

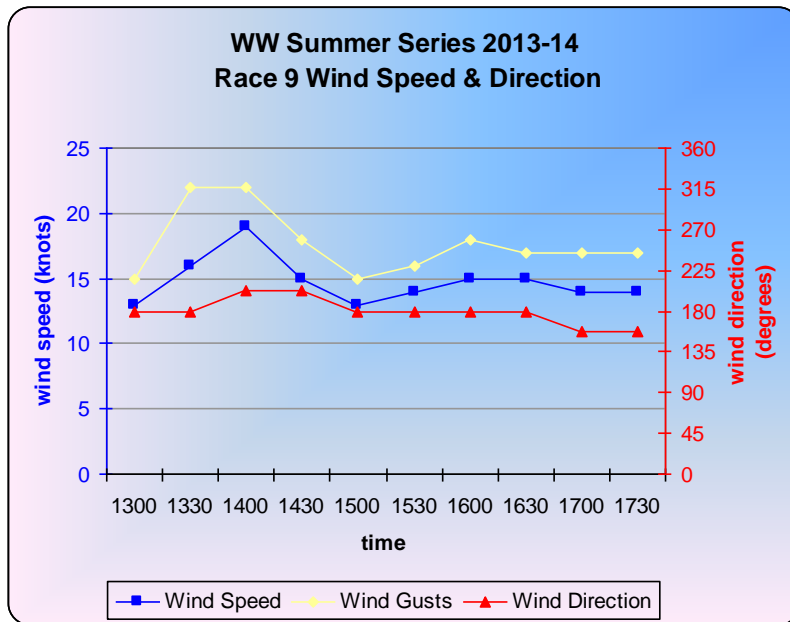
An Afternoon off Brighton - Wednesday Wanders Race 9 Summer 2013/4

With ISAF races in full swing at SYC the Wednesday Wanders fleet were booked in to contest race 9 at Royal Brighton Yacht Club. It was a busier day than usual in the Brighton tower who were hosting their own as well as the Sandringham pursuit races. As one Sandringham yacht discovered you can only sail one race at a time. Trying to win both Brighton and Sandringham races resulted in CHEQUEMATE (Ian Whitbread) starting too late for the Brighton race and too early for WW. Consequently she was judged DNS.

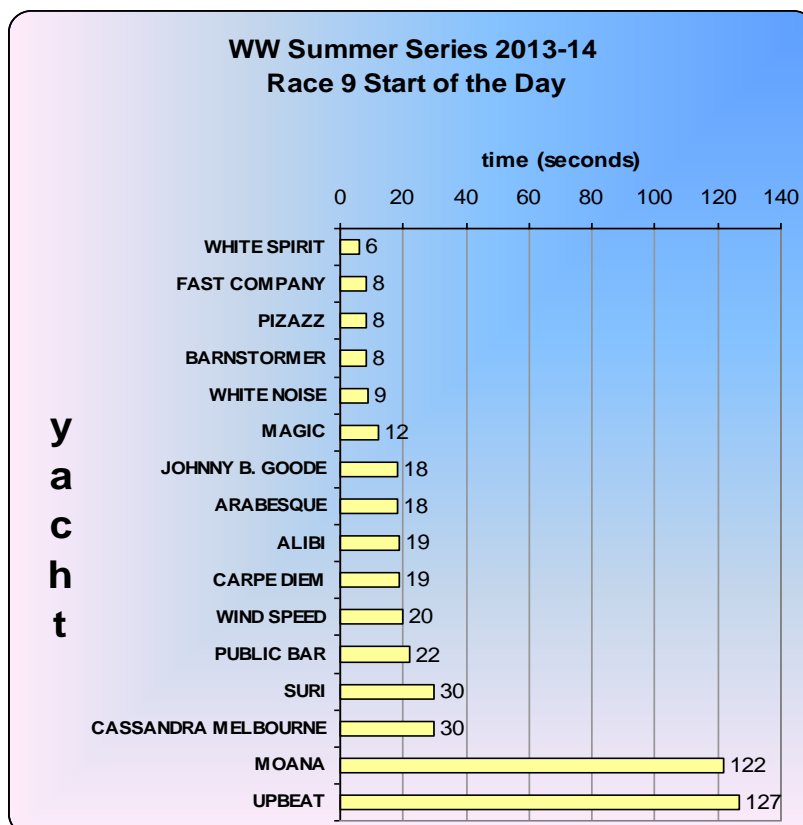


Surely the SYC Fleet are not lost!

The sail to the start line for the Sandringham yachts was much longer than usual but the southerly breeze quickly pushed the 17 starters up the bay. The weather on Wednesday morning was anything but inviting with a 15 to 20 knot breeze and 20.8 mm of rain recorded between 0900 and 1400 at Moorabbin Airport. Fortunately both the breeze and rain eased with only 0.6mm being recorded for the rest of the day and the breeze settling down to an average of about 15 knots. However, the seas continued to be a bit lumpy for the duration of the race.



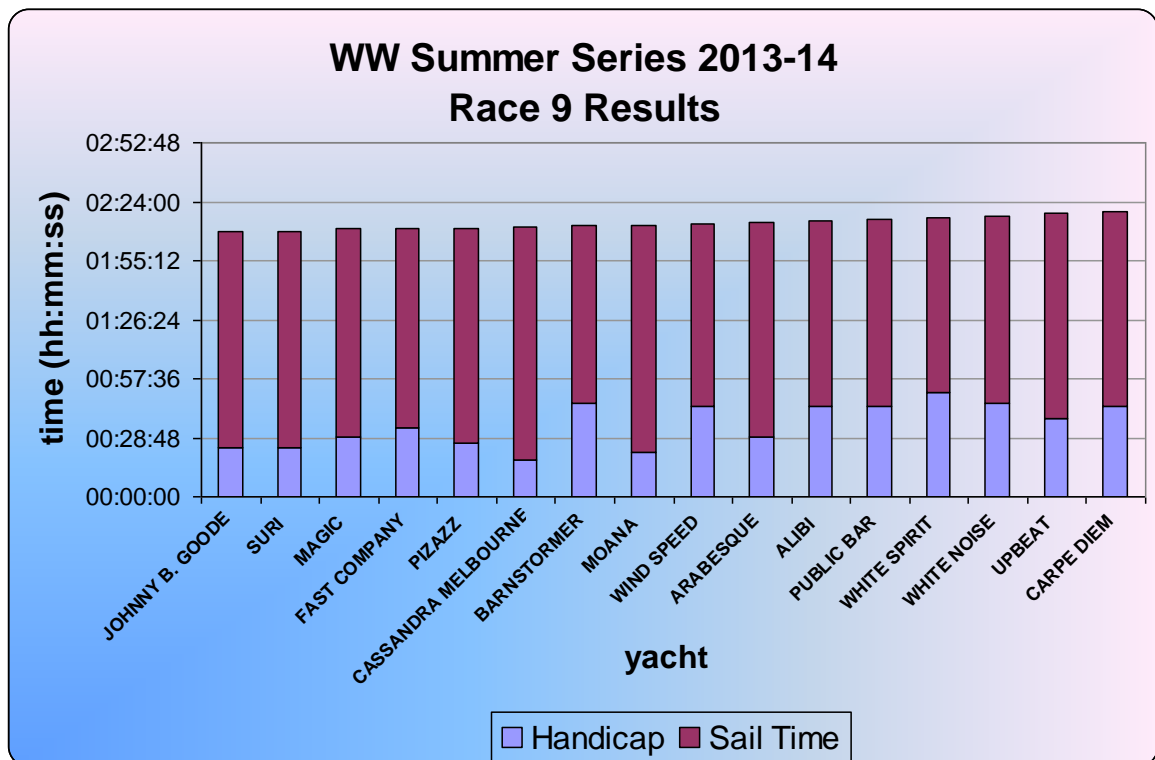
The fleet got away to a more than reasonable start with WHITE SPIRIT (Timothy Say) winning Start of the Day. WHITE SPIRIT was the last yacht to start and was within 6 seconds of her handicap. This was an extremely good effort for a 50 foot yacht being sailed double handed in less than ideal conditions. Three yachts challenged her: BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes), FAST COMPANY (Daniel Edwards) and PIZAZZ (Philip Martyn & Russell Kemp) who all started only 8 seconds late for their handicaps.

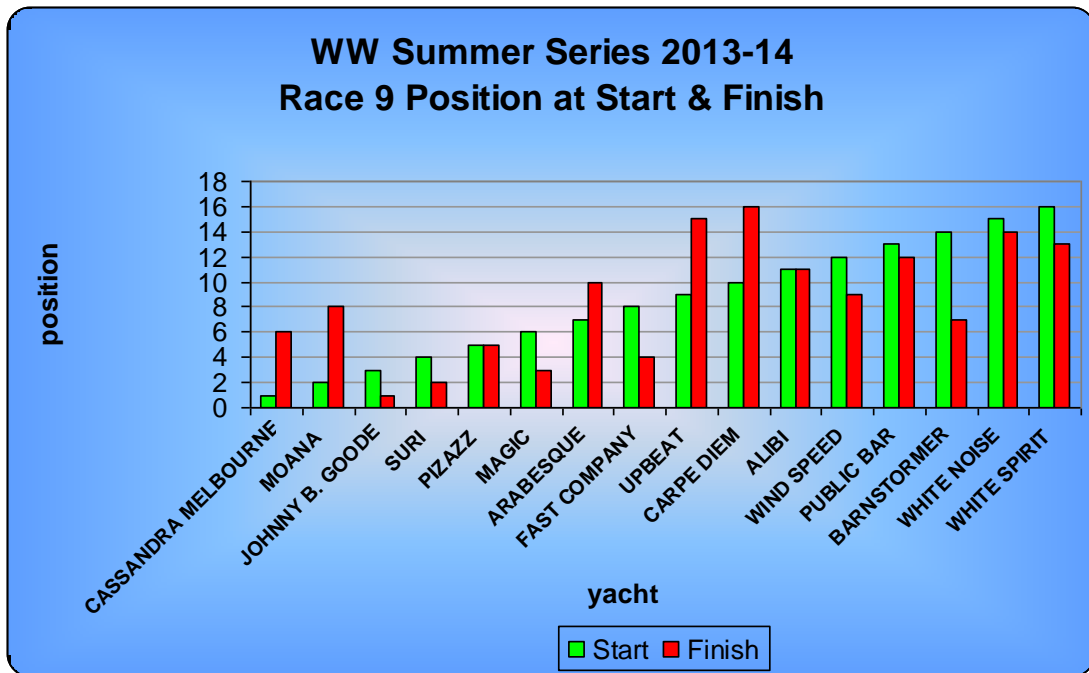


With a rhumb line distance of 8.2 nautical miles the course was a little shorter than usual but still a good choice. With a southerly start the fleet had the opportunity for running, reaching and beating. Making the best of the conditions was two Oceanis 34's that started 12 seconds apart and finished only 23 seconds apart. It was JOHNNY B. GOODE (John Chipp) that started the race from 3rd place 12 seconds ahead of SURI (Rick Blanc). JOHNNY B. GOODE sailed around the course in 1:45:05 to cross the finish line at 16:19:05 in 1st place. By comparison, SURI started from 4th place, sailed the course in 1:45:28 crossing the finish line at 16:19:28.

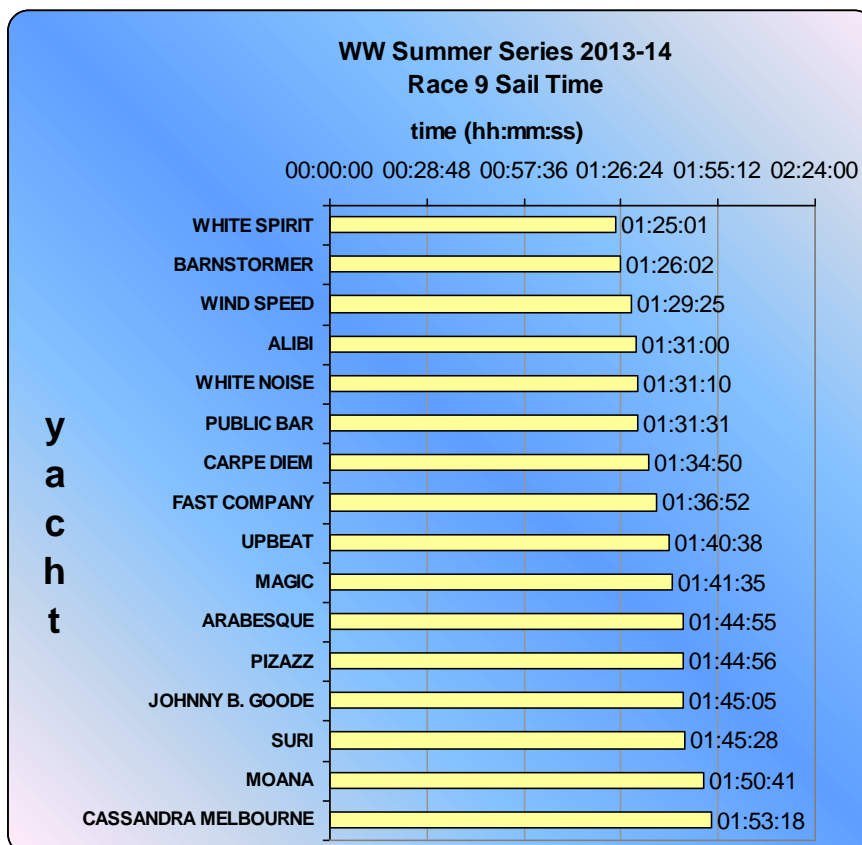
JOHNNY B.GOODE has completed all 5 races this series and this win puts her in 13th place in the aggregate on 24 points. SURI improved her aggregate position to be in 20th place on 34 points. SURI has completed 4 races and this is her first top ten position. It will be interesting to see how these two measure up in their next race after the anticipated handicap adjustment.

Starting the race from 6th place 12 seconds late for a 29 minute handicap was MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey). MAGIC was fresh from winning a race of Tumblehome yachts at the weekend and was keen to extend her good run. She started with a full main and number 2 headsail but changed to a number 1 as the breeze eased. This helped her sail the course in 1:41:35, the 10th fastest time, to cross the finish line at 16:20:35. This was MAGIC's second top ten finish of the series improving her aggregate position by 7 places to be in 11th place on 23 points.





Sailing the course the quickest was Start of the Day winner WHITE SPIRIT. She was 1 minute 1 second faster than BARNSTORMER and 4 minutes 24 seconds faster than WIND SPEED (Les Browne). All three sailed the course in less than an hour and a half. Completing the top five was ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) and PUBLIC BAR (Clive Sondheim).



Race 9 was a good one for improving the aggregate position. Of the 16 finishers, 14 either improved or maintained their previous week's aggregate position. There is only 15 points separating the first ten yachts in the aggregate with FAST COMPANY (Daniel Edwards) holding a 5 point lead over PIZAZZ.

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Points Score
1	SM1022	FAST COMPANY	Daniel Edwards	7
2	SM3434	PIZAZZ	P Martyn R Kemp	11
3	SM4407	MUSKETEER	Paul Jacka	15
4	SM424	BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	17
5	SM3535	WHITE NOISE	Jason Close	19
6	SM3639	WIND SPEED	Les Browne	19
7	SM477	ESPRIT	Garry Anderson	19
8	SM4	WICKED	Mike Welsh	21
9	SM500	WHITE SPIRIT	Timothy Say	21
10	SM5985	INSX	Robert Sill	22

A day that began with very ordinary weather turned out to be a great success thanks to the assistance and co-operation of the Royal Brighton Yacht Club. It's back to SYC next Wednesday for the penultimate race of 2013.



Windward Buoys

A report from the Brighton Tower from Princess Margaret

Hi Mark,

We had 17 boats brave the wet but the day eventually turned good, from 24knots down to 11 knots. All boats behaved themselves except Chequemate. The crew nor skipper realized that the race started at 14.10 and Chequemate went 10 minutes early, so I couldn't resist giving Ian the 'booby or fun' prize, the HH top in the bar at presentation.

No pillow talk on start times in our house!!

Both handicappers had left thinking there wouldn't be many yachts, so I did the presentation. The photos at the start of this report I took of the RBYC tower. There were five of us up there and it was a fun day. It started with a ride in the golf cart, passing the waves over the rocks, out to the tower. Brighton has now gone upmarket and has a reverse cycle air conditioner.

Cheers, Margaret

A report from Brighton Waters ~ Ian Chequemate

A brilliant race. Now I know what a challenge it is to be the lead boat, which has to leave early to survey the course to ensure it safe and show the way to the faithful followers!!!

Very interesting water up there too...a lot shallower, which made for bigger and steeper waves. Cheers Ian

MG Challenge Race 10 Currently 10 entries

Yes, it is the first over the line race but not a Le Mans start

Sm303 Pippa, Sm 315 Willarie, Sm189 Airwaves, Sm1023 Arabesque
SM 99 Primo, SM377 Bacardi, No?? Aqua Bella, 6107 The Secretary,
Sm424 Barnstormer, Sm 4407 Musketeer



Willarie MG Entry

This photo only just qualifies as an "MG". It is Willarie's passport to enter the MG race. Graeme Kaufman was a serious racing car driver a few years ago. The photo was taken at the 2013 GP. No.10, the red car, is a Cooper Butler. Gary Cooper built over 400 cars under the Elfin badge and the Cooper Butler is No 2. It was Ian's car but I drove it in some races in the mid 1960's. The engine was a BMC B series taken from a MG.



Seated in this 1948 MG/TC is Albert's (Arabesque) youngest daughter who loved sitting in it - just like Noddy's car - she is now a Training Captain with Cathay Pacific living in Hong Kong!

The car is 1948 MG/TC purchased in 1980. It was registered when Albert brought it, and was running, but in a very bad state. The car was totally stripped to bare chassis and took 4 years to totally restore it, woodwork, engine etc. This was completed in 1984 ready to be re-registered.

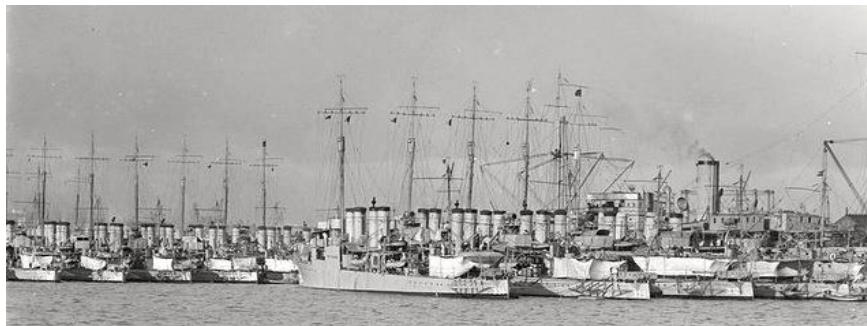
"Unfortunately for the car, I took up sailing and found it more interesting and challenging than restoring cars, so it was put up on blocks where it still is 33 years on - it does get started up monthly".



Denis Reeve's MG This vehicle looks far too modern and makes the rest of the cars qualifying for the race look ancient. Denis's photo makes **Sm 4407 Musketeer** the tenth competitor for the MG trophy.

Race 11 will be the **Mark Windward Trophy Race**. All current entries for the series will be automatically entered. Apart from the grand trophy there will be other magnificent prizes awarded for other achievements in the race.

Race 7 Question & Answer (*no correct responses have been received*)



The photo was taken on July 23, 1925 at Melbourne's Victoria Dock on the Yarra jammed with US AM. There are about 25 WE four stack destroyers of the 1920s crammed together to make a forest of masts and smoke stacks.

The ships were part of the US Pacific Fleet's goodwill visit to Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart in late July-early August of 1925, with a scouting squadron of cruisers also going to New Zealand. The fleet that came to Australia, included 10 battleships, cruisers, a hospital ship, a host yacht, and the destroyers seen here; 56 vessels all told. A huge success at the time, unlike 'The Great White Fleet's visit in 1908 - little of it is remembered, and photographs are rarely seen. These photographs were taken by Allan C Green, and held in the *Green Collection* at the State Library of Victoria.

Question for Race 9



An intriguing array of warships. You should be able to identify one of these vessels. The photo was not taken in Australia. Can you tell me where they are, what type of vessels they are, and why you should know one of them?

Send your response to [Mark Windward](#)

I had better go and wash an MG for Wednesday. Thanks to Windward Buoy, Princess Margaret, MG owners & the Duke of Whitbread for their contributions to this race report. Thanks to Brighton for enabling us to race. MARK