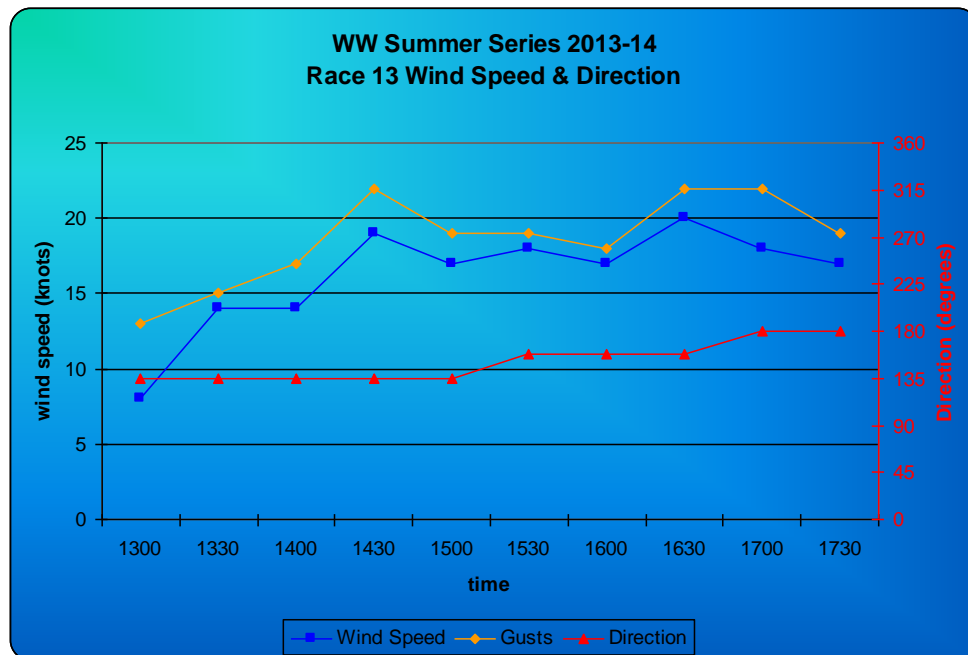


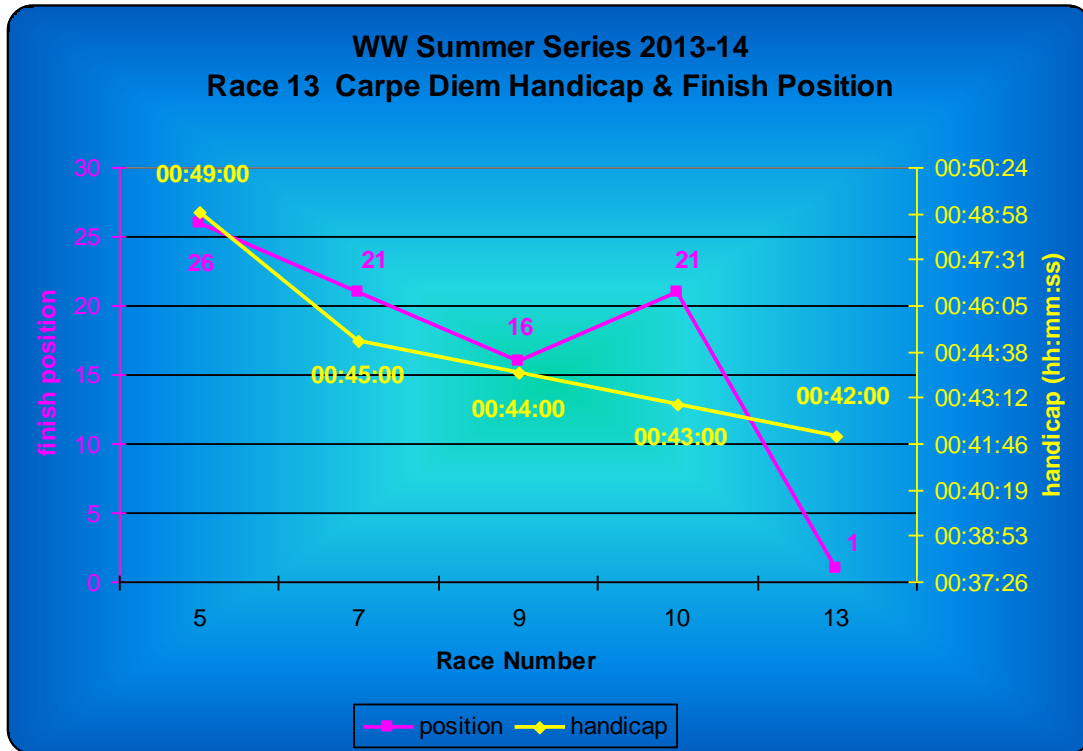
### Race 13 A Little Cool Relief

Course 13 race13 brought some good luck for the first three finishers who were on the podium for the first time this series. For CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) it was the first win by just 1 second from 5 races, MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette Moore) has had 5 attempts and SALT SHAKER (Ken Gayler) has had 6 attempts at a podium finish this series. After starting 32 minutes 52 seconds apart these three crossed the finish line within 23 seconds of each other and 3 minutes 7 seconds ahead of WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) in 4th place.

With a top temperature of 41.5 recorded in the city the coolest place to be outdoors around Melbourne last Wednesday was probably on the water. Observations from Fawkner Beacon show a south east to southerly breeze averaging about 16 knots for the race although observations from individual yachts indicate the breeze was lighter and more variable inshore. Regardless of the exact wind strength it had a welcome cooling effect for all competitors.



After a two week absence from Wednesday Wonders CARPE DIEM returned to the series to record her best result for the series coinciding with her lowest handicap. She started race 13 from 23<sup>rd</sup> place 7 seconds late for her 42 minute start. By the first rounding of number 4 she was in 20<sup>th</sup> place and made up the remaining 19 places to cross the finish line at 15:33:59. CARPE DIEM sailed the 8.5 nautical mile course 13 in the second fastest time of the day in 1:21:59. This was 1 minute 16 seconds slower than the other Beneteau First 50 and fastest on the day - WHITE SPIRIT (Timothy Say). CARPE DIEM has sailed 5 races this series and is currently in 31<sup>st</sup> place in the aggregate on 75 points.



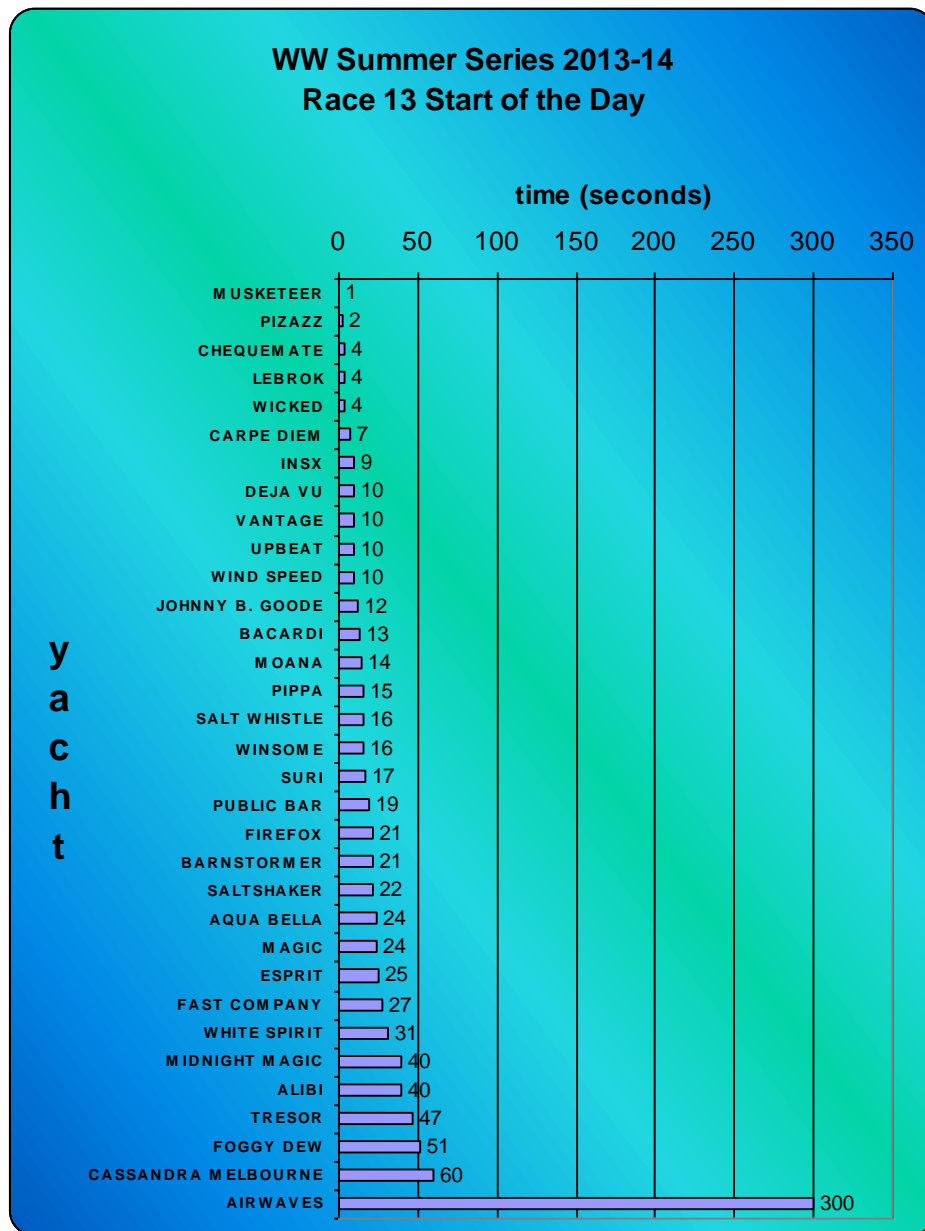
After being the second yacht to start, then leading the fleet by the first rounding of number 4 MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette Moore) was beaten into 2<sup>nd</sup> place by the narrowest of margins. Being 40 seconds late for a 9 minute handicap start proved to be very costly on this occasion. Had she been 38 seconds late she would have won. Nevertheless, MIDNIGHT MAGIC sailed a good race completing the course in 1:55:00 and crossing the finish line at 15:34:00. Although this was her first podium finish it was her 3<sup>rd</sup> top ten finish in three outings even though her handicap increased. With 5 completed races MIDNIGHT MAGIC has 65 points putting her in 26<sup>th</sup> position in the aggregate.

RACE RECORD – MIDNIGHT MAGIC									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
4	30/10/2013	28	03:55:54	17:28:54	00:03:00	91	13	8.5	6
8	27/11/2013	26	03:24:59	17:01:59	00:07:00	36	13	4.2	7
11	18/12/2013	7	02:14:04	15:51:04	00:07:00	28	14	9.8	13
12	8/01/2014	4	02:06:48	15:44:48	00:08:00	57	7	9.8	14
13	15/01/2013	2	01:55:00	15:34:00	00:09:00	40	13	8.5	16

Crossing the finish line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place 22 seconds behind MIDNIGHT MAGIC was SALTSHAKER. She had started 22 seconds late for her 17 minute start in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and was in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the first rounding of number 4. SALTSHAKER had her quickest sail of the series sailing the course in 1:47:22 and crossing the finish line at 15:34:22. She has completed 6 races this series

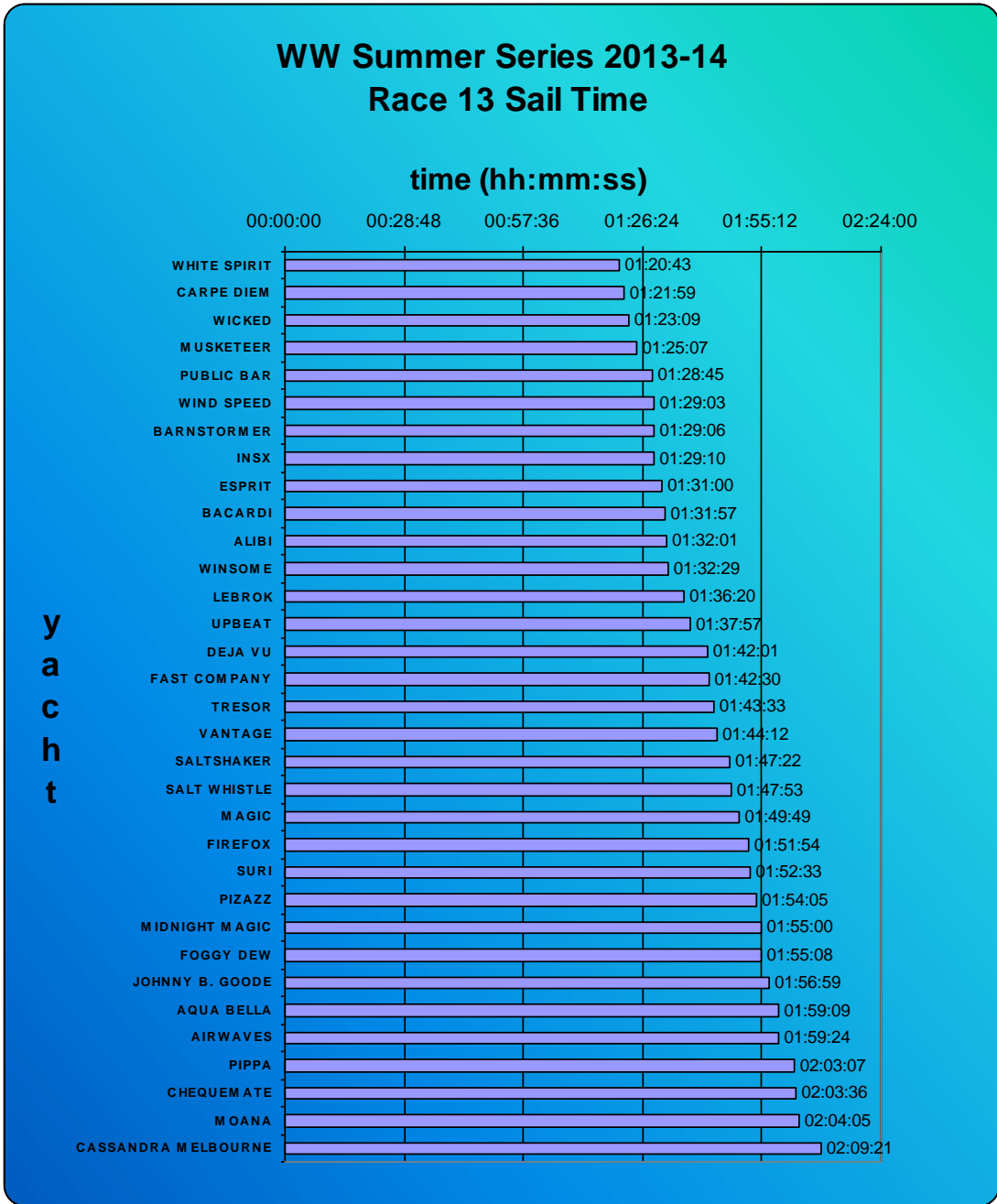
and this is by far her best result helping her up 4 places in the aggregate. SALTSHAKER is on 80 points in 29<sup>th</sup> position in the aggregate.

RACE RECORD - SALTSHAKER									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
4	30/10/2013	26	03:28:55	17:17:55	00:19:00	53	13	8.5	6
5	6/11/2013	18	02:07:56	15:56:56	00:19:00	32	14	9.8	18
7	20/11/2013	27	02:12:52	16:01:52	00:19:00	78	14	9.8	18
8	27/11/2013	19	03:03:08	16:50:08	00:17:00	212	13	4.2	7
12	8/01/2014	16	02:04:03	15:51:03	00:17:00	12	7	9.8	14
13	15/01/2013	3	01:47:22	15:34:22	00:17:00	22	13	8.5	16



Not only has a different yacht won each of the 9 completed races but a different yacht has won each start of the day. It was MUSKETEER (Paul Jacka) only 1 second late for a 52 minute start that had the best start in race 13 closely followed by PIZAZZ (Philip Martyn and Russell Kemp). The average start was 28 seconds. The average would have been better but AIRWAVES (Rob Fenton) started too soon and was penalised 5 minutes.

As mentioned earlier, the two fastest yachts were the two longest – both Beneteau First 50’s. WHITE SPIRIT and CARPE DIEM sailed the course in less than 1:22:00 when the average sail time was 1:43:21.



Although 22 minutes 22 seconds separated first from last there were some close contests not only at the front but also throughout the entire fleet. On average a yacht crossed the finish line every 41 seconds. There was a dead heat between UPBEAT (Peter Dunne) and BACARDI (Martin Power) with both crossing the finish line at 15:43:57. There was only 1 second separating BARNSTOMER (Brian Barnes) from MUSKETEER with FOGGY DEW (Jo O’Grady) finishing 1 second later. ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) finished at 15:50:00 a mere 9 seconds ahead of AQUA BELLA (Geoffrey Simpson).

As the series progresses handicaps get adjusted with more adjustment to some as opposed to others. The table below provides the handicap range per yacht in order of most to least.

<b>HANDICAP RANGE PER YACHT</b>			
<b>YACHT</b>	<b>MAX Handicap</b>	<b>MIN Handicap</b>	<b>RANGE</b>
CARPE DIEM	00:49:00	00:42:00	00:07:00
AQUA BELLA	00:27:00	00:20:00	00:07:00
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	00:09:00	00:03:00	00:06:00
TRUE COLOURS	00:36:00	00:30:00	00:06:00
WICKED	00:53:00	00:47:00	00:06:00
WHITE NOISE	00:46:00	00:41:00	00:05:00
AIRWAVES	00:19:00	00:14:00	00:05:00
FAST COMPANY	00:34:00	00:29:00	00:05:00
MUSKETEER	00:52:00	00:47:00	00:05:00
JOHNNY B. GOODE	00:28:00	00:23:00	00:05:00
PIPPA	00:10:00	00:06:00	00:04:00
BELLABLU	00:39:00	00:35:00	00:04:00
PIAZZ	00:28:00	00:24:00	00:04:00
WIND SPEED	00:47:00	00:43:00	00:04:00
ESPRIT	00:49:00	00:45:00	00:04:00
SURI	00:27:00	00:24:00	00:03:00
SECOND NATURE	00:31:00	00:28:00	00:03:00
PUBLIC BAR	00:46:00	00:43:00	00:03:00
BARNSTORMER	00:48:00	00:45:00	00:03:00
ALIBI	00:46:00	00:43:00	00:03:00
UPBEAT	00:39:00	00:36:00	00:03:00
FOGGY DEW	00:24:00	00:22:00	00:02:00
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	00:18:00	00:16:00	00:02:00
DEJA VU	00:29:00	00:27:00	00:02:00
VANTAGE	00:30:00	00:28:00	00:02:00
WHITE SPIRIT	00:51:00	00:49:00	00:02:00
SALTSHAKER	00:19:00	00:17:00	00:02:00
ARABESQUE	00:31:00	00:29:00	00:02:00
MOANA	00:22:00	00:20:00	00:02:00
INSX	00:45:00	00:43:00	00:02:00
TRESOR	00:32:00	00:30:00	00:02:00
TEQUILA	00:29:00	00:27:00	00:02:00
MAGIC	00:30:00	00:28:00	00:02:00

<b>HANDICAP RANGE PER YACHT</b>			
<b>YACHT</b>	<b>MAX Handicap</b>	<b>MIN Handicap</b>	<b>RANGE</b>
WAVELENGTH	00:31:00	00:29:00	00:02:00
LEBROK	00:40:00	00:39:00	00:01:00
CHEQUEMATE	00:20:00	00:19:00	00:01:00
FIREFOX	00:30:00	00:29:00	00:01:00
PRIMO	00:39:00	00:38:00	00:01:00
SALT WHISTLE	00:27:00	00:26:00	00:01:00
FORZADO	00:29:00	00:28:00	00:01:00
DEBONNAIRE	00:46:00	00:46:00	00:00:00
FUN AND GAMES	00:39:00	00:39:00	00:00:00
WINSOME	00:35:00	00:35:00	00:00:00
FAROUCHE	00:10:00	00:10:00	00:00:00
BACARDI	00:42:00	00:42:00	00:00:00
THE SECRETARY	00:45:00	00:45:00	00:00:00
WILLARIE	00:09:00	00:09:00	00:00:00
CAVALIER	00:15:00	00:15:00	00:00:00

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### **Wednesday Wonders Race 13 - Summer 2013~2014 Beat the heat with Cool Flat Out Sailing**



#### **The French Canal Syndrome: A sense of Deja Vu**

Peter Dransfield who spends about 6 months of the year messing about with boats in French canals is accustomed to having at least 6 plus fenders out while underway. However he did remove them before the start of the race. Though being without them he lost his sense of Deja Vu. Peter started 12<sup>th</sup> and finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place just 3½ mins behind the winner. Thanks to Chris Furey for the photo.

*Having a photo in this report means that Mark will expect a few lines about your boat, crew or some sailing adventure. Hand written material is acceptable, and Peter, we can translate it from French if we need to!*

**'Bacardi and Boat people'**. There is a rumour that Bacardi, returning from Tasmania with 10 or so on board, received a call from an Immigration officer to inquire if there were any illegal immigrants from Tasmania on board. Welcome Back Martin.

**What is it like to be in front of the fleet?** Trying to find out what it is like to be in front of the fleet can happen in various ways. One of the late starters decided to find out and headed off to number one well before his start time. In the process he slowed down the yachts that were already racing by giving them dirty wind. This did not endear him to these yachts.

**Race evaluation** At the start 44mins separated the fleet. At first time past number 4 the gap was 26 mins, and at the finish 22mins 20 seconds. A mixed lot of boats, bunched together, crossed the finish line at 15.47. Sm424 (the yacht that was out early)~ .06, Sm 4407 Musketeer ~.07, Sm32 Foggy Dew ~ .08, Sm616 Magic ~ .49, and Sm 178 Alibi at 15:48.01. Sailing on flat water was a bit of a change, just another variable for the handicapper to contend with!

**Pole Position** With another podium finish Midnight Magic is likely to lose her pole start position for the next race. She did start to do a type of pole dance during his race, some observers reported, but it could have been an Irish jig.

**Air "waves" good bye to 10 places.** Errors were costly in this race. A 50 second early start altered a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish to 15<sup>th</sup>, even with tower friends!

**Keeping abreast** Yacht rules relating to "keeping abreast" is being confused by some yachts. An overlap is different from keeping abreast from a boat, particularly near boys. Instead of gaining boy room this activity could have the opposite affect. I understand that there are no rules preventing women being topless, as such a rule would be illegal under the equal opportunity act.

**32 Knots** Any one else notice that Fawner Beacon was a windy place to be Wednesday Jan 15? According to the records, at 1.55 it was 35 knots.

**A Wednesday Sailor has asked:** On a yacht what is it that: On the stern goes from port to starboard, on the port side goes from the bow to the stern, and on the starboard side goes from the stern to the bow? I am not sure if he is offering a free drink if you get the answer correct, but it might be worth asking? Send your answer to MARK Windward

**Question from Race 12 last week.** (See last week for larger photos) Yes the answer was too easy. Apart from one being a war ship and the others passenger ships, the question remains the same. What is the similarity between the ships and which one is the odd one out and why?



**Feedback on WW reports.....**

*Great report with your usual vast detail. Wish someone would put that much effort into a post-race analysis of the Sydney-Hobart!*

Send your answers, contributions and feedback to [MARK Windward](#)