

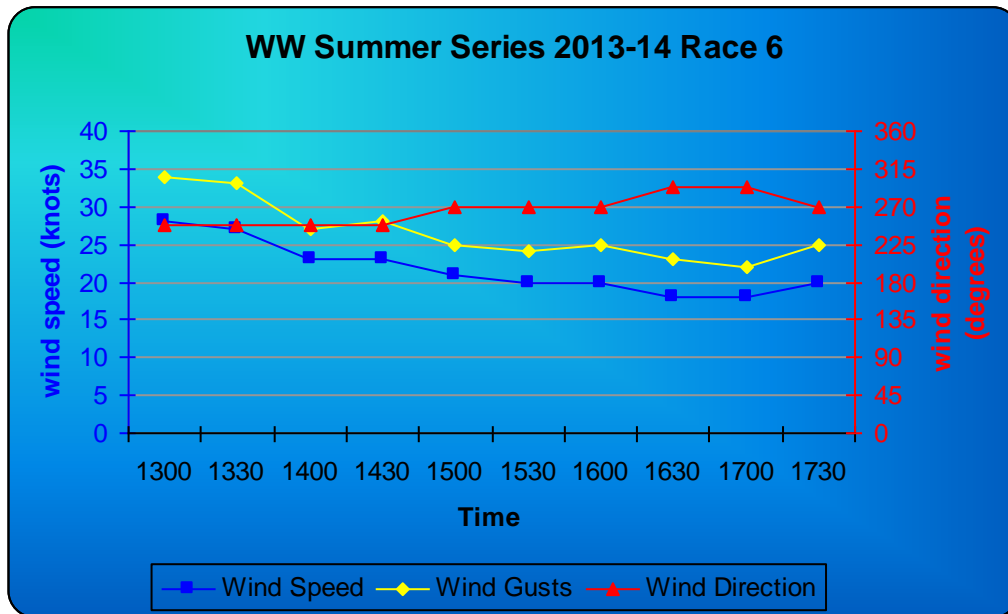
Wednesday Wonder ... if we will race?

Wednesday Wonder ABN Race 6 summer 2013 ~2014

Following the completion of two successive races the weather intervened yet again to cause the abandonment of race 6. Out of 6 scheduled races in the summer series only 2 have been completed.

The "N" and "A" flags are experiencing extraordinarily high levels of wear and tear and could need replacement earlier than expected. Continuous rain, an uninviting sea and a strong breeze united to keep the race 6 WW's fleet out of the water. Fawkner Beacon observations indicated an average breeze for the afternoon came from the west at around 22 knots. Gusts of over 30 knots were recorded in the early afternoon but the gusts and wind speed slowly declined as the afternoon progressed.

This is an unusual wind pattern for Port Philip in summer which often sees the breeze increase rather than decrease as the afternoon progresses.



With race 6 being abandoned the standings in the aggregate remain unchanged. SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay) and MUSKETEER (Paul Jacka) are joint leaders with a series score of 1 point. On two points are FAST COMPANY (Daniel Edwards) and INSX (Rob Sills). Only one point further back are PIZAZZ (Philip Martyn & Russell Kemp) and WIND SPEED (Les Browne) on 3 points. Both handicappers are doing well.

There is no truth at all in the rumour that the handicappers cancelled the race just so they could retain their leading positions in the series for another week.

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Series Score
1	SM6161	SECOND NATURE	Paul Mentiplay	1
2	SM4407	MUSKETEER	Paul Jacka	1
3	SM1022	FAST COMPANY	Daniel Edwards	2
4	SM5985	INSX	Robert Sill	2
5	SM3434	PIAZZ	P.Martyn R.Kemp	3
6	SM3639	WIND SPEED	Les Browne	3
7	SM500	WHITE SPIRIT	Timothy Say	4
8	SM477	ESPRIT	Garry Anderson	4
9	SM341	JOHNNY B. GOODE	John Chipp	5
10	SM424	BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	5
11	SM573	PUBLIC BAR	Clive Sondheim	6
12	SM3540	CHEQUEMATE	Ian Whitbread	7
13	6107	THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	7
14	SM4504	BELLABLU	John Lake	8
15	SM178	ALIBI	Dennis Hambleton	8
16	SM1023	ARABESQUE	Albert Doggett	9
17	SM3535	WHITE NOISE	Jason Close	9
18	SM367	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	10
19	SM600	FUN AND GAMES	Alan Edwards	11
20	SM220	WAVELENGTH	Brendan Kruger	12
21	SM4	WICKED	Mike Welsh	13
22	SM99	PRIMO	Steve Copley	14
23	SM616	MAGIC	Phil Spry-Bailey	14
24	SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge Howard	15
25	SM1147	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	16
26	SM280	TRESOR	Andrew Stopp	16
27	SM1020	TEQUILA	Alan Collins	17
28	SM1298	SALTSHAKER	Ken Gayler	18
29	SM344	SURI	Rick Blanck	19
30	SM370	DEJA VU	Peter Dransfield	20
31	SM246	MOANA	Stan Rankin	22
32	SM32	FOGGY DEW	Jo O'Grady	22
33	SM88	UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	24
34	SM189	AIRWAVES	Rob Fenton	24
35	SM1750	CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	26
36	SM303	PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	27
37	SM7314	FORZADO	Bruce Dobbie	28
38	SM1101	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	Bernadette Moore	28
39	SM444	TRUE COLOURS	Peter Akers	35
40	SM340	SALT WHISTLE	Ainslie Allen	47
40	SM505	HI JAC	John Parkinson	47
40	SM377	BACARDI	Martin Power	47
40	SM354	VANTAGE	Darren Hunter	47
40	SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	47
40	7263	FAROUCHE	Norm Taylor	47
40	SM315	WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	47



CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) is a 50 foot Beneteau and one of the new yachts to join Wednesday Wonders. It is not just the size of the yacht that makes it noticeable but also the distinctive black reinforcing patches at the head, clew and tack of the sails. She's one of the late starters with a handicap of 49 minutes. With some fine tuning she is likely to be seen moving quickly through the fleet. (W Buoy)

CARPE DIEM : SKIPPER REPORT

Mark requested some information about Carpe Diem. Thanks to Paul Commins for the following blurb.

*The boat is about 18 months old. It was previously called **Seven50**, and was moored down in Blairgowrie.*

I had once previously seen the boat sailing, and was very impressed. It looks very striking with its black and white sails, and cuts through the water beautifully. I knew the owner had spent a lot of time on a previous boat improving small details to make the boat even better. This boat was no exception to this.

*We had been happily sailing **Dionysos** for 5 years, but when I heard this boat might be for sale, I could not resist requesting to have a look. As I suspected the boat is as beautiful down below, as it is up top. I immediately fell in love, and impulsively bought the boat. My friends and family that I sail with are just as excited with the boat as I am.*

One of the main things that attracted me to the boat, is how it is rigged to be easy to sail. It has a furling genoa, in boom furling mainsail, an asymmetric spinnaker, and retractable bow thruster. Downstairs is just as nicely appointed.

Even though it is easy to set up and pack up for sailing, we are still on a steep learning curve with the boat. Each time we go out, we are feeling more confident.

The boat moves very smoothly through the water with the longer waterline. It also travels nicely through short waves once the boat is powered up.

We hope to do lots of sailing over the summer months ahead.

(If Paul is still learning to sail Carpe Diem it is a bit scary to think what it will be like when Paul really gets it going)

Some races to look forward to for 2013 (Weather permitting)

RACE 8 27 November

Will count towards the Century series.

RACE 9 4 December - The Brighton, Brighton Mercedes-Benz Wednesday Wonders Race 9

A reminder that Race 9 is planned to be held at Brighton.

I add the word planned as in the past 2 years it has not actually taken place due to weather conditions.

Your attention is drawn to the start time for WW at RBYC. The warning signal will be at 13.55.

Sailing instructions for Brighton and courses for North

Sandringham YC can be viewed at [CLICK](#)

RBYC Race Control will monitor and use VHF Channel 77 during the race.

The time limit shall be 210 minutes (three and a half hours).

FOR your GPS Royal Brighton Club marks are

RBYC Mark No 1 37 55.63 S 144 58.24 E

[RBYC Mark No 2](#) 37 55.40 S 144 57.37 E

RBYC Mark No 3 37 54.46 S 144 57.16 E

[RBYC Mark No 4](#) 37 53.61 S 144 57.08 E

RBYC Mark No 5 37 53.81 S 144 58.46 E

[RBYC Mark No 6](#) 37 54.35 S 144 58.56 E

RBYC Mark No 7 37 54.40 S 144 57.86 E

RACE 10 11 December - the MG RACE: You can still enter!
Just send Mark a photo of your MG with some information about it.
Crew or skippers cars accepted, past or present ownership.

Also **Rec Boating Christmas Party** at 6.00pm at OTB, \$10
RSVP: [for catering purposes] [CLICK HERE](#), limited to the **first 200 members!** Closes Friday 6 December 4.00pm

This 1961 MGA is owned by John Snare who is usually seen on *The Little Red Yacht*. Unfortunately John will be out of action for the rest of the year from sailing due to some surgery on his wrists.



RACE 11 18th December 2013
THE MARK WINDWARD TROPHY Race
Apart for the trophy there will be lots of other awards and prizes

RACE 12 8th January 2014 (*A better year for racing*)

Stan Rankin wins the Vanuatu Race

With the response to the question What is a:
wan smol box blong white man, oli scratchem beli I singout gudfala...
Stan replied that it was “a fiddle”, I thought Violin but Stan’s response is close enough.

This week’s word:

Pulem I kam, pushem I go, wood I fall down

HOW MANY WW RACES HAVE YOU LEFT?

After a certain age few people enjoy getting older but it has to be addressed. Serious questions such as “how many WW races have I left” require an answer. With the ever increasing cost of boating equipment it is important to know that full value is obtained from every superannuation dollar spent. Each individual, rather than the relatives, has the right to receive the benefit from any boating investment. The following table is provided so that ageing and sailing can be planned and approached rationally.

It is estimated that there are 40 Wednesday Wonder Races each year (after cancellations and abandonment's). For example, if your current age is 65 (left hand column) and you expect to continue sailing to age 80 (top row) then the number of WW races you have left is where they intersect – in this case 600. The chances are that buying new wet weather gear or safety equipment is at age 65 a good investment and it could smarten up both your own and your boats appearance whilst keeping competitors at bay. Similarly if one is currently 75 and one expects to continue sailing to age to 85 (and beyond) then the graph shows there only 400 races remaining – but probably still a good investment. If one is over 85 investing in boating is likely to be the least of your problems.

CURRENT AGE	SAILING RETIREMENT AGE																				
	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78	77	76	75	74	73	72	71	70	69	68	67	66	65
65	800	760	720	680	640	600	560	520	480	440	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40	0
66	760	720	680	640	600	560	520	480	440	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40	0	
67	720	680	640	600	560	520	480	440	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40	0		
68	680	640	600	560	520	480	440	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40	0			
69	640	600	560	520	480	440	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40	0				
70	600	560	520	480	440	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40	0					
71	560	520	480	440	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40	0						
72	520	480	440	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40	0							
73	480	440	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40	0								
74	440	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40	0									
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Current Life Expectancy is 79. However looking at the age of WW sailors, sailing must be great for longevity, mental astuteness, good nature and good looks.

There is an extra week to give you time to answer Race 5 question (see last week's report).

Hope to see you on the water next week, or at SYC Open Day, this Sunday..... the forecast is excellent.

Thanks to Stan Rankin, Kate, Paul Commins, George 'off-Shore', The Windy Buoy, John Snare, Professor Peter Algie for their feedback and contributions.

Send your responses, photos, MG photos or "Why you chose your yacht" story to:

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