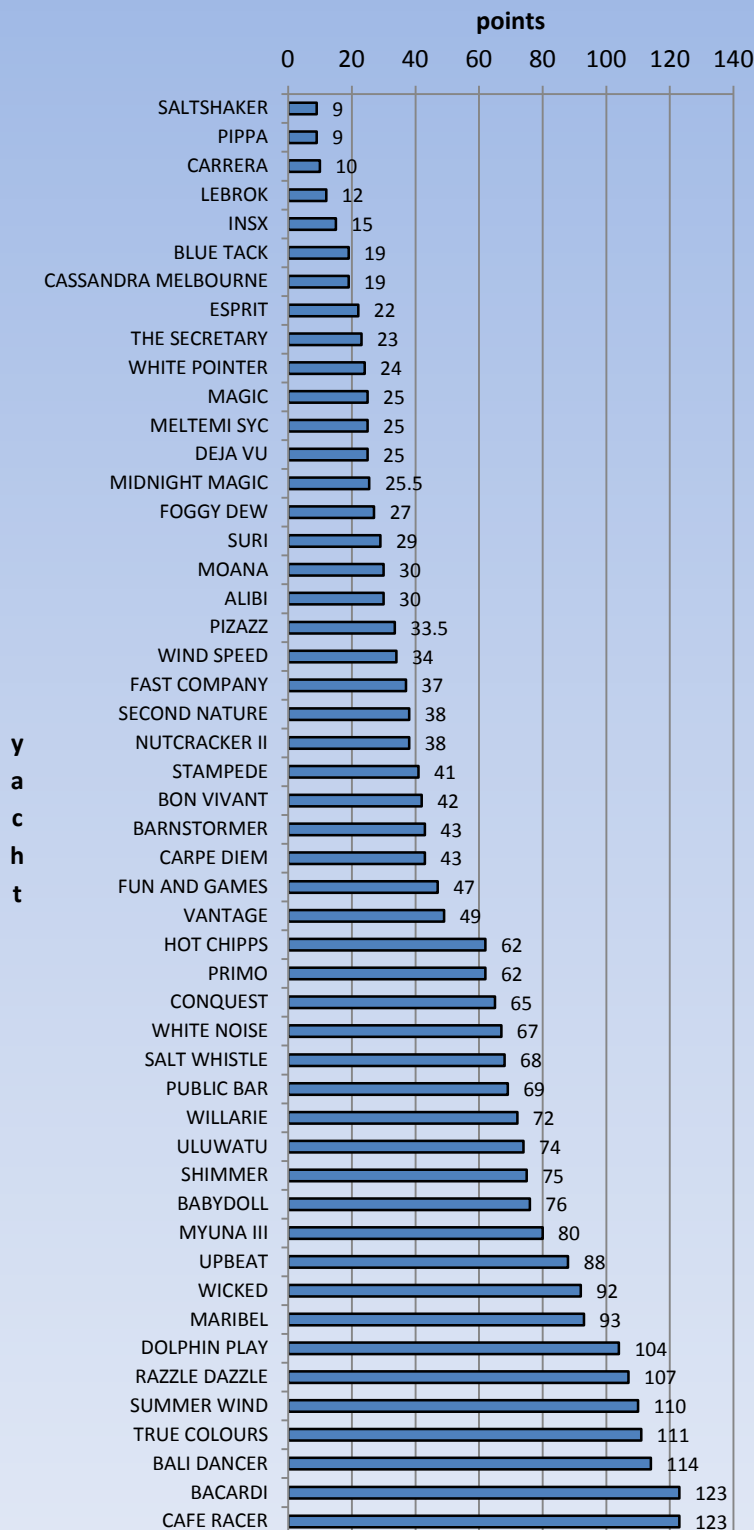
Race 7 is a little more than 25% of the scheduled 25 race summer series. Six of the seven races have been completed and the best 3 results recorded by each yacht contribute to the aggregate score. There is currently a tie for top place between SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) and PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) both with 9 points. At a similar stage of the 2016 Winter Series PIPPA led the series with a total of 10 points. A chart showing the points score for yachts in the current series is shown on the following page.



When you are winning the series you can afford to take a more relaxed approach to your sailing. On the other hand, maybe it is a result of a happy 50 years of marriage.



## WW Summer Series 2016-17 Aggregate Points Score



If you want to get a photo of Pippa to win the Papp-Art-Sea prize, Mark suggests you do not take it over you're stern looking backwards to Pippa. (See below)

Windward  
Buoy

**The WW Classic Car Yacht Race Next Week: Wednesday 30 November 2016 - Race 9.**

To avoid a 'late' penalty entries must be submitted to **Mark Windward** before **midnight Wednesday 23rd November**. If you cannot bring your classic car to SYC you can still enter. Just produce some evidence that you did once own a Classic Car eg. a photo, Rego Plate, Registration papers or handbook. You will not get the biggest allowance but you will still be in the race. Prizes thanks to Red Bluff Homes.

The Classic Car Yacht Race - Entries Confirmed so far:

Willarie ( Elfin 1965), Pippa (MG Midget 1968 & MGA 1960), Conquest ( 1964 Stingray), Secretary (Austin Healy 1956 BN2) Primo (MGA 1956)



**MARK Windward Mentions: Managing your crew.**

Why is it on larger yachts there only ever seems to be one of the crew actually doing anything?



Do you see what I mean? What are the rest of the crew doing on this yacht?

Coming in close to the breakwater was the way to go and save a tack, approaching the finish. However, there was not much room for error and space to clear the barging buoy. Good shots by the Pappa Art Sea shore watch.

Shouting out rules that you make up does not always work. Sometimes larger yachts think smaller yachts are not sailing “a proper course” when they are really trying hard just to stay as high as they can. (Re Rule 17)



Having all the crew at the back seems to work for Shimmer as her bow is well clear of the water, Foggy Dew seems to have taken this to extreme. Maybe they should move their fridge. Phoenix does not seem to have this problem. Maybe it is a white yacht problem?



Alibi seems to disprove the white yacht theory, as she sails along on an even keel.



New yachts to watch out for:



Sm 1627 RAZZLE DAZZLE



SM 3492 MARIBEL



Sm 5005 SHIMMER



Sm 580 SUMMER WIND



Rounding Number 3 was getting very crowded, a bit too close for some.

In the 5 mins between 16:04:03 and 16:09:25, 20 yachts crossed the line.



David and Goliath:

Barnstormer won this drag race to the line by 7 seconds taking the wind out of Pippa's sails. All that was needed to correct this was a slingshot ...according to the good Book



A quick snap of Carrera Sm911 to make up for last weeks photo and ensuring we capture a photo of Geoffrey heading to a winning place.

George Shaw, Kate and a few others sailed the new Public Bar down from Sydney, and tested out the sea worthiness of the boat and the crew in some rough weather. Rumor has it it will be called NO NAME or maybe ANON for short.... but I don't think it is a short yacht.

**Off Center Harbor Disorder (OCHD)** Off Center Harbor Disorder (OCHD) is a long-term pattern of behavior seeking an ecstatic feeling from being at the helm of a floating vessel. Feelings of ecstasy are enhanced by the three-dimensional g-forces experienced as the vessel rides swells and waves. Once experienced, this sensation can prompt a person to do illogical things to repeat the feeling.

- **Symptoms** How to recognize if you have OCHD:
- ~ If you've named your family pets "schooner" or "jib", you might have OCHD.
- ~ If you dream of boats and sailing trips rather than working, you might have OCHD.
- ~ If you shop endlessly for boats online, you might have OCHD.
- ~ If you lose hearing for your spouse's voice around boats, you may have OCHD.
- ~ If you take long mental voyages without untying from the dock, you might have OCHD.
- ~ If you spend hours sanding defects that are unnoticeable to others, you may have OCHD.

The Off Centre Harbor site has some 700 pages of content and 400 videos that can be enjoyed by any yachting person. Membership is just \$39 US. For samples of Video Clips etc. visit [Off Centre Harbor](#)

Thanks to the PAPPA-ART-SEA Crew - Bruce Parry, Ian Whitbread, Gai Woolhouse and Windward Buoy for a great collection of photos. I think there will have to be an award for the best photo over the series. Any photos submitted to Mark will automatically be entered into the PAPPA-ART-SEA Photo Award ...If you would like to provide some feedback to the Pappa-Art-Sea I am sure they would appreciate it.

Send to [MARK WINDWARD – maybe with your Classic Car entry](#)

