

An Encore From Moana & Johnny B. Goode

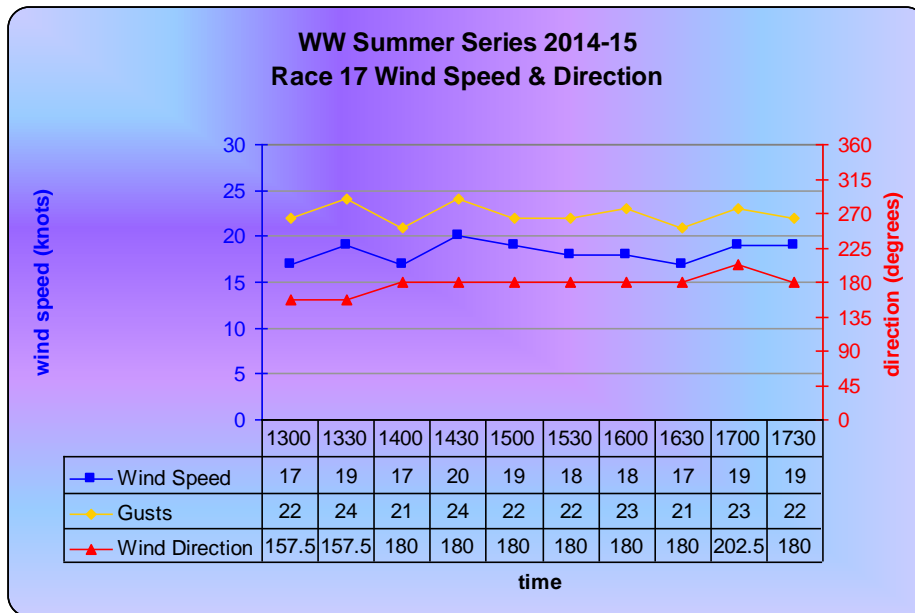
Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2014-15 Race 17

4th Feb 2015

For the first 13 races of the series there was plenty of blue sky, flat seas and a breeze at Fawkner Beacon that averaged about 11 knots. For the last three races there has been more water over the deck with 1 to 1.5 metre seas, more cloud and an average breeze of 18 knots. With the increase in the breeze there has been a decrease in the average sail time of about 29 minutes.



For the first 13 races the average sail time was 2:06:21 whilst the last 3 races have an average sail time of 1:37:27. Not that any of these changes in the weather have deterred the WW fleet turning out on Wednesday which has seen an average of 37 yachts completing each race regardless of the conditions.



There were very similar conditions to race 17 back in race 6 when there were cloudy skies, 1.5 metre seas and an average breeze of 18 knots. The winner of that race was the Bluewater 40, MOANA (Stan Rankin) who beat the Oceanis 34, JOHNNY B. GOODE (John Chipp) by a margin of 3 minutes 45 seconds. In race 17 the same two yachts were again on the podium this time separated by a margin of 5 minutes 5 seconds.



MOANA had a good start only 5 seconds late for an 18-minute handicap. By the time she had completed the first 3 legs of the race in 1:15:02 she had moved from 6th to 1st place. She sailed the remaining 3 legs of course 61 in 37 minutes 7 seconds to record her 2nd win of the series crossing the finish at 15:41:14.

MOANA is one of 6 yachts to have completed 16 races this series and has recorded 3 podium finishes with 2 of them occurring in the last 3 races. She has a total of 98 points in the aggregate, which puts her in 24th place.



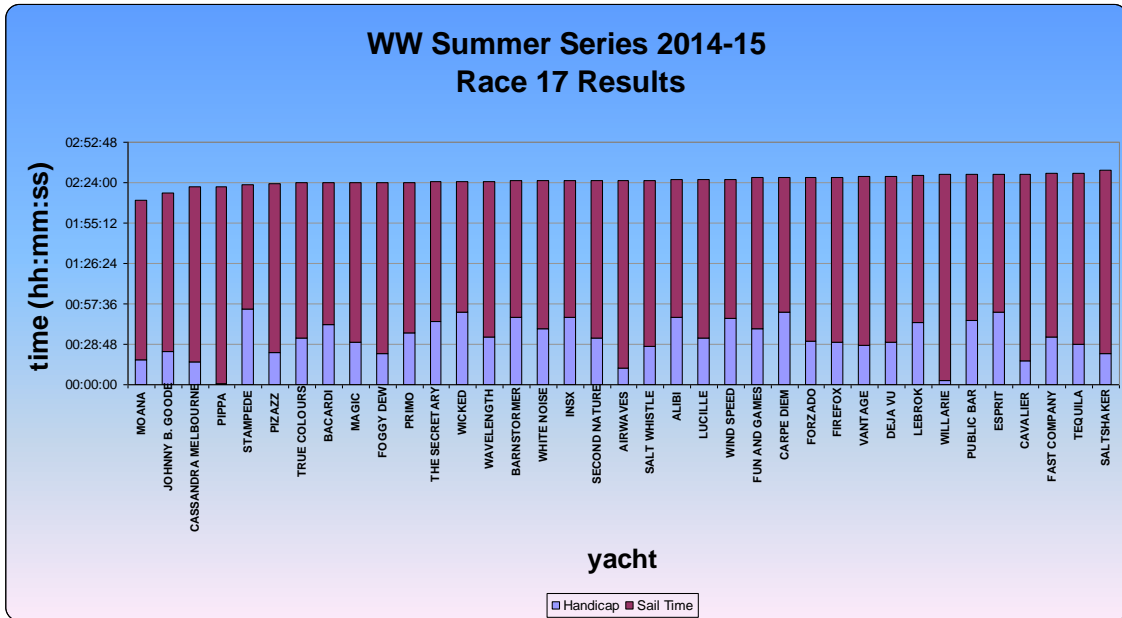
JOHNNY B.GOODER has completed 15 races this series and recorded 2 podium finishes. She had a good start to this race only 7 seconds late for a 24 minute handicap. She moved up from 10th position at the start to be 5th around number 4 for the first time. JOHNNY B.GOODER completed the course in 1:52:19 and crossed the finish line in 2nd place at 15:46:19. This 2nd place gave her a good lift in the aggregate moving from 34th into 26th position.



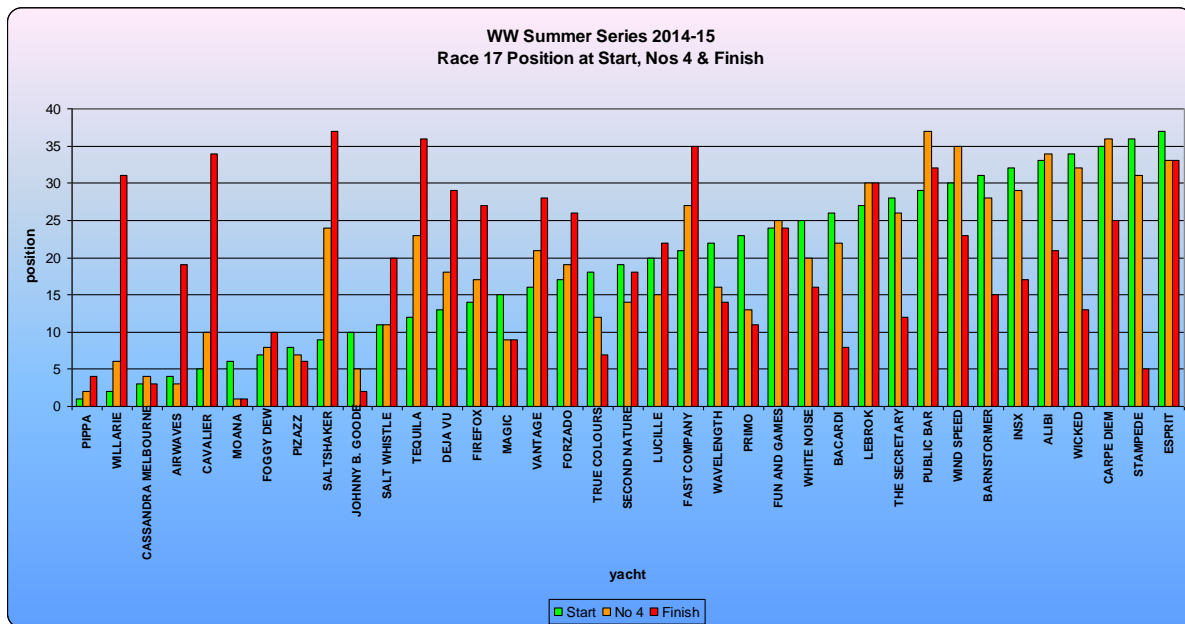
Another yacht completing all 16 races this series is CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) who finished 4 minutes 28 seconds astern of JOHNNY B.GOODER to record her first podium finish of the series.

CASSANDRA started the race 18 seconds late for her 16 minute handicap. At the first rounding of number 4 she was lying 4th and was the 4th yacht to cross the line only to discover AIRWAVES (Rob Fenton) crossing in 3rd had started to soon, received a 5 minute penalty, leaving CASSANDRA to take 3rd position. CASSANDRA had sailed the course in 2:04:47 finishing at 15:50:47. She is 18th in the aggregate with a total of 86 points.

There were mixed results for yachts of the same type. The Triton 24 PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) finished in 4th place whilst WILLARIE (Graeme Kaufman) finished 31st. Of the Farr 1020's, WAVELENGTH (Brendan Kruger) finished 14th, FORZADO (Bruce Dobbie) 26th, FAST COMPANY (Albert Doggett) 35th and TEQUILA (Alan Collins) 36th. It was the Beneteau 367 PRIMO (Steve Copley) that finished 11th with sister yacht LEBROK (Theo Korbel) finishing 30th.



53 minutes separated the fleet at the start of the race reducing to 21 minutes 46 seconds at the first rounding of number 4. This difference was slightly reduced by the finish to 21 minutes 40 seconds – the 6th closest finish of the series.



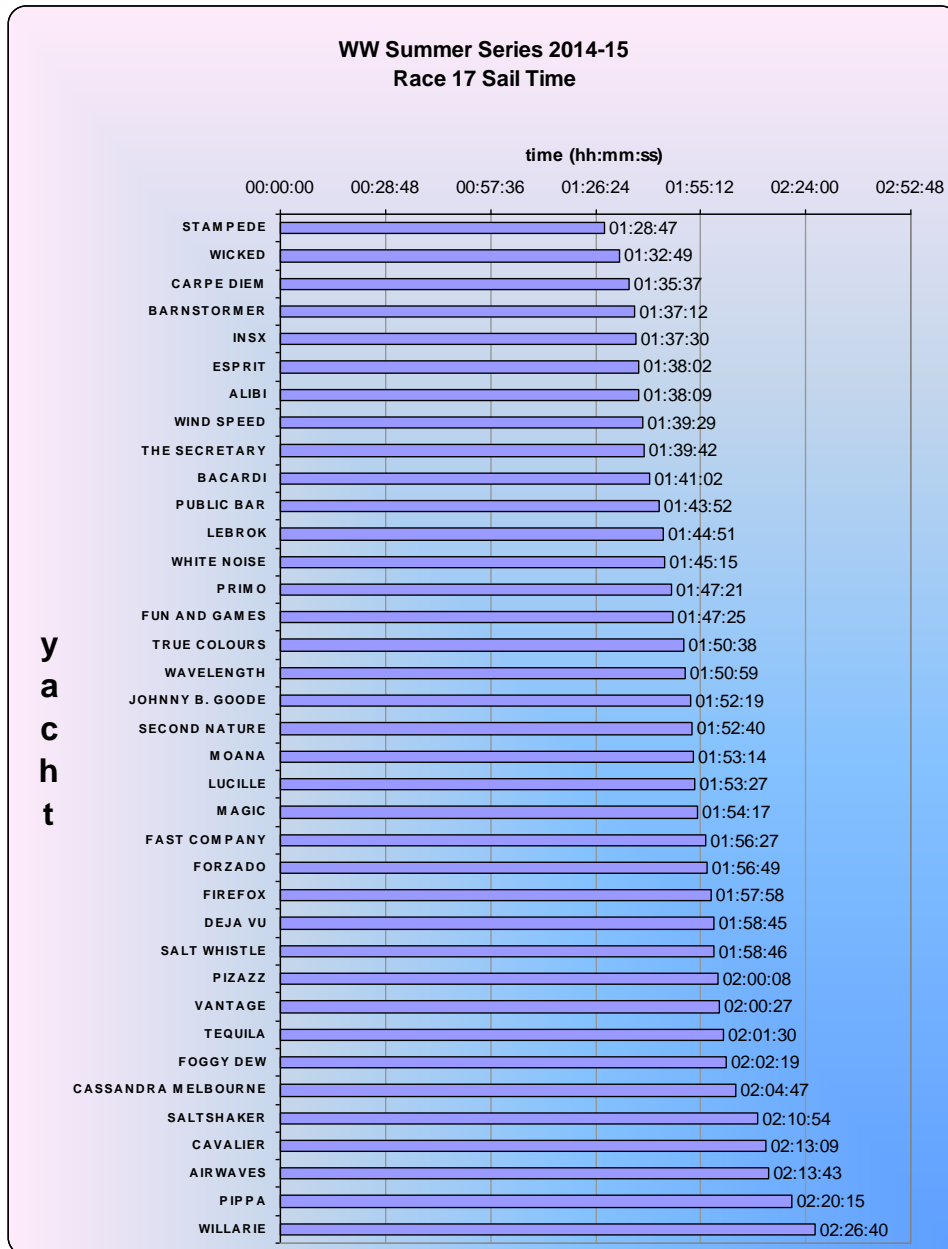
STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) sailed the course in the fastest time of 1:28:47 compared to the average sail time of 1:53:38. This is the 5th time out of 12 races that STAMPEDE has recorded the fastest time.

Ten yachts had a sail lasting more than 2 hours.

The two smallest yachts had an average of 5knts taking 2:20. Pippa's skipper was excited to see that his GPS had recorded top speeds of 12knts. It also recorded a distance for the course of 12.60nm. It would be of interest to know what distance the larger yachts recorded for sailing the course. The official length is 9.8 nm

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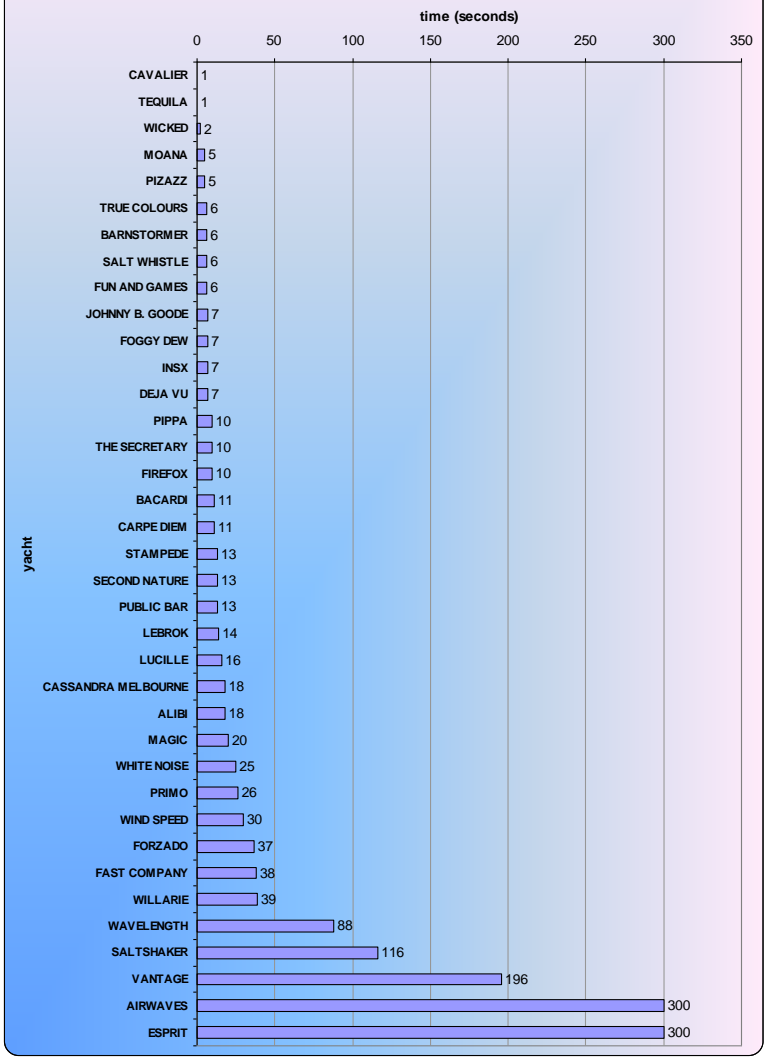


Two yachts, CAVALIER (David Lynch) and TEQUILA (Alan Collins) tied for Start of the Day both within 1 second of their respective starts. There were 16 yachts that started within 10 seconds of their handicap with 13 seconds being the median start time for the race. Two yachts started too early and it proved very costly after the addition of the 5-minute penalty. AIRWAVES dropped 16 places to finish 19th whilst ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) dropped from 15th to 33rd.

We are checking to see if a drop from 15 to 33 (4th last) is a record for the most places lost (18) for crossing the line early. Airwaves did an impressive gybe to pull away from Cassandra approaching the finish line to actually finish 5 seconds in front after having been locked in a very close battle approaching the finish line. Pity it did not count.

From 5th place to 37th there was just 10 mins separation. The handicapper should have a smile on his face with that result. MW

WW Summer Series 2014-15
Race 17 Start of the Day



There have been some late one off starts this series although there have been later ones in past. MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette Moore) has established a firm grip on the Patient Starters Table with a one off record start time of 1181 seconds late (over 19 minutes) not really challenged by PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) with a time of 900 seconds (15 minutes). The table below shows yachts that have started more than 5 minutes late for their respective handicap. The majority of late starts occurred in race 13 when the breeze was less than 5 knots.

PATIENT STARTERS			
YACHT	SKIPPER	TIME (SECONDS)	RACE
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	Bernadette Moore	1181	9
PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	900	13
CAVALIER	David Lynch	787	13
WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	703	13
MOANA	Stan Rankin	697	16
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	556	13
FOGGY DEW	F Hilliard & J O'Grady	479	13
SALTSHAKER	Ken Gayler	336	13
VANTAGE	Darren Hunter	329	1

Rumor has it they have all narrowly escaped disqualification for loitering.

Mark Windward's Words

SOLD OUT The tower management sold out completely of all the Puma Pants. A BIG thank you to the Tower Administration for arranging the sale of these overpants. This has boosted WW presentation night funds.

The other bonus was there were many more sailors who came up to the bar after the race. Good to see you all. Sorry about the two gentlemen who waited patiently in the queue to buy jackets, not pants..... maybe next time.

A 14.00 Summer start? The Wind strength actually decreased between 13.30 and 14.00. That is something different. It did move to the South in the first 30 mins. However, it was more like a winters day rather than summer. It did settle after 14:00 to a southerly, where it remained. Fwk. bcn. @13:30 SSE 19knts gusting to 24 and @ 14:00 South 17knts gusting to 21.

Revised Raffle ticket prices~ with the same probability of winning

The old prices were 5 for \$2 and 15 for \$5

The new prices are 1 for \$2 and 3 for \$5

The improvement is you will have a higher chance of being close to a winning ticket, but the real benefit is that it will not be necessary to buy 8 books of tickets each week. With fewer ticket books needed the saving will mean more funds for presentation night.

If you have done your maths and worked out the probability of buying a winning ticket you will be aware that the revised version gives you the same probability to win. Just less tickets.

MAS System installed will save owner money.

A new boat is on its way to SYC but is having a modification before sailing at Sandringham. It is called a MAS (Mark Avoidance System), which apparently will make the yacht much cheaper to run.

Answers to race 15 Questions

Define the following words as they apply to Nautical Terms

1 Muzzle ~ A strong wind which blows directly down a vessel's intended course. Synonymous with "nose-ender."

2. Libration ~ Nodding of the moon's axis together with a slight variation in her revolution which results in her showing a little more than the area we normally see.
41% being visible at all times,
59% being visible at one time or another

3. Box Hauling ~ A method of bringing a close-hauled ship around upon the other tack by throwing the head sails aback, if it refuses to tack and there is no room to wear.

4. Brash Ice ~ Brash Ice is Ice that is 6ft diameter just below surface

5. Hogged ~ The situation of a vessel when she rises higher in the middle part than at the ends; the opposite of sagged.

6. Lose the Fang ~ A Fang is the valve of a pump box.

To lose the fang, said of a pump when the water has gone out; hence:

To fang a pump, to supply it with the water necessary to make it operate.

7. Host Men ~ Newcastle on Tyne men responsible for coal

January 4, 1661, the hostmen of Newcastle appear to have had intentions of balancing the coal-trade of Newcastle with that of Sunderland, by procuring a shilling per chaldron to be laid also upon coals exported from Sunderland.

8. Kentledge ~ Pig iron ballast

9. Lagan ~ Jettisoned goods put over the side to reduce weight but buoyed to enable recovery

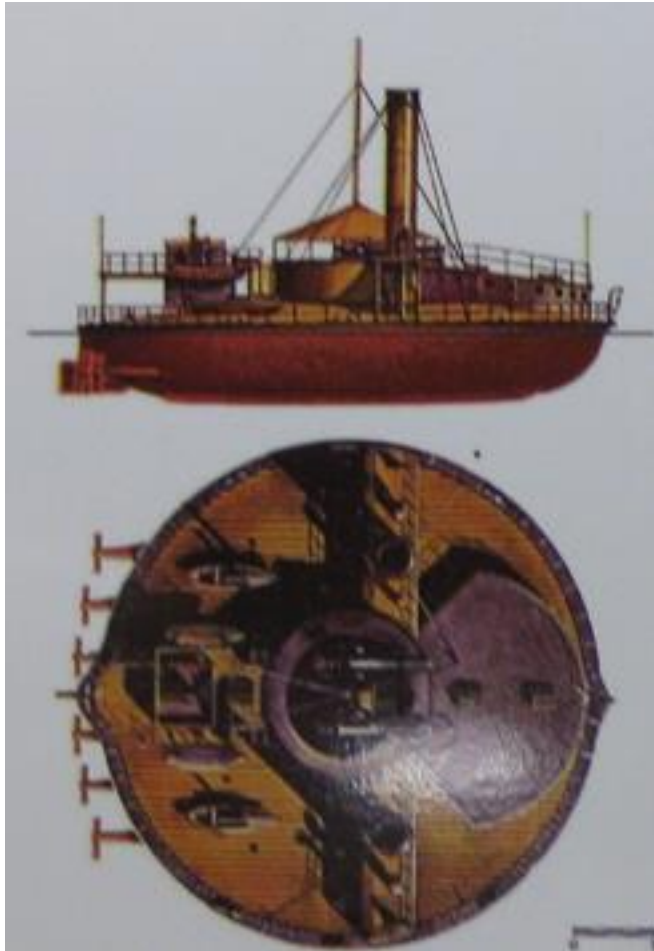
10. Lee Tide ~ Flow of tide in the same direction of the wind

Question for Race 17

What can you tell Mark about this Naval vessel? The model shown below was actually built in the 1800's. It probably seemed like a good idea at the time. When it was built it was said to be the "Ugliest Warship ever Built" It had 8 coal fired boilers and six engines.

Send your answer to Mark

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My sometimes crew and son sent me this photo to prove he was "working hard" at Gippsland Lakes. He was in charge St Leonard's Students

I will have to see if I can get a good charter deal to get down to the lakes and sail there again.

Please send any feedback, photos and comments to [Mark Windward](#)

"I try to watch what I eat and yet my eyes just aren't quick enough."