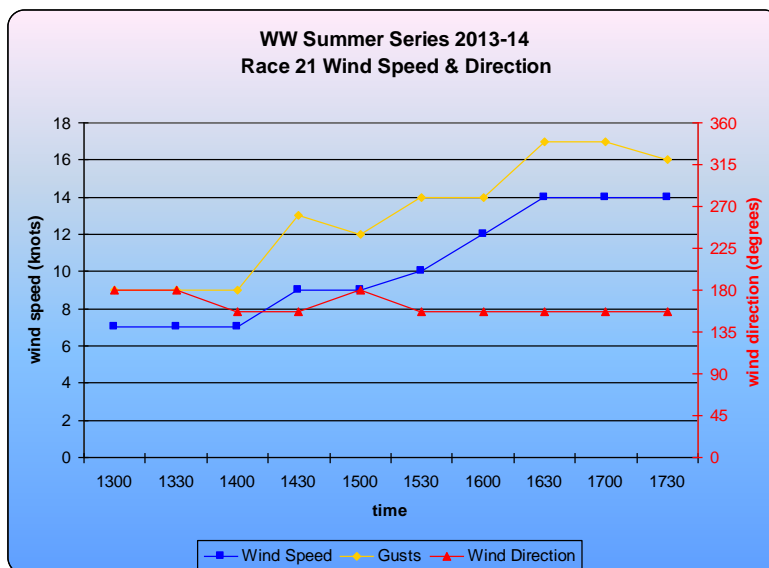


Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2013-14 Race 21

MUSKETEERS find TEQUILA behind the "BAR"

On what was a most enjoyable day a fleet of 33 yachts raced over a flattish sea around the 9.8 nautical mile course 16 under blue skies with an average 10-knot SSE breeze? The breeze may have advantaged the later starters as it increased and shifted more to the east as the race progressed. The results suggest late starters somehow gained an advantage as 8 of them were amongst the first 11 yachts across the finish line whilst 7 of the early starters were amongst the last 11 yachts to finish.



It is the first time course 16 has been sailed this series. Course 16 comprises a quadrangle followed by an inner triangle, which is slightly different to the two triangles of course 14. It provided one of the closer finishes of the series with 21 minutes 19 seconds separating first from last finisher after starting 47 minutes apart.



Although the Beneteau 44.7 MUSKETEER (Paul Jacka) and her compliment of musketeers found the TEQUILA behind the PUBLIC BAR, they were unable to reach it before the race closed. It was the 2nd win this series for the Elliot PUBLIC BAR (Clive Sondheim) who had her 1st win back in race 11. On this occasion PUBLIC BAR was the 30th yacht to start 10 seconds late for her 45-minute handicap. By the time she rounded number 4 for the first time PUBLIC BAR was in 16th place, one place behind the Beneteau First 35 WHITE NOISE (Jason Close) and one place in front of the Bavaria 38 SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay). She continued to sail through the remainder of the fleet to win race 21 after sailing for 1:50:33. PUBLIC BAR closed off the race when she crossed the finish line at 16:05:33 with the Farr 1020 TEQUILA (Alan Collins) neatly stashed away 52 seconds behind and, alas, out of reach of the musketeers.

TEQUILA had a great race being the only yacht to start and finish in the first eight. She started from 8th place 15 seconds late for her 26 minute handicap and she finished 2nd crossing the finish line at 16:06:25 after sailing for 2:10:25.

At the first rounding of number 4 TEQUILA was in 3rd place behind the Farr 1020 FORZADO (Bruce Dobbie) but went one place better by the time she crossed the finish line. This was the second 2nd place for TEQUILA in 10 races this series and it helped raise her to 32nd place in the aggregate on 124 points.



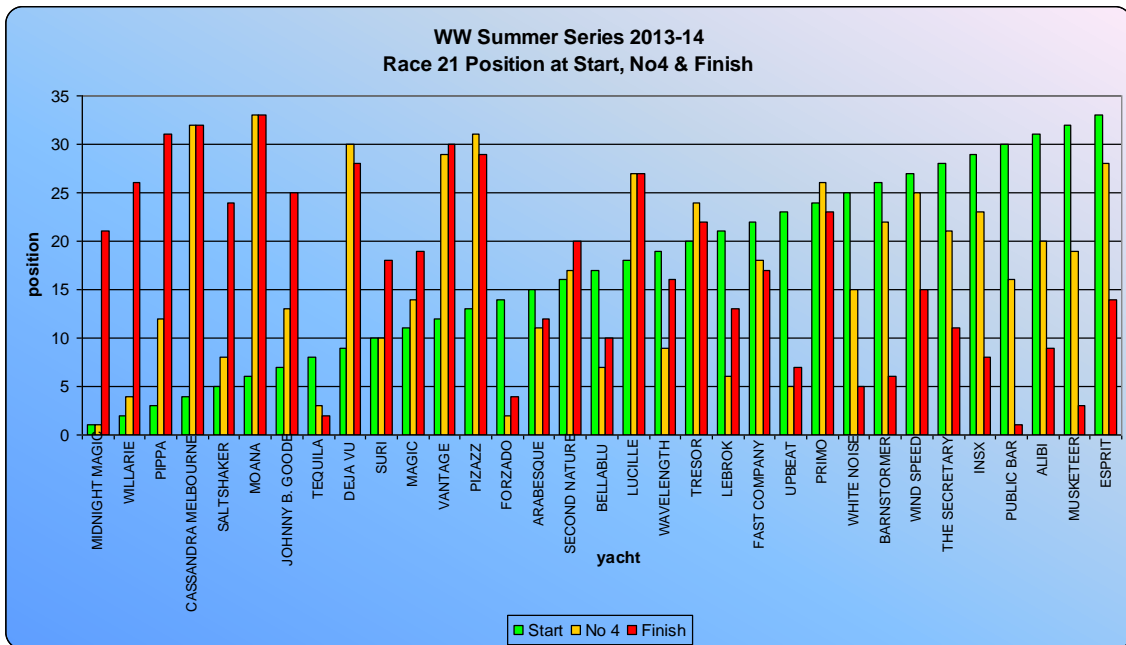
Starting from 32nd place, 18 seconds late for her 48-minute handicap was MUSKETEER. She had already moved into 19th place just one place ahead of the Sydney 36 ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) at the first rounding of number 4. MUSKETEER made up another 16 places to cross the finish at 16:06:49 just 24 seconds behind TEQUILA. She sailed the course in the fastest time of 1:48:49. MUSKETEER has sailed 11 races this season and has had 4 top ten finishes including a win in race 4. She is 16th position in the aggregate on 76 points.

RACE RECORD - MUSKETEER									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
4	30/10/2013	1	02:28:36	16:45:36	00:47:00	176	13	8.5	6
7	20/11/2013	10	01:36:34	15:56:34	00:50:00	15	14	9.8	18
8	27/11/2013	4	01:57:39	16:18:39	00:51:00	9	13	4.2	7
11	18/12/2013	27	01:34:38	15:55:38	00:51:00	7	14	9.8	13
12	8/01/2014	7	01:25:33	15:46:33	00:51:00	21	7	9.8	14
13	15/01/2014	21	01:25:07	15:47:07	00:52:00	1	13	8.5	16
14	22/01/2014	19	01:37:18	15:58:18	00:51:00	3	14	9.8	16
15	29/01/2014	15	01:32:33	15:52:33	00:50:00	7	14	9.8	17
17	12/02/2014	26	01:29:47	15:48:47	00:49:00	38	14	9.8	13
19	26/02/2014	19	01:42:57	16:00:57	00:48:00	24	14	9.8	16
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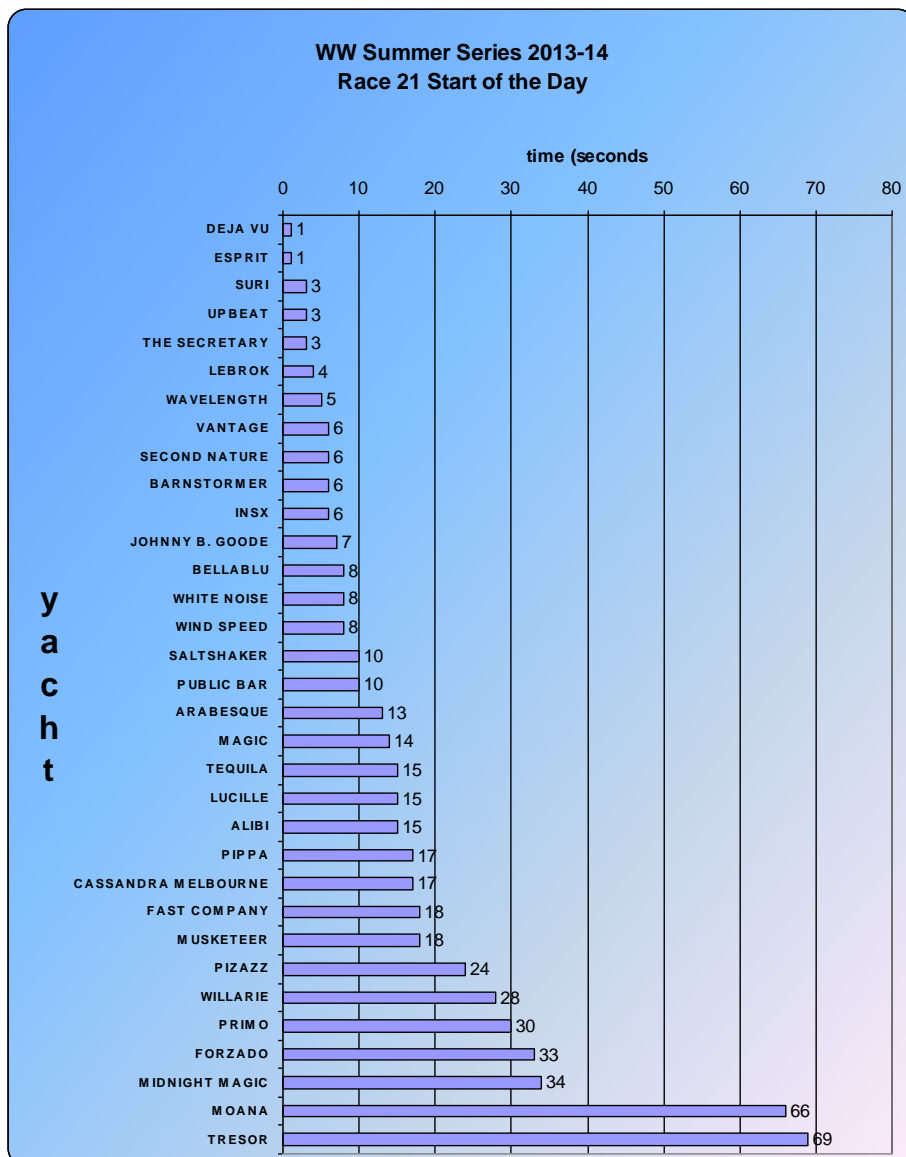
One of the more unusual features of this week's race was the number of late starters that finished towards the front and the number of early starters that finished towards the back of the fleet. An aspect of the race that was noticed by Big Bob of Melbourne.

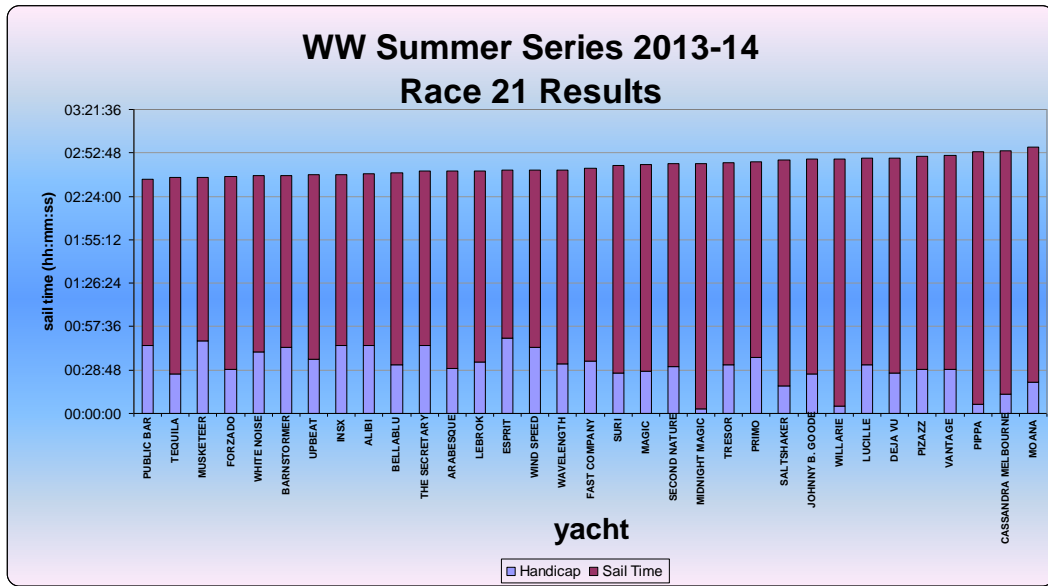
The last three yachts to finish in race 21 were the early starters PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse), the Mottle 33 CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE and MOANA (Stan Rankin). Two weeks earlier the same three yachts finished in the first three in race 19.

How could they win one race and be last in the next? After their win in race 19 handicaps were increased by 3 minutes, 3 minutes and two minutes respectively; the average breeze in race 19 was about 5 knots stronger than in race 20; and, the course was different but the same length. It will be interesting to see what handicaps get posted on the Wailing Wall for these three before the next race. *As the good book says the first shall be last. On average the fleet sailed .43knots slower this race than race 19.*

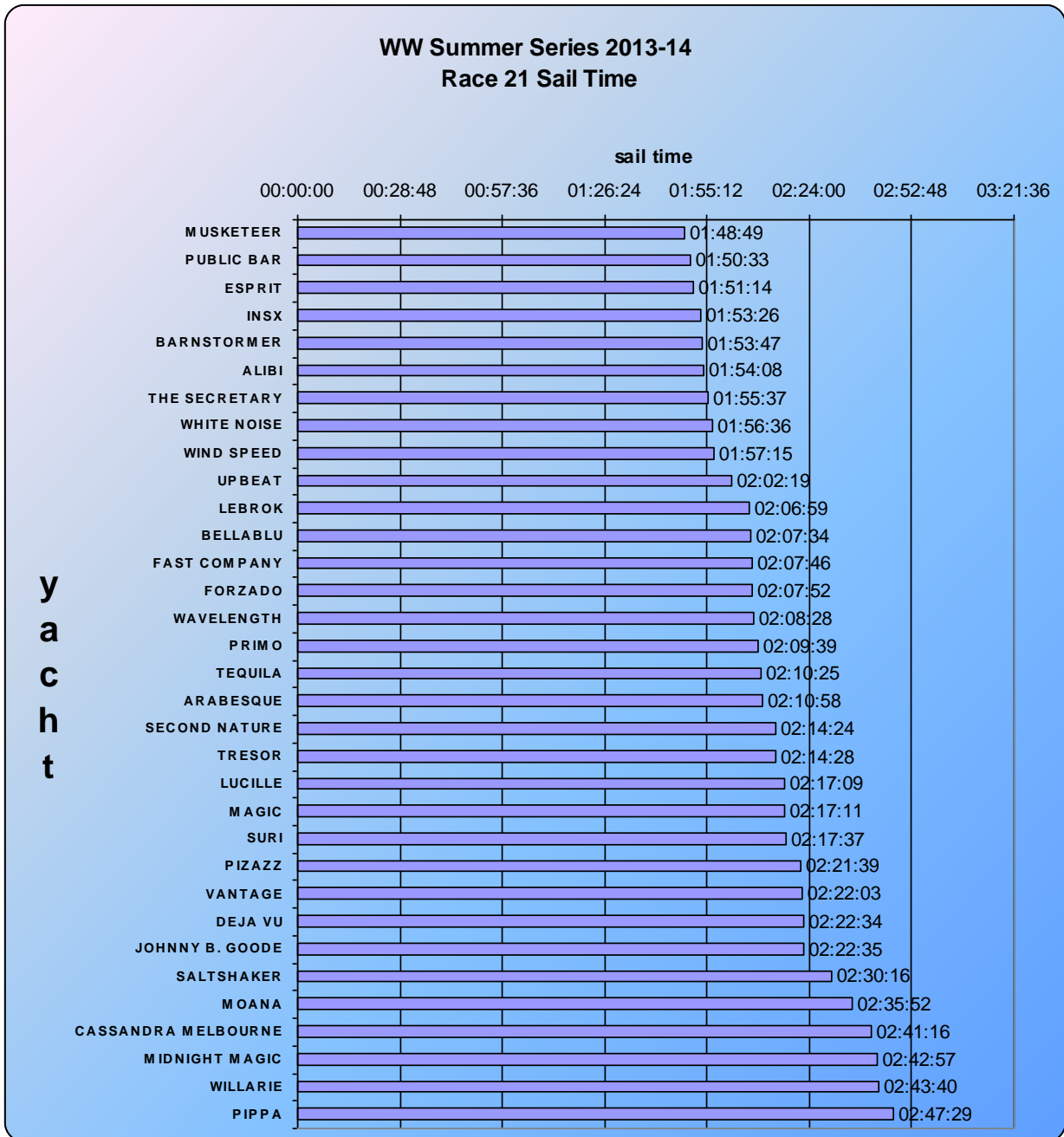


This week saw a tie for Start of the Day with both the Cavalier 37 DÉJÀ VU (Peter Dransfield) and the Beneteau 47.7 ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) starting within one second of their handicap. No yachts started too soon and only 2 of the 33 starters were more than 34 seconds late with the median start time being 10 seconds.





The average time to sail course 16 was 2:12:52 with nine yachts completing the race in less than 2 hours. All of the nine yachts have larger handicaps of 41 minutes or more



With only 3 races left in this series final aggregate positions are tending to firm up. Although the top ten has changed its composition as the series progressed six yachts in the top ten after race 21 have been there since race 5.

WW Summer Series 2013-14 Aggregate Top Ten				
Posn	Race 5	Race 10	Race 15	Race 21
1	SECOND NATURE	FAST COMPANY	PIAZZ	PIAZZ
2	MUSKETEER	PIAZZ	FAST COMPANY	FAST COMPANY
3	FAST COMPANY	MUSKETEER	ESPRIT	ESPRIT
4	INSX	JOHNNY B. GOODE	JOHNNY B. GOODE	INSX
5	PIAZZ	BARNSTORMER	BARNSTORMER	ALIBI
6	WIND SPEED	SECOND NATURE	ALIBI	JOHNNY B. GOODE
7	WHITE SPIRIT	WHITE NOISE	SURI	SURI
8	ESPRIT	WIND SPEED	WIND SPEED	BARNSTORMER
9	JOHNNY B. GOODE	ESPRIT	MUSKETEER	PUBLIC BAR
10	BARNSTORMER	WICKED	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	WHITE NOISE

Nevertheless, there are still significant moves in the aggregate with WHITE NOISE moving up 11 places to 10th whilst both MUSKETEER and PUBLIC BAR have improved their positions by 7 places to be 16th and 9th respectively.

Once upon a time there were 7 and now there are 8 SYC fixed marks. The yellow crowding buoy that once sat beneath the start tower has been replaced with a new one complete with flashing light. It's a very good idea to keep to seaward of this mark.



and his new sister Hatie (eight tee) Buoy



Mark Windward Waffle

Words from our own SYC International rule guru Noel. In response to last race's question: "If I am coming downwind on starboard having just rounded No 5, and you are coming upwind to the mark on Port, who has right of way?"

Rule 10 applies, irrespective of the boats being on different legs of the race.

Rule 10 states: On Opposite Tacks - When boats are on opposite tacks, a port-tack shall keep clear of a starboard – tack boat.

(Even if they are bigger. This rule needs to be remembered particularly after rounding the windward mark and heading off on a down wind leg. (Even if you do need all your concentration on getting out your pole.)

Reports from Winners: In response to a request from Mark, this advice comes from **Public Bar** after race 21, to help those who were behind him at the finish (I think that includes all of us):

“Three points.... keep your hull clean...pay attention and act on the lifts and knocks...position yourself strategically approaching and after rounding marks.... and if all that fails, just yell at the crew....”

And a response from Alan, skipper of **Tequila**:

“This is why I feel we did well in Race 21. S-SSW 8-14 knots - perfect Tequila weather. Good handicap, good course, good crew. In this light wind the 'quicks' won't catch us downwind ... on the wind they are much faster especially the 45 - 50 footers. If we get around mark 3 before the crowds get there and head for the finish, there's a good chance we'll do well.”

Changes to Yachting Australia 2013-2016 rules 5/3/2014 amendment:

3.15.2 Toilets are to be securely fastened, or a fitted bucket shall be provided.

Mark is trying to source a range of buckets so you can fit one securely to your crew.

3.16.1 Bunks. Securely fastened, and sufficient for at least half the crew shall be provided.

I am not sure which half of the body this applies to. Could this mean we might have topless women on board?

Award for the best result for this season in race 21: This is shared between just two yachts. Upbeat who finished 7th and Forzado who finished 4th just 3 seconds behind 3rd. Forzado's speed was good, so was it just the length of Musketeer that made the 3 second difference?

Keep well away from yachts that are racing

The Handicapper has frequently mentioned and stressed the importance of not interfering with yachts that are still racing after your boat has finished. Rumor has it that the skipper of Sm6161 climbed the mast to get a clear view of the yachts still finishing. Mark is not quite sure about the communication on board, but Second Nature performed a very sudden gybe. Some observers suggested that the handicapper was very close to a yacht that was still racing. However the yacht concerned stated that they were at least 3 leagues away, which the skipper suggested is the same number that he hopes to have his handicap adjusted.

Handicapper please note

Someone on a very competitive yacht wants to reconsider his or her top ten final predictions. As they are sitting now in 4th place with some recent excellent finishes, are they devising some cunning plan to win the series? Is there something the handicapper should be aware of for the last few races?

The Blair facts

Mark has been asked to clarify how to win Blair's free hull preparation and application of antifoul (excluding material), as there seems to be some confusion. To make it clear: You simply buy a ticket in the main Raffle at Presentation Night. You should realize that only about 1% of people who live in your area have this opportunity (according to a Readers Digest Survey).

Blair does other things that are not *anti* such as *single* jobs or *re pairs* and ship *righting* tasks if your ship is *wronging*. Also *man*-taining and *woman*-aging on yachts.

Contact Blair 0422 209756 I hope this clears up any confusion.

Car Boot Sale You can sell your used Boating gear as well as a car boot at the SYC Car Boot Sale and give those of us on a budget the chance to pick up a bargain! **Saturday 29 March 2014, 10:00 – 12:00.** The sale will be in the undercroft car park area of the Clubhouse. Early bird 'cheep, cheep' fees apply, book before 5pm 27 March. See SYC home page for details.

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A request to purchase an item at the boot sale. There has been keen interest from one WW skipper that if anyone has a loud hailer there is a buyer looking for one. If you listen carefully as you sail around the course or even walking along the shore ...you can probably guess who it is.

New Ideas: Spinnaker yarns: Conform to the no trash overboard rule 55 Spin stop

For years sailors have banded spinnakers with rubber bands or weak yarn to keep the sails under control during hoists in medium and heavy air. In The Racing Rules Of Sailing 2013-2016 however, the new Rule 55, which bans trash disposal overboard, has been interpreted to include even biodegradable yarn and rubber bands under the trash heading. Since the remains of the bands or yarn falls into the water once the spinnaker opens, the age-old methods of banding spinnakers fall afoul of rule 55. Spinnaker Bans [Click Uk Sail Markers U Tube](#)
After experimenting with various alternative banding methods, UK Sailmakers developed its new SPIN STOPS banding system.

Question for Race 21

What can you tell Mark about this Photo? It is a Cunard ship and the photo was taken in Canada.

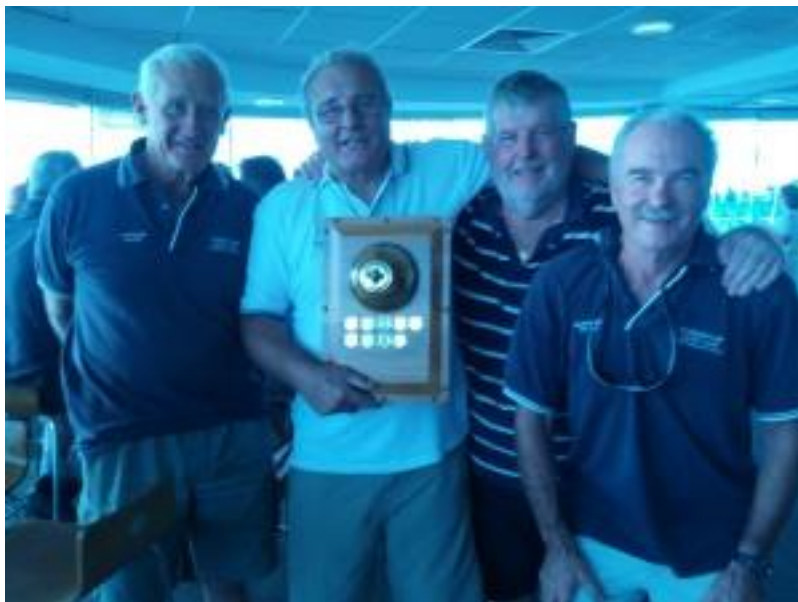


My computer is going on a holiday for a few days, so please send your reply **just for this week** to gai@jeremywoolhouse.com.au ...while you are typing check out Jeremy's jazz gigs and his new CD launch at [jazz piano](#)

Jaffa's anyone? In a cup Cup

To be sure, to be sure, well I am not sure, but next Wednesday's race would be the closest race to St Patrick's Day so this would make it the Jaffa Cup. I haven't seen any other notice about so I can't be sure. I know it was last year, and the people below will be striving for another win to be sure. There might be a few Irish yachts that think it would be appropriate for them to win. Mark thinks that it should be a Jaffa-coloured yacht!

Congratulations to the skipper and crew of Airwaves, winner of the 2013 Jaffa Trophy Race held on 20 March 2013.



L to R – John Lamble, Rob Fenton (skipper), Alan Tyndall & Bruce Parry.

MARK WINDWARD