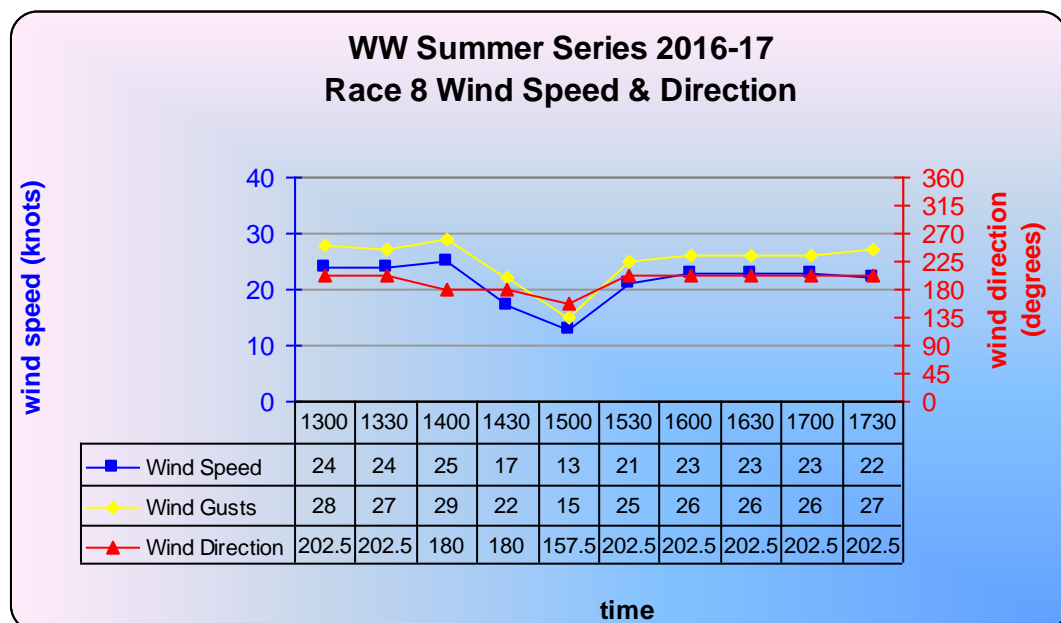


Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2016-17 Race 8
(23 NOV 2016)

This was the second race this series to be abandoned. With a forecast for a 25 knot breeze the weather was just not “summery”. The temperature in Melbourne at 1500 was only 11.4 degrees and there had already been some rain. Fawkner Beacon recorded an average wind speed of 22 knots coming between the south-southwest and south for the afternoon. At the same stage in the winter series 3 races had been abandoned and 1 abandoned in the previous summer series.



With this race not taking place the series aggregate remains as it was after race 7. SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) on 9 points has led the aggregate for 6 consecutive weeks. She was joined after race 7 by PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) also on 9 points. Behind them is CARRERA (Geoffrey Simpson) on 10 points. There are still 17 scheduled races to be contested before the series end so the aggregate table will almost certainly change.

One of the perpetual trophies re introduced for this summer series is the NOELLE CORAM TROPHY. This is awarded to the boat having the lowest combined score in the Wednesday Wonders Summer Series and Sunday Sailors Summer Series. There are 6 yachts in the contest for this trophy and their current standings are shown in the following table:

NOELLE CORAM TROPHY SUMMER SERIES 2016-17					
POSITION	YACHT	SKIPPER	WW	SS	TOTAL
1	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	4	1	5
2	CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	7	3	10
3	FOGGY DEW	Joe O'Grady	15	5	20
4	THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	9	15	24
5	CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	27	8	35
6	MYUNA III	Geoffrey Nixon	40	9	49

The SHEBESSA SHIELD is awarded to the yacht having the lowest combined score based on their placings in the Winter and Summer Series. The interim standings in the SHEBASSA SHIELD as at the end of race 8 are as follows:

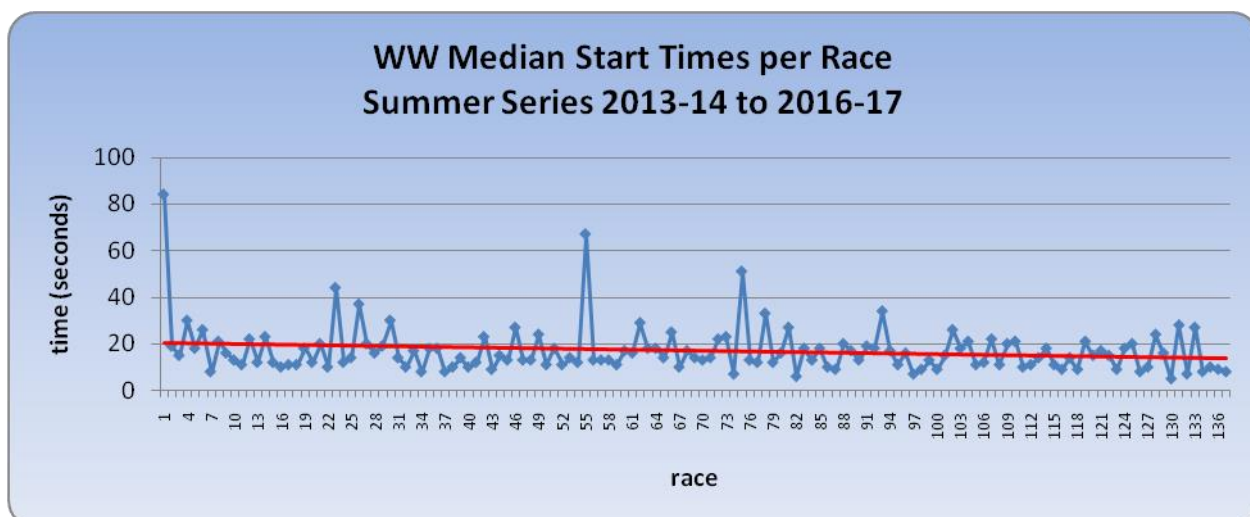
WW Winter & Summer 2016-17 Shebassa Shield – Interim Standings					
POSITION	YACHT	SKIPPER	WINTER	SUMMER	TOTAL
1	PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	2	2	4
2	SALTSHAKER	Ken Gayler	7	1	8
3	THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	5	9	14
4	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	14	4	18
5	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	13	7	20
6	MAGIC	Phil Spry-Bailey	9	11	20
7	WIND SPEED	Les Browne	3	20	23
8	ALIBI	Dennis Hambleton	6	18	24
9	FOGGY DEW	Grahame Jones	10	15	25
10	WHITE POINTER	Tom Raft	15	10	25
11	MOANA	Stan Rankin	12	17	29
12	CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	4	27	31
13	BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	8	26	34
14	STAMPEDE	Christopher Gendala	11	24	35
15	INSX	Robert Sill	33	5	38
16	PIAZZ	P Martyn & R Kemp	19	19	38
17	SURI	Rick Blanck	23	16	39
18	SECOND NATURE	Paul Mentiplay	20	22	42
19	ESPRIT	Garry Anderson	38	8	46
20	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	Bernadette Moore	35	14	49
21	FAST COMPANY	Albert Doggett	30	21	51
22	PRIMO	Steve Copley	21	31	52
23	PUBLIC BAR	Clive Sondheim	17	35	52
24	BON VIVANT	Russell Keays	28	25	53
25	MYUNA III	Geoffrey Nixon	16	40	56
26	VANTAGE	Darren Hunter	27	29	56
27	BABYDOLL	Brendan Kruger	18	39	57
28	CONQUEST	Paul Jacka	25	32	57
29	WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	22	36	58
30	WHITE NOISE	Daniel Edwards	32	33	65
31	FUN AND GAMES	Alan Edwards	41	28	69
32	UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	29	41	70
33	HOT CHIPPS	John Chipp	42	30	72
34	WICKED	Mike Welsh	36	42	78
35	TRUE COLOURS	P Akers A West	34	47	81

Start of the Day - Seeking Zero

Start of the Day has been a feature of Wednesday Wonders for many years. After each race a prize is presented to the yacht judged as starting closest to its allocated start time. In addition the MISTY BLUE TROPHY is presented to the yacht having the lowest averaged time closest to her allocated start for the number of races scored in the series. Attempting to achieve the best start time is not without its setbacks. Starting a minute or less too soon attracts a 5 minute penalty which adversely affects the finish position. For starting more than a minute too soon the offending yacht records a Did Not Start.

In the past 7 series of WW there have been 4,468 yacht starts in the 137 races. This has resulted 54 different winners of Start of the Day. BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes) has been the most successful with 10 wins. However, there are signs that start times for all yachts are becoming closer to the allocated time; and, competition for Start of the Day (therefore the Misty Blue Trophy) is becoming keener.

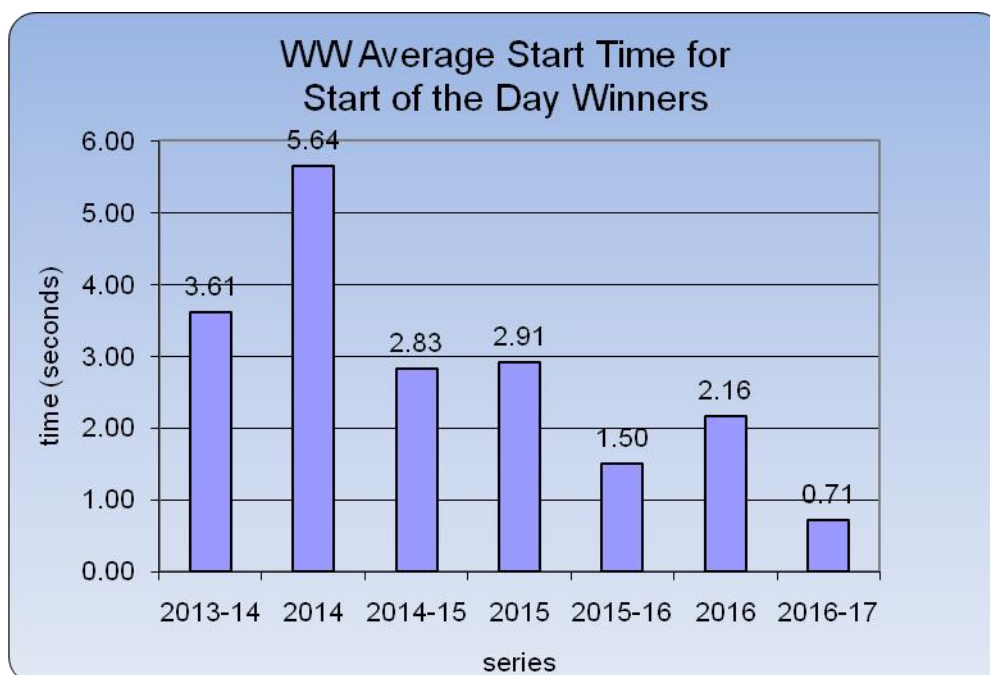
The chart below indicates that since the start of the 2013-14 summer series until race 7 of this series the median start time for each race is falling. That is, all WW yachts are improving their start times. Although there is wide variation from race to race the trend (red line) is for the median start time to decrease.



Improvement in start times also shows up in the performance of start of the day winners. There are more yachts recording better start times. In the 2013-14 series three yachts started exactly on time. In the 2016 series ten yachts had started on time. The yachts in question are shown in the table below.

YACHTS THAT HAVE WON START OF THE DAY WITH ZERO							
	2013-14	2014	2014-15	2015	2015-16	2016	2016-17
	BARNSTORMER	LEBROK	BARNSTORMER	BARNSTORMER	BARNSTORMER	BABYDOLL	LEBROK
	CHEQUEMATE	TRUE COLOURS	DEJA VU	ESPRIT (2)	ESPRIT (2)	BARNSTORMER	INSX
	UPBEAT		FIREFOX	FORZADO	JOHNNY B. GOODE (2)	CAVALIER	
			INSX (2)	LEBROK	MAGIC	FOGGY DEW	
				PHOENIX	WHITE POINTER	FUN AND GAMES	
				PIPPA	INSX	PUBLIC BAR	
				PRIMO		SALTSHAKER	
				HIGH HANDED		THE SECRETARY (2)	
						WHITE NOISE	
TOTAL	3	2	5	9	8	10	2

A look at the average start time for start of the day winners throughout the last seven series of races supports the idea of improvement. The average winning time for the current series is less than a minute – 0.71 seconds. It seems winning start of the day is becoming more difficult.



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MARK'S MENTIONS

Race 9 is a Century Class race and the Classic Car Yacht Race

It would be desirable if all classic cars could arrive before 12.00.

Raising the Bar

After 17 years of sailing **Public Bar**, a new yacht has arrived for Clive Sondheim...and he hopes a new nickname. It certainly has him smiling.

Clive's new yacht is called **BRANNEW** a Beneteau First 40CR, 12.19 metres. Displacement 8500kg. Diesel 40Hp. It is a sister yacht for **WICKED** and **BANDIT**. According to Jade from Sundance who brokered the deal it is the best of the three yachts (Andy Capper - please note).

It was sailed down from Mosman, NSW. (with a bit of motoring as well)



The Blurb for BRANNEW from Sundance certainly sounds great...

An outright win in the 2013 Sydney to Southport Yacht Race, then backed up later the same year with a Division win in the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Race its pedigree is unquestionable. This fully spec'd yacht includes the upgraded ambition package and extensively comprehensive wardrobe of Ian Short performance sails. The maintenance of this boat has meant it still presents as new, and with all the creature comforts below the yacht can be enjoyed across a full spectra of racing, sailing and cruising.

Mark is not sure when Clive decided to replace Public Bar but it could have been after this race pictured below. His new yacht is not actually Brand New but was built 2012.



Classic Car Entries

Some sailors do not take their sailing seriously enough.

It is a worry when one of the key people organizing WW sends such a dubious entry as below.

A 15min extra penalty is being considered. As Christie Auctions say The Provenance for this item is not convincing

Would you please accept a late entry for the Classic Car Race next Wednesday? Our objective on "Blue tack" is to generate as many penalties as possible, starting with a late entry. The classic vehicle we are registering is a 1966 Centurion Tank (pictured). If we can't gain right of way on the water, we sure will on the road. We lent the tank to the School of Military Engineering so unfortunately we won't be showing it on the day. We expect that many entrants will have owned and driven tanks in their younger days. There were Holden and Falcon tanks and, lest we forget Valiant tanks. However, none compared with the Centurion. We would willingly accept an additional penalty in the event of the judges concluding, albeit on superficial evidence, that the Centurion is a figment of our imagination. I trust that you will accept our late entry and duly award the requisite penalties.



Centurion exhibit moving cross country at the School of Military Engineering Casula NSW

A few more convincing entries



Humber Super Snipe - Series IV - 1963
Registration: HSG 943

Owner: John Brennan - Melbourne





The Classic Car Yacht Race Cup and the prizes for the first three placings - Have been donated by Red Bluff Homes.



Using the rail

A response from **Nutcracker** in reply to last week's advice from Mark and photo:

The crew "should" be working - Hiking like crazy to keep the boat flat, and actually when the kite goes up everyone has a rope to pull or something to do!

Every person off the rail on this boat (and most comparable race boats) equates to about a 0.2 knot difference in speed and it is immediately noticeable on the helm !! Rob Davis

Mark now also understands why skippers of large yachts feed their crew up with a long lunch and why they like starting later. It is to ensure their crew is carrying maximum weight.

Details of Classic Grand Prix Car Yacht Race (as at Monday 28th November 2016)

1	Yacht	ww hcp	hcstart	Starttime at KK	Driver	Fi l age of car	Car Make
2	Dolphin Play	0	1:30:00	1:10:00	John Brennan	1963	Humber Snipe
3	Willarie	6	1:36:00	1:15:00		1965	Elfin- Junior Formula
4	Pippa	7	1:37:00	1:17:00	Gai Woolhouse	1968	MG Midget
5	Pippa	7	1:37:00	1:17:00	John Snare	1959	MGA
6	Cassandra of Melk	19	1:49:00	1:29:00		1952	bedford ute
7	Carrera	21	1:51:00	1:31:00	Geoffrey Simpson		A H Sprite
8	Saltwhistle	25	1:55:00	1:35:00			Fiat TINY 3
9	Tequila	26	1:56:00	1:36:00	Jon Fleet foot	1951	Bentley
10	Pizazz	27	1:57:00	1:37:00	Pat Phillips	1969	Alfa Romao
11	Primo	35	2:05:00	1:45:00	Terry Shepard	1956	MGA
12	White Pointer	35	2:05:00	1:45:00	Stephen Harper	1967	Cobra
13	Lebrok	39	2:09:00	1:49:00	Murray Stack	1955	MGA
14	Lebrok	39	2:09:00	1:49:00	David Judkins	1923	Fiat 5015
15	Uluwatu	41	2:11:00	1:51:00	Mal Billings	1971	BMW Coupe
16	Barcardi	43	2:13:00	1:53:00	Martin Power	1969	MG Midget
17	Secretary	45	2:15:00	1:55:00	George Shaw	1955	MG TF
18	Secretary	45	2:15:00	1:55:00	George Shaw	1956	Austin Healey
19	Conquest	50	2:20:00	2:00:00	Tim Little	1964	Stingray Convertible
20	Espirit	50	2:20:00	2:00:00	Neil Shields	1955	Austin Healey
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Blue Flyer Update, Hugh departed from Cape Town on the 28th November at 1.05 local time

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