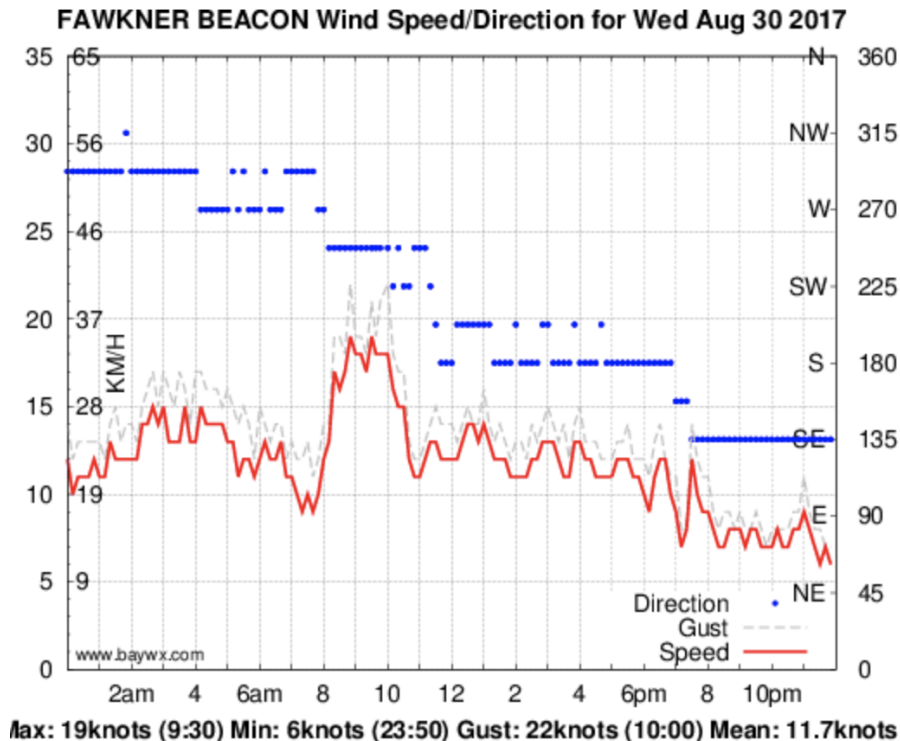


A Bi Annual bit of Magic

Wednesday Wonders Race 22

30/8/2017

Below is this easy to read wind graph from Fawkner for those who have trouble with raw data. It confirms that there were a few little wind shifts. At 1:30 the wind was south at 12 knts gusting to 14knts with a slight swell coming in from No 5 to the start line.



FIRST Sm 616 MAGIC

The skipper Phil Spry-Bailey claims that this is his first win for about 2 years. Magic crossed the line 2 mins in front of the fleet. Phil has had a handicap of having 2 of his regular crew absent - Graham (sometimes known as Windward Buoy) and Sue (Mrs Buoy). This win moves Magic into 4th place in the series with Wind Speed and Vantage all on 78 points.

It was also a CENTURY CLASS RACE so Phil had a double win. It seems that every Century Class race is taken very seriously, and this race was no exception with the first 3 yachts across the line all Century Class yachts.

Like most yachts in the fleet Magic had an increased handicap starting off 26 min starting 9th just 18 seconds late. First time around No 4 she was in 4th place 8 mins behind the leading yacht.

At the finish the Pappa Art Sea were too far behind to get an updated photo.



SECOND 6107 THE SECRETARY

by just 2 seconds.

Starting off a “wiggled” handicap of 43 (1 min added) in 27th position and 3 seconds late. The first time past 4 she had moved into 11th place. In a tight finish The Secretary needed an extra tack to get across the line that nearly cost her a place. George has missed quite a few races and is now 28th overall on 123 points. He has scores in the 20’s to drop.



THIRD Sm303 PIPPA

Starting first with no other Tritons sailing, Pippa had a favourable leg to No 5. Start was just 8 seconds late. It is difficult to know what pace the rest of the fleet are sailing at when you have a break away lead. It was looking very good until Pippa tightened up the rig going past 7 to head into the wind. Just as she rounded “BANG” and the backstay went slack. With a lot of assistance from the crew Graham and Gai we attached a line to try to get some pressure on the forestay.

The skipper contemplated pulling out as she passed 4 but being 5 mins in front a good finish looked possible. The final windward leg to the finish saw Graham wedged against the forestay to try to keep it tight. Pippa was still in second place. The Secretary was coming up fast and gave Pippa a hope of staying in second when she had to tack to cross the line, but Pippa was two seconds short. (Tower Management, please note the little ‘wave’ from Pippa).



STARTING

The slowest start was 57 secs. 19 yachts were 14 sec or less. One large yacht started unusually late for her standard on 26 seconds. Mark is not certain but was it the increase in power bills that caused Stampede her late start. When she went to start she had no power. On a boat like Stampede this does make it difficult.

Oh yeah, the START of the DAY was **Nutcracker Sm 6530** on zero zero.

WIGGERLY WOO



WHEN THE RED BOARD IS OUT: All the fleet will have their handicaps 'Wiggled'.

"No one seems to have picked up on the large red-lettered addendum attached to the list of handicaps by the Boating Office to the effect that handicaps were increased across the board " BK. So it was not just your yacht that had handicap changes.

In Summary 39 yachts had alterations to their handicaps.

REDUCTIONS: -5 (1 yacht) -2 (1 yacht) -1 (1 yacht)

INCREASES +1 (8 yachts) +2 (9 yachts) +3 (15 yachts) +4 (3 yachts)

New to the Fleet

Recommended by their doctor to go on a low salt diet, the owners of **Salt Whistle** have sold Salt Whistle and are sailing a new craft called **ALLIANCE 46**. With 4 owners other suggestions were rejected such as 'Fourplay'. **ALLIANCE** according to my dictionary is an excellent choice. "An **alliance** is usually an agreement between two or more parties, made in order to advance common goals and to secure common interests. It can also mean that there is an affinity or similarity."





PHOENIX

In [Greek mythology](#), a **phoenix** is a long-lived bird that is cyclically regenerated or reborn.

Associated with the Sun, a phoenix obtains new life by arising from the [ashes](#) of its predecessor.

We hope the regeneration will be as rapid for SM927 Phoenix as it is in Harry Potter stories.

The incident referred to by the Sail Captain does bring a new meaning to the song
..."By the time I Get to Phoenix she'll be waiting"

Mark did notice that not following recommended radio procedures means that communication was not clear. Remember it is recommended: Sandringham Tower - three times, and the name of your vessel repeated three times.

The Yellow Flag bearer this week is WHITE NOISE on 74 points, 3 points ahead of Nutcracker and Lebrok both on 77, followed by three yachts on 78 - Magic, Wind Speed & Vantage. And in the top ten are Bon Vivant 81.5, Pippa 83, Cassandra 85.5, and Blue Tack 89.

This week's competition: A **caption for the Photo** below.
Suggestions to date include:

This yacht needs some Viagra for its pole.
This brings a new meaning to pole dancing.
You should have seen the other guy.
Isn't carbon fibre stronger and dearer?
It's an expensive fishing pole.



FOR SALE

Anyone heading to Maggie Race Week may be interested in this 1978 30ft Robert's Sloop. The seller is a friend of Gill Stubbs's sister (who lives on Magnetic Island) and the price is up for negotiation. Maybe it could provide cheap accommodation? If you are interested and need a yacht to sail home from Magnetic Island, Contact wstubbs@bigpond.net.au

Coming Up

Wednesday Wonders Presentation Night is Friday 13th October.
The forms are out and bookings are filling up already.

One more Century Class Race, number 26 on 27th September.

The last race for the season is 27th September, Race 26
Just four more races to go.

The weather looks like it should improve by Wednesday.
Be warned however it is a full moon and high tide is at 15:22.
Mark hopes he can get his boat back in the water in time.

Feedbacks, photos, news, comments, advice etc. send to:

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I always wondered why they called it the boom...then it hit me!

