

Gale Warning Keeps Fleet Tied Up

Wednesday Wonders Race 4 Winter Series 2017

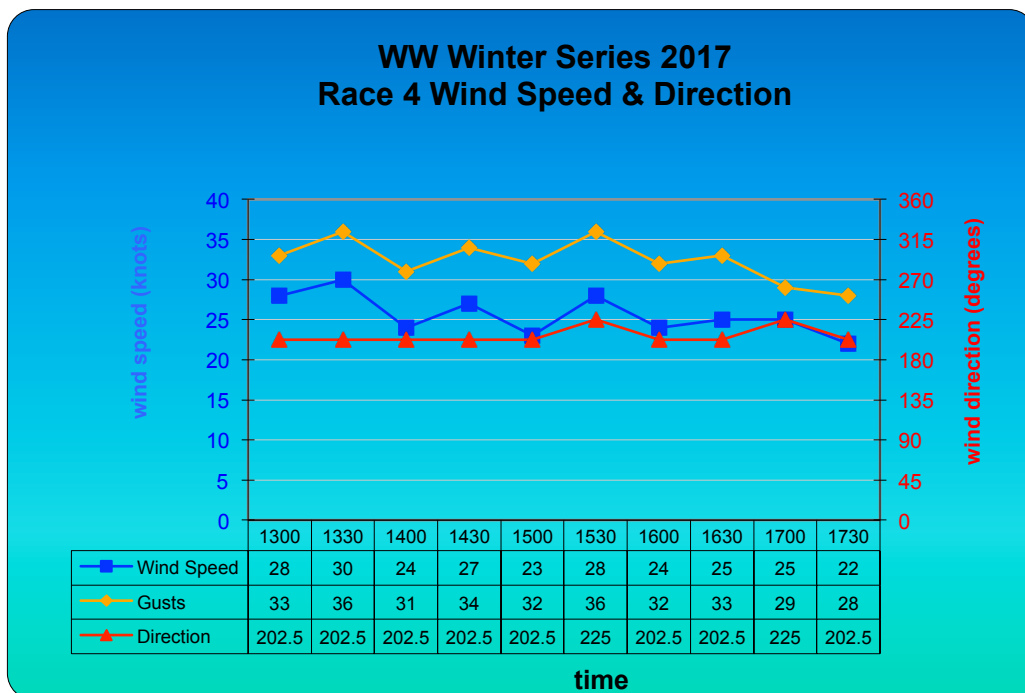
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Summer Series 2016-17 Results



The passage of a strong cold front producing a cold, strong and unstable south westerly airflow was behind the forecast of a gale warning for Wednesday. BOM forecast squalls to a possible 45 knots with showers and thunderstorms during the morning and afternoon with seas to 2.5 metres. The worst of the weather occurred during the morning when Fawkner Beacon recorded gusts of 41 knots. Nevertheless, there were gusts of 30 knots in the afternoon when the wind speed averaged 26 knots mainly from the south south west. No yachts could be seen on the bay from the northern podium.



The afternoon breeze was stronger than any observed during the WW summer series and the strongest recorded on a Wednesday afternoon since Race 19 of the 2016 Winter Series. That race was also abandoned.

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Aggregate Winner – HOT CHIPPS

There were 25 races scheduled for the series of which 23 were completed. The aggregate series score is the best of 12 races. HOT CHIPPS completed 19 out of a possible 23 races.



WW Summer Series 2016-17 Aggregate				
Place	Ties	Boat Name	Skipper	Series Score
1		HOT CHIPPS	John Chipp	79
2	2.0S	DEJA VU	Peter Dransfield	91
3		INSX	Robert Sill	91
4		ESPRIT	Garry Anderson	97
5		FOGGY DEW	Frank Hilliard	104
6		MOANA	Stan Rankin	105
7		THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	109
8		PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	113
9	2.0S	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	115
10		CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	115
11		BLUE TACK	Andy Lynch	116
12		MELTEMI SYC	Ian Howarth	118
13		WHITE POINTER	Tom Raft	123
14		ALIBI	Dennis Hambleton	130
15		CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	131
16		RAZZLE DAZZLE	Andrew Stopp	132
17		BABYDOLL	Brendan Kruger	133
18		PIAZZ	P.Martyn R.Kemp	135.5
19		SECOND NATURE	Paul Mentiplay	138.5
20		WIND SPEED	Les Browne	140
21		SURI	Rick Blanck	142
22	2.0S	MAGIC	Phil Spry-Bailey	145
23		CONQUEST	Paul Jacka	145
24		SALT WHISTLE	Alex Hall	147
25		BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	148
26		STAMPEDE	Christopher Gendala	153
27		NUTCRACKER II	Rob Davis / Andy Baker	155
28		MIDNIGHT MAGIC	Bernadette Moore	163.5
29		WHITE NOISE	Daniel Edwards	165
30		PRIMO	Steve Copley	166
31		SALTSHAKER	Ken Gayler	169
32		BON VIVANT	Russell Keays	188.5
33		VANTAGE	Darren Hunter	194
34		BRANNEW	Clive Sondheim	196
35		WICKED	Mike Welsh	202
36		BACARDI	Martin Power	227
37		ULUWATU	M Billings P Geary	243
38		WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	253
39		UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	280
40		MARIBEL	Graham Fraser	282
41		FUN AND GAMES	Alan Edwards	283
42		CARRERA	Geoffrey Simpson	302
43		MYUNA III	Geoffrey Nixon	311
44		SUMMER WIND	Martyn Sly	365
45		DOLPHIN PLAY	John Brennan	388
46		TRUE COLOURS	P Akers A West	466
47		SHIMMER	Steve Twentyman	473
48		FAST COMPANY	Albert Doggett	487
49		PUBLIC BAR	Clive Sondheim	495
50		BALI DANCER	C Waters B Hardiman	551
51		CAFE RACER	Rob Hartnett	580



WW Summer Series 2016-17 Misty Blue Trophy Winner - BLUE TACK

The Misty Blue Trophy is awarded to the boat having the lowest combined time closest to her start in the series. In the summer 2016-17 series eleven races counted towards the combined time. The following table shows the yachts that completed 11 races and the average start per race is in seconds. The 11 starts that contributed to BLUE TACK winning the trophy were 5 seconds or less. She won Start of the Day on 2 occasions.

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Misty Blue Trophy	
YACHT	Average Start Per Race
BLUE TACK	2.55
ESPRIT	3.36
INSX	4.00
NUTCRACKER II	4.09
LEBROK	4.27
THE SECRETARY	4.45
SALT WHISTLE	5.36
DEJA VU	6.18
ALIBI	6.91
PIAZZ	6.91
WHITE POINTER	7.45
MELTEMI SYC	7.55
CARPE DIEM	7.82
SURI	7.91
WHITE NOISE	8.09
STAMPEDE	8.45
ULUWATU	10.82
SALTSHAKER	11.09
FOGGY DEW	11.27
BARNSTORMER	11.36
PIPPA	12.00
PRIMO	12.18
BABYDOLL	12.55
CONQUEST	12.55
SECOND NATURE	13.36
WIND SPEED	13.64
BON VIVANT	14.09
BRANNEW	14.73
WILLARIE	15.00
VANTAGE	17.09
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	17.45
HOT CHIPPS	18.00
MAGIC	18.27
RAZZLE DAZZLE	21.91
WICKED	22.36
MOANA	26.09
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	34.82
DOLPHIN PLAY	36.00
BACARDI	54.27



WW Summer Series 2016-17 Shebassa Shield Winner - PIPPA

The Shebassa Shield is awarded to the boat having the lowest combined score based on their placings in the Winter and Summer Series. To be in contention a yacht would have to have completed 9 races in the winter series and 12 in the summer. PIPPA completed 17 out of a possible 19 races in the winter series and 20 out of 23 in the summer.

YACHT	PLACE		
	WINTER	SUMMER	COMBINED
PIPPA	2	8	10
THE SECRETARY	5	7	12
FOGGY DEW	10	5	15
MOANA	12	6	18
CARPE DIEM	4	15	19
ALIBI	6	14	20
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	13	10	23
LEBROK	14	9	23
WIND SPEED	3	20	23
WHITE POINTER	15	13	28
MAGIC	9	22	31
BARNSTORMER	8	25	33
BABYDOLL	18	17	35
INSX	33	3	36
PIAZZ	19	18	37
STAMPEDE	11	26	37
SALTSHAKER	7	31	38
SECOND NATURE	20	19	39
HOT CHIPPS	42	1	43
SURI	23	21	44
CONQUEST	25	23	48
PRIMO	21	30	51
MYUNA III	16	43	59
BON VIVANT	28	32	60
VANTAGE	27	33	60
WILLARIE	22	38	60
WHITE NOISE	32	29	61
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	35	28	63
PUBLIC BAR	17	49	66
UPBEAT	29	39	68
WICKED	36	35	71
FAST COMPANY	30	48	78
TRUE COLOURS	34	46	80
FUN AND GAMES	41	41	82



WW & Sunday Sailors Summer series 2016-17 Noelle Coram Trophy Winner FOGGY DEW

The Noelle Coram trophy is awarded to the boat having the lowest combined score based on their placings in the Wednesday Wonders Summer Series and Sunday Sailors Summer Series. FOGGY DEW completed all 23 WW races and 10 out of 11 Sunday races.

YACHT	SKIPPER	PLACE		
		WW	SS	COMBINED
FOGGY DEW	Frank Hilliard	5	4	9
LEBROK	Theo Korbel	9	2	11
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	10	3	13
THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	7	16	23
CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	15	14	29
MYUNA III	Geoffrey Nixon	43	7	50
CAFE RACER	Rob Hartnett	51	30	81



Century Class Summer Series 2016-17 Winner – MOANA

YACHT	SKIPPER	RACE NUMBER						TOTAL
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
MOANA	Stan Rankin	1	2	4	1	4	3	15
PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	6	4	2	4	2	1	19
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	3	3	7	5	3	5	26
SALTSHAKER	Ken Gayler	2	1	9	6	7	6	31
MAGIC	Phil Spry Bailey	4	9	8	2	6	4	33
RAZZLE DAZZLE	Andrew Stopp	8	9	6	9	1	2	35
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	Bernadette Moore	7	6	3	3	9	9	37
BON VIVANT	Russell Keays	8	7	1	9	5	7	37
WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	5	5	5	7	8	9	39
FAST COMPANY	Albert Doggett	8	9	9	10	10	10	56



Windward Buoys

Mark Windward's Whispers

The Handicapper's Philosophy Scrap book

This season's handicapper, Brendan, is not a novice handicapper.

When Pippa joined Wednesday Wonders the start time was 14:00. It was changed by the handicapper of the season, Brendan Kruger, to allow time for Pippa, whose skipper was new to keel boat racing, to get a reasonable start and have time to finish races.

The start time then was a process of the tower ringing the 'talking clock' to 'set the race clock'. I guess it was turned off after races. It wasn't set by a GPS, so the only way to get an accurate starting time was to visit the tower and wait until they set the time from the 'talking clock'.

This often took 2 or 3 attempts to get it accurate.

This was the case for Pippa, whose skipper had to get to the boat as quickly as possible (this was before she graduated to A row) and head for the start.

Brendon was instrumental in getting the start time changed to 13.30.

In Summer when the sea breeze is late to pick up Mark wishes that the time was switched back to the 14:00 start. However last summer season was very kind to earlier starters.

Brendon has requested a few lines to go in this report. It is good to know what the handicapper is thinking so read on....

"The aim is to give everyone a crack at getting a podium finish or two during the season, taking into account as much as possible the day's weather and variable boat performances in different winds. Forecasts these days are pretty good and the aim is to establish handicaps the morning of the race that will give everyone a fair go on the day.

Inevitably a short settling-in period will be required so please be patient. Nonetheless the handicapper will gracefully accept well-argued submissions. Good luck with that!

We aim to avoid the mad swings in fleet positions so well exemplified by yachts that do very well in heavy weather and not so well in light conditions, and to give all a chance at coming last."

Mark thinks that you should not expect that coming 4th each week will preserve your handicap. You should expect to gain a few minutes for coming first. Recruiting expert crew on to your yacht may not go unnoticed – and you may also gain a few minutes handicap

Some warnings: impassioned pleas to handicapper may not be worthwhile. He has been known to take the batteries out of his hearing aid, particularly from what he has labelled 'serial offenders'. In his professional life he may have learnt to be dispassionate when others were showing signs of great pain.

Century Class

As last week's race should have been a Century Class, but was not held, the next race, Race 5 will count in the series. Ensure you are registered with the boating office before the race.

Another Presentation Night Bonus

Another delightful Presentation Night, with bonus Pavlovas as a treat, is over.

Mark congratulates all the winners. If you examine the results you will become aware of how close last seasons results were.

Free Photos Another bonus for WW's who attended presentation night. There were 85 photos taken on the night. These will be available free and be on display in the member's lounge on Wednesday from 11:45 until after the race. Just help you self and say thank you to the tower management.

Mr and Mrs Windward Buoy

Mr and Mrs Buoy had planned to join up with Hugh Pilsworth in July on Blue Flyer to sail from Panama, the Galápagos Islands and to Tahiti, but unfortunately Mrs Buoy has had a very nasty break in her elbow requiring surgery and will be out of action for some months. No sailing for quite a while even though Magic has power winches. We wish Sue a speedy recovery.

Blue Flyer Hugh is currently at Port St Maarten, Saint Martin 29/4. To catch up with what he is up to view his latest Blog 26/4 Click [Blue Flyer](#)

Wednesday Night Rec Boating night No race last week, but over 140 sailors, wives, lovers and friends enjoyed yachting yarns as told by Sandy Mackinnon. What a great entertainer. Mark arrived a bit too early and was in the bar with about 10 or 15 others with the wind raging, wondering even if the speaker was going to get to SYC on time. Just as well he did not try to sail to SYC in his Mirror – it was a great night. Thanks to Rec Boating for hosting him.

This is a link to an interview on the ABC Radio with Sandy for those who may have missed his presentation click on [SANDY](#)

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Remember: "The Art of the sailor is to leave nothing to chance" Annie Van De Wiele