

## WW Summer Series 2014-15 Race 15 Another First for Midnight Magic

For the second time this series, MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette Moore) was first across the finish line, this time to win race 15 by a margin of 3 minutes 33 seconds. This makes her the second yacht to record two wins this series. This race was around the shortest course selected this summer – the 7 leg, 7.9 nautical mile course 33. With a handicap of 3 minutes MIDNIGHT MAGIC started 17 seconds late from 2<sup>nd</sup> place and had taken the lead at the first rounding of number 4. Breaking the 2 hour barrier, she recorded her fastest sail of the series completing the course in 1:43:40 finishing at 15:16:40. She has completed 9 of the 14 races this summer and is 36<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.



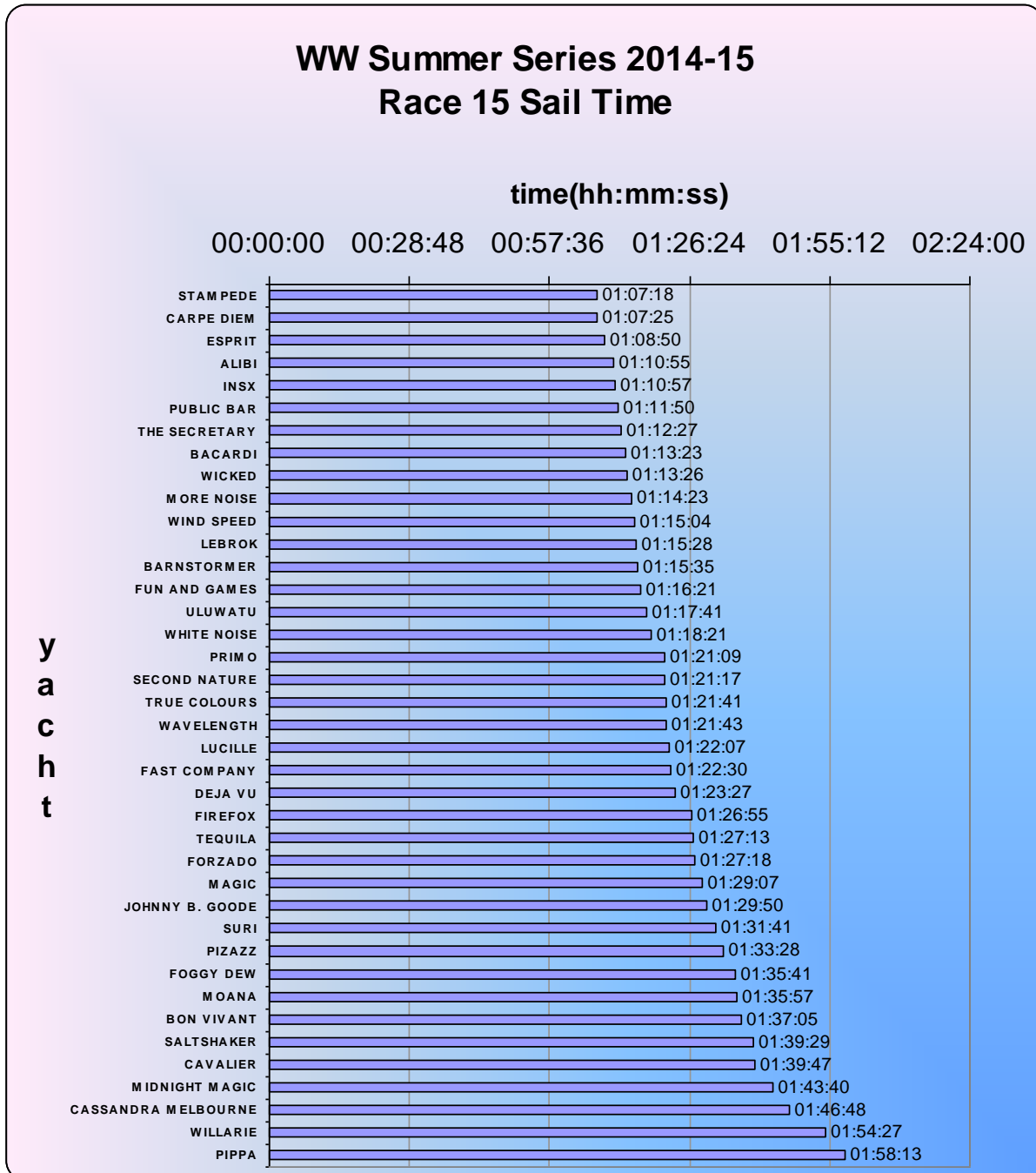
TEQUILA (Alan Collins) has made steady progress in the aggregate throughout the series and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in this race puts her in 8<sup>th</sup> place – the first time in the top ten. TEQUILA was the 14<sup>th</sup> yacht to start the race 20 seconds late for her 23 minute handicap. She made solid gains during the early stages of the race and by the first rounding of number 4 was already in 7<sup>th</sup> place. TEQUILA continued to improve her position during the final three legs of race to cross the finish line at 15:20:13 after sailing for 1:27:13. She is one of 7 yachts to have completed 12 out of a possible 14 races and has had 3 podium finishes so far.

One of the 6 yachts to have completed 14 out of 14 races is MOANA (Stan Rankin). MOANA recorded her 2<sup>nd</sup> podium finish in race 15 when she crossed the line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 44 seconds behind TEQUILA. She started from 3<sup>rd</sup> place 9 seconds late for her 15 minute handicap. She was in 4<sup>th</sup> place at the first rounding of number 4 and went one better to cross the finish line 3<sup>rd</sup> at 15:20:57 after sailing the course in 1:35:57. MOANA has recorded some varied results throughout the series with 1 win and a number places towards the back of the fleet. She is 27<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.

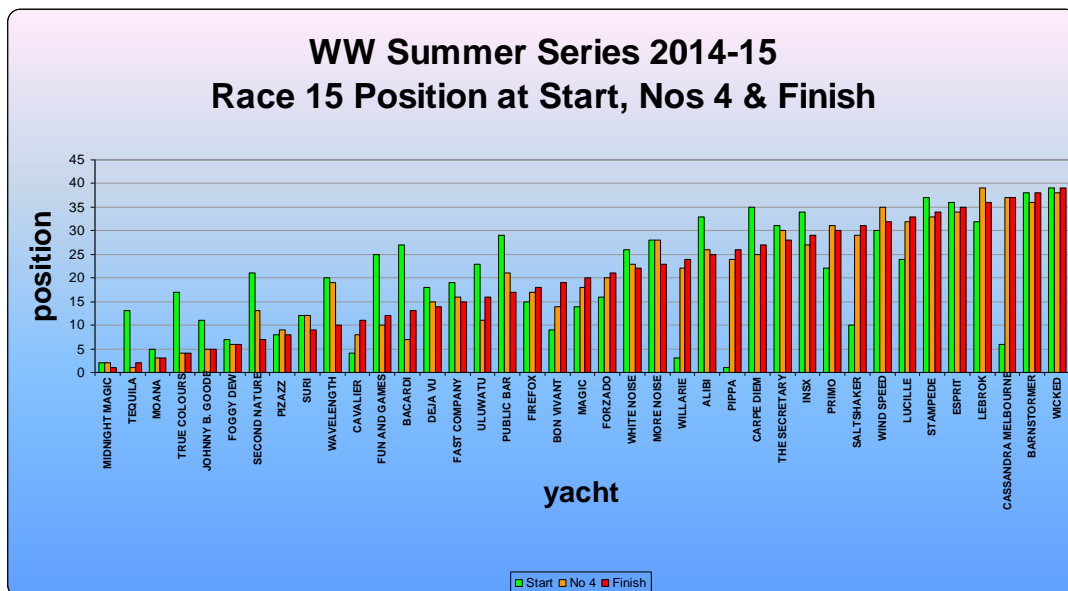
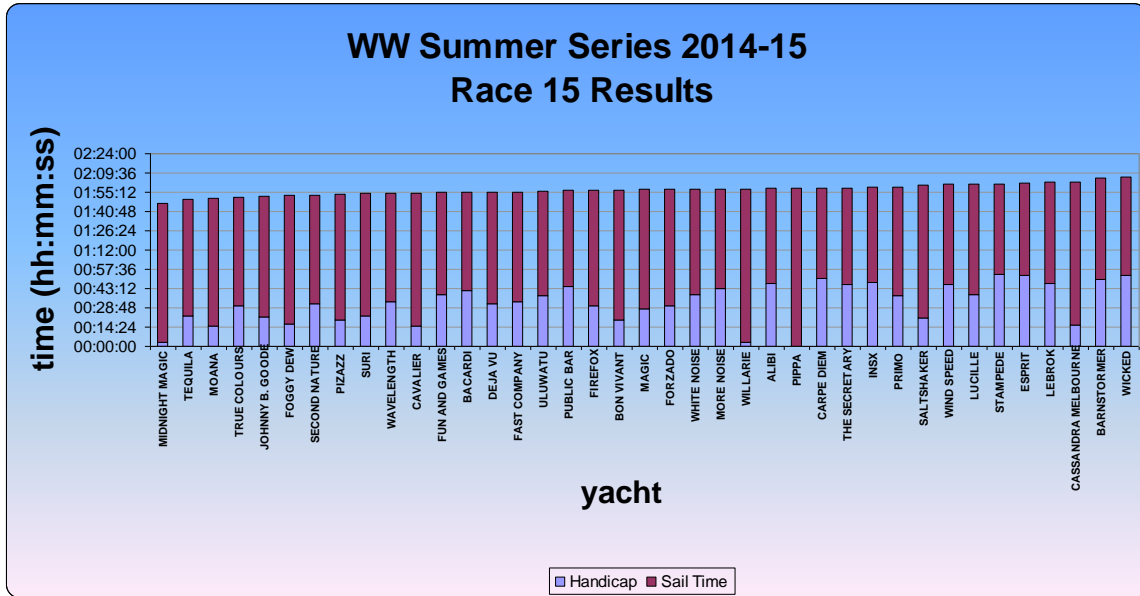


The 39 strong fleet enjoyed good race conditions with flat seas and a breeze that settled into the south east averaging about 12 knots for the afternoon. With a good breeze and a short course all the fleet completed the race with the last yacht crossing the finish line at 15:36:26.

STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) recorded the fastest time in 1:07:18 with CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) taking 7 seconds longer to sail the course. With an average sail time of 1:24:38 this was the shortest race of the series with every yacht completing the course in less than 2 hours.



Eight yachts that were amongst the first third to start the race were amongst the first 13 to finish the race. Seven of the mid fleet starters were amongst the mid fleet finisher whilst 9 late starters finished amongst the late finishers. The fleet started 54 minutes apart but by the first rounding of number 4 this gap had become 29 minutes 8 seconds and by the end of the race there was only 19 minutes 26 seconds separating the 39 yachts.





Some yachts are able to achieve better value for money on Wednesday afternoon's by sailing longer than others. At the race 15 mark it is PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) that has a handy lead in the Value for Money aggregate with an accumulated sail time of 1 day 13 hours 3 minutes and 53 seconds.

YACHT	TOTAL SAIL TIME (dd:hh:mm:ss)
PIPPA	01:13:03:53
MOANA	01:09:11:00
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	01:08:43:34
FOGGY DEW	01:08:17:19
MAGIC	01:05:53:54
SALTSHAKER	01:05:27:28
JOHNNY B. GOODE	01:04:46:19
PIAZZ	01:02:18:56
TEQUILA	01:02:06:31
ALIBI	01:01:05:37
AIRWAVES	01:00:40:07
SURI	01:00:13:57
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	00:23:59:09
WIND SPEED	00:23:44:59
PUBLIC BAR	00:23:37:23
BARNSTORMER	00:23:32:49
FIREFOX	00:23:13:29
WHITE NOISE	00:23:06:46
CARPE DIEM	00:23:02:48
SECOND NATURE	00:23:00:34
ULUWATU	00:23:00:27
ESPRIT	00:22:46:36
LEBROK	00:21:34:17
INSX	00:21:16:44
WICKED	00:20:46:15
DEJA VU	00:20:40:28
THE SECRETARY	00:20:27:21
FORZADO	00:20:17:42
WAVELENGTH	00:19:56:39
SALT WHISTLE	00:19:56:27
PRIMO	00:19:08:31
MORE NOISE	00:19:02:33
STAMPEDE	00:18:24:05
BELLABLU	00:18:21:53
CAVALIER	00:18:17:08
FAST COMPANY	00:18:01:22
WILLARIE	00:17:28:06
UPBEAT	00:15:46:24
BELLE	00:14:45:35
MUSKETEER	00:14:32:28
TRUE COLOURS	00:14:29:26
VANTAGE	00:13:02:08
FUN AND GAMES	00:12:28:10
BACARDI	00:10:31:21
AQUA BELLA	00:10:11:15
BON VIVANT	00:08:50:37
ADAGIO	00:07:21:00
LUCILLE	00:05:06:56
BRIGITTE	00:04:12:02
MY WAY	00:02:30:45
LUCY	00:02:29:38
NAB	00:02:11:45
PHOENIX	00:02:04:28
FRENZY	00:02:00:40



## IF YOU WERE THE HANDICAPPER: Knowledge test PART B - Race 15

Follows on from Race 13

- 1 You find out a leading yacht has had their hull cleaned after a long time and their performance has suddenly improved. Do you:
  - a) Ask for a share in the mussels they removed.
  - b) Wait three races to see if they continue to sail faster.
  - c) Check if they still have the same number of crew.
  
- 2 The fleet is growing and the starting time is spreading to over 1 hour. Do you:
  - a) Divide the fleet into 3 divisions but sail the same course.
  - b) Send the back-markers on a longer course so you can reduce their handicaps to being closer to the early starters.
  - c) Stagger the starting line as is done in the Sydney to Hobart starts.
  
- 3 You are aware that a yacht has bought new sails and the sail manufacturer representative is sailing on board. Do you:
  - a) Invent a handicap allowance to allow for having extra experienced crew on board.
  - b) Consider that brand new sails will take a few races to set before giving their best performance, so no adjustment is required.
  - c) Wait and see if they only use their new sails on Saturdays
  
- 4 You want to be certain that skippers can be easily notified of a race being cancelled (like last Thursday's Twilight).  
You observe that the tower flags flapping in a Southerly breeze cannot be seen.  
You are aware that many males are colour blind, particularly for red.  
You are aware that the outside screen only shows a tiny orange square for cancelled races.  
Do you:
  - a) Fly the Australian flag up side down.
  - b) Flash all the lights on and off.
  - c) Hope that all skippers are listening to the radio announcements.
  - d) Ask Paul Jacka to return the flashing orange tow truck light and get it installed on the tower so that it can easily be seen at a distance, and be able to be used as a back up if the computer system goes down.
  
- 5 You observe that sailors are enjoying racing each week and the fleet is growing. Do you:
  - a) Don't do anything to change this – enjoy the compliments.
  - b) Wait until someone complains.
  - c) Ignore suggestions for alterations as mostly the changes in weather will balance out performances.
  - d) Undertake a handicapper's knowledge test to see if WW could improve with some new ideas that might be feasible.

### **The Wicked Stampede Battle goes on!**

Mike Walsh in **Wicked** on the results looks like he let Christopher in **Stampede** get the better of him in this race. Look more carefully and you will notice that Mike was over the start line early by 7 seconds, and scored an extra 5 mins. They crossed the line only 8 seconds apart ( but you need to add 7 seconds for the early start. First time past No 4 Stampede was just in front of Wicked.

**A 'Normal' race.** The handicappers have been trying to look at some adjustments to handicaps, but given the variations in conditions, are still waiting for what could be called a normal race before making any alterations. Check the Wailing Wall before each race.

### **Tower ladies excited to find pants. You could save \$270**

The tower management is providing the opportunity for you to purchase (in aid of WW Presentation night) PUMA bib 'n brace wet weather trousers.

Colours 50% Red & 50% black

Sizes S, M, L & XXL in Black and **S, L, XL & XXL in Red.**

**Price \$50 cash only on the day ~ RRP \$320**

They will be on display this week after race 16, and for sale after race 17 presentation next week in the Port Phillip Room.

You will be able to preview them this week.

Ask Di or Margaret for other details. I don't think you get any steak knives.

### **BEWARE OF Hanging on to your Old Flares. Avoid a fine**

*No, not your old 1960 pants - but distress flares.*

Mark heard the story of a sailor being fined for having on board, in addition to his set of current flares that were within the service date, some out of date extra flares.

To check on the Marine Safety Act Mark received the following email with advice from Richard Peers, Senior Project Officer, Registration & Licensing **Maritime Safety Victoria.**

*We administer the Marine Safety Act 2010 and Marine Safety Regulations 2012. Our legislation does not restrict the carrying of expired flares, as long as you are also carrying the required number of current flares.*

*However, we suggest that you check that you are not contravening any other legislation - you may want to check with Victoria Police to see what legislation they are using to fine persons carrying expired flares.*

*Flares can potentially become unstable if kept for long periods. In addition, you should check with your insurers to make sure that carrying expired flares does not invalidate any insurance cover that you may have.*

*In general we recommend that expired flares are not carried and are disposed of properly. If you want to carry additional flares, I recommend buying new ones.*

It seems that it is an offence to carry out of date flares...not under the Marine act but being in possession of explosives; the fine is about \$175

You can dispose of *out of date* flares at the following police stations.

Brighton, Sandringham, Frankston, Nunawading, Prahran and Mordialloc.

### **Results on the Web**

If you looked at the SYC website and noticed some dozen or more irregularities in the results for Race 15, look again and you should, I hope, now find that all results are correct.

**A 14:00 start?** So what would have happened if the race had started at 14:00 for Race 15? Wind strength difference at FWK Bcn 21/01/2015 @ 13.30 was SSE 5knts gusting to 7knts Compared to @14:00 it was SE 12knts gusting to 13knts A slight change in direction and 7knts stronger if the start had been later. Finish time for a 14.00 start would have been about 16:00

**ANSWER to Race 14 Question.** The correct answer was *P S Weeroona* 1910

No correct responses were received. For more information [CLICK and HERE](#)

Paddle Steamers were a luxury form of transport on Port Phillip Bay in the late 1800's. They were used to transport tourists from Melbourne to Mornington, Dromana and Sorrento on the Mornington Peninsula, and Queenscliff on the Bellarine Peninsula.



Weeroona was the last of the Port Phillip Bay paddle steamers to be built. She took 70 days to complete her maiden voyage from Glasgow to Melbourne via the Suez Canal, Jakarta, Thursday Island, Brisbane and Sydney. She was extremely luxurious with spacious promenade decks and impressive lounges and dining rooms. In her 33 years she had no collisions. In that time she made 2,774 voyages, traveled 206,990 miles (333,120 km) and carried 3,030,508 passengers in that service. Her name is still used for accommodation housing along her old route.

### Question for RACE 15

Yachting has some very old traditions and terms

Your task for this week, if you accept it, is to define the following words as they apply to Nautical Terms

1. Muzzle
2. Libration
3. Box Hauling
4. Brash Ice
5. Hogged
6. Lose the Fang
7. Host Men
8. Kentledge
9. Lagan
10. Lee Tide

Send your answers to MARK Windward [Click](#)



## Responses received to Race 14 Race report:

Notification of ABN

At least 45 minutes. If using the recorded info line, ensure it is updated according to message. Next update by 12:30 means just that!

Starting time:

\* Being on a later starting yacht (36 to 40), not so fussed about start time

\* 2 p.m. would be a much better start time and make for a better race.

In fact it's hard to think of any reason to start before the sea breeze has a chance to develop. Everyone I've spoken to about this agrees.

Of Interest in the city

**Sailing Into Melbourne** at the Old Treasury Building until 15 February 2015. Entry is free.

A showcase of some of the material of Public Records Office 10.00am to 4:30pm

More information [CLICK](#)

**Seaworks** at Williamstown has now a reasonable collection of displays in their museum. On the weekend (their Maritime Festival) they had plenty of informed sailors, divers, historians and builders keen to share salty stories.

More information about Seaworks [CLICK](#)

Seaworks has on February 15<sup>th</sup> a Maritime Bazaar.. buy, swap or sell

### Grandparent Race coming up

With the increase of Grandparents in WW there is to be a Grandparent race in the near future.

Recently qualified for these races are (on Magic) Graham alias-Windward Buoy & Sue and also Jacqui on Forzado.

Just in case you think that all the ideas written on these pages are never considered, some of them make it to the sail committee.

Don't forget: Tomorrow's race will be counted toward the Century Class series.

Feedback, Photos and reports about your yacht or sailing always welcome. Thanks to Windward Buoy for a great report and stats. Send your story or answers to [Mark WINDward](#)