

Great Start as Series Nears Finish

Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2016 Race 25

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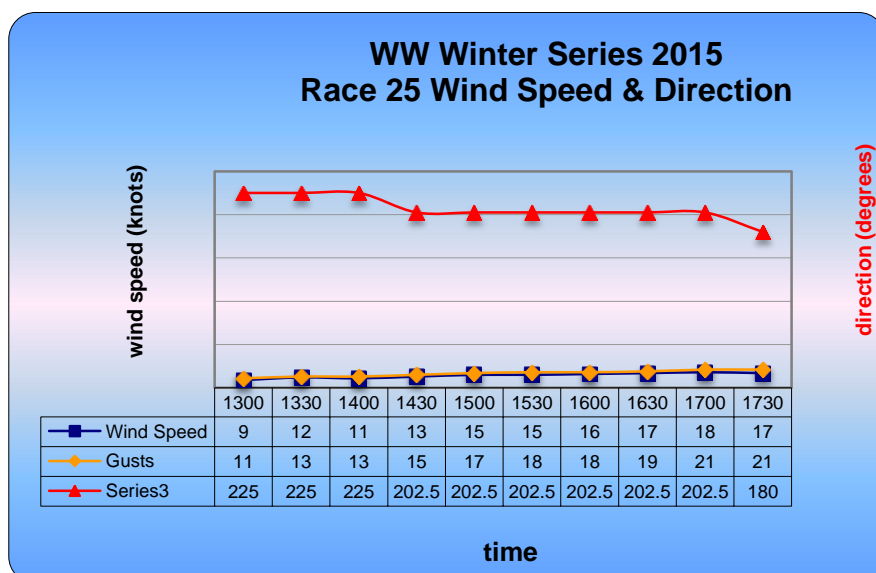


This race had the best start of the series with 20 of the 30 yachts starting within 10 seconds or less of their handicap. There was a tie for Start of the Day between SURI (Rick Blanck) and PRIMO (Steve Copley) both starting 1 second late whilst 13 other yachts started within 5 seconds of their handicap. Among the 30 starters was a new Oceanis 41, JBG (John Chipp) making her debut with ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) and INSX (Rob Sill) making a welcome return to the series following an absence of 13 and 12 weeks respectively. Making Race 25 her first win of the series was the Jarkan 925 SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler). She was followed by the S&S 39 MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) recording her best place of the series. Third across the line was the Hanse 40 BABYDOLL (Brendan Kruger) for her second podium finish of the series.

NUTCRACKER II (Rob Davis & Andy Baker) again did what she does best, recording the fastest time around the course – 3 minutes 24 seconds ahead of the rest of the fleet. This is the 4th time in 4 outings that NUTCRACKER II has had the best elapsed time.

The aggregate showed remarkable resilience to change with the same 10 yachts as last week occupying the top ten positions. GUN BOAT (Bruce Alexander) occupies top place for the 6th week in succession. PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) is in 2nd place and between them these two yachts have occupied top place for 19 of the 25 weeks in the series.

The breeze at Fawknor Beacon averaged about 14 knots for the afternoon increasing from 9 knots to 18 as the day progressed. It shifted from the southwest to finish in the south but this was after the race was over. The average wind speed for the series is over 15 knots compared to 12 knots for the 2015 winter series.





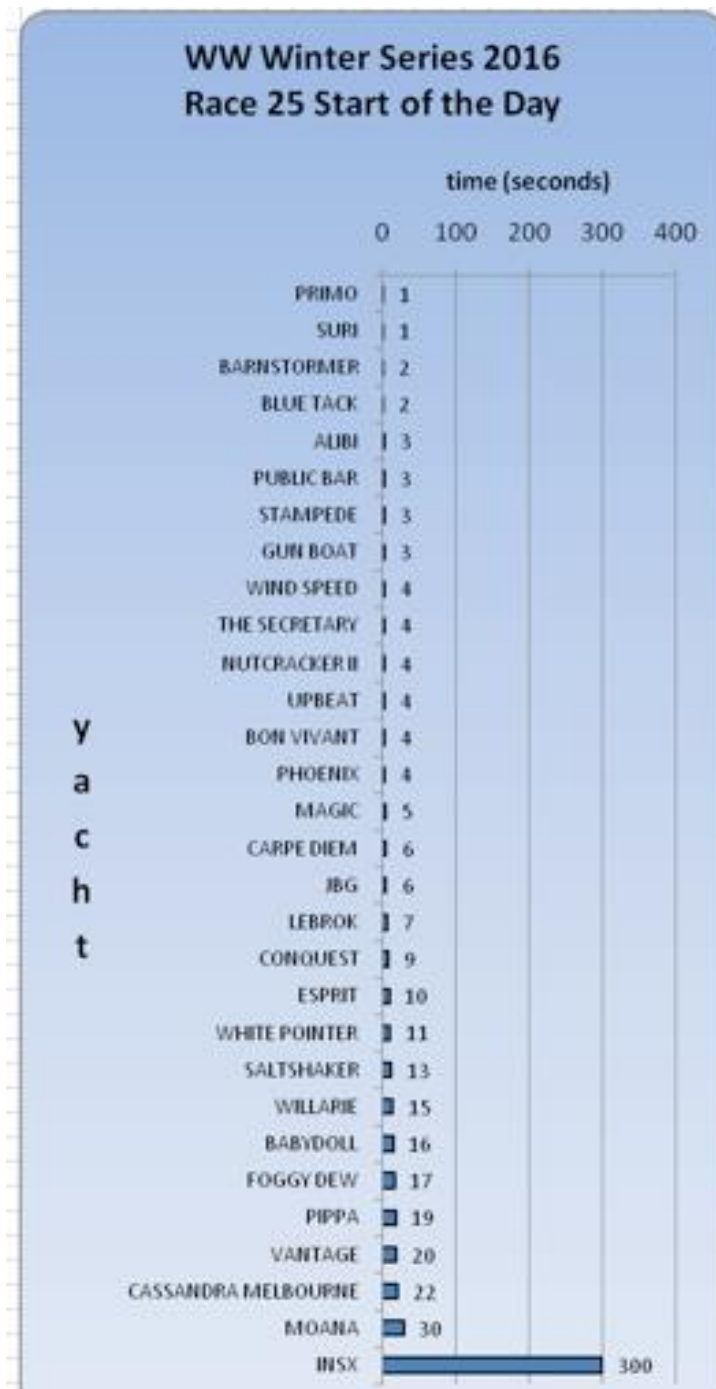
With a total of 62 points SALTSHAKER sits 7th in the aggregate having moved up from 10th place. SALTSHAKER has completed 16 races and recorded 6 top ten finishes including 3 podium finishes. She started this race from 3rd place 13 seconds late for her 17 minute handicap. She rounded number for the first time at 15:02:50 in 2nd place 11 seconds behind the leader. SALTSHAKER sailed the last 3 legs of course 16 in 41 minutes 8 seconds and cross the finish line at 15:43:58. She had sailed the course in 1:56:58, which was 7 minutes 9 seconds faster than CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) who started 1 minute 8 seconds behind SALTSHAKER.

Finishing 1 minute 5 seconds behind SALTSHAKER was MAGIC. MAGIC started the race from 9th place 5 seconds late for her 26-minute handicap and 4 seconds after SURI. After sailing the first 3 legs of the course in 1:11:41 she rounded number 4 in 5th place 2 minutes 11 seconds ahead of SURI. MAGIC sailed the 6 legs of the course in 1:49:03 crossing the finish line at 15:45:03 – 7 minutes 12 seconds ahead of SURI. This the 2nd podium finishes for MAGIC in 14 races and she is currently 11th in the aggregate having moved from 15th the previous week.

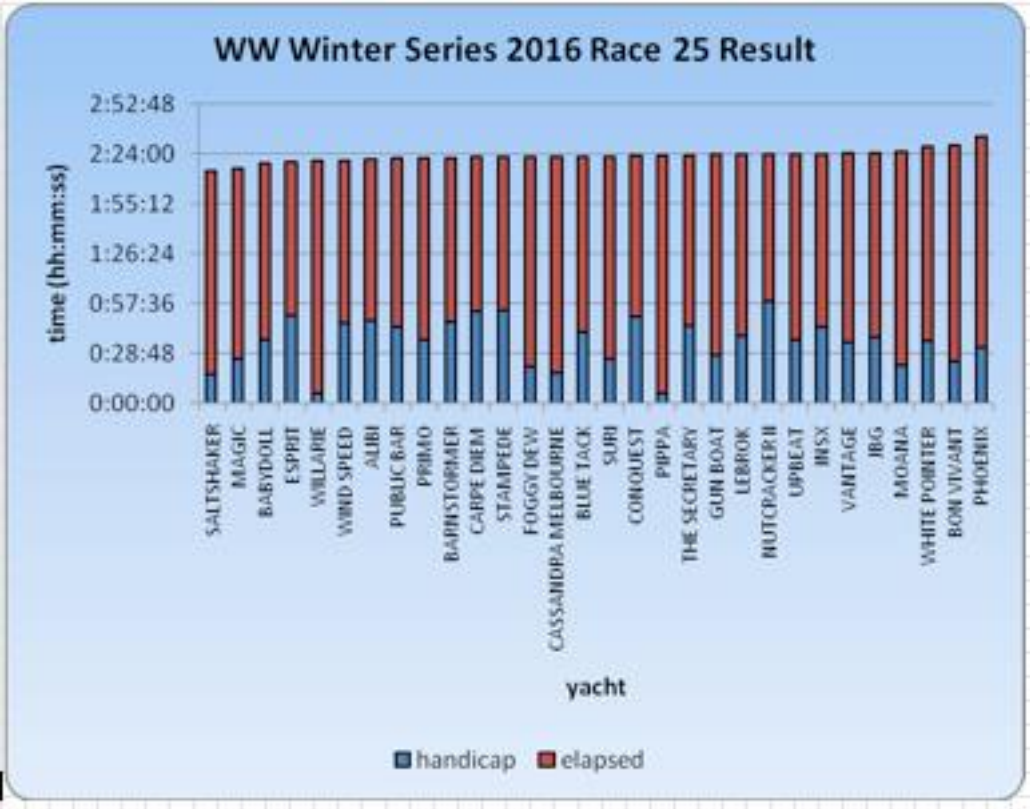


This is the 2nd time in 13 races that BABYDOLL has sailed course 16. She was 7th on the first occasion but improved upon that result with a 3rd in this race. She started from 16th place 16 seconds late for her 37 minute handicap. BABYDOLL had moved into 12th place at the first rounding of number 4 and continued on her upward path to finish 3 minutes 8 seconds behind MAGIC. BABYDOLL had sailed the course in 1:41:11 and crossed the finish line at 15:48:11. She had started on the same handicap as UPBEAT (Peter Dunne) and JBG finishing 5 minutes 10 seconds and 6 minutes 12 seconds ahead respectively. BABYDOLL moved up from 19th to 17th in the aggregate.

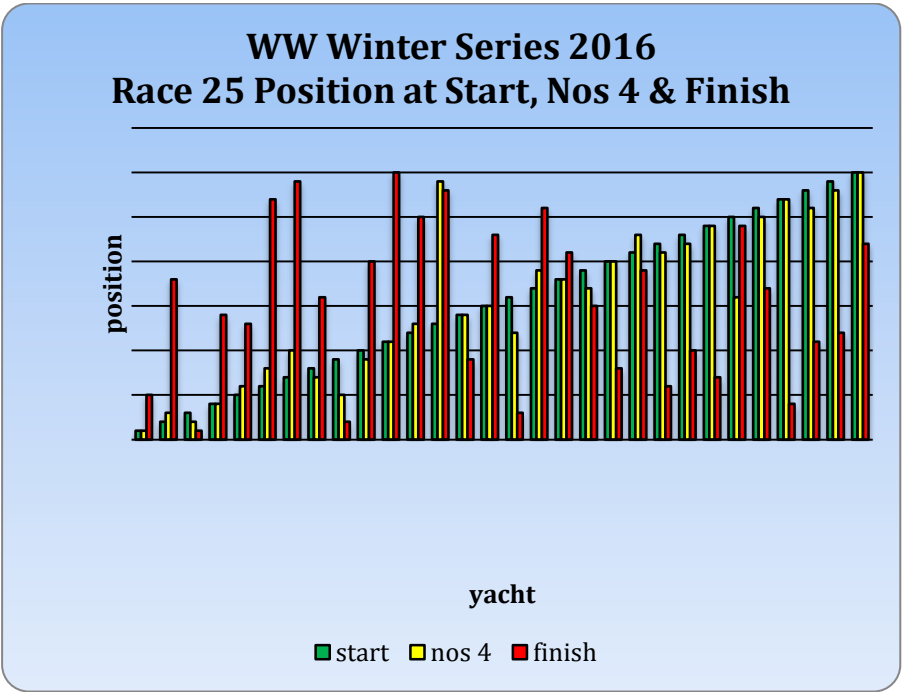
The median start time for this race was 5 seconds, best by far of the series. A third of the fleet started off either 3 or 4 seconds and it was unfortunate that INSX started 14 seconds too soon. She would have finished 4th rather than 24th. It is good to see her back and Rob Sill in action, even if Rowan did not say too much about her start during presentation



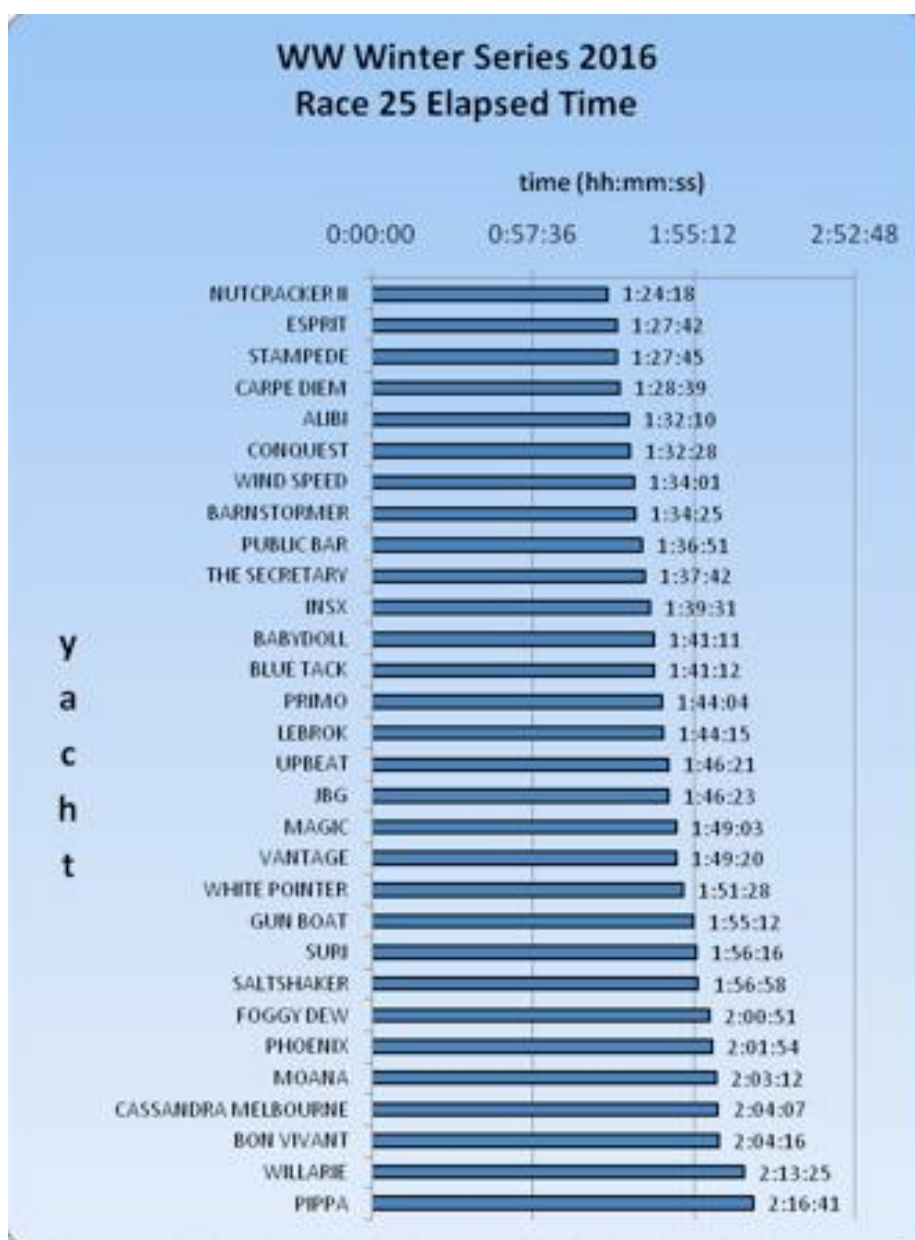
The 30 yacht fleet started 52 minutes 49 seconds apart and after the first 3 legs had come together to be 19 minutes 26 seconds apart. That was about as close as they got finishing 19 minutes and 56 seconds apart. There was only 1 second separating the 24 foot PIPPA from the 44 foot THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) at the finish line and GUN BOAT, LEBROK (Theo Korbel), NUTCRAKER II and UPBEAT all finished within 9 seconds of each other.



average each yacht moved only 4 positions during the first 3 legs of the race. This increased to 12 positions in the final 3 legs of the race.



The average elapsed time for this race was 1:46:43 with a range of 52 minutes 23 seconds. This was 14 minutes 34 seconds slower than the average elapsed time around the same course in race 17. On that occasion the wind speed was about 2 knots greater. As already mentioned NUTCRACKER II recorded the fastest elapsed time but ESPRIT wasted no time finding her way around the course in the second fastest time – 3 seconds faster than STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala). BABYDOLL was 1 second faster than BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch) with UPBEAT 2 seconds faster than JBG.



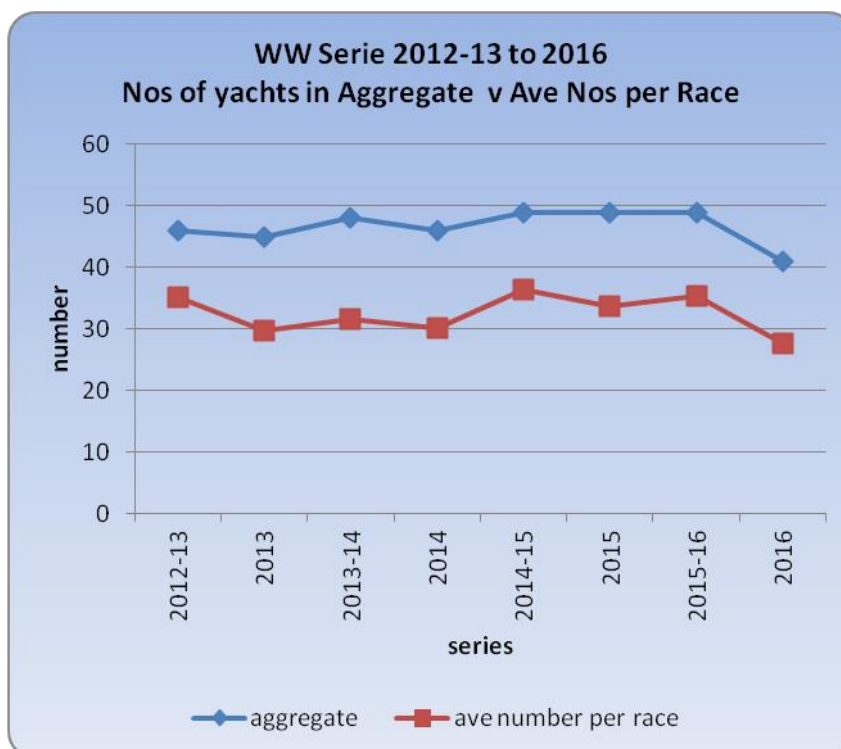
WW WINTER SERIES 2016 HANDICAP ADJUSTMENT Race 25

YACHT NAME	RACE NUMBER																	
	1	2	3	5	7	9	12	13	14	16	17	18	20	21	22	23	24	25
ALIBI	45	45	45	45	45	45	44	44	44	45	45	45	45	45	45	47	47	48
BABYDOLL			39	39	39	38	38	37	37	37	36	36	38	38	38	38	37	37
BARNSTORMER	45	45	45	45	45	45	44	43	44	44	43	45	45	47	47	47	46	47
BELLABLU	35	35	35	35	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
BLU-TACK																42	41	41
BON VIVANT		23	23	23	23	24	24	24	24	24	23	23	23	25	25	24	24	24
CAFÉ RACER																		27
CARPE DIEM	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	51	51	51	54	53	53
CARRERA			20			20										20		
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	15	15	18	18
CAVALIER	18	20	20	20	21	21	21	21	21	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
CONQUEST			50	52	52	52	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	50	50	50
DAYDREAMER						31	33											
DOLPHIN PLAY															7	1		
ESPRIT	52	52	52	52	52	52	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51
FAST COMPANY	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	34	34	34	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
FIREFOX			24	24	24	24	24	24						24	25	25		
FOGGY DEW	23	23	23	21	22	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	23	22	22	21	21	21
FUN AND GAMES		42	42	42	42	42	42	42	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
GUN BOAT	23	23	23	23	23	23	24	25	25	27	28	28	29	30	30	29	28	28
INSX	46	46	46	46	46	46	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	44	44
JBG																		38
JOHNNY B. GOODE	27	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
LEBROK	37	37	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	40	40	40	40	40	40	39	39
MAGIC	30	30	30	30	30	29	28	29	30	30	30	30	29	29	29	29	27	26
MARIBEL						24												
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
MOANA	23	23	23	23	24	24	24	25	25	25	25	25	24	22	22	21	22	22
MORE NOISE	41	41	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
MY WAY	34	34	37	37	36	36	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	34	31	31	31	31
MYUNA III	33	33	33	33	33	32	32	32	32	32	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
NUTCRACKER II													53		56	60		59
PHOENIX	37	37	37	34	34	31	29	32	32	32	32	32	32	31	31	30	32	32
PIPPA	4	4	4	4	7	10	10	10	10	10	11	13	10	8	8	7	6	6
PIAZZ	26	27	27	27	27	28	28	28	28	28	28	27	26	26	26	25	25	25
PP1										43								
PRIMO	39	39	39	39	38	38	38	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
PUBLIC BAR	44	44	44	44	44	44	43	42	42	42	45	44	44	44	44	44	44	44
SALT WHISTLE								26						23	26		26	
SALTSHAKER	20	20	20	20	22	22	22	22	22	22	24	23	22	20	20	20	18	17
SECOND NATURE	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	33	33	33	33	34	34
SHIMMER		42	42															
STAMPEDE	50	50	50	53	53	53	53	53	53	52	52	52	50	50	50	51	51	54
SURI	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	29	29	29	29	27	27	26	26
THE SECRETARY	46	46	46	46	47	47	47	44	44	44	44	44	44	45	45	45	45	45
TRUE COLOURS		30	30	30	30	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	32	32	32	32
ULUWATU																45	45	
UPBEAT		38	38	37	37	39	36	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
VANTAGE	33	33	33	33	34	34	34	34	36	36	36	36	36	36	35	35	35	35
VINDALOO										42								
WHITE NOISE		41	41	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
WHITE POINTER	33	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	38	38	38	38	37	37	37	36	36	36
WICKED	50	50	50	50	50	50	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49
WILLARIE	4	4	4	4	4	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	7	6	6	6
WIND SPEED	45	45	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	46	45	45	45	46	46	46	46	46

Will the Yachts Return for summer?

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Windward Buoy

MARK TIME

Mark has not much to say about this race. When the wind increases it does not provide much chance for early starters but there were other complications on board Pippa 9 (See below).

Century Class Race 25 will be Final Race of the Winter series Century Class.

If you or your yacht have got a little bit older and for Summer season the number of years of your boat and you add up to 100 years or more, you should be entering the Century Class.

To make it clear which yachts are entering could all eligible yachts please complete an entry form. These are available from the Boating office and should be lodged with the Boating Office.

The last race in each month is classified as a Century Class Race, (or the next race that is conducted). There are no dropped races during the season.

The Final of the seven race Farcenet Series will be this Wednesday.

Will Les on Wind Speed be able to keep ahead of Chris on Stampede?

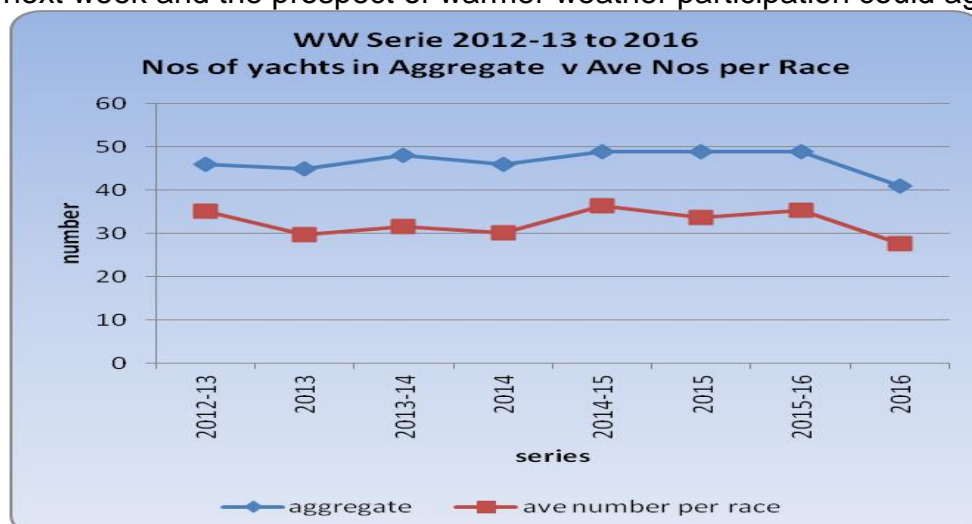
FARCENET SERIES 2016 AGGREGATE										
POSITION	YACHT	SKIPPER	RACE NUMBER							TOTAL
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	WIND SPEED	Les Browne	2	3	5	2	4	1		17
2	STAMPEDE	Christopher Gendala	6	2	3	1	1	6		19
3	CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	4	5	1	5	5	5		25
4	BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	1	9	6	3	3	4		26
5	ALIBI	Denis Hambleton	9	4	2	9	2	2		28
6	PUBLIC BAR	Clive Sondheim	9	9	4	4	9	3		38
7	THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	3	1	9	9	9	8		39
8	CONQUEST	Paul Jacka	5	9	7	9	9	7		46

FARCENET SERIES 2016 Result Race 6				
POSITION	YACHT	SKIPPER	DESIGN	FINISH
1	WIND SPEED	Les Browne	Sydney 36cr	15:50:01
2	ALIBI	Dennis Hambleton	Sydney 36cr	15:50:10
3	PUBLIC BAR	Clive Sondheim	Elliot	15:50:51
4	BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	Bavaria Match 42	15:51:25
5	CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	Beneteau First 50	15:51:39
6	STAMPEDE	Christopher Gendala	Elliott 15.50	15:51:45
7	CONQUEST	Paul Jacka	Beneteau First 45	15:52:28
8	THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	J44	15:52:42

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CHANGES FOR SUMMER – this season and beyond.....

If you missed spending 3 days in a row at SYC you can catch up on some of the information from Thursday night KEELBOAT INFORMATION EVENING on the SYC web site under news [CLICK](#)

Be aware that there

- Is a new Man Overboard form
- Is a new issue of SYC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2016-2020
Availability of Sailing Instructions. A soft copy will be up on the web site within a few days. New Hard Copies are being printed and should be back from the printer by next week.
- Entry for Summer season of racing is now open on line.
- Is a new issue of WORLD SAILING Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 [CLICK](#)
- Is a summary of Changes to Racing Rules 2017– 2020 by Rob Ware [CLICK](#)
- Are some changes to the use of flags – some have changed and some new ones added
- Are alterations to entry fees.
- **Are new Fixed Marks Courses for Wednesday Wonders.** A revamp of fixed marks courses to streamline, including the addition of the extra courses used predominantly for WW.

A First Aid Story... Notes to take notice of..

It is very common for people with a heart condition to take blood thinners to prevent a stroke.

This includes a number of WW sailors.

The Pippa skipper incurred a very small cut when leaving the pen. A bandaid was applied and that seemed all that was required. However the small wound did not stop profusely bleeding and it was not until after dinner and the help of a few stitches that the blood flow was stemmed.

The following information may assist if you face a similar situation.

Check you have a supply of bandages on board.

Bandages do get saturated if bleeding continues.

When bandages are soaked with blood, which then starts to congeal, the tightness of the bandages will act like a tourniquet, particularly if they are put on firmly to stop bleeding. So watch for numbness.

If direct pressure to a wound has not ceased the bleeding after 20~30 mins it is time to consider another strategy.

In this case study a visit to the hospital and a couple of stitches were required. (Maybe this was a step to the development of closer ties with Sandringham Hospital?)

It helps if you have a medical person as crew (thanks to Vicky Stopp), and dine with a qualified nurse like Mrs. Dolphin Play (Diana Brennan).

Having a red boat is an asset as the bright red blood is disguised.

Servicing your winches: link to MY Sailing.com

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Mark Windward would like to wish you all good luck in the final race for the WW 2016 Winter Series, but he won't. He hopes you will earn a good result by your sailing skills and not by a fickle or even extra strong wind.

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