

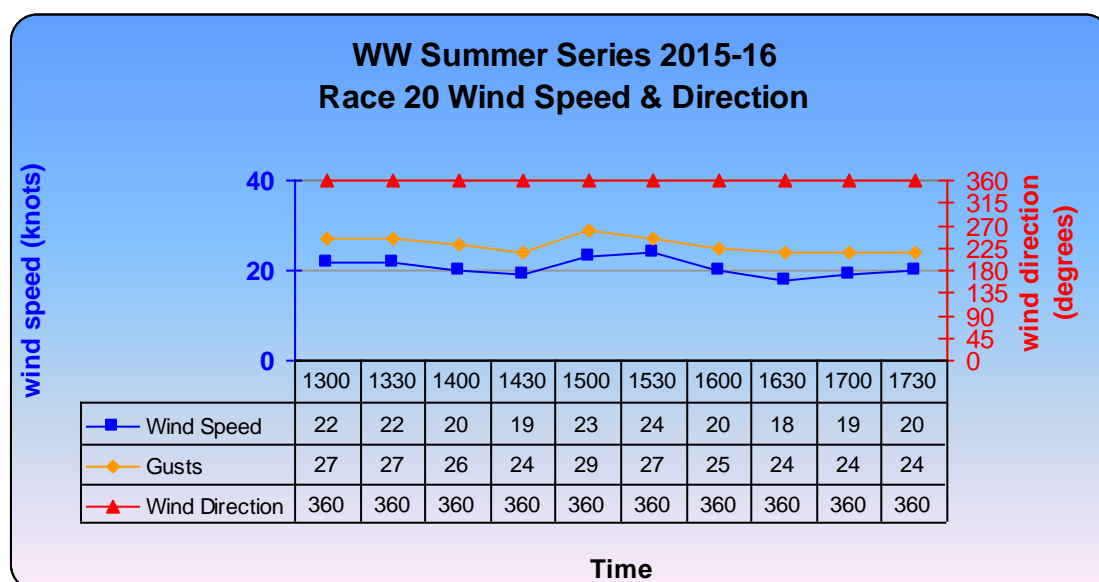
STEADY NORTHERLY KEEPS THE FLEET ON THE MOVE

A bobby-dazzler day for Razzle Dazzle
Wednesday Wonders Race 20 Summer Series 2016-17
 (22 Feb 2017)



This race was the debut of the 7 leg, 9.8 nautical mile Course 24. It runs in an anticlockwise direction and in a northerly breeze about 46% of the rhumb line length is sailed as a beat, 39% becomes a run whilst the remainder is a reach. In a 21 knot northerly it was one of the faster races of the series that saw 29 yachts start and 28 yachts finish. It was a successful race for the Swarbrick 111 RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp). She recorded her first win of the series when she crossed the finish line at 15:36:43 making this the 3rd earliest finish of the series. BABYDOLL (Brendan Kruger) crossed the finish line in 2nd place for the 2nd week in succession. HOT CHIPPS collected a 3rd place for the 3rd time this series.

It was the first Start of the Day win for SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay) when she started the race 2 seconds late for her 34 minute handicap. The 2nd best start of the day was made by SALTWHISTLE (Alex Hall). NUTCRACKER II sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time of 1:22:34. ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) recorded the 2nd fastest time of the race with CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) the 3rd fastest.



DÉJÀ VU (Peter Dransfield) retains top spot in the series aggregate with a total of 62 points. HOT CHIPPS enters the aggregate top ten for the first time this series in 7th place whilst PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) re-enters the top ten in 9th place. Slipping out of the top ten are MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette Moore) and THE SECRETARY (George Shaw).



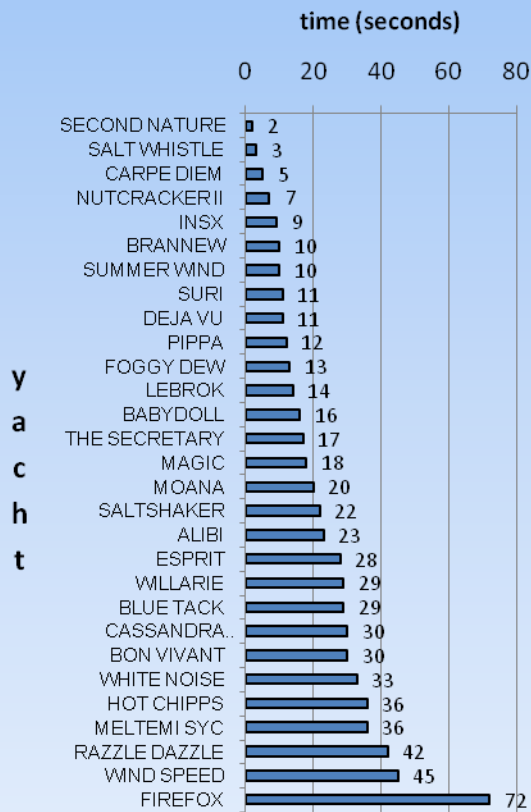
RAZZLE DAZZLE made her WW debut in race 7 held on the 16 Nov 2017. She started that race with a handicap of 42 minutes and finished 29th in a fleet of 38 yachts. Her handicap was reduced to 30 minutes for race 8 as it has remained. She has now sailed 12 races and claimed 5 top ten finishes with the win in this race her first podium finish. RAZZLE DAZZLE started race 20 from 14th place 42 seconds late for her 30 minute handicap. At 15:03:27 she rounded number 4 for the first time in 4th place – 2 minutes 23 seconds behind the leader. She sailed the last 3 legs of the course in 33 minutes 16 seconds and was first across finish line at 15:36:43. RAZZLE DAZZLE had sailed the course in 1:36:43 – the 10th fastest time of the race. When she began this series she was 45th in the aggregate but she has gradually improved her position and currently shares 20th place with 100 points.

At the start of this race BABYDOLL had one podium finish. By the end, she had made it two. She started from 18th place 16 seconds late for her 35 minute handicap. By the first rounding of number 4 she was in 5th, 5 minutes 42 seconds behind the race leader but 4 minutes 34 seconds ahead of SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay) who had stated over 1 minute sooner. BABYDOLL sailed the last 3 legs of the race in 32 minutes 35 seconds and crossed the finish line at 15:37:47 in 2nd place. She had sailed the course in 1:32:47 – the 8th fastest time of the race – finishing 1 minute 4 seconds behind the winner. These last two podium finishes have taken BABYDOLL from 28th to 19th and now 14th place in the aggregate with a total of 87 points.



This was the third time in 14 races that HOT CHIPPS has finished a race in 3rd place. She has collected 6 top ten finishes including 4 podium finishes. She started the series with a 37-minute handicap that by race 12 had become 31 minutes. By race 14 it was 14 minutes and has remained there since that race. HOT CHIPPS started this race from 15th place 36 seconds late for her 32 minute handicap, exactly the same time as MELTEMI SYC (Ian Howarth). After completion of the first 4 legs she was in 9th place, three places and a mere 27 seconds ahead of MELTEMI. The final three legs saw HOT CHIPPS move up a further 6 places to finish 3rd, 2 minutes 54 seconds behind BABYDOLL. HOT CHIPPS sailed the entire course in 1:38:41 and crossed the finish line at 15:40:41 – 2 minutes 10 seconds and 2 places ahead of MELTEMI. HOT CHIPPS is currently placed 7th in the aggregate on 75 points just 13 behind the leader with 5 races remaining.

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 20 Start of the Day

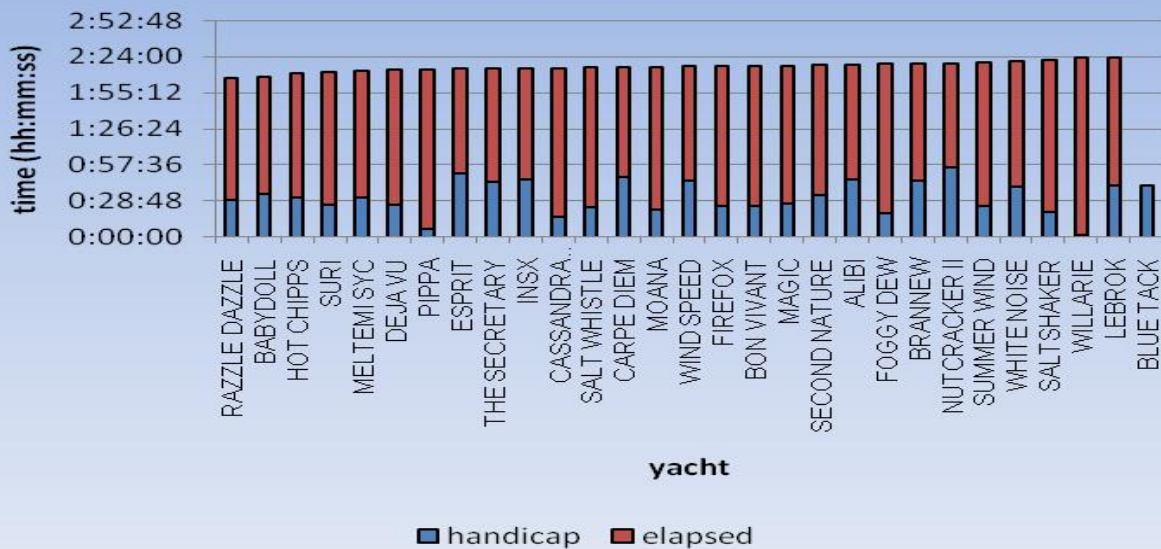


In general, northerly starts have not been as good as southerlies but this was one of the better ones. Seven yachts started within 10 seconds or less of their handicaps whilst only one yacht was more than a minute late. The median start time was 18 seconds a little more than 2 seconds above the median for the series. **SECOND NATURE** won Start of the Day becoming the 13th winner in 18 races.

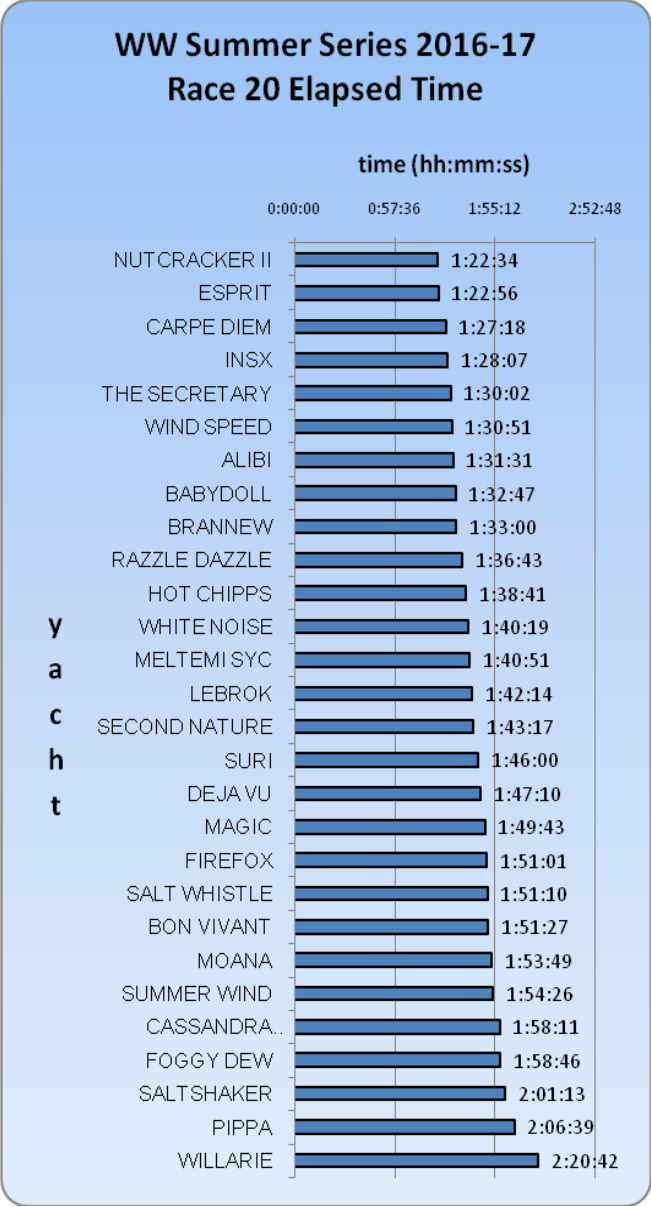
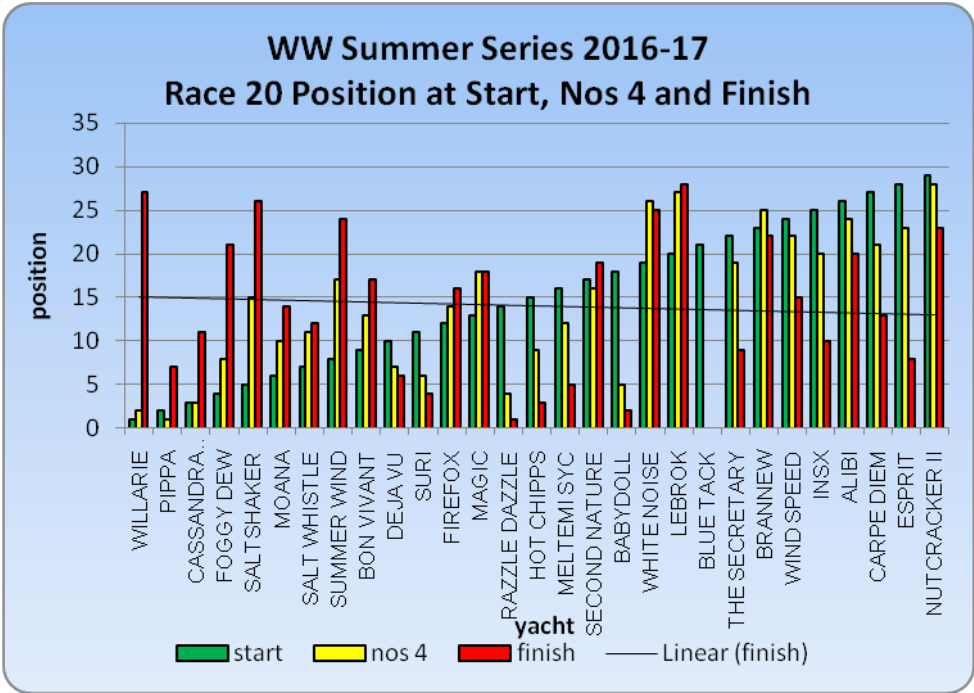
Some sailors were surprised when Foggy Dew was awarded the free Hull Scrub donated by BLAIR .

Mark would like to remind you that a yacht can only win one hull scrub per season. As the season progresses the awarding of the hull scrub slips down the time. In this are for example the following yachts started well but had all ready been awarded Hull scrubs *MW*

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 20 Result



The 29 yacht fleet started 53 minutes 38 seconds apart and this gap had reduced to 18 minutes 12 seconds at the first rounding of number 4. The gap between the 28 finishers was 16 minutes 31 seconds. On average a yacht crossed the finish line every 34 seconds and 18 yachts finished within 10 minutes of the winner. The closest finish was for 14th place with MOANA (Stan Rankin) finishing 2 seconds ahead of WINDSPEED (Les Browne).

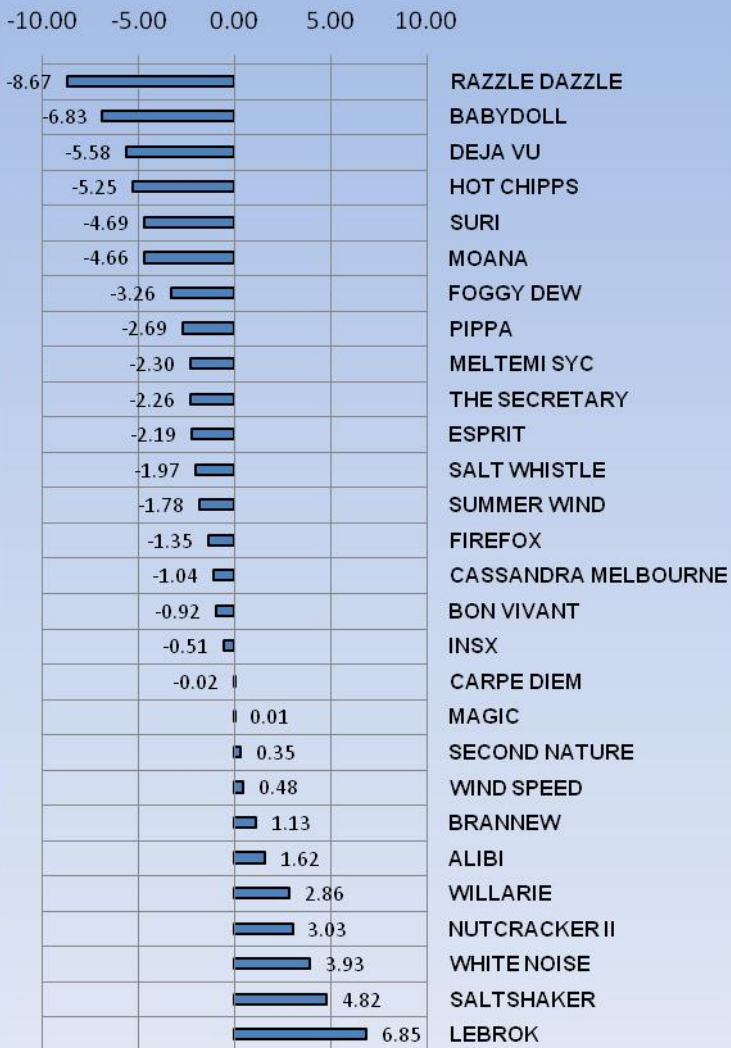


It was the mid fleet starters who made up the majority (5) of the first 10 yachts across the finish line. ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) was the best of the late starters when she crossed the line in 8th place. Of the 10 early starters DEJA VU (Peter Dransfield) recorded the best result finishing in 6th place.

Note that Esprit was 22seconds SLOWER than Nutcracker but started 21seconds LATE- MW

The median elapsed time was 1:42:45 making this one of the faster races of the series. For the 8th time it was NUTCRAKER II (Rob Davis & Andy Baker) that had the fastest elapsed time – 22 seconds better than ESPRIT and 4 minutes 44 seconds faster than CARPE DIEM. There were three yachts, FIREFOX (Kim Beveridge & Howard Davis), SALT WHISTLE (Alex Hall) and BON VIVANT (Russell Keays) that sailed the course within 26 seconds of each other. Their handicaps were 25, 24 and 25 seconds respectively.

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 20 Yacht Performance Indicator



The chart to the left indicates the performance of each yacht in race 20 compared to its own performance throughout the current series. It does not indicate that a yacht performed better than the one beneath it or worse than the one above. If the yacht has a negative value (the bar extends to port) then the yacht has performed better in this race than throughout the series so far. If the bar has a positive value (extends to starboard) then the yacht has not matched its own performance throughout the series.

This race was also the 5th race in the Century Class Series. There were 8 contestants from a total of 10 yachts in the series. RAZZLE DAZZLE was the winner. She finished 6 minutes 56 seconds ahead of PIPPA with CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE in third place. There is only one race left in this summer series scheduled for 29th March 2017.

CENTURY CLASS SUMMER SERIES 2016-17 RACE 5						
POSN	YACHT	MAKE	SKIPPER	ELAPSED	FINISH	H CAP
1	RAZZLE DAZZLE	SWARBRICK	Andrew Stopp	01:36:43	15:36:43	00:30:00
2	PIPPA	TRITON	Jeffrey Woolhouse	02:06:39	15:43:39	00:07:00
3	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	MOTTLE	Bob Reeves	01:58:11	15:44:11	00:16:00
4	MOANA	BLUEWATER	Stan Rankin	01:53:49	15:45:49	00:22:00
5	BON VIVANT	S80	Russell Keays	01:51:27	15:46:27	00:25:00
6	MAGIC	S&S	Phil Spry-Bailey	01:49:43	15:46:43	00:27:00
7	SALTSHAKER	JARKAN	Ken Gayler	02:01:13	15:51:13	00:20:00
8	WILLARIE	TRITON	Graeme Kaufman	02:20:42	15:52:42	00:02:00

The table below shows the handicap for each yacht throughout the series so far. The green highlight indicates a handicap reduction whilst a red highlight corresponds to a handicap increase.

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Handicap Adjustments																			
	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
ADAGIO										26									
ALIBI	48	48	48	48	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	46	46	46	46		
ANDANTE 1											28		24		20				
BABYDOLL		38					38	37	35	35	35		35	35	35	35	35	35	35
BACARDI								43	43	43	42		42		40	40			
BALI DANCER					30			27											
BARNSTORMER		47	47	47	46	46	46	46	46		46	46		46	46	46	46		
BLUE TACK	41	41	42	42	42	41	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	25	25	25
BON VIVANT				21	21	21		23		24	24	24			26	26	25	25	25
BRANNEW									47	47	47		46	46	45	45	45	45	45
CARPE DIEM	52	52	52	52	51	51		51	50	50	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	48	48
CARRERA				20	20	21	24						24	24	24	24			
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE			18	18	18	19	20	20	20	19	19	18	17	17	17	16	16	16	16
CONQUEST		50	50				50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
DEJA VU	27	27	27	28	28	28	27	27	26				26	26	26	26	26	26	26
DOLPHIN PLAY																			
ESPRIT	51	51	51	51	50	50	51	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	51	51
FAST COMPANY		33	33	33															
FIREFOX						26								26	26	26	25	25	25
FOGGY DEW	21	21	21	20	20	20	20	20	19	19	19	19	17	17	17	16	16	16	19
FUN AND GAMES			40	41	40	39	40								40				
HOT CHIPPS		37	37		37	36	34	33		31	31	32	32		32	32	32	32	32
INSX		44	44	45		45	46	48			47	46	46		46		46	46	46
LEBROK		38	38	39	39	39	41	43	43	43	42	42	42	41	41	41	41	41	41
MAGIC	28	28	28							28	28	28	28	28	28	28	27	27	27
MARIBEL					23	21	18	18			18	18		18	18	17			
MELTEMI SYC		34	34	34	33	33	33	33	33	33			33	32	32	32			32
MIDNIGHT MAGIC		2	2	1	2	2	2	1	3	3	3	4	4	4					
MOANA	21	21	20	21	21	21	20		20	20	20	21	21	21		22	21	22	22
MYUNA III		31		31	31	30	28	28				28	28		28	27			
NUTCRACKER II	58		58	58	57	57	57	57		57		57	57	57	56		56	56	56
PIPPA			6	6	6	7	8	8	8	8	8	11	11	10		10	8	7	7
PIAZZ		26	26	27	27	27	27	27	26	26	26			26	26	26			
PRIMO		37	37	36	36	35	34	34		31	31	33	36	36	36	36			
PUBLIC BAR		44	44				44												
RAZZLE DAZZLE						42	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		30	30	30	30	30
SALT WHISTLE		26		26	26		25	23	23	24	24	24							24
SALTSHAKER		19	19	19	21	22	23	23	23	23	22	22	22	21	21	20	20	20	20
SECOND NATURE		34	34			35	35			35		35	34	34	34	34			34
SHIMMER		44			44	43													
STAMPEDE	53	54	54	54	53		53	53	52	52	52	52	51	52	52	52	51		
SUMMER WIND					37	32	27											25	25
SURI			26	26	26	27	27	27	26	26		26	26		26		26	26	26
THE SECRETARY	44	44	44	45	45		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	44	44	44	44	44
TRUE COLOURS			32			32	28	29						27					
ULUWATU		43	43	42	42	41	40	40	39	38			38	38	38	37			
UPBEAT				37	37	37	34	34	34	34		34	36						
VANTAGE		35	35	34	34	34	33	33		33			32	32	31	31			
VINDALOO							45												
WHITE NOISE				42	42	42	41	41	41	41			41		40	40			40
WHITE POINTER	35	35	35	34	34	35	35	35	34	33	33	33		33	33	32	32		
WICKED		49					49	49					49	49	49	49	49		
WILLARIE			6	6			6	5	5	5			4	4	3		2	2	2
WIND SPEED		46	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	46	46		46	46	46	46	46	45

Windward Buoy

A EST Timely Reminder

When daylight saving time stops, the finish time gets shorter.

Races held in AEST(i.e. Non DST) will finish at 16:30 with a 30 min extension if one yacht finishes within the time limit.

The Two Hour Club

WW SUMMER SERIES 2016-17 Race 20 TWO HOUR CLUB							
Sail Number	Boat Name	Elapsed	Finish	Handicap	Position at		
					Start	Nos 4	Finish
SM1298	SALTSHAKER	2:01:13	15:51:13	0:20:00	5	15	26
SM303	PIPPA	2:06:39	15:43:39	0:07:00	2	1	7
SM315	WILLARIE	2:20:42	15:52:42	0:02:00	1	2	27

Three yachts became members of the 'Two Hour Club'. They started 1st, 2nd and 5th. This is despite Pippa averaging 6knts for the race and with a top speed of 6.9knts. Maybe it is the lack of pointing ability and sailing a course of 11.7nm that adds on time? Perhaps the yachtman that remained in the bar should be included in the 'Two hour club'.

It is not often that skippers complain about their yacht being considered to be the fastest yacht in the race. However the skipper of one yacht, whose crew make up the "BAY 13" mob in the bar after the races has complained to MARK. His claim was that in race 19 as Nutcracker started early, his time was recorded with the penalty of 5 minutes included. This made it look like Esprit was the fastest yacht around the course. Esprit 1:22:32 compared to Nutcracker 1:24:56.

I think Garry, on Esprit, must be nervous that the ANDY Capper might notice this 1min 24sec difference and increase his handicap. Nutcracker did actually go around the course at a faster speed. Rob however was over early by 2 seconds and was penalized 5 mins. This dropped Nutcracker from a 15 place to 26th.

The elapsed time used in the charts is a direct download from the SYC site. These times are not simply the actual start time minus the actual finish time of the yachts. The start time used is the race start (13:30:00) plus the yacht handicap, which is then subtracted from the actual finish time.

E.g. Race start 13:30:00 plus handicap, say 10 minutes makes a start of 13:40:00 subtracted from a finish time of say 15:40:00 gives an elapsed time of 2 hours.

If the yacht started a minute or less too soon then an additional 5 minutes is added to the elapsed time.

The ruling states that if a yacht is over early then 5 mins will be added to that yacht's time, so in fact the official time stated in the race report was correct. The handicaps for both these yachts have reminded the same.

The positive thing about the discussion is that the ESPRIT skipper reads the race reports and is well informed. No wonder he sails so well.

Start of the day Prizes.

There are two rewards for a good start presented each race.

Time of Start	Sail Number	
2.00	SM6161	BUBBLY
3.00	Sm340	
3.00	SM340	
5.00	SM1750	
7.00	SM6530	
9.00	SM5985	
10.00	SM580	
10.00	SM9988	
11.00	SM344	
11.00	SM 370	
12.00	Sm385	
12.00	SM303	
13.00	SM32	HULL SCRUB
14.00	SM367	

One provided by the Tower Crew of a bottle of fizzy drink for the best start closest to the yacht's handicap time. The second prize of a hull scrub for every race is provided by Michael BLAIR.

There is a restriction on this prize that a yacht can only be presented with the prize once a season. Some comments were made about a time of 13 seconds for Foggy Dew winning the Michael BLAIR hull scrub in race 20.

The following is a list of the best start times. All the yachts listed have previously won a hull scrub and were not eligible. At the end of the season it does become a little easier to get a hull scrub.

Sandringham Tower.... *After the race is over, after the tower is closed down... all is not quiet.*
The Boating Department operates channel 77 when the tower is vacated and will respond to calls.

Andrew on Razzle Dazzle who discovered a leak after the race when he docked appreciated this. The Boating Department was able to assist and his yacht was out of the water before he could collect his two first prizes - one for coming first, and his first Century Class prize.

The weather. One skipper was heard to say "*if I knew the tower was going to check the wind report twice I might have gone out.*" Yep they did phone in to the BOM well before the race and again for an update just before the start, as is their usual practice in strong winds.

In a strong Northerly, where is the best place to hold a race?

The BOM offered advice to the tower that if the race was going to be held it would be better in these conditions to conduct it close to the shore. Our courses are all tied to a tower finish so are limited in where they can be held.

From Mark's experience and in discussion with James Sly (who was also sailing on Wednesday), we were of the opinion that the wind further out was an easier place to be. The wind may be a little stronger but it does not seem to be subject to large shifts in direction. Those who watched the start of the race would have wondered why the first and second yachts that are the same class sailed a course of 30° difference. It was a costly wind shift that wiped out the first yacht's handicap.

Quality of VHF broadcast by the BOM (Coast Radio Melbourne)

The weather summary broadcast by Coast Radio Melbourne, at 12.48, on Channel 67 before the race was hardly audible. The tower and other yachts had this problem. On Mark Windward's request, the Boating Department are going to give the BOM feedback about the poor quality of their transmissions. Lets hope this service improves.

The quote from last week was by C J Denis (see last week's report).

There are many ways of judging the speed of a ship: by knots, by day's runs, by port-to-port records. Talking about boat speed: A sailing vessel held a speed record for 130 years when it was broken by a multihull, and it was not until 2001 that a monohulled boat broke this record. What was the name of the boat?
What record was it?

Your feedback and contributions are very welcome and make it easier to write. We look forward to Bruce Parry returning to add some photos to this report. It seems he is the only crew who has his hands free during WW races. Thanks to Windward Buoy who does 90% of the work.

Enjoy the autumn sailing

MARK WINDWARD