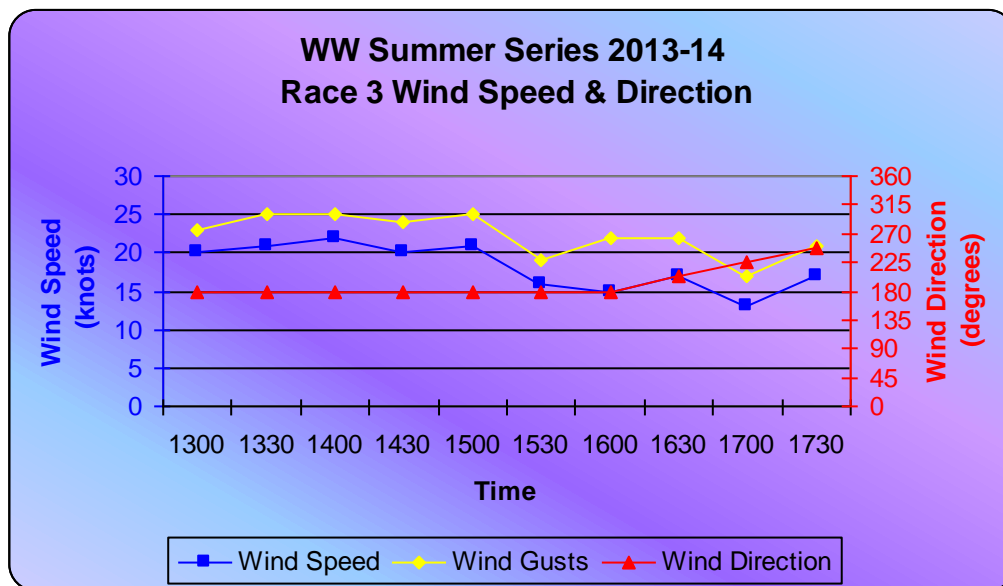


## Too Many Knots again! Race 3 Summer 2013/4 Is a Wednesday Wonders Race in October 2013 Possible?

The last Wednesday Wonders race that actually took place was on the 25 September. There is only one more chance to sail during October this year. With a gale warning issued for last week yet another Wednesday race was abandoned. Between Sunday Sailors, Wednesday Wonders and Twilights there have been more scheduled races abandoned than sailed this summer series. This must create something of a record. The average wind speed at Fawkner Beacon for race 3 was about 18 knots - not the level recorded in previous weeks but the state of the sea was anything but inviting. The breeze last week came from the south to south-west direction in contrast to the north, northwesterly direction of previous weeks.



Should there be more abandoned races then some of the resulting “spare time” could be devoted to knots and rope work. One writer describes knots and rope work as a pastime “being more absorbing than reading a good book”. There is little doubt the right combination of cord and knot can lessen dependence upon superglue, patent fasteners and duct tape which some yachts carry in abundance. According to some sources examples of the reef knot, clove hitch, half hitch and running noose have been found with mummified bog bodies dating back to the Neolithic age. Ancient examples of fishing nets and lines reveal that knots were in common use over 10,000 years ago. However, new knots continue to emerge with some “knot encyclopedias” depicting over 3,000 different varieties.

Originally rope was made from flax and hemp and later cotton. Advances in science led to the production and use of rope made from synthetic materials such as Kevlar, polyamide, polyester, polypropylene and others. There have also been advances made in the types of rope, with laid, braided, plaited and sheath and core ropes manufactured.



In an effort to confuse some, the photo above depicts knots with sailing applications and named in French. Like others, you may derive enjoyment from knots and ropework. It can become an obsession with some, whilst others may find knots and ropework is knot for them. The story goes that whilst on long sailing legs a crewman used to practice tying monkey fists in the lazy jib sheet. Although this tidied up the lazy sheet it made tacking a very slow procedure. Which city produces the most knots – Nottingham! Thankfully at the time of writing, a race on 30 October 2013 is a distinct possibility.



### **A note from the Race Management**

Well three weeks into the summer season and no racing, just to let you know that the tower ladies have been in the bar running raffles with extra prizes for those who come down to SYC to see what's happening. There were two metre waves today breaking against the shore.

*Princess Margaret*

**WW Race 'MG' 10** will carry a prize for the first placed registered entry from an MG owner or previous owner on board (Crew or Skipper)

To register your entry all you have to do is send Mark Windward a photo of your MG (with details) between now and race 9. Reply to [Mark Windward](#)

**MOB Declaration** is due by the end of the month. This Wednesday would be a good day to check your MOB skills. Safety Declarations expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### **New to Wednesday Wonders:**

I am a bit worried about the names of some new WW yachts.

*CARPE DIEM* ~ a 50 footer. (To keep the other one from getting lonely?)

Carpe Diem comes from early 19th cent. Latin, '*seize the day!*,' - a quotation from Horace. The meaning is generally used to urge someone to make the most of the present time and give little thought to the future.

I hope this does not mean that on the day, all rules or concern for the actions of this yacht will not be carefully considered, as its name suggests.

FAROUCHE 7.5 is not the smallest yacht in the fleet as, in old measurements it is 24.606299 feet. (Handicappers note – Tritons 24's are 0.606299 feet shorter!)

Farouche (fä-rōōsh) - Meaning both Fierce and wild or Withdrawn and shy, and often sullen, socially inept.

I hope this does not apply to the crew and skipper after the race. It could also mean that Farouche will like to keep out in front by herself. Time will tell.

**Forty Something.** A new class or term for aging yachts?  
This class would include Bellablu, Public Bar, and Winsome

### **Century Class**

To qualify for the Century Class you must be registered before 30 October, stating the age of your yacht and yourself. This equation must equal 100 years or more. RACE 4 will be the first Century Class race to count for Summer.

### **BOM Info Wind Warnings for Wednesday 23 Oct @11.17**

Gale warning for the following areas: [Port Phillip, West Coast, Central Coast, Central Gippsland Coast and East Gippsland Coast](#)

It is good to see at last the warnings appear on the same page as the forecasts.

### **Terms used by the BoM**

**Gusts** are increases in wind speed lasting for just a few seconds. The speeds are typically 30 to 40 per cent higher than the average wind speed, but stronger gusts are likely in the vicinity of showers, thunderstorms and frontal systems.

**A squall** is an abrupt and large increase in wind speed that usually only lasts for minutes then diminishes rather suddenly.

**Strong wind warning:** 26 to 33 knots.

**Gale warning:** 34 to 47 knots.

**Storm force wind warning:** 48 to 63 knots.

**Hurricane force wind warning:** 64 knots or more.

**Wind direction** is given in 8 compass points for forecasts and 16 for observations and is the direction the wind is coming from.

### **Wednesday Wonders Winter Presentation night Photos 2013**

Click on this link to find these photos on the SYC web site [click](#)

Or go to About SYC, then Photos Galleries, the third line down.

If you pass Go collect \$200.

Thanks for the photos, I think largely go to Ian Chequemate.

### **Remembrance Day**

Mark often gets asked, "Do you have time to do anything else but write race reports? The answer is "Yes. Windward Buoy does a large amount of the work.

A friend of mine, Jeffrey Woolhouse the Pippa Skipper, who also has been known to write some race reports, gets asked the same question. He has had time to finish the long-term project of publishing his first book. This has been a joint effort with his sister. As it is close to Remembrance Day (and no race 3 to report on) I hope you will excuse this indulgence.

The book is a transcript of Jeffrey's Uncle's diary of the First World War and includes about 250 photos and post cards that he notated on the back of each one. It provides an insightful record of his experience of the war. His Diary commences at Broadmeadows in May 1915. The photos are mainly of Gallipoli

and Egypt. There are none from the western front apart from some local Post Cards. He was killed at the age of 22 on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1916. His diary stops 12 days before that. On this day he scribbled out a letter home to his mother that he thinks will be the last.

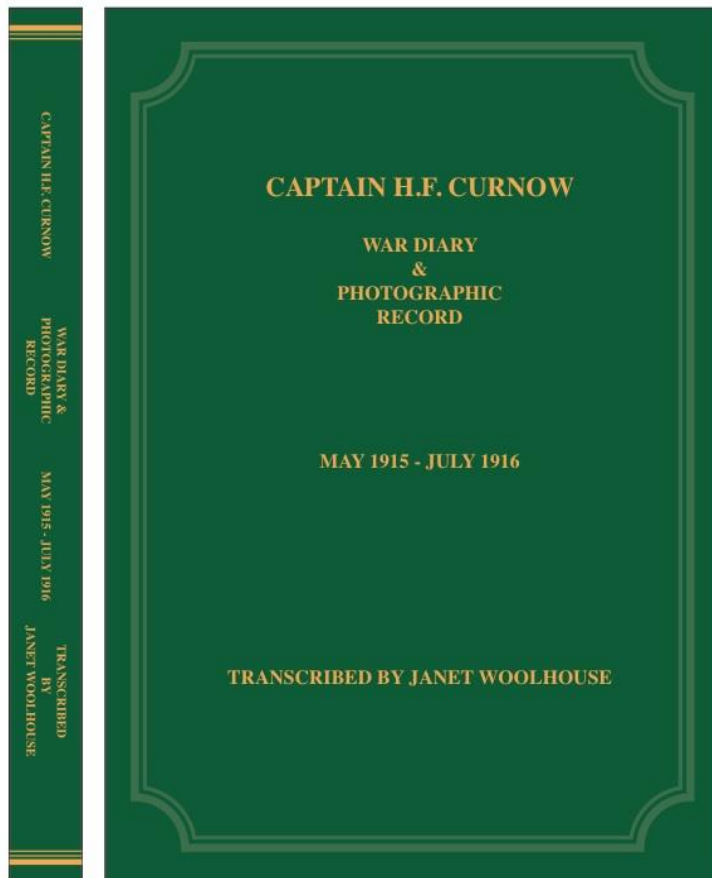
### **CAPTAIN HERBERT FRANKLIN CURNOW**

Born 9<sup>th</sup> January 1893, Kangaroo Flat, Victoria

Killed 5<sup>th</sup> August 1916, Pozieres, France

Aged 22 years 8 months

"CAPTAIN H.F.CURNOW War Diary & Photographic Record."



There is a sense of achievement in knowing that a record of my uncle's life has now been preserved as the diary and the photos in particular were starting to fade. I have discovered that publishing a book is not an easy or cheap undertaking. The book has finished up a quality product but selling for \$120.

"Less we forget"

Jeffrey Woolhouse Jeffrey.woolhouse@bigpond.com

**Race 2's Vanuatu word was:**

"Black fall box we igat black teeth, hemi gat white teeth you faetem hard I singout..."

Is of course - a Piano

**Race 3's Vanuatu word:**

Who is this?

**nambawan pikinini blong Missus Kwin...**

**a super supreme pizza will come with evri samting...**

**Race 2 & 3 Quiz Questions** follow the theme by Race management of Light House Décor. Questions held over for a week to allow more responses.

**Question 1** If I planned a yacht race on the 31 August 1980 to round Fawkner Beacon, what problems might I have incurred?

**Question 2** Which early Lighthouse changed its purpose and was decommissioned from being active when the keeper was unwell for 2 weeks and no one seemed to notice? It since has been restored and once again operates.

**Question 3** Which is the oldest lighthouse in Victoria?

**Question 4** Where is the square lighthouse named after a soldier?

**Question 5** Lightships were used in Port Phillip in the 1800's. Where can you see the remnant of a lightship in Victoria?

Send your answers to [Mark Windward](#)

A report from an overseas cruising yachtsperson relates their early morning fishing activities.

"This morning I got up very early and caught a large tuna in my pyjamas. How it came to be wearing my pyjamas I do not know.

(Been at seas too long perhaps?)

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