

Airwaves on the right Frequency Race 16 Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2014-15

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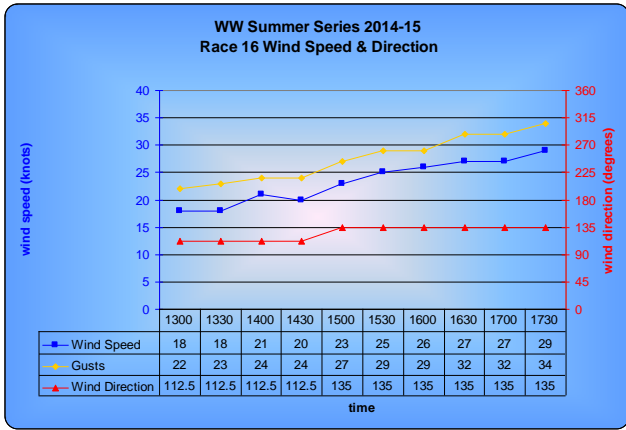
The Traditional 30, AIRWAVES (Rob Fenton) recorded an emphatic win in race 16 crossing the finish line 6 minutes 38 seconds ahead of her closest rival. It was on 23 July 2014 that AIRWAVES last made it to the podium, winning race 16 from a 13 minute handicap. Her handicap has reduced throughout this series and she started from 3rd place 6 seconds late for a 7 minute start. AIRWAVES led the fleet at the first rounding of number 4 after sailing the first four legs of course 63 in 1:03:04. She maintained the lead position for the remainder of the race and sailed the remaining 3 legs of the course in 44 minutes 18 seconds to cross the finish line at 15:24:28. AIRWAVES is the 13th different winner this series and after sailing 11 races she is 36th in the aggregate.



After completing 10 races this series BELLABLU (John Lake) recorded her first podium finish since the 2012-13 summer series. BELLABLU started from 16th place 5 seconds late for her 32 minute handicap. She was in 11th place at the first rounding of number 4 and continued to make ground over the last 3 legs of the race to cross the line in 2nd place at 15:31:06. BELLABLU had sailed the course in 1:29:06 – the 13th fastest time of the race. This second place lifted BELLABLU to 30th place in the aggregate her best position so far this series.

Only 1 second behind BELLABLU was FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard & Joe O'Grady). FOGGY DEW is one of six yachts to have completed all 15 races in the series. Although she has 4 top ten positions against her name this was her first podium finish of the series. She was the 7th yacht to start the race being 11 seconds late for her 19 minute start. At the first rounding of number 4 she had gained 1 place to be in 6th position and picked up another 3 places in the final 3 legs of the race. FOGGY DEW sailed the course in 1:42:07 crossing the finish line at 15:31:07. She is in 18th place in the aggregate moving up from 24th after race 15.

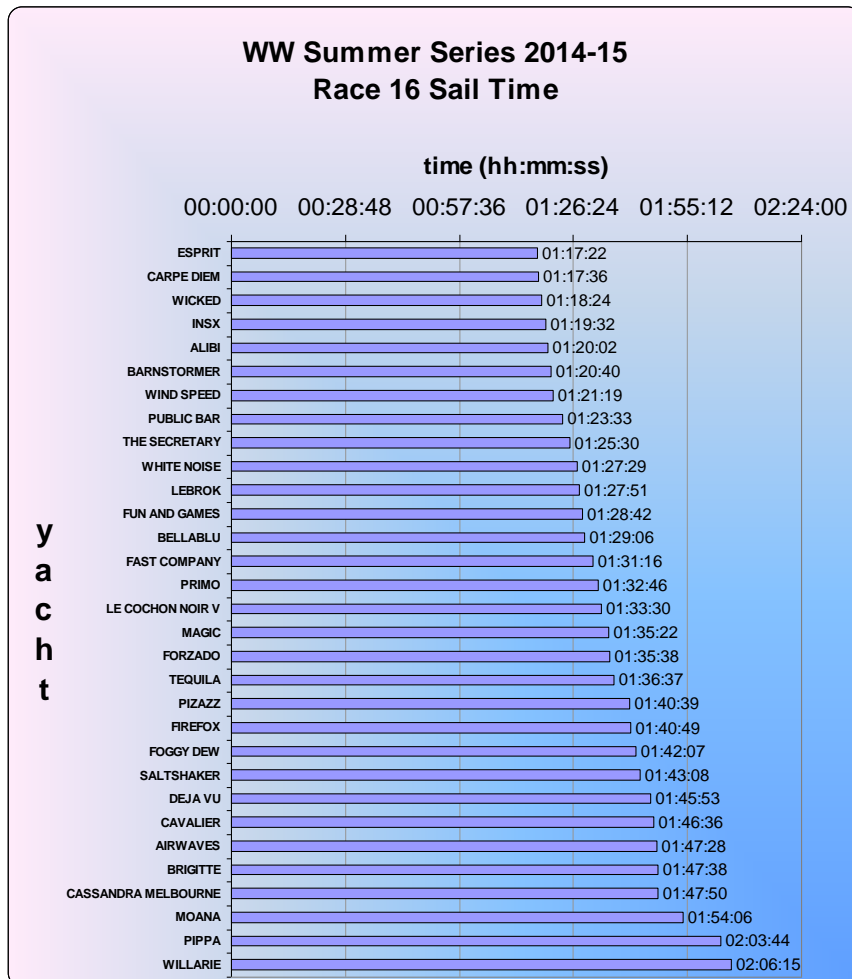




With a south easterly breeze averaging about 23 knots for the afternoon most yachts would have achieved their fastest speed so far this series. Observations from Fawkner Beacon show the breeze increasing from about 18 knots at the start of the race to 29 knots at around 1730. The direction was more consistent, moving from the east south east to south east during the afternoon.

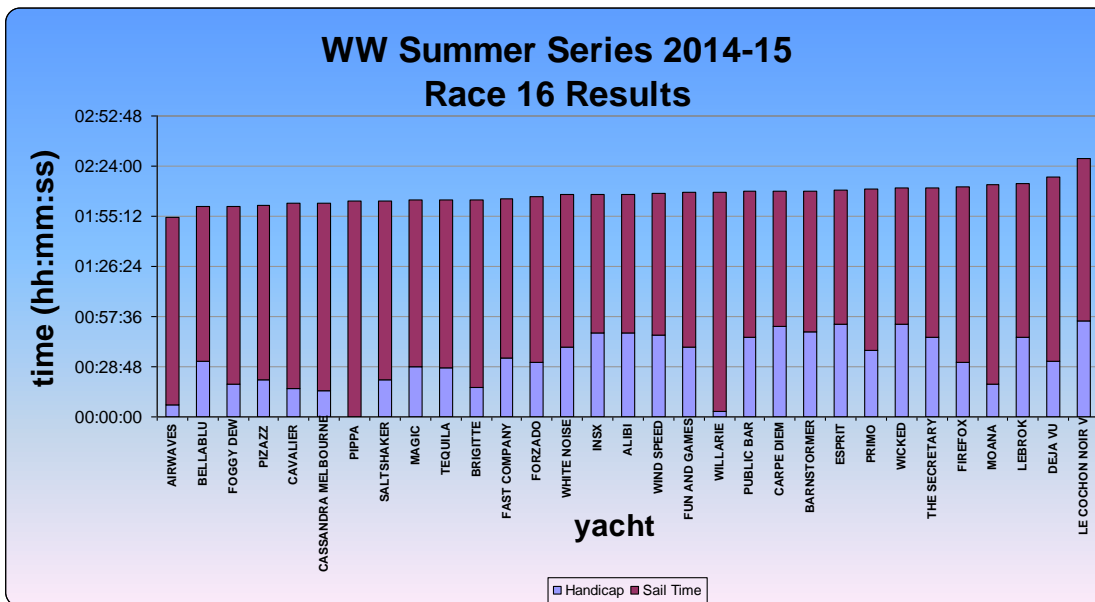
The average time to complete the 9.1 nautical mile course was 1:35:07. The 477 Beneteau, ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) went around in the shortest time 1:17:22 closely followed by CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) in 1:17:36. The two Triton 24's had the best value for money both sailing for over 2 hours.

They averaged 6knts for the race which is close to their top hull speed, occasionally hitting 7~8 knts downwind. MW

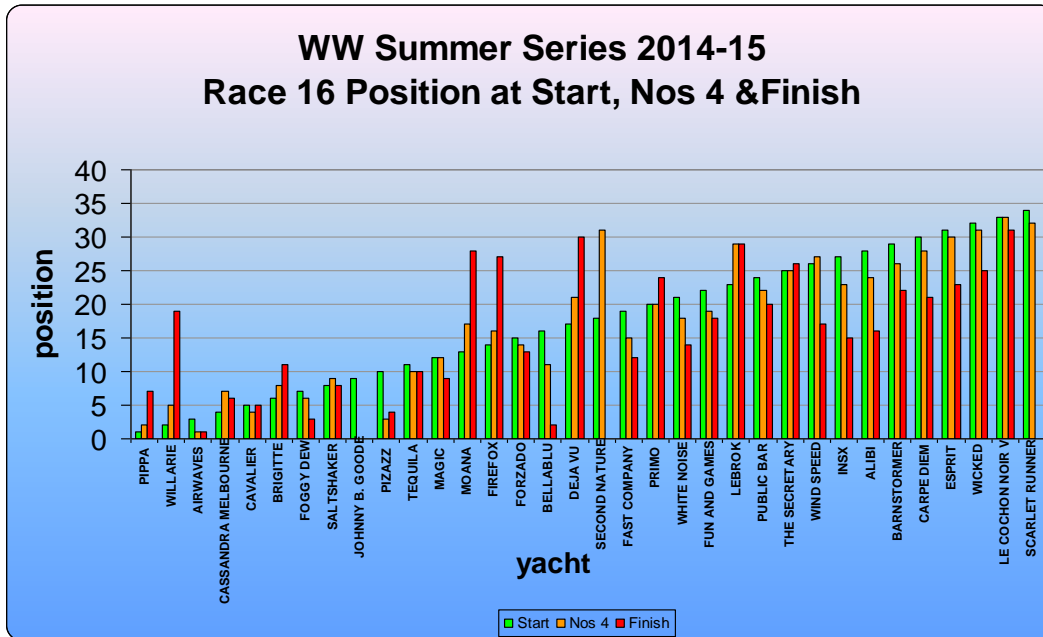


There were 2 visitors in this week's race – SCARLET RUNNER (Rob Date) and LE COCHON NOIR V (Dean Savage). At 52 and 74 feet respectively they both increase the average length of yachts in the WW fleet. With a beam of 22 feet, LE COCHON NOIR V is almost as broad as a Triton is long. SCARLET RUNNER opted to retire from the race whilst LE COCHON NOIR V was last to finish after being the second last to start (14.25.36) but sailed the course in less than average time. Sixty-five minutes separated the yachts at the start of the race, the gap was 39 minutes 30 seconds at the first rounding of number 4 and reduced further to be 34 minutes and 2 seconds at the finish.

As Scarlet Runner was 3:50 mins late for her start this made the starting time a total 68:50mins. I think this is a record amount of time for the starting of a WW race. MW

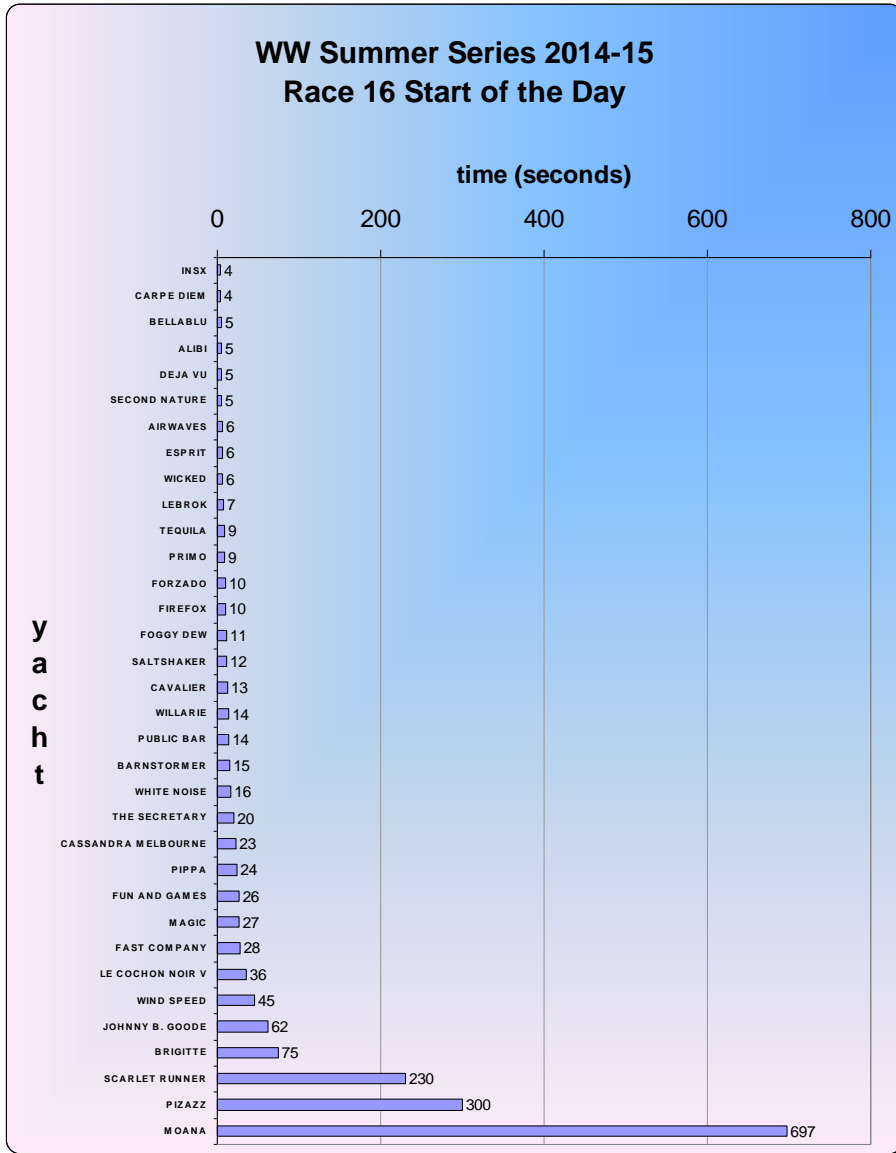


This was a race for the early starters with 9 of them amongst the early finishers. Two of the mid fleet starters were also amongst the early finishers and 8 late starters finished mid fleet.

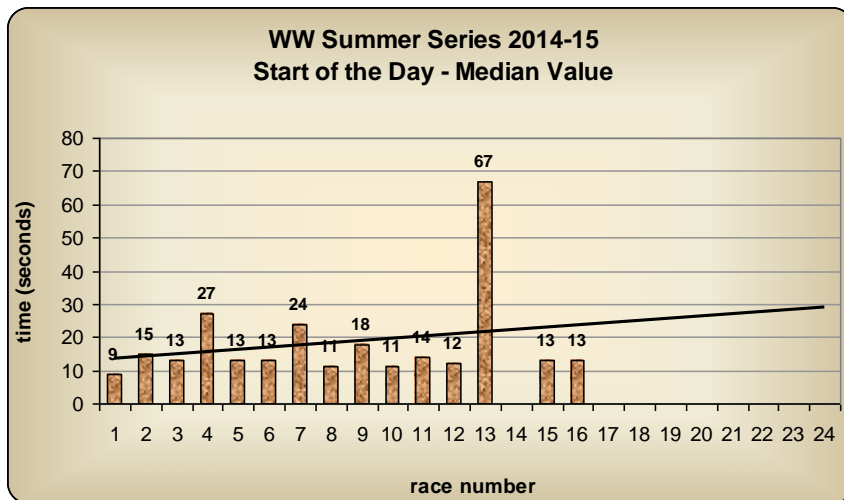


There was a tie for Start of the Day between INSX (Rob Sills) and Carpe Diem (Paul Commins) who both started 4 seconds off their start. The median start time was 13 seconds with 14 yachts starting within 10 seconds of their handicap.



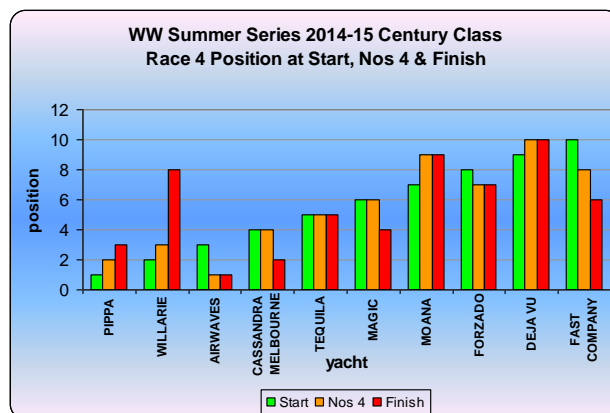


The median value for Start of the day is shown in the graph below. Whilst this indicates a good average median value of 18 seconds for the series, there have been some extremely patient starters.

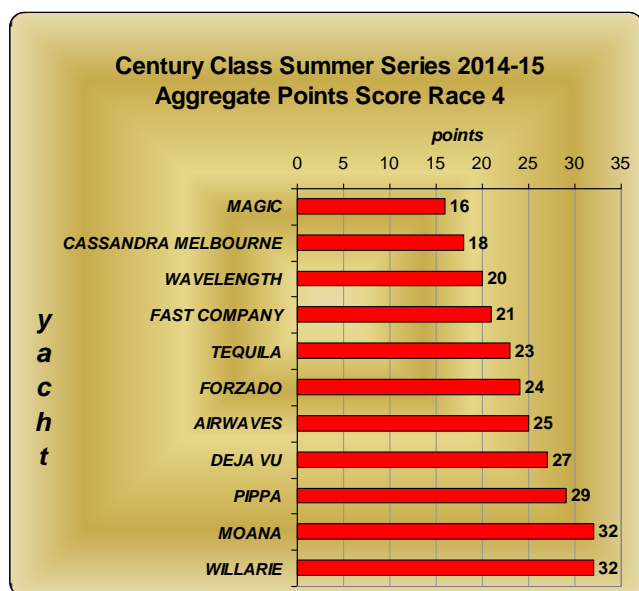


Ten yachts contested what was race 4 in the Century Class series. The race was won by AIRWAVES with CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE 2nd and PIPPA in 3rd place.

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



With 2 races remaining in the series a tight contest is emerging that has MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) leading the aggregate on 16 points closely followed by CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE on 18.



Windward Buooy

Worn out your pants? You could save \$270

The tower management is providing the opportunity for you to purchase PUMA bib and brace wet weather trousers. (Proceeds go to WW Presentation night) Only about 30 are available. Colours 50% Red, & 50% Ladies design in Black
 Sizes S, M, and L & XXL in black S, L, XL & XXL in red. Price \$50 cash only, RRP \$320
 They will be on sale after Race 17 February 4th in the Port Phillip Room, after the conclusion of the race presentations.

Shenandoah

Following up on last weeks question, ABC news report on Seaworld Shenandoah exhibition - *American Civil War: Confederate ship CSS Shenandoah's arrival in Melbourne remembered*, John D has provided the link below. To View details [CLICK](#)

Wednesday Wonders skippers to wear footy jumpers to help identify their yachts

Consideration is being given to require skippers to wear distinguishing clothes so their boat can be easily identified. In some races, particularly in downwind finishes, it is extremely difficult for the tower to identify some yachts. In recent times the use of black numbers on dark sails has made it even more difficult. Some sail makers have agreed to change dark numbers to a brighter colour. Many yachts do not have names or numbers on the side of their hull.

Are you aware that the tower uses some of the clothing you currently wear to check which boat is which? e.g. Daniel on **White Noise** will be difficult to pick if he does not wear his Red Jacket. If you get a different coloured jacket, Daniel, maybe you should let the tower know. They don't want the Noises to get mixed up.

Wind Speed can be confused with **Alibi**. The noise from boats may carry across the water to help identify a yacht but it does not carry to the tower.

Pippa passes the easily identifiable test as long as she doesn't change her hull colour.

Foggy Dew and a few others are picked out by the way their bimini is positioned.

The tower is hoping when the new **Musketeer** arrives it will have another easy to identify cartoon.



When three or more yachts of the same class finish together it is even more difficult.

Sm 3434 & Sm344 & Sm 341 are confusing, not only are their numbers similar but even their life buoys are placed in the same position. Maybe Sm 341 should move theirs to port side.

Sm 628 Lucille is picked out by her black bimini
SM 3411 Brigitte also has a black Bimini
Sm 3434 Pizazz has her bimini tied back

If you change these configurations the tower is going to have difficulty in picking out your yacht. You may have the name of your yacht on the stern but this provides little assistance in recognizing your yacht as it crosses the line.

Some sails have no numbers that can be read on their jib, so to identify the yacht the tower staff have to rely on the shape and size of the skipper.

So if you shave your beard off, alter your weight, wear a different jacket, maybe you should draw the attention of the tower to these changed circumstances so they can record the correct finishing place for you.

If you do not have a clearly identified yacht maybe you could:

Wear a suitable coloured jacket, different to other boats.

Sew footy numbers onto your jacket,

Fly your own ensign or flag,

Wear unique hats,

or better still have a figurehead carved in the best marine tradition and added to your bow.

Thanks from the smaller yachts. A number of early starters have expressed their appreciation of consideration given to them by larger yachts, e.g. passing on the leeward side. It might not seem a big thing if you are in a larger yacht, but for a smaller boat it means it does not stop while you pass.

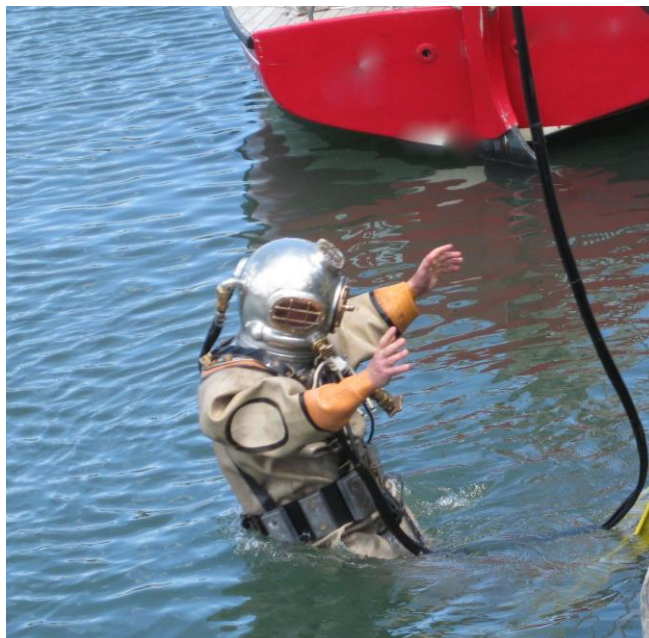
If this race had started at 14:00, it could /would have been:

Finished by 16:30 and there would have been an increase of 3knts at the start

The wind at Fwk.Bcn @ 13.30 ESE 18knt gusting to 23knts, @ 14:00 ESE 21knt gusting to 24 knts.



I have been trying to get a free Hull scrub from Blair Shipwrights by winning start of the day. It is so difficult to do I am trying to check out other means to clean my hull. I think I may have found a suitable solution and a crewmember to do the task.



Responses to Race 15 questions: An extra week is allowed – answers by next week.

Question for Race 16:

What year and season was the Wednesday Wonders race results shown below?

(Thanks to Bernie, who is not permitted to answer this question).

It is interesting to compare and note the changes in yachts, skippers and the size of the fleet.

WEDNESDAY WONDERS results Start : 13:30:00

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	Skipper	Score	Fin Tim	TCF	Cor d	T	Vis
1	SM1101	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	02:23:58	BERNIE MOORE	1.0	15:53:58	02:23:58			
2	SM385	FIREFOX	02:26:26	KIM BEVERIDGE	2.0	15:56:26	02:26:26			
3	SM342	AMICUS II	02:26:54	JOHN STENFORD	3.0	15:56:54	02:26:54			
4	SM2000	LIONHEART	02:29:08	GEOFF MIDDLETON	4.0	15:59:08	02:29:08			
5	SM1020	TEQUILA	02:30:00	ALAN COLLINS	5.0	16:00:00	02:30:00			
6	SM616	MAGIC	02:30:27	PHIL SPRY-BAILEY	6.0	16:00:27	02:30:27			
7	SM226	RED WILLIAM	02:30:43	CHARLES AMOS	7.0	16:00:43	02:30:43			
8	SM367	LEBROK	02:30:51	THEO KORBEL	8.0	16:00:51	02:30:51			
9	SM7314	FORZADO	02:31:17	BRUCE DOBBIE	9.0	16:01:17	02:31:17			
10	SM3540	CHEQUEMATE	02:32:09	IAN WHITBREAD	10.0	16:02:09	02:32:09			
11	SM424	BARNSTORMER	02:32:18	BRIAN BARNES	11.0	16:02:18	02:32:18			
12	SM99	PRIMO	02:32:43	STEVE COPLEY	12.0	16:02:43	02:32:43			
13	SM600	FUN AND GAMES	02:32:55	Alan Edwards	13.0	16:02:55	02:32:55			
14	SM178	ALIBI	02:33:02	D Hambleton	14.0	16:03:02	02:33:02			
15	SM3838	CLOCKWORK	02:33:20	Frank McDermott		16:03:20	02:33:20			Yes
16	SM3110	I CAN	02:33:44	GEOFF CARR	15.0	16:03:44	02:33:44			
17	6107	THE SECRETARY	02:34:21	GEORGE SHAW	16.0	16:04:21	02:34:21			
18	SM4407	MUSKETEER	02:35:51	PAUL JACKA	17.0	16:05:51	02:35:51			
19	SM4504	BELLABLU	02:36:05	JOHN LAKE	18.0	16:06:05	02:36:05			
20	AUS219	ULTIMATE TUNE	02:36:49	EDDIE WALL-SMITH	19.0	16:06:49	02:36:49			
21	SM573	PUBLIC BAR	02:37:44	CLIVE SONDEHEIM	20.0	16:07:44	02:37:44			
22	SM440	PAUHANA	02:38:03	Philip Martin	21.0	16:08:03	02:38:03			
23	SM6	MOSHIO	02:38:38	DAMIEN THOMAS	22.0	16:08:38	02:38:38			
24	SM337	MISTY BLUE	02:43:16	BRUCE CORAM	23.0	16:13:16	02:43:16			

Just 8 races left for this season. Time to make your final run.

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