

# Finally the wind arrives and lasts the whole Race

## Wednesday Wonders Race 19 Winter 2017

9/8/2017

### Starting at the Start

Mark received a communication from a disgruntled Wednesday Wonders sailor. He can only plead staff shortage due to the call of the sea.

What was omitted last week has been a vital element of Wednesday Wonders - the all important Start of the Day. So to make amends this epistle is starting with recent winners of this award.

Race 19	Sm 6530	Nutcracker	0:04	Helmsman & Skipper <b>Alistair Murray</b>
Race 18	Sm 32	Foggy Dew	0:05	Helmsman <b>Robert Darcy</b> Skipper, Jo O'Grady
Race 17	Sm430	White Pointer	0:01	Helmsman <b>Bruce Parry</b> Skipper, Tom Raft

**First** in Race 19 was **Sm580 SUMMERWIND** sailed by Martyn Sly & Son.

You might have expected more words of wisdom coming from a yacht builder and designer, and his son, a world class tazar sailor, than ... "just clean your boat out", but with a 39 second win Mark is not going to argue with the advice.

With a name like Summerwind I guess you should expect her to perform well in a Northerly breeze. She started 4<sup>th</sup> on a 12 min handicap just 8 secs. late, and by the first time around she was the first boat to go past 4 by nearly 3mins. This is only the third race she has competed in this series. Maybe as her name suggests we will see more of Martyn next season.



If you look closely at these photos you will notice the effect the canterleving mast has in assisting in getting the yacht's topsail more upright. Mark is not convinced that clearing out all the stuff was the only reason for Mr Sly's win.



### **Second Sm3434 PIZAZZ**

P Martyn / R Kemp

Pizazz started off 19mins and was 24 seconds late in 9<sup>th</sup> start place. By the first leg she had moved up into 4<sup>th</sup> position just 5 mins off first. She had a close finish to Summerwind but ahead by 2 mins to third place. She is now in 26<sup>th</sup> place on 108 points and only missed a couple of races this season.

### **Third Sm 911 Roller Coaster**

Geoffrey Simpson (with a little help from his wife).

This is Geoff's second 3<sup>rd</sup> place. He was the 11<sup>th</sup> yacht to start, 35secs late for his 20min handicap, a starting time shared with 4 other yachts.

First time past No 4 he was in 6<sup>th</sup> place 5 mins off first place. By the time the race was finishing he had halved this time and was just 2:27 behind first. Pity the race didn't go for a bit longer.



### ***Some comments from WW's sailors:***

"Great to have some wind on a Wednesday."

"Was not a bad course but we still need to lower our handicap or do something to get the rig (the mast) to stand up."

"Bloody windy today."

"We needed a big sail for the long downwind leg at the start but didn't have a chance to change down at the end"

"That yacht had its main sail hanging out like my mum's washing on a Monday."

"The Tower Management did well in rectifying the problem of the timing lights not displaying before the bulk of the fleet started."

## The Wind

The change of direction of the wind during the race was not a big factor. It did increase after 13.30, but the difference in speed between No.7 to 5 and the second time around (at 3:15) from 3 to 1 was not much difference for the early starters, both legs with an average of around 6 knts.

### Fawkner Bcn readings for the race.

09/05:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	N	37	43	20	23
09/04:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	N	41	48	22	26
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09/03:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	N	35	41	19	22
09/03:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	N	33	39	18	21
09/02:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	N	35	43	19	23
09/02:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	N	33	39	18	21
09/01:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	N	28	32	15	17
09/01:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	N	22	26	12	14
09/12:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	N	24	28	13	15
09/12:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	N	22	24	12	13

## Lapsed times for Under forties, Over forties, and the 2-hour club

YACHT	TIME ELAPSED	Skipper		PLACE
<b>THE UNDER FORTIES</b>				
Nutcracker	1:27:17	Alistair Murray		1
The Secretary	1:35:17	George Shaw		2
Abibi	1:37:04	Dennis Hambleton		3
Conquest	1:38:07	Paul Jacka	Dead Heat	4
Barcardi	1:38:07	Martin	Dead Heat	4
Wind Speed	1:38:26	Les Browne		6
<b>THE Over Forties</b>				
Lebrok	1:41:41	Theo Korbel		1
White Noise	1:42:22	Daniel Edwards		2
Fun & Games	1:44:17	Alan Edwards		3
Phoenix	1:44:57	Alex Tseberg		4
Vantage	1:46:21	Darren Hunter		5
Meltemi SYC	1:48:06	Ian Howarth		6
<b>THE OVER TWO HOURS</b>				
MARIBEL	2:00:53	Graham Fraser		1
BON VIVANT	2:01:49	Russell Keays		2
CASSANDRA	2:03:57	Bob Reeves		3
SALT SHAKER	2:03:41	Ken Gayler		4
FOGGY DEW	2:04:57	Joe O Grady		5
ANDANTE 1	2:16:13	Keith Woodruff		6
PIPPA	2:18:19	Jeffrey Woolhouse		7
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	2:23:19	Bernie Moore		8
WILLERIE	2:23:44	Graeme Kaufman		9

## From last week \_ What is the name of this boat?



**Keith Woodruff** explains the boat is in stealth mode... "But it hasn't worked yet! Will have another go next race".

This is an Australian Registered yacht known as ANDANTE 1 C20 that is clearly visible on the sides.

'**Andante**' is a musical tempo marking, but perhaps not the best name for a yacht as it usually means "moderately slow". It will perhaps suit the trip Keith is planning to Tasmania this summer. He would welcome any advice on planning.

## RACE 20 Look out for the handicapper's WIGGLES!



The forecast for Race 20 looks like being for stronger winds [Northwesterly 15 to 25 knots.] So the handicapper will be wiggling the handicaps. With a change in wind strength predicted expect your handicap to alter. This is an attempt to give every yacht a chance of winning on the day and adjustments to the handicaps will be made to try and make this possible.

Mark's Advice: Don't look back on your previous handicap time. That was for a different wind and weather. If the forecast remains current expect a lot of "Wiggling" to your start time.

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### **Cooking for Real Dummies: Information tested by a dummy in the Falkland Islands**

An excerpt from **Cooking for real Dummies** as supplied to the crew of Blue Flyer now sailing across The Pacific is a guide for Ocean Sailors short of Galley Slaves, shocked souls who find themselves newly single (temporarily or otherwise), or just the just plain bone-idle.

The first recipe in this series as been filched from English born Son in Law James, who in another far more uncomfortable life found himself posted, twice, in the Falkland Islands. And yes, it was during that war, and no, it wasn't very exciting unless you are exceptionally fond of sheep and penguins. It was very cold and the smell was atrocious.

Number one priority is to buy yourself a set of very good quality non-stick pans and wooden spoons. It is heart breaking scrubbing burnt food off in cold seawater followed by an inch of fresh. Ingredients:

Now all these ingredients can be found in the hitherto unexplored tinned goods isles of popular supermarkets - fascinating places. You can buy all sorts of foods in tins! Most of them I'm sure very bad for you. But there you go.

#### **James's Corned Beef Hash**

ALL TINS TO BE DRAINED BEFORE USE. Yes I know but it had to be said.

1 large onion chopped small (see chopping and slicing in index). Can be omitted if skill not yet up to it. Add goggles to Equipment list if using.

2 Lrg tins of small Potatoes. Chop up into pieces around 1inch.

2 tins Peas and Carrots.

1 tin Sweet Corn Kernels. Can also be omitted if stocks are low. Creamed Corn will not do.

1 Lrg tin Fray Bentos Corned Beef. Cut into largish pieces.

2 OXO Cubes yes OXO

1 Med to large Saucepan

1 Wooden Spoon. (The substitution of screwdriver not allowed.)

1 Long Necked Gas Lighter (the longer the better.)

1 Apron to Taste. Manly Aprons are now available usually in Black with wine Logo. Personally my taste runs more towards the frilly but there you go. It is exceptionally difficult to remove food stains from wet weather gear.

### **Method**

LOCATE and assemble all equipment.

Put on Apron.

Strap yourself into Galley. Obviously this is not essential when on dry land unless you have a penchant for these things.

Turn on Gas Sniffer.

Turn on Gas

Place saucepan on stove. Add all ingredients.

Stand well clear and attempt to light gas, turn gas down. If on a boat gas will now go out. Try again and if successful turn down gas.

Heat thoroughly stirring with wooden spoon so that food doesn't burn. This is where the non-stick pans earn their keep.

Now apparently stirring is not quite the simple action I've always believed it to be. So, no you don't always have to stir in the same direction, both clock and anti clockwise are acceptable.

A whisk is an entirely different tool. Not unlike a drill there are not three speeds on a wooden spoon.

Try not to break everything up too much. The Corn Beef should break up and mix through the rest of the ingredients. The aim here is not for mashed potatoes. (Recipe to follow).

Serve while hot with choice of sauce. H.P. is recommended by James. Did I mention he was English?

Turn off Gas.

Take off Apron.

Open a Beer. Get someone else to do the washing up.

Thanks to Mrs Buoy. We hope that your injuries continue to improve quickly and that we see you back at SYC very soon... maybe you need just a touch of 'Magic'?

Thanks to a number of sailors for feedback and particularly to the Pappa Art Seas for the photos taken while at the helm!

Please send your contributions to [Mark Windward](#)

**How much did the pirate pay for his piercings?**

A buck-an-ear!

**What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?**

A nervous wreck!