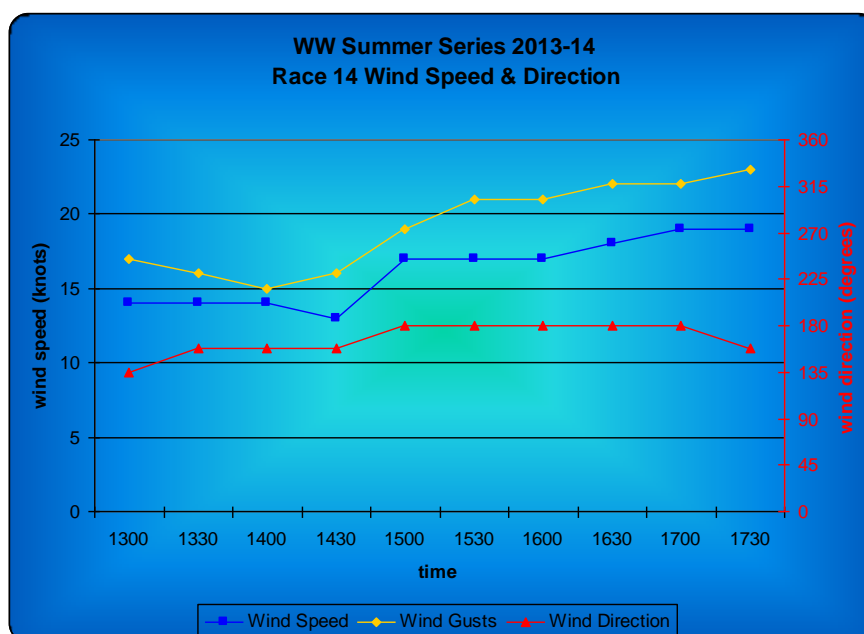


TEN (winners) out of TEN (races)

Wednesday Wonders Race 14 summer 2013~2014

The seas could have been smoother but the blue sky, 15 to 20 breezes and selection of course 14 combined to make excellent sailing conditions for race 14. Course 14 is becoming “course of the series” selected for the 4th time in ten races. The direction of the breeze was such that the 6 leg course became a series of beats and runs around a large and small triangle. The breeze averaged about 16 knots, generally increasing as the race progressed and moving slightly from SSE to become a Southerly. It helped to produce one of the closer finishes of the series with 20 yachts finishing within the 5 minutes between 1555 and 1600.



Beating the 5 minute rush for the finish line were the three podium finishers MOANA (Stan Rankin) and two Oceanis 34's - SURI (Rick Blanc) and PIZAZZ (Russell Kemp and Philip Martyn). MOANA's win continued the trend of each race producing a different winner in the series.

WW Summer Series 2013-14 Race Winners						
RACE	YACHT	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	MAKE	LENGTH
4	MUSKETEER	02:28:36	16:45:36	00:47:00	BENETEAU	44
5	SECOND NATURE	01:46:01	15:44:01	00:28:00	BAVARIA	38
7	FAST COMPANY	01:47:23	15:48:23	00:31:00	FARR	34
8	WICKED	01:54:30	16:13:30	00:49:00	BENETEAU	40
9	JOHNNY B. GOODE	01:45:05	16:19:05	00:24:00	OCEANIS	34
10	PIPPA	01:55:39	15:31:39	00:06:00	TRITON	24
11	PUBLIC BAR	01:33:15	15:46:15	00:43:00	ELLIOT	40
12	WIND SPEED	01:28:52	15:42:52	00:44:00	SYDNEY	36
13	CARPE DIEM	01:21:59	15:33:59	00:42:00	BENETEAU	50
14	MOANA	02:00:26	15:48:26	00:18:00	BLUEWATER	40

MOANA is one of 4 yachts to have sailed all ten races this series and this win is her best result so far. She was 26 seconds late for her 18 minute start from 6th place but by the first rounding of number 4 at 15:10:56 she was leading the fleet. Moana held the lead to the end of the race crossing the finish line at 15:48:56 after sailing the course in 2:00:26.

RACE RECORD - MOANA									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
4	30/10/2013	23	03:21:30	17:13:30	00:22:00	79	13	8.5	6
5	6/11/2013	22	02:06:55	15:58:55	00:22:00	12	14	9.8	18
7	20/11/2013	12	02:05:04	15:57:04	00:22:00	15	14	9.8	18
8	27/11/2013	29	03:13:19	17:05:19	00:22:00	300	13	4.2	7
9	5/12/2013	8	01:50:41	16:22:41	00:22:00	122	6	8.2	15
10	11/12/2013	3	01:43:53	15:35:53	00:22:00	101	31	8.8	17
11	18/12/2013	33	02:05:02	15:57:02	00:22:00	11	14	9.8	13
12	8/01/2014	22	02:05:08	15:56:08	00:21:00	43	7	9.8	14
13	15/01/2014	32	02:04:05	15:54:05	00:20:00	14	13	8.5	16
14	22/01/2014	1	02:00:26	15:48:26	00:18:00	26	14	9.8	16

MOANA's performance has been variable with 3 top ten finishes and a couple closer to the back of the fleet. Nevertheless, this week's win gave her a big lift in the aggregate from 27th to 12th.

It was a good day for the Oceanis 34's with SURI, PIZAZZ and JOHNNY B. GOODE finishing 2nd, 3rd and 5th off 24, 26 and 25 minute handicaps respectively. SURI crossed the finish line 2 minutes 28 seconds behind MOANA at 15:50:54. She had started in 12th place only 2 seconds late for her 24 minute handicap and by the first rounding of number 4 was in 4th position. She improved her position by 2 places to finish 2nd in the race and 2nd in start of the day.

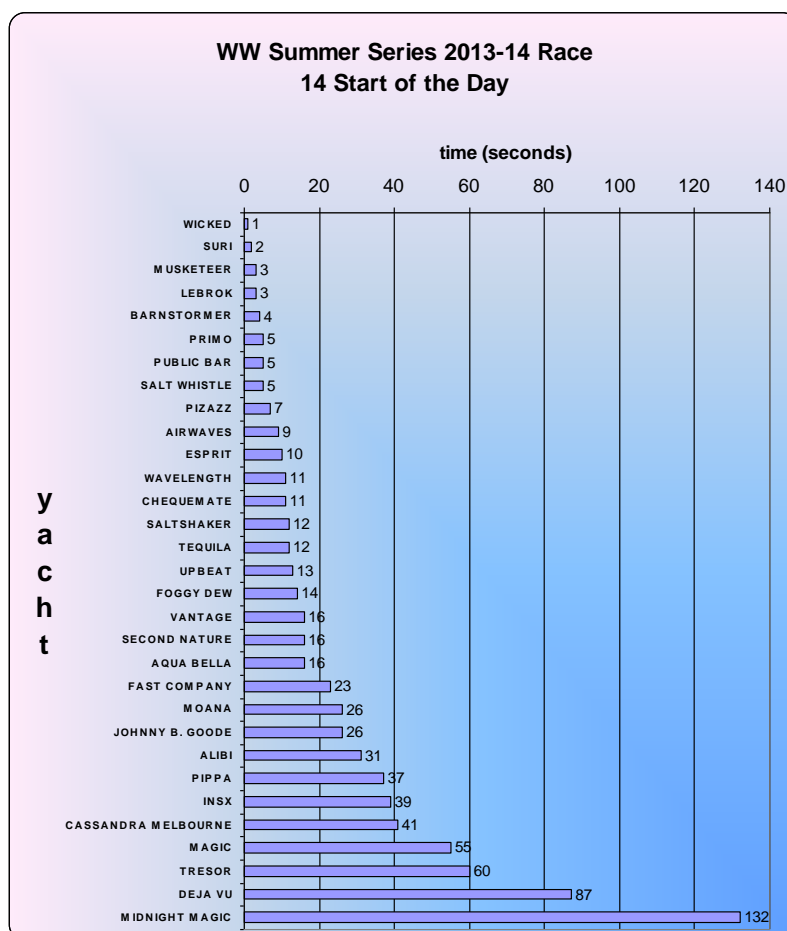
RACE RECORD SURI									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
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7	20/11/2013	13	02:03:08	15:57:08	00:24:00	15	14	9.8	18
8	27/11/2013	20	02:59:08	16:53:08	00:24:00	21	13	4.2	7
9	5/12/2013	2	01:45:28	16:19:28	00:24:00	30	6	8.2	15
10	11/12/2013	13	01:42:50	15:39:50	00:27:00	41	31	8.8	17
12	8/01/2014	19	01:58:40	15:54:40	00:26:00	26	7	9.8	14
13	15/01/2014	25	01:52:33	15:48:33	00:26:00	17	13	8.5	16
14	22/01/2014	2	01:56:54	15:50:54	00:24:00	2	14	9.8	16

SURI has completed 8 of the races this series and this was her second 2nd place which helped move her 9 places in the aggregate from 24th to 15th.

Sailing the course 6 seconds faster but finishing a place behind SURI was PIZAZZ who finished in 3rd place 1 minute 44 seconds later at 15:52:38. PIZAZZ started 2 places behind SURI from 12th position and was 7 seconds late for 26 minute start. She was still 2 places behind SURI at the first rounding of number 4 but gained a place during the latter stages of the race to finish 3rd.

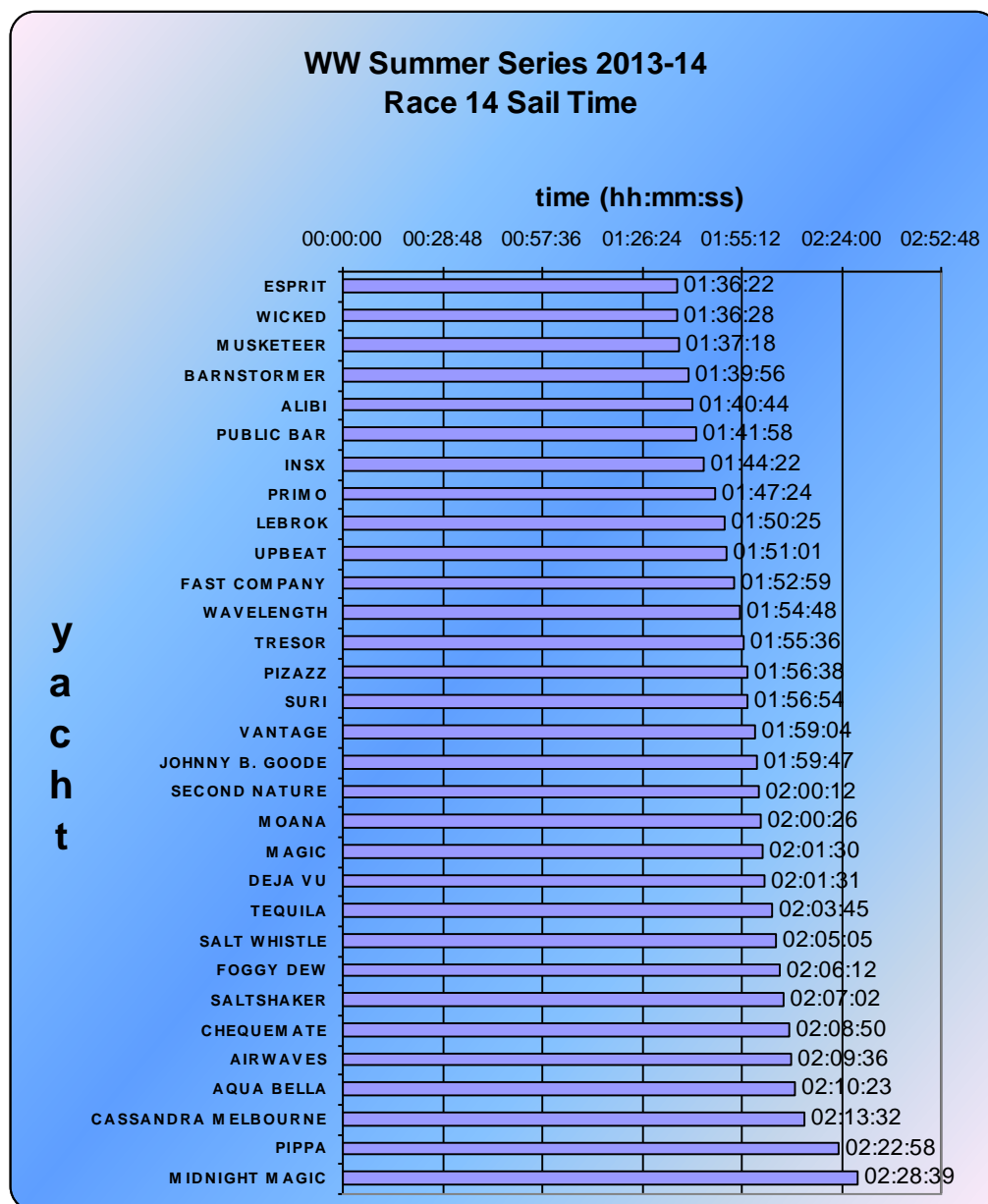
RACE RECORD - PIZAZZ									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
4	30/10/2013	21	03:15:35	17:09:35	00:24:00	4	13	8.5	6
5	6/11/2013	3	01:52:52	15:46:52	00:24:00	11	14	9.8	18
7	20/11/2013	3	01:56:52	15:51:52	00:25:00	8	14	9.8	18
8	27/11/2013	15	02:46:51	16:42:51	00:26:00	30	13	4.2	7
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Although she has yet to win a race, PIZAZZ continues her excellent performance this series with 5 top five places from 10 races. After race 14 she regained the lead in the aggregate where she has spent the last 6 weeks in 1st or 2nd place.



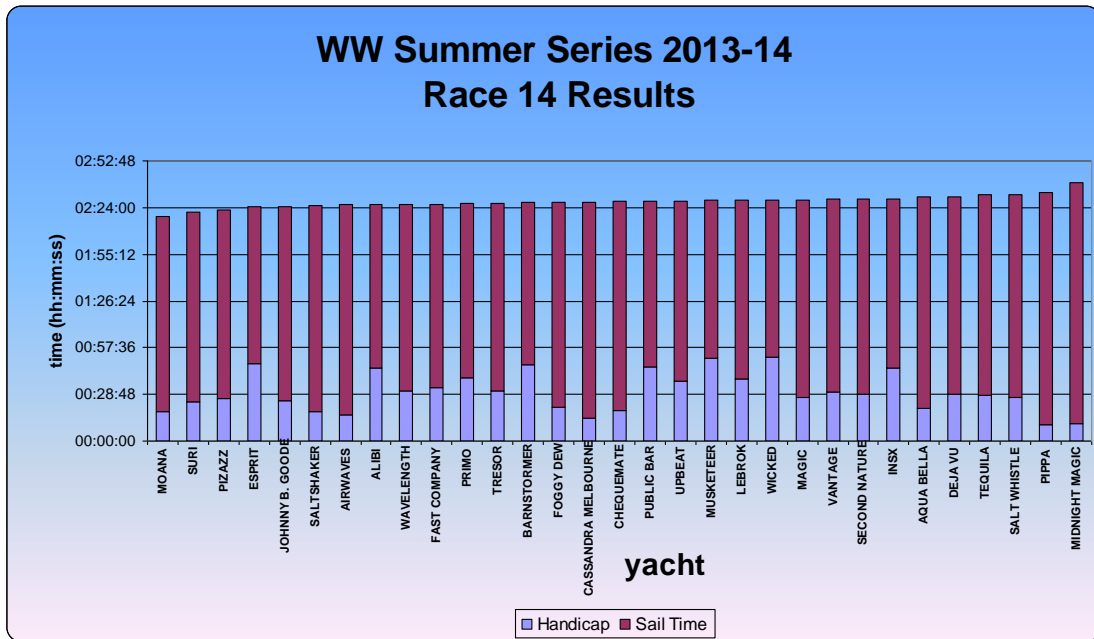
It was a good start to this week's race with no yacht starting too soon and half the fleet starting within 15 seconds of their designated time. This week's Start of the Day was won by WICKED (Mike Welsh) only 1 second off her start time. Also having a good day was SURI 2 seconds off her start with MUSKETEER (Paul Jacka) and LEBROK (Theo Korb) only 3 seconds late.

It is usually WICKED, MUSKETEER or WHITE SPIRIT (Timothy Say) that sail fastest around the course. However, this week saw a change with ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) beating WICKED by 6 seconds and MUSKETEER by 56 seconds sailing the 9.8 nautical mile rhumb line course in 1:36:22.



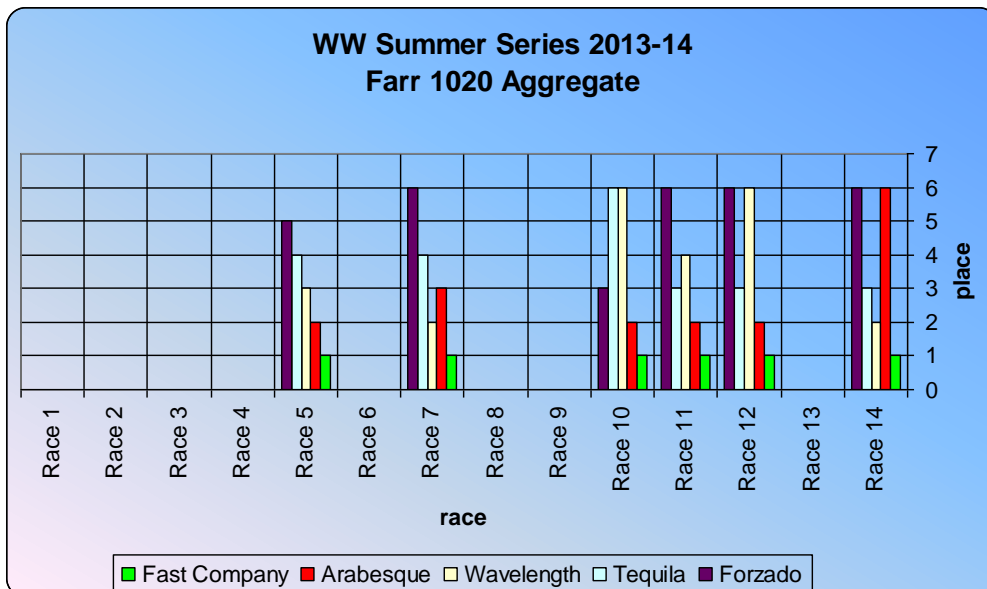
The average elapsed time was 1:57:28 longer than on the 3 previous occasions course 14 has been sailed this series. Nevertheless, 17 yachts sailed around the course in less than 2 hours.

Although there were no dead heats in this race there a number of close finishes. ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) and two Farr 1020's WAVELENGTH (Brendan Kruger) and FAST COMPANY (Daniel Edwards) finished within 15 seconds of each other in 8th, 9th and 10th place respectively. CHEQUEMATE (Ian Whitbread), PUBLIC BAR (Clive Sondheim) and UPBEAT (Peter Dunne) finished 16th, 17th and 18th separated by 11 seconds. Four yachts, MUSKETEER, LEBROK, MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) and WICKED were separated by 12 seconds with 40 seconds separating 16th from 22nd.

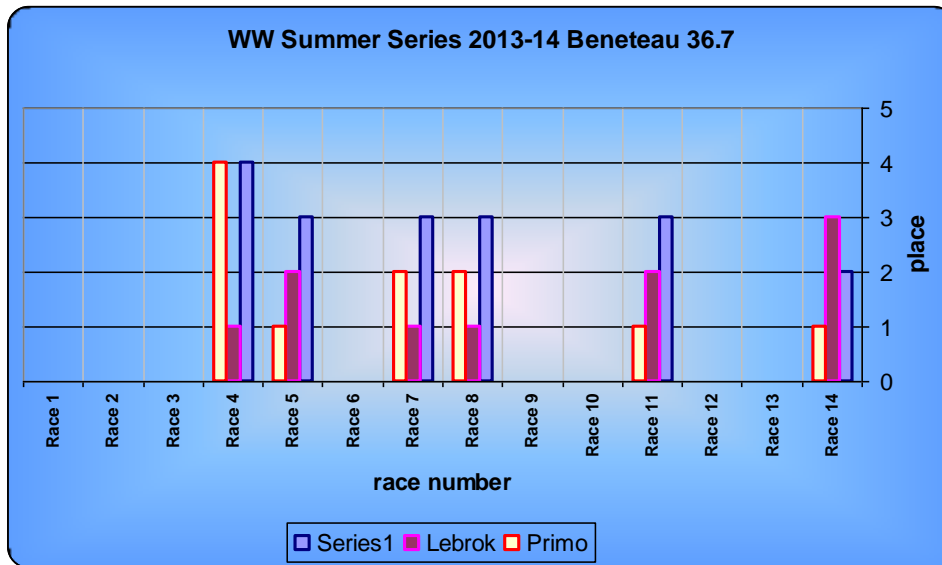


There was 5 minutes separating SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) in 6th position from INSX (Rob Sills) in 25th position.

The Farr 1020 series continues throughout the summer series and the result of race 14 was a win by FAST COMPANY followed by WAVELENGTH and TEQUILA. The graph below shows the results for the 6 completed races that form part of the aggregate. At the completion of race 14 the aggregate is led FAST COMPANY followed by ARABESQUE (Albert Doggett), WAVELENGTH, TEQUILA (Alan Collins) and FORZADO (Bruce Dobbie).



Not only did race 14 host the 1020 series it also hosted the Beneteau 36.7 First series. This week saw a win for PRIMO (Steve Copley) a second for UPBEAT (Peter Dunne) and a third place for LEBROK. The series aggregate is led jointly by LEBROK and PRIMO both with 3 wins and two seconds places.



An Invitation

Over the Christmas period Sandy boats competed in many of the blue water races as well as many of the dinghy championships with considerable success. Commodore Chris Carlisle has invited all Members to come down to the Club to raise a toast to these winning Members. Click the following link for details. [CLICK HERE](#)

Windward Buoy

MARK KING TIME

The 'Big Bash' comes to WW

Cricket has introduced many new changes to the game. Now it seems that Yachting has followed suit with the big bash coming to Wednesday Wonders. It is just like driving down the Geelong Road. Some drivers and skippers seem to get a thrill just to see how close they can sit to a tailgate or stern while going as fast as they can.

Maybe we need a new division for yachts who do not want to give way to other yachts and who enjoy the excitement of seeing if they can take a coat of paint off the yacht in front of them?

Was this a fight for first place in Race 14? No, the yacht involved finished somewhere more than 20th. Musketeer crew fell silent awaiting an inevitable disaster. One of the crew thought they would have to change the colour of Musketeer to a more brown like colour after the minuscule miss.

Is this what we want for Wednesday Racing?

Web Sites of the week

An interesting shipping collision was listed on Sail World. It is worth a read [CLICK](#).

The moral of the story is always give way to lighthouses.

Hobie Worlds at Jervis Bay

One of the largest World Championships is being sailed in Australia this year. See Sail World article [click](#) and the Hobie Worlds Web site. [Click](#) Jervis Bay will be the regatta venue with 504 competitors, 384 teams, and 27 countries. Sailing new yachts supplied by Hobie. No competitor sails the same yacht twice.

The slim excuse for including this mention is, as a previous Hobie skipper, I sailed against Ray Reitman who will be competing with his son Gavin Reitman (SYC) in the master's class.

Utube of the week.

Thanks to Mr Chequemate, in action 24/1/2014 [Click](#) Make sure you smile if you pass Chequemate! Fill in your own sound track.

Served up again!

Like a good meal a variety of courses makes it interesting.

A variation in Wednesday Wonders would be good. It has been pointed out to Mark that the SYC Sailing Instructions shows there are 86 courses requiring 18 pages in a 32 page publication. So far this WW series 5 different courses have been used. Is this a case for a cull and a reduction in printing costs?

Courses for short and long legged people.

Have long legged courses been used enough? Courses with shorter legs and more roundings would provide crews with more opportunity to show off their skills. Surely such courses would appeal to those who are short in stature.

Shorter-leg courses could reduce the big advantage that yachts gain on a long leg. The variation of wind direction and speed within the 40mins it takes to start all the yachts can be significant.

Shorter legs could include passing number 4 more than twice, still giving a long race as well as more opportunity to shorten the course if needed.

The long windward and return courses may be OK for lazy yachtsmen who like to settle down on the rail but can be fairly boring with very few tacks.

Quite a few skippers would like to have more rounding's and tacking. It would make it easier for the skipper to keep the crew awake and have them more involved in sailing the yacht.

Knight Racing

With the new Marks now having lights maybe we can request they are on for our races as the new colour is difficult to see. Maybe we could also have extended finish times and race in the dark?

Quiz questions from previous week: Pictures of ships, which is the odd one out? (See pics from last 2 weeks)

The correct response is still to be forthcoming, although there have been a few suggestions. The answer is not just because one ship is not a passenger ship. It is not to do with the engine power, as more than one ship was powered by steam. Still time to get the right answer by next week.

Please consider sharing with others your stories, comments or ideas for improvements. Hope to have a few more comments from other WW sailors for the next report.

Reminder this next race, Race 15 is a Century Class race.

This contribution came from my Scottish crew.

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$55! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

Send your responses and comments to [MARK WINDWARD](#)



Moana at No4 on her way to win race 14

At the completion of the first lap with breeze at around 18 knots (according to the wind gauge in the Bar)

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