

## More Noise has something to Shout About

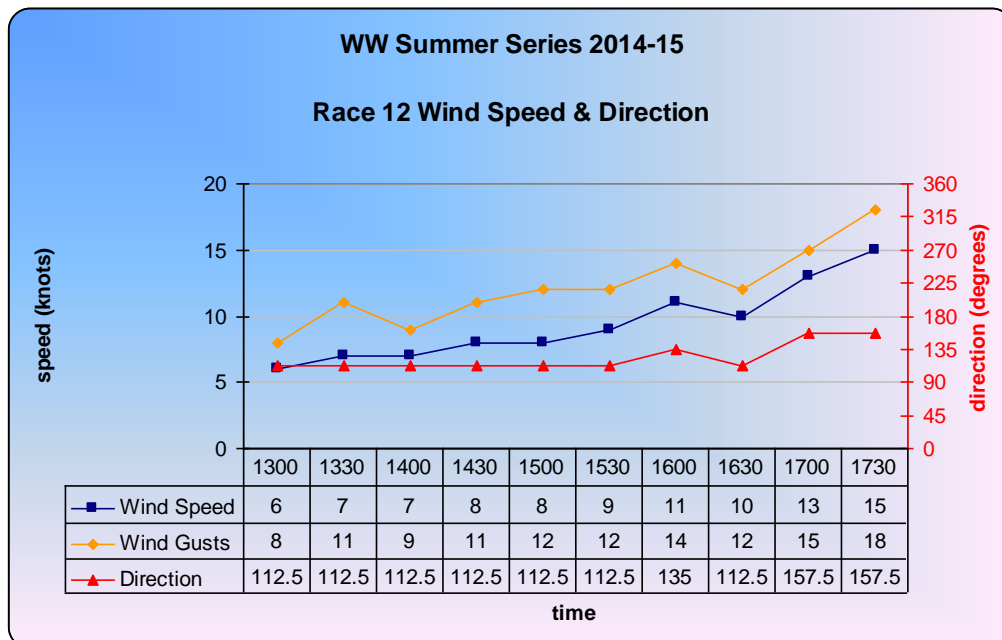
### WW Summer Series 2014-15 Race 12

17 December 2014

It was another great Wednesday afternoon with 38 yachts starting and finishing the last scheduled race of 2014. It produced the 11<sup>th</sup> different winner in 12 successive races in a finish that surprised many. The conditions for the race were particularly suited to the Farr 1020's and at the first rounding of number 4 they occupied positions 1, 2, 7 and 9. Despite mounting a concerted challenge only one, TEQUILA (Alan Collins), made it on to the podium in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Leading the fleet at the first rounding of number 4 was FAST COMPANY (Albert Doggett) and was first to cross the finish, line only to find that she had started too early and received a 5 minute penalty putting her back to 4<sup>th</sup> place. WAVELENGTH (Brendan Kruger) and Forzado (Bruce Dobbie) finished 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> respectively.



This 5 minute penalty was enough to allow the Archambault 30 MORE NOISE (Jason Close) to be declared the winner with the Beneteau 367 LEBROK (Theo Korbel) 19 seconds behind a close 2<sup>nd</sup>.



The breeze was again unkind to the early starters as it increased from about 7 knots to 11 knots as the race progressed. Of the first 14 yachts to start the race only one, SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler), improved on her start position.

*Summer breezes are not kind to early starters. Maybe WW races should start at 14:00 when the breeze is more likely to have increased. MW*



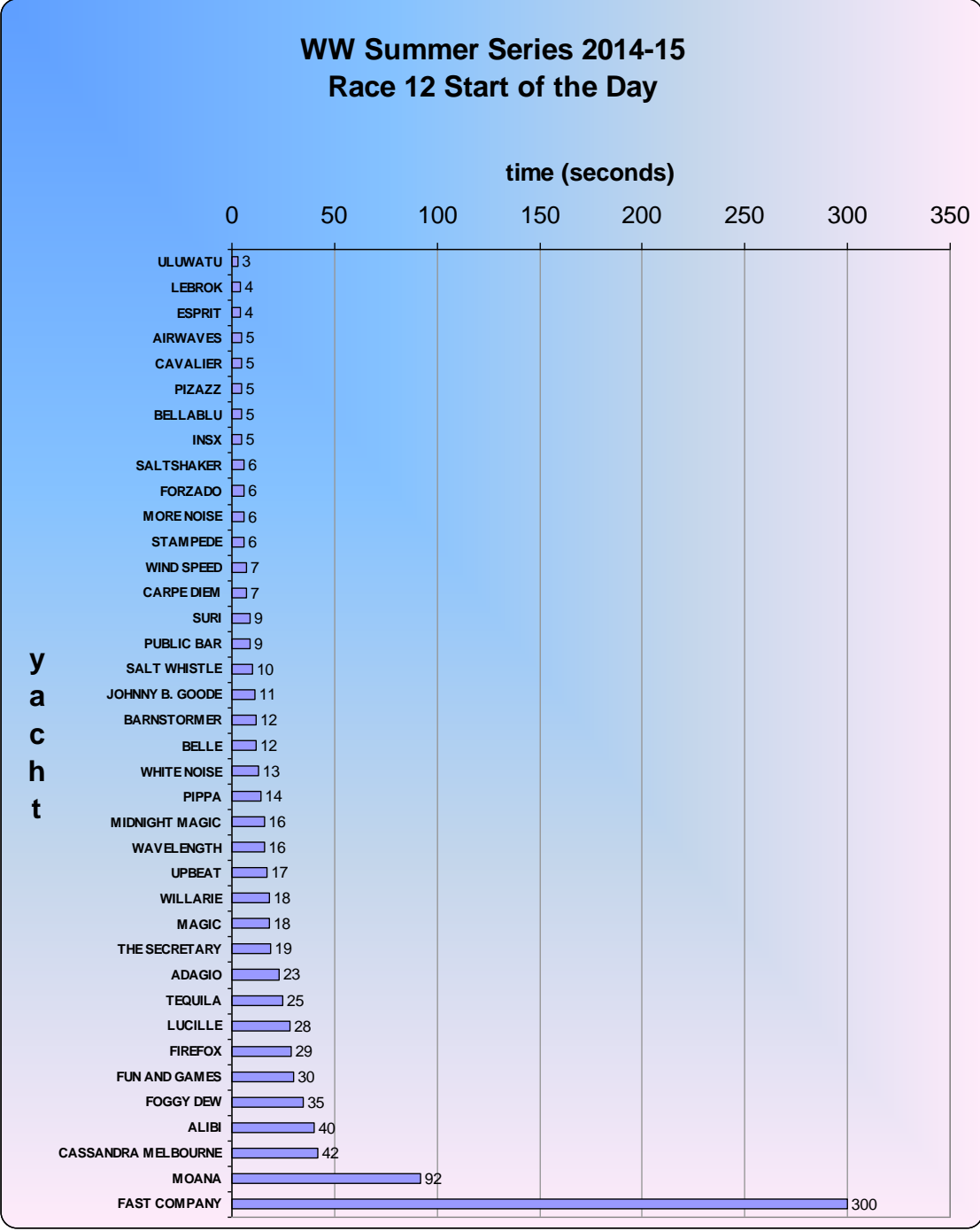
In her 9<sup>th</sup> race of the series MORE NOISE had a good start only 6 seconds late for her 38-minute handicap from 24<sup>th</sup> place. By the first rounding of number 4 she had moved into 6<sup>th</sup> place and went on to win the race crossing the line at 15:59:12. WHITE NOISE had sailed the 6 legs, 9.8 nautical mile course in 1:51:12 – the 11<sup>th</sup> fastest time of the day. It was the first podium finish for WHITE NOISE this series although she has already recorded 5 top ten finishes. She went from 9<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the aggregate.

For 8 out of the 12 weeks of the series LEBROK has held top spot in the aggregate and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in this race helps to consolidate her position. She had a good start to race 12 only 4 seconds late for her 43-minute handicap from 28<sup>th</sup> position. She had improved her position by 15 places to round number 4 for the first time in 13<sup>th</sup> place. LEBROK continued to press through the fleet to cross the line in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 15:59:31, 19 seconds behind MORE NOISE. She completed the course in the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest time of the race in 1:46:31. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> podium finish this series and she leads the aggregate with a total of 28 points. LEBROK has had handicaps from 33 to 45 minutes this series, this gap looks set to widen.

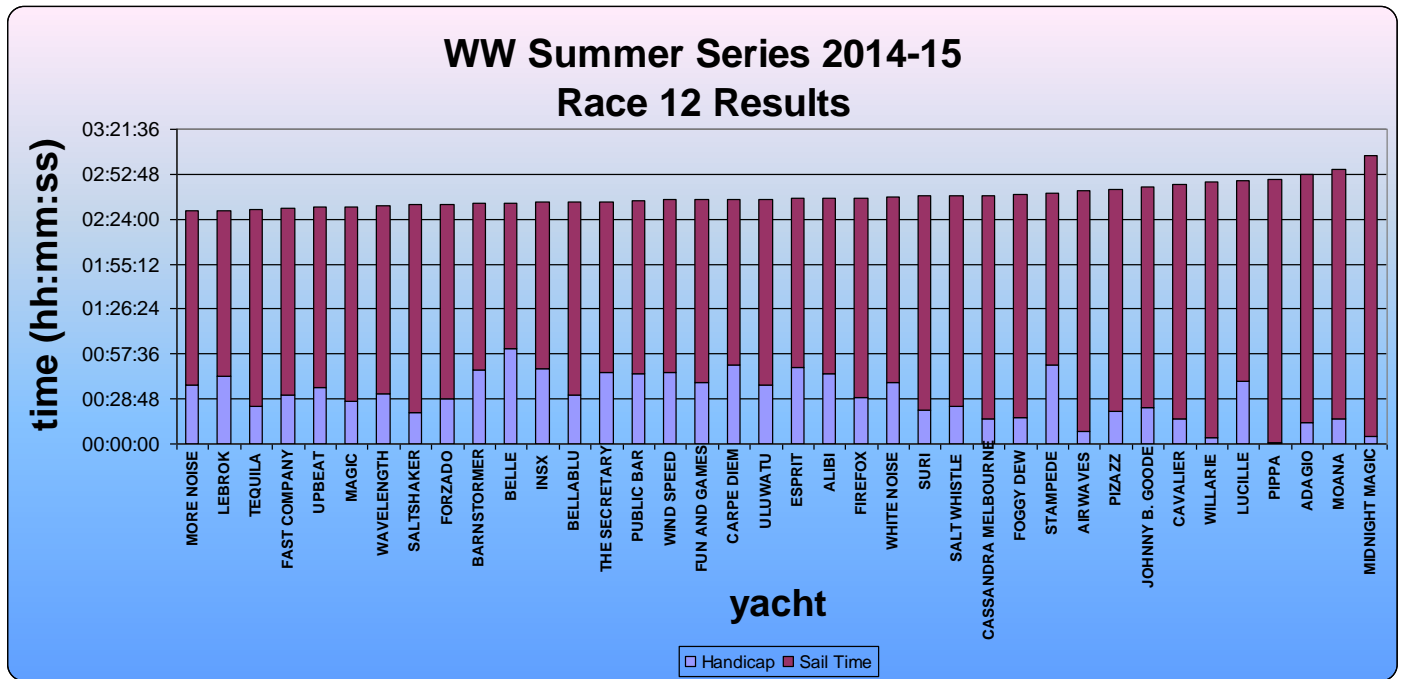


TEQUILA has sailed in 11 of the 12 races and this was her 2<sup>nd</sup> podium finish this series. She started from 15<sup>th</sup> place 25 seconds late for her 24 minute handicap but rounded number four for the first time already in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. She sailed the course in 2:06:13 to cross the finish line at 16:00:13 in 3<sup>rd</sup> place ahead of FAST COMPANY by 46 sec on adjusted time. TEQUILA was the best of 8 yachts that started in the middle of the fleet but finished amongst the first 13. This 3<sup>rd</sup> place helped lift TEQUILA from 18<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.

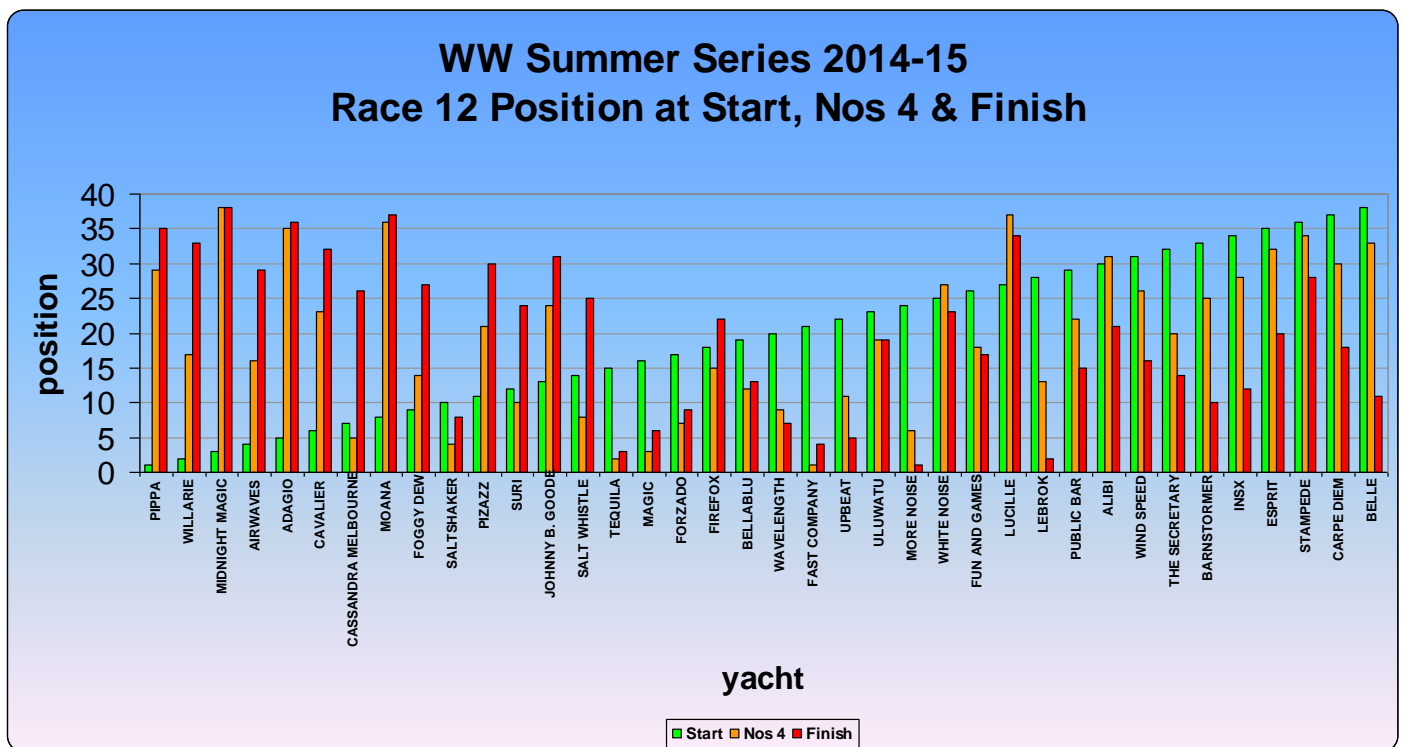
ULUWATU (P Geary & M Billings) won Start of the Day with a time of 3 seconds. 2 yachts keenly challenged her on 4 seconds and 5 yachts on 5 seconds. All but two of the fleet started within 42 seconds of the respective start times and the median start time was 12 seconds.  
*Does it make a big difference to their starting depending who is on the tiller?*



There was a gap of 60 minutes between the first and last yacht to start the race and by the first rounding of number 4 it was 26 minutes 22 seconds. However by race end this difference had increased to 35 minutes 12 seconds.

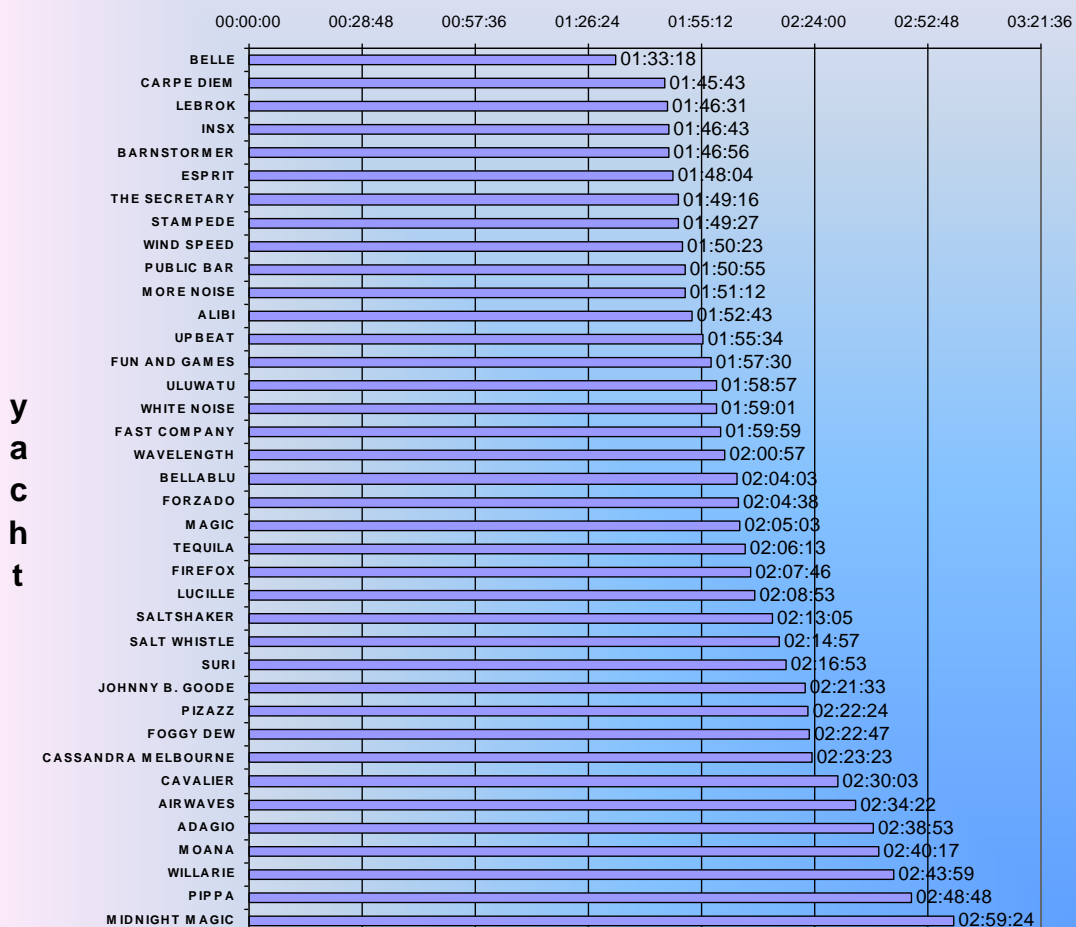


The early starters had difficulty improving on their start positions being challenged by mid fleet and late starters. Only 5 yachts that started in the first half of the fleet improved upon their start position whilst all but one of the yachts starting in the second half of the fleet improved upon their start position.



## WW Summer Series 2014-15 Race 12 Sail Time

sail time (hh:mm:ss)



It was BELLE (Doug Painter) that was able to record the fastest time of the race in 1:33:18.

This was 12 minutes 25 seconds faster than second fastest CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins).

The average sail time was 2:08:10.

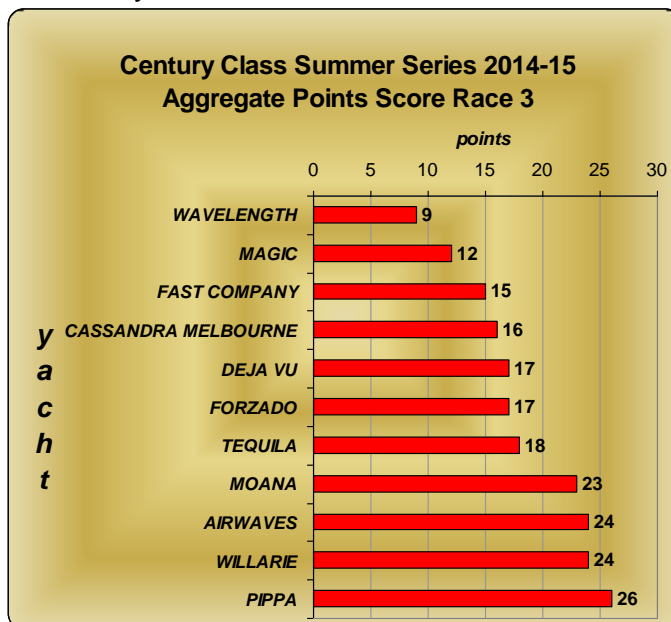
Completion of race 12 saw changes in the top ten of the aggregate with CARPE DIEM and BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes) being replaced with MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) and SALTSHAKER

AGGREGATE POSITION		
YACHT	RACE	
	11	12
LEBROK	2	1
THE SECRETARY	1	2
MORE NOISE	9	3
BELLE	4	4
WIND SPEED	3	5
ALIBI	5	6
INSX	6	7
WHITE NOISE	7	8
MAGIC	14	9
SALTSHAKER	11	10

The Century Class has reached the half way mark of the series with 10 of the eleven yachts competing in the third race. The Farr 1020's TEQUILA and FAST COMPANY filled the first 2 places with MAGIC coming 3<sup>rd</sup> sandwiched by Farr 1020's WAVELENGTH and FORZADO in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> places respectively.

YACHT	SKIPPER	
TEQUILA	Alan Collins	1
FAST COMPANY	Albert Doggett	2
MAGIC	Phil Spry Bailey	3
WAVELENGTH	Brendan Kruger	4
FORZADO	Bruce Dobie	5
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	6
AIRWAVES	Rob Fenton	7
WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	8
PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	9
MOANA	Stan Rankin	10
DEJA VU	Peter Dransfield	11

The aggregate table for the Century Class is as follows:



There is a WW Fun Race scheduled for 24 Dec 2014 and the next WW aggregate race is scheduled for 7 Jan 2015.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Windward  
Buoys

## RACE 12 THE END OF THE YEAR RACE

### Moana

I think Stan wanted it kept quiet about his birthday, but someone got wind of it that it was Stan Rankin's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mark is not certain but does this mean he is the oldest Skipper in the WW fleet? There are a few other skippers who would not be too far behind.

I have Stan as one of my sailing heroes.

I would like to emulate his example and still be sailing when I am 87, and have my son as a crewmember.

Stan is an experienced sailor and spent quite a bit of time in the Swedish Merchant Navy. He does still feel a bit intimidated however by his crew. Tom Badelka (one of the WW's who answers the weekly questions), also served in the merchant navy but a higher rank than Stan, as he was Captain... Mark must apologize for not addressing him by his correct rank. Sorry "Captain Tom". As a crew on Moana he outranks Mr. Rankin' the skipper!

Is Stan the most senior skipper in WW? Reply to [MARK](#)



### Carpe Diem

*Carpe diem* is a *Latin aphorism* usually translated to "seize the day", taken from a poem in the *Odes* (book 1, number 11) in 23 BC by the poet *Horace*.

Sometimes Mark gets stories related to him that are supposed to be very sad tales. One skipper was complaining about an event involving a Sunday race that he thought he should have deserved a mention but did not get included in the race report.

Carpe Diem, while waiting at number 4 last Sunday was overtaken by a number of early starting yachts, before he had even started. He did finish last despite having the fastest time around the course.

I think relating this tale to someone who has only ever finished ahead of Carpe Diem once this season is not really likely to gain any sympathy at all!

However being aware of this event, in this race one of the early starting yachts called out to **Carpe Diem** as they were rounding Number 4 together "Are you just starting or have you been around?"

It pays to just check the facts.

Carpe Diem finished 18<sup>th</sup> in this race and was one of several yachts to finish the course in about one and three quarter hours. Her time to sail the course was 1:45:43 compared to 2:48:48 for Pippa. 1:03:05 faster.

Handicaps over 60 mins do not seem unreasonable and maybe Carpe Diem might consider a name change to **Carpe Horo** (i.e. 'seize the hour')

Starting off 61mins was **Belle** who we have noticed is getting faster each race...it seems. Her time this race was 1:33:18 and finishing 11<sup>th</sup>.

I hope readers do not think I am just quoting these excellent performances so the handicapper notices. But ... it was noticed that as **Fast Company** was just 6 seconds early she had 5 mins added on to her time, however she still managed to finish 4<sup>th</sup>. Not a bad effort. It must have been all that hanging out by the crew trying to make her look like a big yacht that paid off.

There are currently two Farr 1020's for sale as Wavelength is now for sale for \$79,000, launched 1984, as well as Forzado. Mark might have been tempted but they are both white yachts, wrong colour!

There is not much between the 1020's in the series.

Tequila with a 3<sup>rd</sup> this race is 13<sup>th</sup> on 54 points

Forzado is 18<sup>th</sup> on 67.5 points

Wavelength is 21<sup>st</sup> on 71 points

And Fast Company is 27<sup>th</sup> with 86.5 points

### **Best finishing position for this season awards in race 12**

Sm 1022 Fast Company 4<sup>th</sup>

Sm 3131 Mr. Noisy 1<sup>st</sup>

Sm 626 Lucille 34

### **Quotes that sum up the race ...Can you guess which yacht they belong too?**

"You had to keep your eye on the sails and wind changes as the wind kept moving around about 20° in both directions.."

"If you were not careful the wind movements would catch you and back wind your sails."

"In a race like this it is very tiring, as you can't drop your concentration for more than a few seconds."

"It did not seem to matter what we did, we just could not get the boat moving."

"Next race we have to improve and make up 13 mins in time."

### **Names for racing yachts.**

There was some discussion after the race about the naming of a WW yacht. Some debate took place whether **Adagio** means 'slowly' or 'at ease'.

If you would like to listen and view an 11 min Adagio [CLICK](#) . It will relieve the Christmas shopping stress. [Albinoni Adagio in G minor](#)

Adagio finished this race only 4 places off her best result for the season.

Keep improving Michael and Dominic, next race aim to be in front of **True Colours**, you can still be friends even if you beat them!

**School Holiday Award.** I think there should be a student award for school aged children who sail WW's during holidays. Johnny B Goode might have gained some award for this race.

Other less important Races:

We would like to wish the following SYC entrants good sailing in SYD to HOB:

- [A Cunning Plan](#)
- [Bacardi](#)
- [Scarlet Runner](#)
- [Simply Fun](#)
- [Terra Firma](#)
- [Tilting at Windmills](#)
- [Wild Side](#)

Don't forget to follow them via the live tracker: <http://www.rolexsydneyhobart.com/tracker/>

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[XLR8](#), [Bandit](#), [Hush](#), [White Noise](#), [Dry White](#) and [Wicked](#) competing



## Race 11 Question & Answer

I was part of the Royal Steamer Service between England and Australia

Built in Glasgow by J Elder in 1879. I was a very significant vessel at that time. I was fitted with some new luxuries, Electric Lighting, mechanical ventilation and refrigerated holds. Plus I had an all round promenade deck.

I was built to government specifications so that I could be used in a time of war such as watertight compartments and coalbunkers. I could keep steaming at full speed for 40 days.

I spent some time as a troop ship in the Boer war

Three Correct responses:

**Captain Tom** After much sleuthing and consulting the Klabauterman - I think the ship is RMS ORIENT. Built 1879 5,386 tons

**Professor A** The said ship is the 5386 ton RMS "Orient" built in 1879 and retired in 1909.

**The Sleuth** The ship you are looking for is the SS Orient. A model of the ship made in 1879 is in Museum Victoria, and a painting titled "The Departure of the Orient" by the impressionist Charles Condor and considered his best Sydney painting is displayed in the Art Gallery of NSW.

The report in the Hobart Mercury 17<sup>th</sup> March 1891 of the arrival of the RMS ORIENT gives you an idea of the newsworthiness of this ship, read [CLICK](#)

Look to the left hand side of the web page for an easier to read rough transcription.

### ***Start of the Mercury report...***

#### ***ARRIVAL OF THE R.M.S. ORIENT.***

***.... When the R.M.S. Orient was built in 1879 she was the largest vessel ever turned out of the Glasgow yards; and, not only that, she was passed in size amongst passenger vessels only by the Great Eastern, built in London, and the City of Berlin, constructed in Greenock.***

***She is the third steamer to arrive here this season to take fruit for England.***

***She was built, by Messr John Elder and Co. for the Australian trade, and took up her running to the Australian colonies from London, in time to convey visitors to the Sydney International Exhibition.....***



For images of the Orient [CLICK](#)

**Race 12 Questions:** Two questions this race, to last over the holidays.

**What ship am I? What Happened to me?**

Send your answers to [Mark Windward](#) by 16th January 2015

### Question 12A

I was a luxurious steamship whose name was closely associated with 3 large cities. I was one of the fastest vessels on my normal run which I had done without any problem nearly 40 times and was thought to be unsinkable as I was built with watertight bulkheads. I went aground on a reef just 1 km off shore with 133 passengers and 93 tons of copper. I sank and broke up within 15 mins. Only a small number survived (just one woman), and most who did had to cling to the vessel for over a week before being rescued even though they could see the shore and had watched a number of failed attempts to rescue them.

The sinking caused much interest and newspapers were sold out due to public interest. A commission was held into the disaster and the method of construction was called into question and it was thought that the numerous number of rivets used caused a weakening of the hull. A light house was erected but 100 years later a larger ship hit the same reef but without loss of life.

### Question 12B

I was a Royal Mail Ship and traveled between England and the Far East. I used both steam and sail to move. I was built for a state government to help with frozen meat exports. I was built with 72 first class cabins, which were later reduced to give more steerage accommodation. I hit an uncharted rock on a clear night and fine weather. A hole ripped in my hull 4 to 12 feet wide and I sank within 5 mins. My hull is still resting in the same place in 18 metres of water. Many of the relics from my wreck can be seen in a church dedicated to the large number of souls who were lost.

### Bonus Question

What ships would feature on a suitable Christmas present that you could not collect until the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and would be enjoyed particularly by someone who collects stamps?

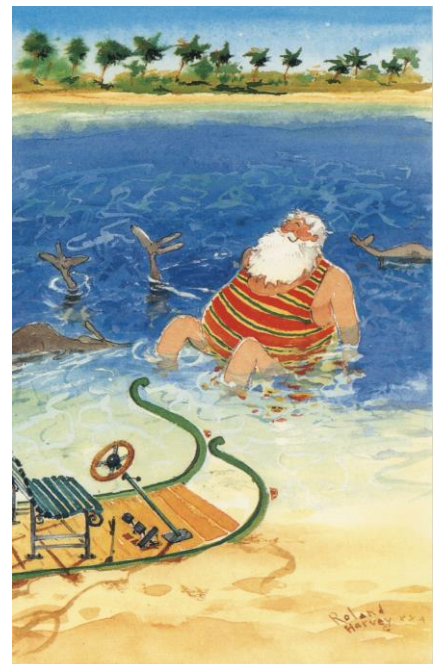
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**HELP** Mark has been requested to write an article for next years *Off the Wind* about Wednesday Wonders this year. If you have any interesting contributions that you would like to be considered for inclusion please send to [MARK Windward](#)

Thank to all the Wonderful Wednesday Wonders who have assisted Mark throughout the year with their responses, comments and contributions.

I hope you enjoy your Christmas and that 2015 brings more enjoyable sailing every Wednesday.

Best Wishes MARK, Buoy and Lee



Card, thanks to [Roland Harvey](#)