

WW SUMMER SERIES 2013-14 Race19 CASSANDRA Pips PIPPA at the Post

None of the 37 strong fleet did better than the Mottle 33 CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) who started from 4th place and passed the Triton PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) in the last leg of the race to be first across the finish line winning both race 19 and the Century Class (not to mention a raffle win). CASSANDRA sailed the course in 2:12:04 finishing at 15:52:04 just 9 seconds ahead of PIPPA. Both these yachts (and others) are familiar with the 9.8 nautical mile course 14 having sailed the 6 leg course on 6 previous occasions this series but this 7th race gave both yachts their best result so far around this course.



CASSANDRA was 4 seconds late for her 10-minute start from 4th place but by the first rounding of number 4 she was already in 2nd place behind PIPPA. This was her first win in the series from 13 races, which helped to improve her aggregate position by 9 places to 14th place on 77 points. (CASSANDRA, the winner of race 19 finished 25th in race 18 whilst FAST COMPANY (Daniel Edwards), the winner of race 18, finished 25th in race 19.)

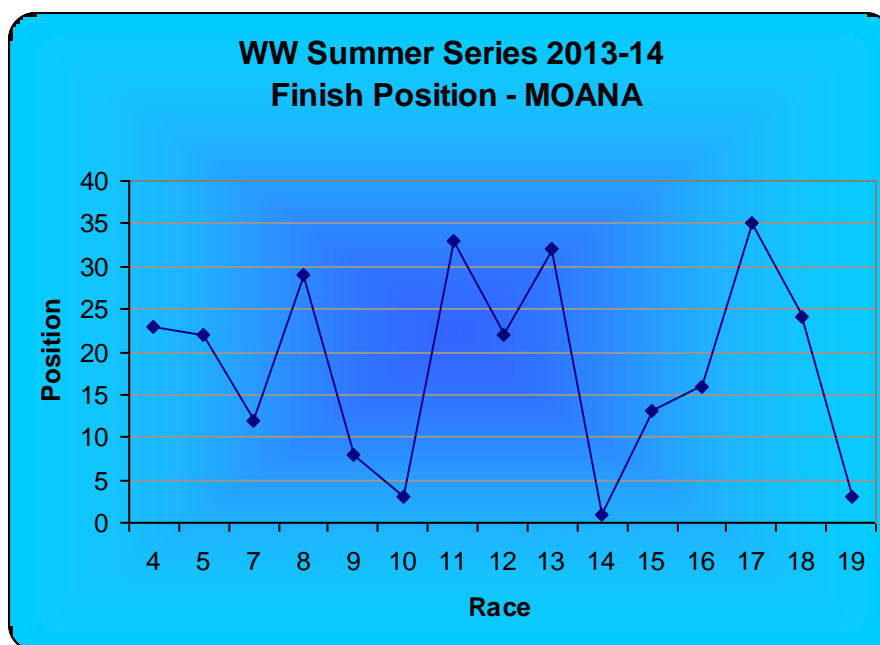
PIPPA has completed 13 races this series and got this race underway just 4 seconds late for a 3-minute start. After sailing for 1:32:29 she rounded number 4 for the first time in 1st place. Sailing the small triangle of the course in 46 minutes 40 seconds PIPPA crossed the finish line at 15:52:13 in 2nd place in both race 19 and in the Century Class. PIPPA's best results include one win a second and a 7th place. She moved up 3 places in the aggregate into 28th position after this race.



Pippa an updated photo:
Notice the pole has been removed

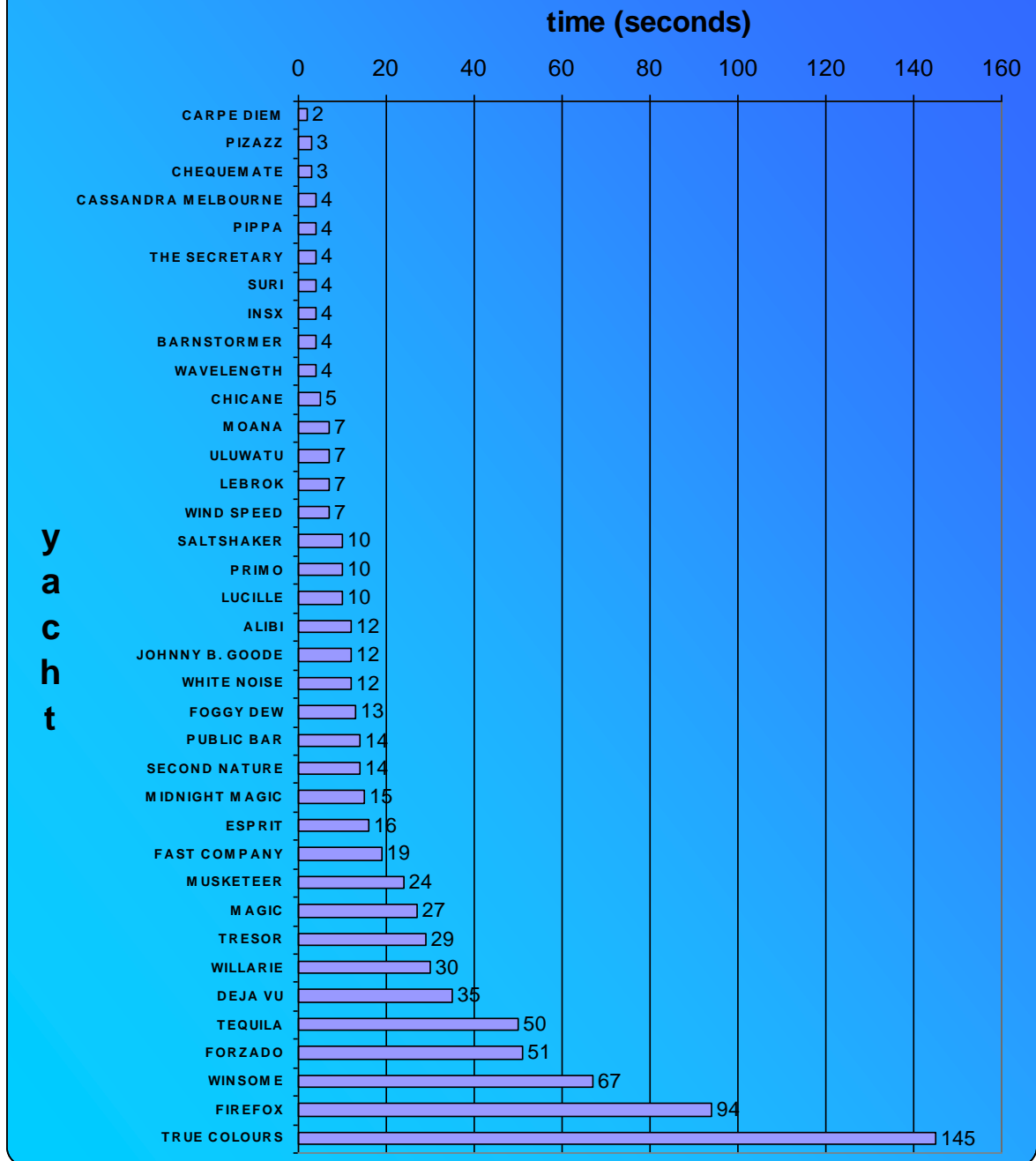
RACE RECORD PIPPA									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
4	30/10/2013	27	03:41:00	17:21:00	00:10:00	29	13	8.5	6
5	6/11/2013	29	02:22:36	16:02:36	00:10:00	2	14	9.8	18
7	20/11/2013	30	02:25:17	16:03:17	00:08:00	108	14	9.8	18
8	27/11/2013	22	03:18:54	16:54:54	00:06:00	14	13	4.2	7
10	11/12/2013	1	01:55:39	15:31:39	00:06:00	19	31	8.8	17
11	18/12/2013	11	02:13:23	15:52:23	00:09:00	9	14	9.8	13
12	8/01/2014	20	02:14:43	15:54:43	00:10:00	16	7	9.8	14
13	15/01/2014	7	02:03:07	15:42:07	00:09:00	15	13	8.5	16
14	22/01/2014	30	02:22:58	16:02:58	00:10:00	37	14	9.8	16
15	29/01/2014	28	02:17:28	15:55:28	00:08:00	16	14	9.8	17
16	5/02/2014	36	02:17:40	15:54:40	00:07:00	3	7	9.8	14
17	12/02/2014	23	02:14:11	15:48:11	00:04:00	13	14	9.8	13
19	26/02/2014	2	02:19:13	15:52:13	00:03:00	4	14	9.8	16

Crossing the finish line in 3rd place was MOANA who got away to a good start from 7th place 7 seconds late for her 19 minute handicap. By the first rounding of number 4 she had only moved up one place into 6th position but on the last 3 legs she gained 3 more place to cross the line at 15:55:09 after sailing for 2:06:09. Like CASSANDRA and PIPPA, MOANA is also a Century Class participant and she collected a third place in the 5th race of that class. MOANA leapt up the aggregate from 15th to 9th place following this 3rd position. MOANA is one of only two yachts to have completed all 15 races this series and this was her 4th top ten finish.

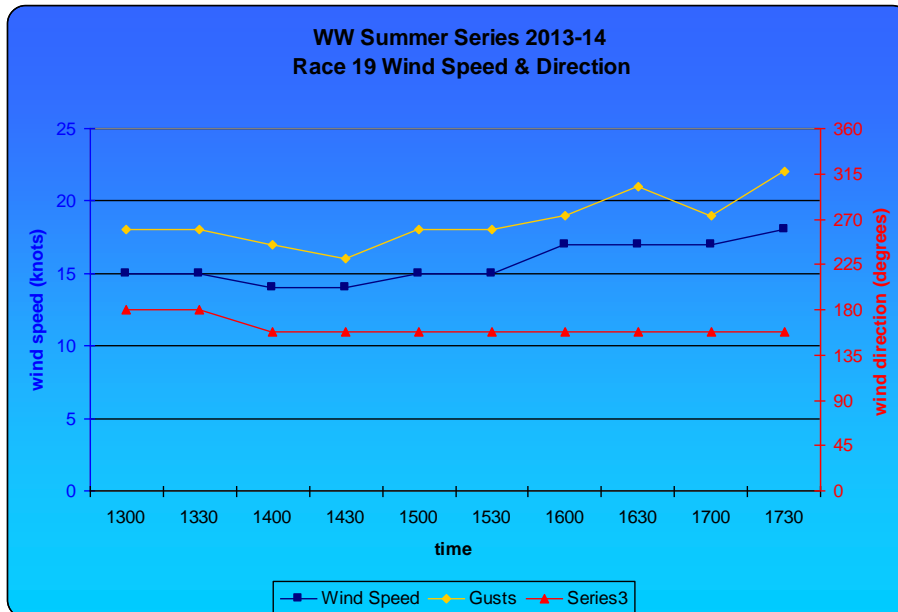


With a median time of 12 seconds, 18 yachts starting within 10 seconds of their start times, and no early starters Start of the Day was strongly contested. The winner of Start of the Day was the 50 foot Beneteau CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) with a time of 2 seconds. Close behind were the Oceanis 34 PIZAZZ (Philip Martyn and Russell Kemp) and Bounty 35 Chequemate (Ian Whitbread) both off 3 seconds followed by 7 yachts each only 4 seconds off their start time.

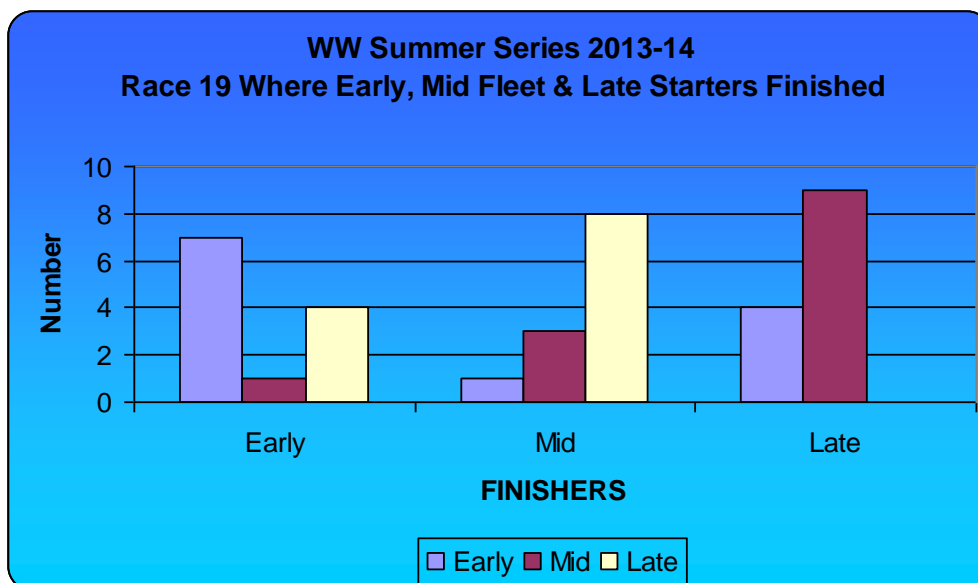
WW Summer Series 2013-14 Race 19 Start of the Day



Assisting the yachts to a good start and successful race was a SSE breeze of around 16 knots. Although the breeze did change in both strength and direction Fawkner Beacon observations show it remaining relatively consistent throughout the race.

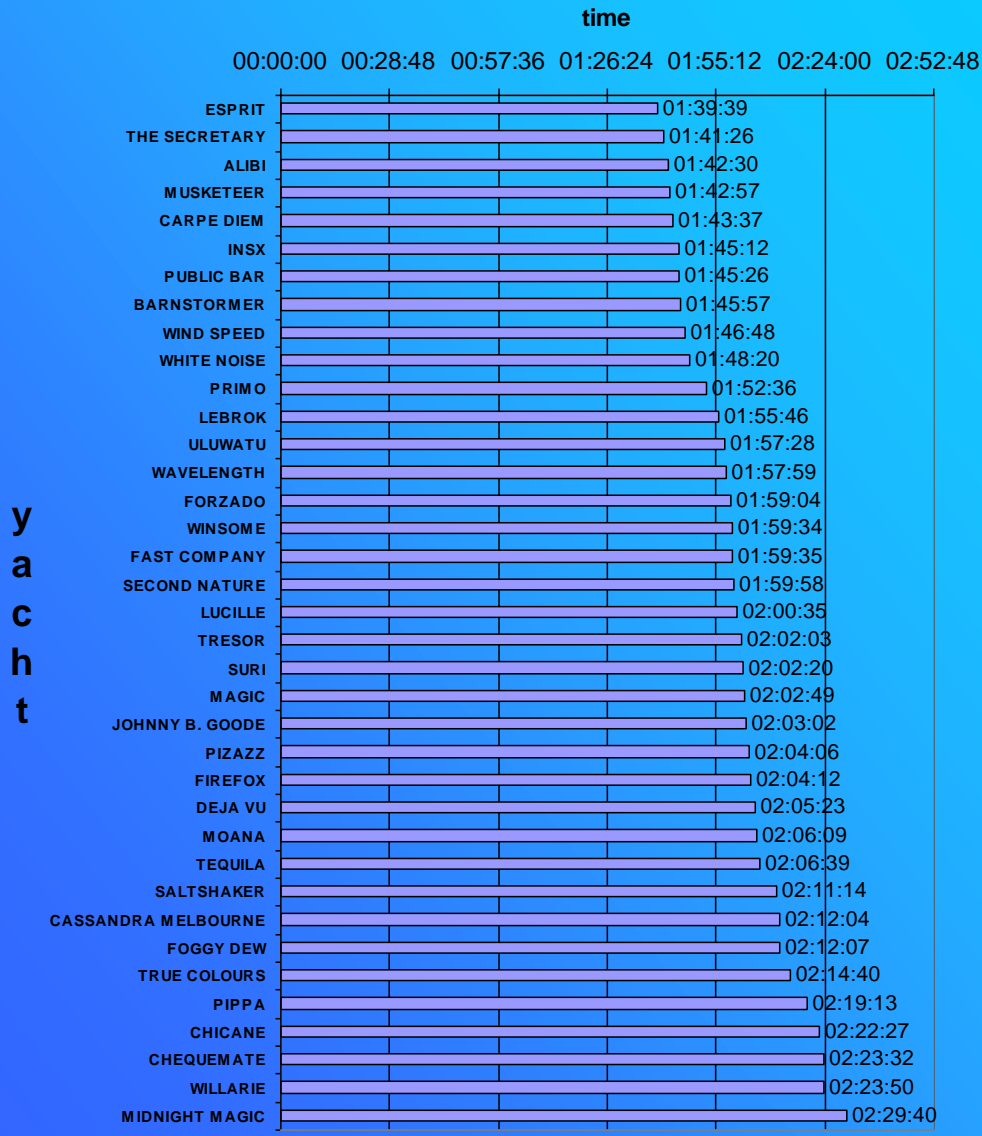


Yachts that started mid fleet, that is those with handicaps between 27 and 36 minutes, did not have much success with only 1 an early finisher and 9 out of 13 ending up amongst the late finishers. The late starters (handicaps above 36 minutes) found their way towards the front of the fleet with 4 finishing in the early group and 8 in the mid fleet group.



As the series progresses a number of yachts appear to be sailing faster. The Beneteau 47.7 ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) is one of them and she sailed race 19 in the fastest time of 1:39:39. She didn't have the competition from either the Beneteau 50 WHITE SPIRIT or the Beneteau First 40 WICKED but this is the second race in succession ESPRIT has sailed the fastest time. The J43 THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) sailed the second fastest time this race and she is another yacht that seems to be sailing faster as the series progresses.

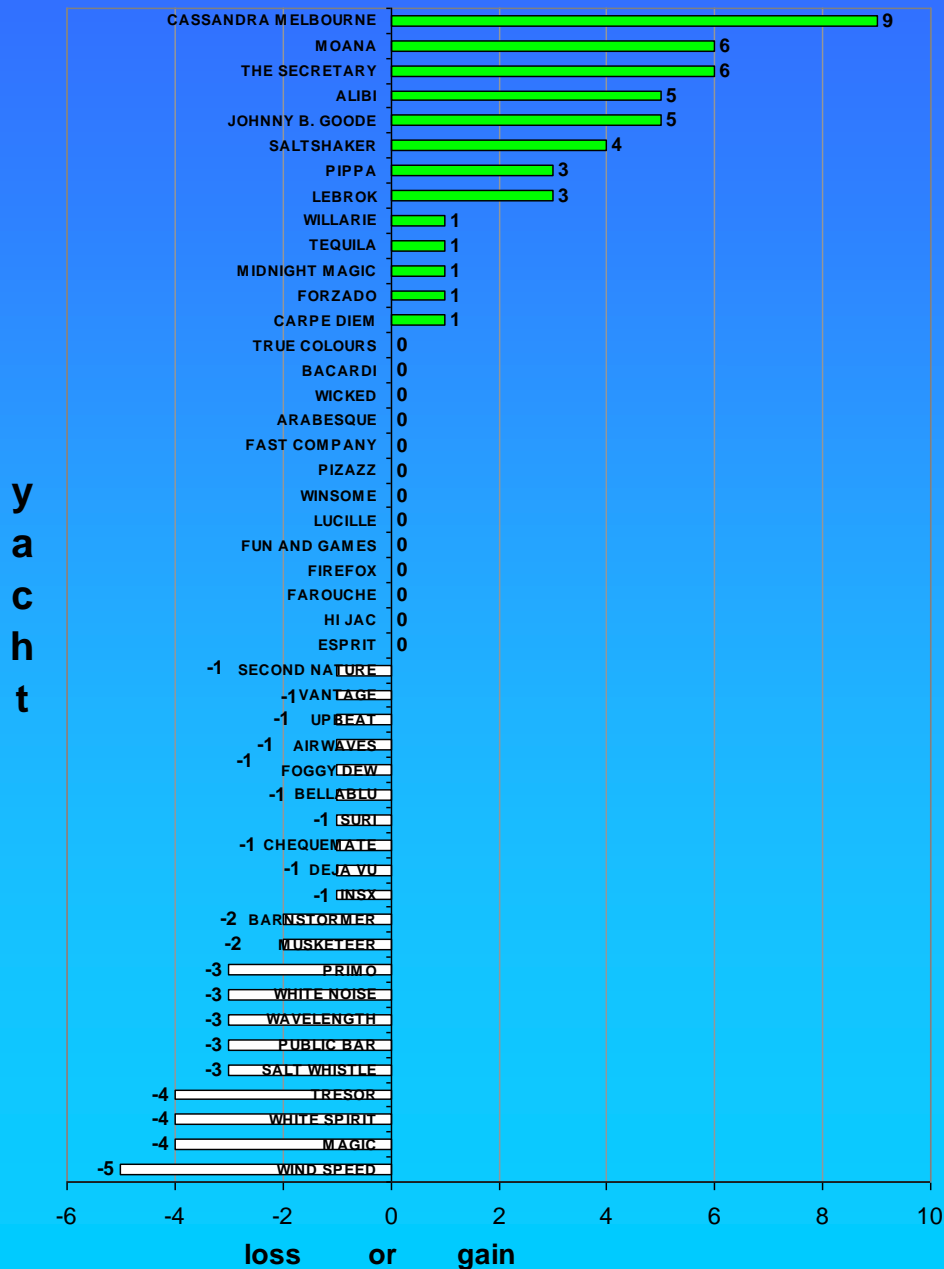
WW Summer Series 2013-14 Race 19 Sail Time



There are 5 scheduled races remaining in the series and the aggregate is starting to take shape although there are still significant position changes occurring. Of the 47 yachts contesting the aggregate, 13 improved their position after this race, 13 stayed in the same position and 21 slipped further down the aggregate table. Leading the aggregate for the 6th consecutive week is:

PIAZZZ followed by
FAST COMPANY,
ESPRIT,
JOHNNY B.GOODE
and INSX.

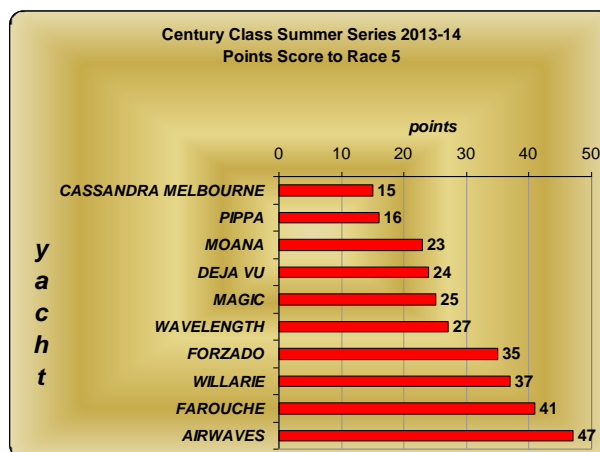
WW Summer Series 2013-14 Race 19 Aggregate Gains & Losses



CENTURY CLASS

Being the last race in the month the Century Class were contesting their 5th race in the 6 race series. This is a tough class requiring high standards of entry and no results are dropped. Following her win CASSANDRA takes over top spot in the Century Class aggregate by just one point with PIPPA second and MOANA in 3rd place. With only one race left in the series the aggregate winner looks like being either CASSANDRA or PIPPA but strange things do happen.

CENTURY CLASS RESULT RACE 5		
YACHT	SKIPPER	POS
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	1
PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	2
MOANA	Stan Rankin	3
FORZADO	Bruce Dobbie	4
WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	5
MAGIC	Phil Spry Bailey	6
WAVELENGTH	Brendan Kruger	7
DEJA VU	Peter Dransfield	8
FAROUCHE	Norm Taylor	10
AIRWAVES	Rob Fenton	10



If anyone read the comments on race 18 they may recollect mention of the Wailing Wall. The Wailing Wall is on the eastern end of the Ken King Centre where, before a race, WW participants can face west, read the handicaps and wail. The plan was to start this report with exclamations from the Wailing Wall. Apart from one subdued exclamation - "UMMMM" – none were fit for publication. Wails that can be published are "That's absolutely", "How do they work that out" (very good question) and !*?#\$%! However, in contrast to the wailing before the race rumour has it that after winning a race one skipper complimented the handicappers on a good job. Isn't hindsight great?

Windward Buoy

We wish Windward Buoy who is off to King Island next weekend on Magic good sailing.

Top Ten Predictions for Summer 2013 ~ 2014

Windward Buoy's form guide

To assist your predictions of the top 10 yachts Windward Buoy has provided the following form guide. Yachts that have completed less than 8 races have been omitted; even though they have gained at least one top ten finish. Their current aggregate positions are all over 35.

This guide suggests that on current performance the final order could be.

1 Pizazz, 2 Fast Company, 3 Esprit, 4 Johnny B Goode, 5 INSX, 6 Suri, 7 Alibi, 8 Second Nature, 9 Moana, 10 Magic.

There are still five races to go for the season and now having brought to the attention of this order to the handicapper things could change.

WW SUMMER SERIES 2013-14 FORM GUIDE						
YACHT	SKIPPER	RACES	AVE H CAP	TOP 10 FIN	AVE FINISH POSN	Agg Posn
MOANA	Stan Rankin	15	00:21:12	4	18.40	9
JOHNNY B. GOODE	John Chipp	15	00:25:28	6	16.67	4
ALIBI	Dennis Hambleton	14	00:44:13	7	11.64	7
BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	14	00:45:34	4	14.14	12
DEJA VU	Peter Dransfield	14	00:28:17	3	18.86	25
FOGGY DEW	Jo O'Grady	14	00:22:17	3	19.29	29
MAGIC	Phil Spry-Bailey	14	00:28:09	5	16.00	10
PIAZZ	P Martyn R Kemp	14	00:26:34	7	12.86	1
PUBLIC BAR	Clive Sondheim	13	00:44:18	2	14.31	16
CASSANDRA Melb	Bob Reeves	13	00:15:14	4	16.85	14
SURI	Rick Blanck	13	00:25:37	5	13.77	6
SECOND NATURE	Paul Mentiplay	13	00:29:32	3	14.00	8
INSX	Robert Sill	13	00:43:55	4	13.62	5
FAST COMPANY	Daniel Edwards	13	00:33:05	5	13.85	2
PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	13	00:07:42	3	20.46	28
WIND SPEED	Les Browne	12	00:44:45	5	14.75	13
SALTSHAKER	Ken Gayler	12	00:17:40	5	16.08	18
LEBROK	Theo Korbel	12	00:38:00	3	15.83	22
AIRWAVES	Rob Fenton	11	00:16:22	3	16.64	20
PRIMO	Steve Copley	11	00:38:11	3	13.73	19
ESPRIT	Garry Anderson	11	00:47:55	7	12.64	3
WHITE NOISE	Jason Close	10	00:43:06	5	16.00	21
TRESOR	Andrew Stopp	10	00:30:54	4	13.50	15
CHEQUEMATE	Ian Whitbread	10	00:18:06	2	21.80	31
THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	10	00:44:30	5	12.90	11
WAVELENGTH	Brendan Kruger	10	00:31:30	3	13.40	17
MUSKETEER	Paul Jacka	10	00:50:00	4	14.90	23
UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	10	00:37:18	1	17.20	30
WICKED	Mike Welsh	9	00:50:27	3	14.33	26
CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	9	00:45:33	2	18.89	32
TEQUILA	Alan Collins	9	00:27:40	2	20.78	34
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	Bernadette Moore	9	00:07:07	3	21.11	33
WHITE SPIRIT	Timothy Say	8	00:50:45	3	12.50	24
ARABESQUE	Albert Doggett	8	00:29:45	4	13.75	27

One skipper who will be named as BOOK MARK, has been game enough to record his predictions (published below) and could win the Booker Prize. Book Mark does closely watch all the yachts and it will be interesting to see how he scores.

Who do you think will make the top ten?

Send your considered verdict to [MARK](#) WIndward

Top Ten Predictions from Book Mark

1. **Pizazz** Hard to beat with two 15th places up her sleeve.
2. **Esprit** Very well handicapped for 47.7 footer and consistent in all weather.
3. **Alibi** Very fast, well sailed and consistent. A sleeper in the fleet
4. **INSX** For a 20 year old boat, handicapped above its playing weight but will hang in there for a top ten
5. **Public Bar** A bit up and down but well handicapped and fast
6. **Fast Company** Plays the handicap game and somehow has managed to start in front of other Farris on occasions with a full racing set of sails??
7. **Johnny Be Good** Early jump on fleet helps.
8. **The Secretary** For a masthead 44 footer handicapped very well. Down wind flier.
9. **Barnstormer** Again very fast with the right sails up and consistent. Expect a late charge!
10. **Suri** With 5 top ten places as keepers you would think she would hold up in top10

I expect Esprit, Alibi, The Secretary and Barnstormer to improve as they sail well in all conditions but maybe Pizazz has enough in the bank!

Another prediction from a likely top ten finisher this season and was a top tenor last season follows. This skipper is a bit reluctant to narrow down his top ten.

It is very difficult to predict who the top 10 will be whilst the computer influences the handicaps. The top 3 boats each week don't seem to get the traditional penalties and there is a group of boats that get penalized if they get in top 10 each week.

My gut feeling is that any of the current top 20 boats will finish in the top 10 but will probably include all the Ben 34s, as they seem to be under the radar of the handicappers?

Entries remain "a non a mouse" till the end of the season

Do it Yourself

With so many positive comments from sailors about last week's "Do it yourself" I am pleased to add more ways of improving your sailing and reducing the costs.

The first recommendation comes from the tower. She spent time watching a yacht in the last race floundering around and finishing last as a result of losing a spinnaker pole over board, and failing in their attempts to retrieve it.

Another Cheque ... mate... to write out!

She suggests, and cannot understand why, the skipper did not just throw a couple of the crew overboard, give a few extra life jackets to attach to the pole and it would have stayed afloat and he could have got on with the race.

It was also suggested that a real saving on costs and improving your sailing is to win the start of the day. For the winner of the day Blair 0422 209756 will provide a free hull scrub. If you are very lucky you may even win the free anti fouling paint job as a part of Blair's

generous support for Wednesday Wonders blairshipwrighting@hotmail.com. In this race the SOD was not easy to win with 9 yachts starting 4 seconds late or better.

Lou Abrahams

The Commodore Chris Carlile and many others have written tributes about Lou Abrahams following his death last week.

See **Sail-World** Vale Lou Abrahams - A profile of the Doyen, (Pt I.) [CLICK](#)

Graham Furness wrote this report for WW Winter Race 12 last year. I think it may have been one of the last races that Lou was skipper.

CHALLENGED BY A HONOURED VISITOR

Whether you know it or not, chances are that one of SYC's all time greats overtook you in Race 12 on the way to a remarkable win. Your eyes did not deceive you if you thought you glimpsed Lou Abrahams at the wheel of CHALLENGE as it sped past to victory. Lou has an outstanding yachting record with SYC that goes back to 1964, that's 50 years ago next year. He is a past Commodore of the club, a life member, a most generous supporter of both junior and senior sailing and a long-standing competitor. He has an excellent ocean racing record in Australia and overseas representing Australia internationally in the Admiral's Cup in England and the Kenwood Cup in Hawaii. He has won outright one of the world's great yacht races – Sydney to Hobart - on two occasions and won the Sydney 38 Class in 2011. He has sailed the Sydney Hobart race 44 times skippering his own yacht on 41 occasions - a qualification that satisfies the requirements for Wednesday Wonders.

CHALLENGE was one of 4 yachts starting from a handicap of 44 minutes in race 12. She got away to a good start crossing the start line 9 seconds late and by the first rounding of number four was in 1st place. She held on to the lead crossing the finish line at 15:51:50 with the rest of the fleet in her wake. Her sail time of 1:37:50 was the fastest for the day 5 minutes 37 seconds quicker than 2nd place yacht PUBLIC BAR (Clive Sondheim) and 7 minutes 45 seconds faster than CHALLENGE's sister yacht ADRENALIN (I. Beer and A. Molnar). Not bad for a young bloke (80 years old in 2007).

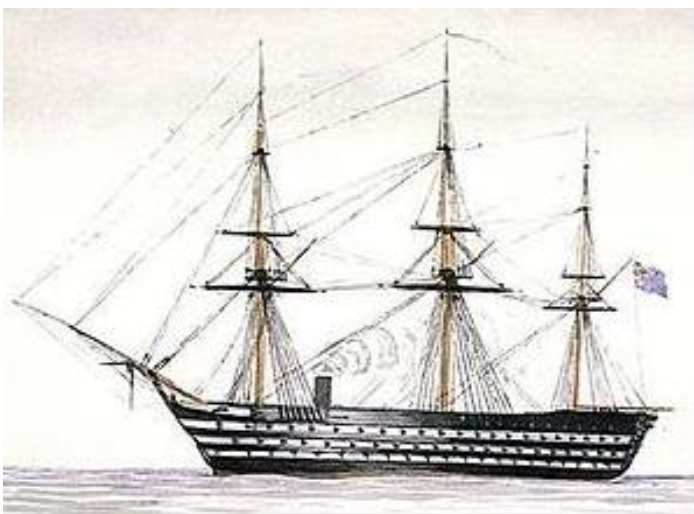
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Answer to question for Race 17 Prof. Peter A with a correct response

'Twas the good ship HMS Marlborough under the command of Admiral Sir William Martin. She was later renamed Vernon 11 and sunk in 1924.



HMS Marlborough, Sketched in the Mediterranean by an unknow artist. She is running under steam alone and flying the blue ensign [Click](#) for Wikipedia link.

There was a clue to its name: "You get a lot to like with a Marlborough Filter. Flavour Flip top box".

Ever wondered what a Ward Room of an 1898 ~1900 ship would look like? A great photo of the Marlborough's Ward

room here [CLICK](#)

Answer to Race 18 Question about the photo.

I do not really have sufficient information to question such an authoritative response below from Chris Furey, complete with photographic evidence. Thanks Chris, full Marks.

The yacht in your photo is the Farr 45 "Rafferty's Rules", then owned by Hank Schilte of Mornington YC and RYCV. She was washed ashore at Mornington along with many other yachts in a major northerly storm in March 1982. Written off by the insurers, she was later purchased by Phil Coombs and one of the Vickery's (can't remember the name) and renamed "Triad". They campaigned her hard out of SYC for a number of years competing in all the ORCV Victorian offshore races and a couple of Sydney-Hobarts. I can't name the sailor concerned ...but maybe it was Ashley Trebilcock?

I have a collection photos of the aftermath of that storm showing yachts strewn about the beach like children's playthings – see a couple of scanned copies attached above- the tall black mast in the second image is Rafferty's Rules!



Source: The Age 1982 Larger print See Race 17



Source: Chris Furey



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Question for Race 18

What ship is this? She introduced a new era into Australian Shipping.

Built in England in 1826 by Barnes and Millar. She was said to be of very beautiful build and a good sea boat.



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Thanks to all the contributors to this report. It makes my life more interesting!

Mark Twain is quoted as saying: 'It's a weak mind that can think of only one way to spell a word.' So is a psychic a female fortune teller?

Send any comments, predictions & answers to [MARK WIndward](#)

CU sailing round course14 on Wednesday