

WW Summer Series 2014-15 Race 22 BACARDI WINS A CLOSE ONE

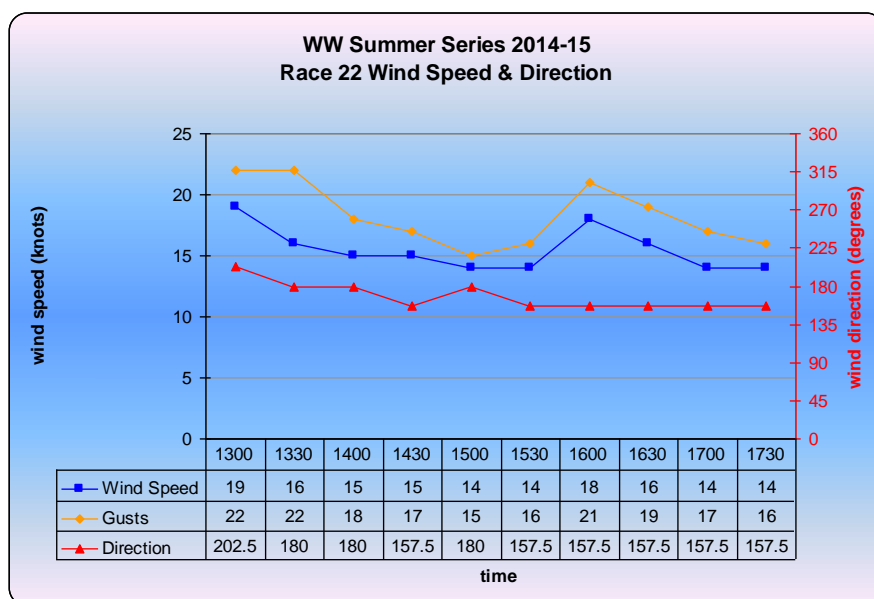
(11 Mar 2015)

This race was the second closest finish of the series with sixteen minutes fifty-nine seconds separating the first from last of the 35-yacht fleet. It included a tie for 15th place between CAVALIER (David Lynch) and SALT WHISTLE (Alex Hall) with a yacht crossing the finish at an average of every 29 seconds. SURI (Rick Blanck) 12th and STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) 13th finished 1 second apart as did WICKED (Mike Welsh) 20th and UPBEAT (Peter Dunne) 21st as well as ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) 23rd and White NOISE (Daniel Edwards) 24th. (Have a thought for the race management staff that accurately recorded the yacht number and time of each finisher).



This was in stark contrast to the previous race which recorded a gap of 1:15:06 between the first and last yacht to finish with a further 10 yachts not completing the race.

A significant difference between the two races was the breeze. By race start Fawkner Beacon recorded 16 knots and an average of around 15 knots recorded for the afternoon. This was enough to power all the 35 yachts around the 6 leg, 9.8 nautical mile course 61 in an average time of a little over 2 hours. By comparison, race 21 had an average breeze of about 5 knots with yachts sailing a 6.3 nautical mile course in an average of 3:16:59.





Starting from 24th position, 7 seconds late for her 45-minute handicap was the Peterson 46 BACARDI (Martin Power). After sailing for 1:09:45 she arrived at number 4 for the first time at 15:24:12 in 15th place. She sailed the remaining 3 legs of the course in 36 minutes 52 seconds to be first across the finish line at 16:00:04. BACARDI has completed 9 races this series and has 2 podium and 5 top ten finishes. Her results are better when the breeze is over 10 knots and better still when it is over 15 knots. BACARDI is placed 43rd in the aggregate.

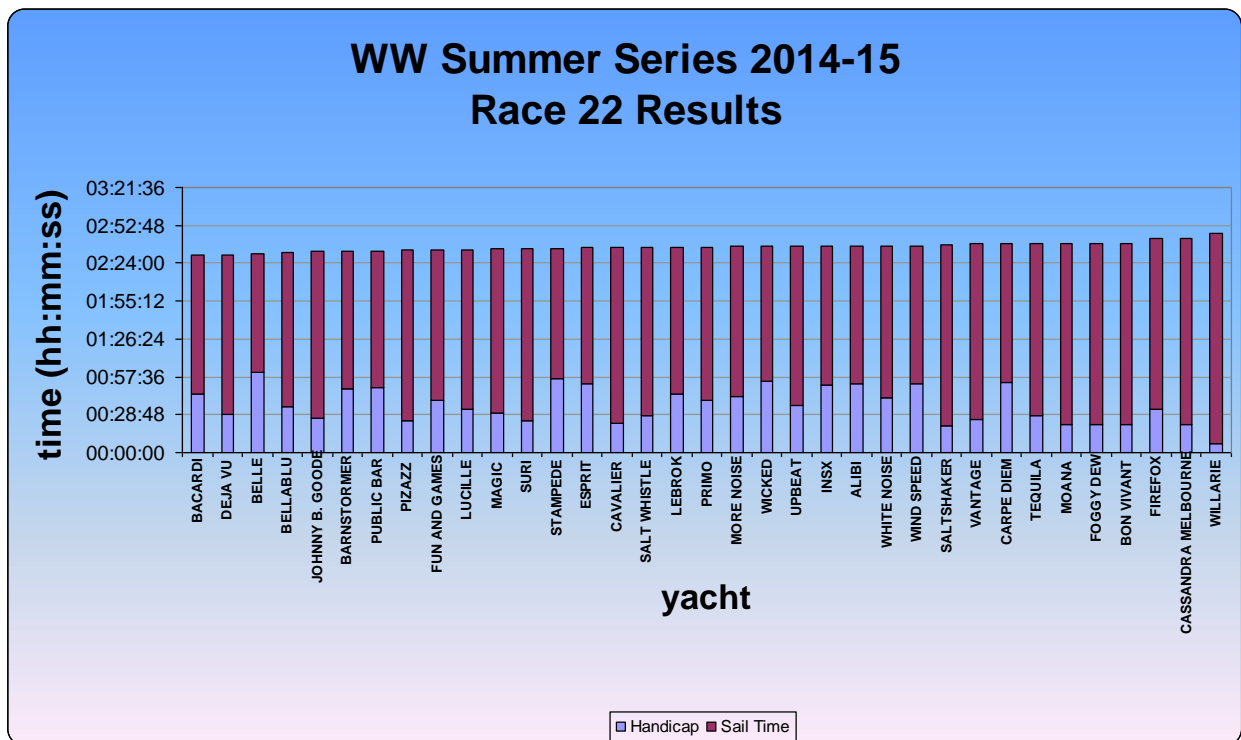


Finishing in 2nd place, 19 seconds behind BACARDI was DÉJÀ VU (Peter Dransfield) who made this her 2nd podium finish in 15 completed races. DÉJÀ VU had a good start 5 seconds late for 29 minute handicap from 14th place. She was already in the lead at the first rounding of number 4, 3 minutes 6 seconds ahead of BACARDI. DÉJÀ VU sailed the last 3 legs of the course in 39 minutes 47 seconds to cross the finish line at 16:00:23. This 2nd place by DÉJÀ VU lifted her 2 places to be 33rd in the aggregate.

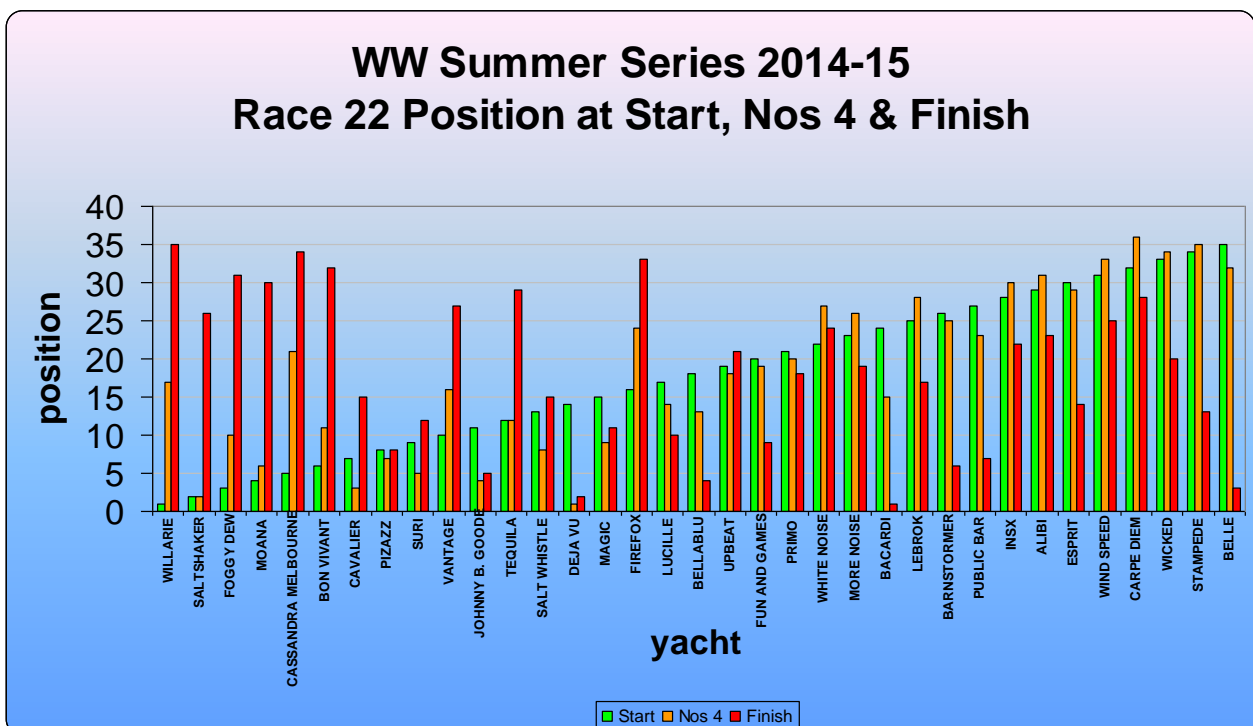


Starting at the back of the fleet, 4 seconds late for a 61-minute handicap and sailing the course in the fastest time of the day to finish in 3rd place was BELLE (Doug Painter). She had only made up 5 places after the first 3 legs of the course but powered through the fleet passing a further 29 yachts to cross the finish line at 16:01:12 after sailing the course in 1:30:12. BELLE has completed 11 races this series and after missing the two previous races she returned with a vengeance in race 22 to record her 3rd podium and 6th top ten finish. This 3rd place lifted her 7 places in the aggregate to be in 15th position. She is one of three yachts to have 2 wins in the series.

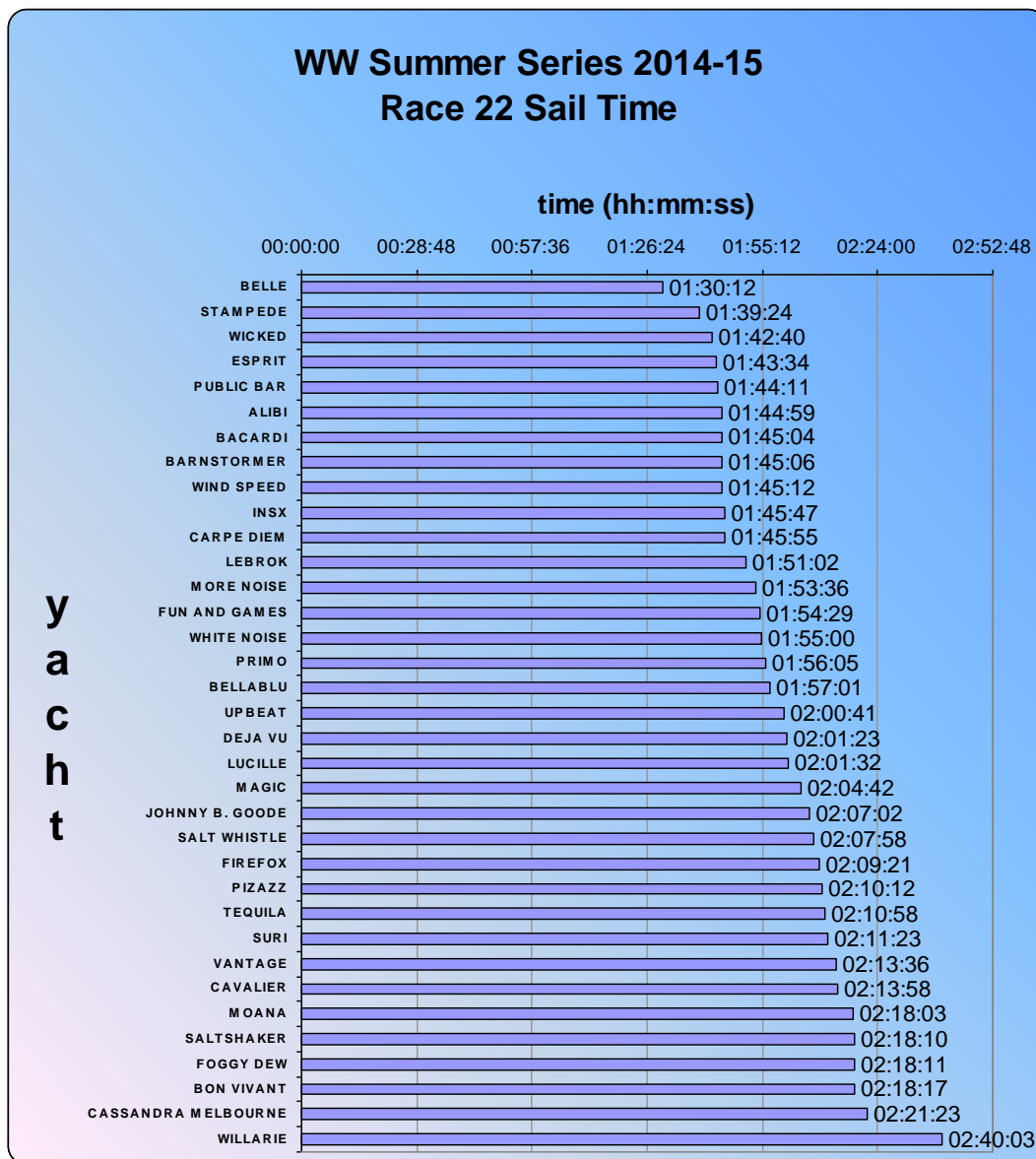
The fleet started the race 54 minutes apart and by the first rounding of number 4 were only 13 minutes 32 seconds apart. By the end of the race the fleet was 16 minutes 59 seconds apart.



It was the mid fleet and late starters that made an impression on this race with 9 of them finishing in the top 12. Only 3 early starters were amongst the early finishers. Of the leading 10 yachts in the aggregate only 2 of them, BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes) and PUBLIC BAR (Clive Sondheim) were amongst the first ten across the finish line.

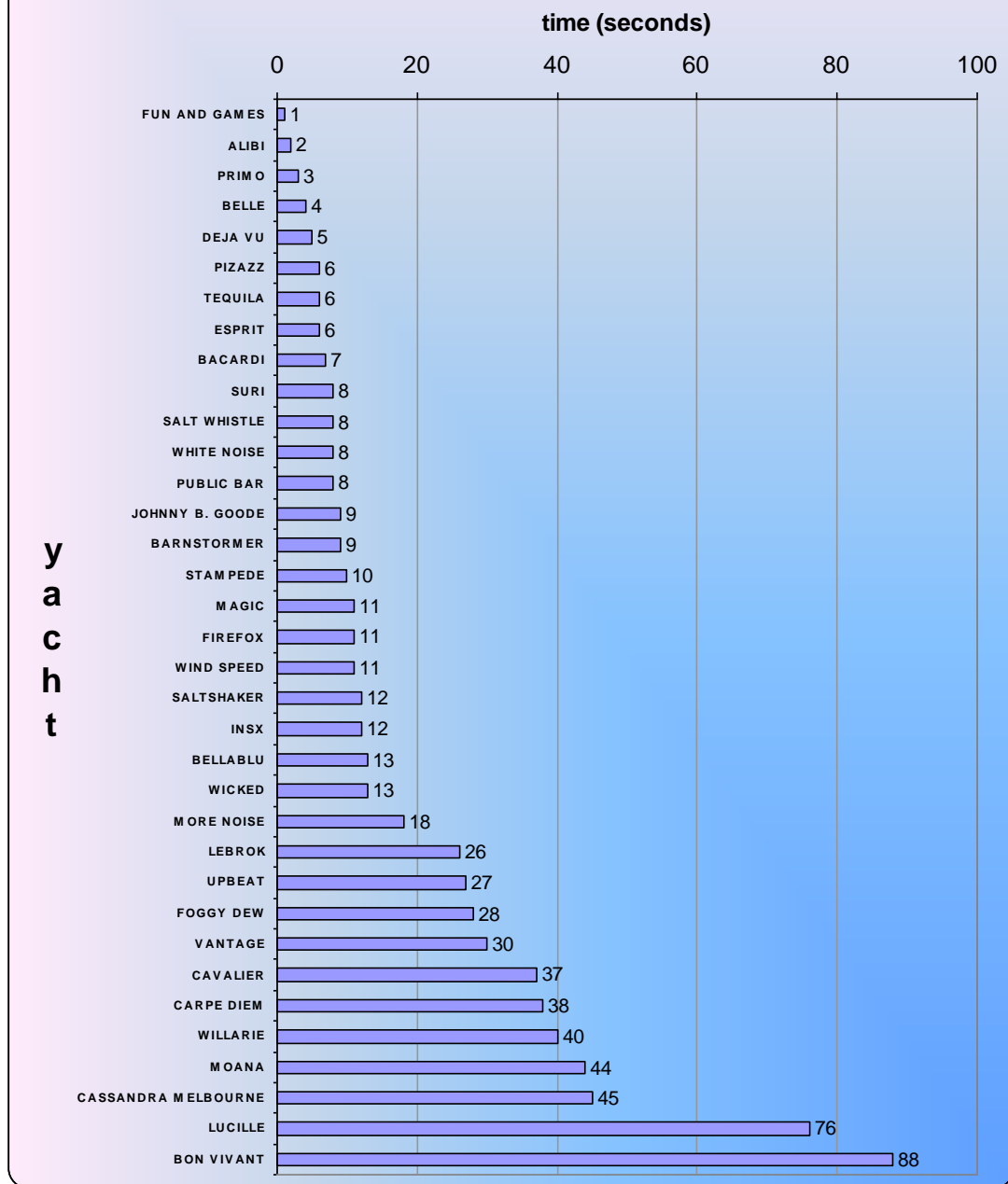


The average time to sail the course was 2:00:11 with a range of 1:09:51. It was BELLE that sailed the course in fastest time of 1:30:12. She sailed the same course in a time of 1:43:46 in race 4 in a northerly breeze averaging about 14 knots.



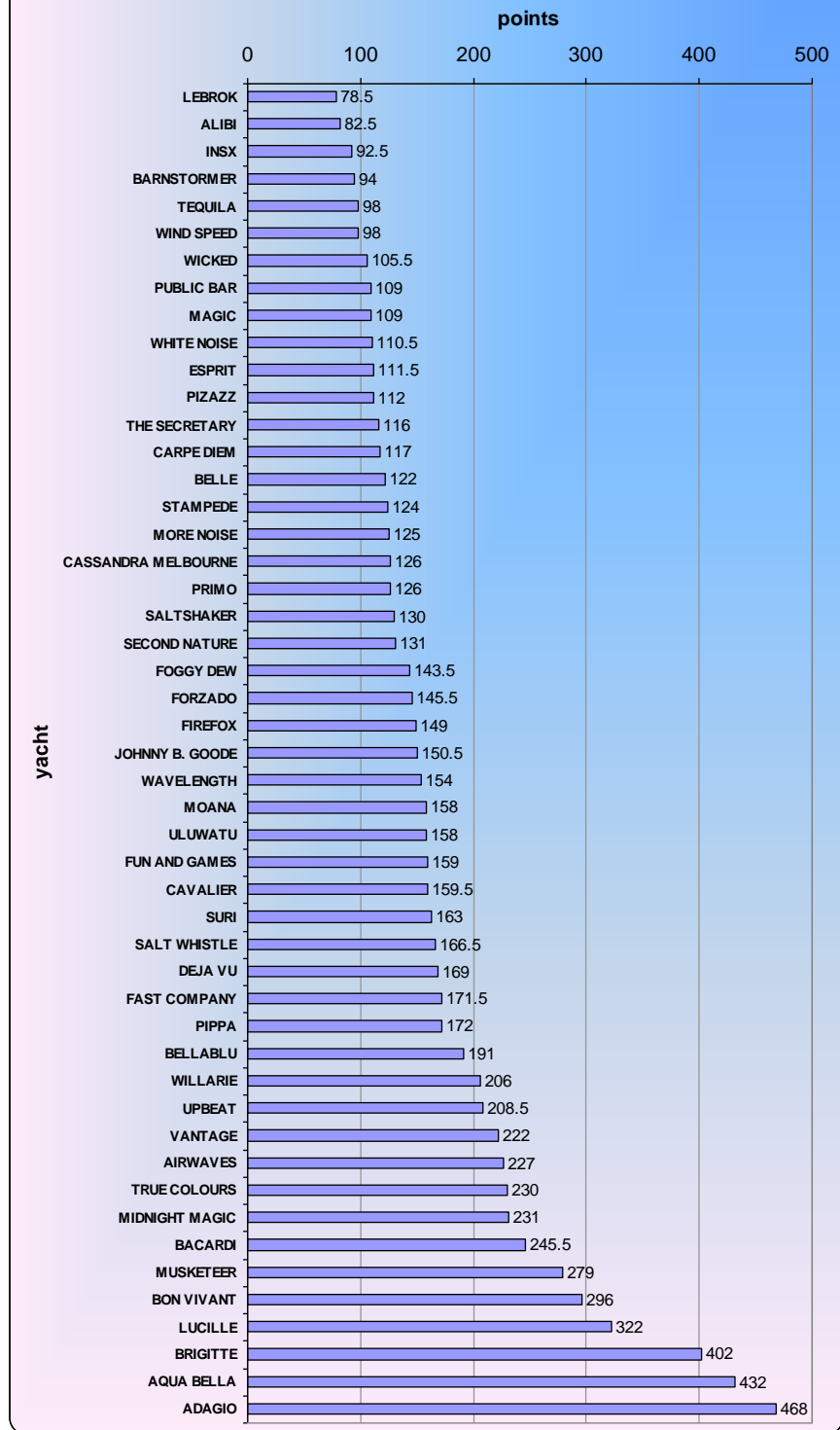
START of the DAY was won by FUN & GAMES (Alan Edwards) starting 1 second late for her 40-minute handicap. It was a competitive start with 16 yachts starting within 10 seconds of their respective starts and 28 yachts starting within 30 seconds of their handicaps. The median start time was 18 seconds.

WW Summer Series 2014-15 Race 22 Start of the Day



There are only 2 scheduled races remaining in the series and if they go ahead as planned then there will be a total of 23 races this summer with the best 12 results included in the aggregate. Forty-nine yachts entered the aggregate and there is every chance that 40 of those yachts will finish with 12 results qualifying results. Although there hasn't been any great positional change to the aggregate table over recent weeks the aggregate winner and the composition of the top ten will depend upon the outcome of the last 2 races. The following graph shows the standings in the aggregate at the completion of race 22.

WW Summer Series 2014-15 Aggregate Race 22



A great photographic opportunity seems to have gone missing when SALT WHISTLE (Alex Hall) lassoed number 4 at the start of the race. A number of fascinated onlookers witnessed the lassoing, which caused number 4 to heel well over before being released to spring back to vertical. SALT WHISTLE followed the lassoing by a very smartly executed 360. Despite the incident, SALT WHISTLE still had a good start, only 8 seconds late for a 28-minute handicap and finished the race a very respectable 15th. It is believed the skipper, crew, yacht and number 4 will all “get over it” but there could be the occasional remainder.



Before the race there was a lot of interest in the training exercise being undertaken by the police and ambulance helicopters. They were lifting and lowering people (volunteers?) into an inflatable. One observer christened this procedure "tea bagging" which seemed appropriate when the descending individual missed the inflatable and ended up in the water. Nevertheless, it is very reassuring to know that this procedure is available. You never know when it may be required.

Windward
Buoy

Mark Windward missed his first race of the season due to a family event on Wednesday out of town, so limited comments are noted for this race. It has given him the opportunity to include some information about Jacquie Hope, a one time Triton 24 WW sailor, who is now crewing on Déjà vu, and for her future plans read on.....

World News

Mark was questioned by a skipper as to why he had not mentioned Jacquie Hope's new yacht (a 1989 Sadler 32). Jacquie has purchased it to sail solo around the world. Mark did know this but it was not public information and Mark did not want to start rumors.

Jacquie has now lifted the embargo and it is official that her new yacht, now named **Shanti** (no longer Dad's Dream .. maybe dad's nightmare might have been appropriate), is the vessel she intends to sail solo around the world. She has already completed a few long solo voyages.

Just to save Jacquie explaining the name to everyone, let me quote a little of the story behind her choice:

As I had been missing out on music while working on the boat I put on a CD and the second song was, 'Down to the Sea Again'. It is a magnificent song, and I adore the chorus, 'Sing me a shanty'. While listening to it, the word 'Shanty' resonated with me, and I thought, that might make a good name for the boat. I found out shanty is a "shipboard work song", or "an irregular, low-cost dwelling", which describes my small, low budget cruising yacht.

I mentioned it to my daughter Shoni, whose name was also chosen euphonically. She asked why not Shanti with an i, instead of a y? So I looked that up and found this definition:

"Shanti" – (Sanskrit) "inner peace; a state of being mentally and spiritually at peace, with enough knowledge and understanding to keep oneself strong in the face of discord or stress." "Peace, calmness, tranquility or bliss." Well that sounded just perfect!

So I completed all the reams of paperwork, the Stat Dec's regarding previous owners back to the builder, the Builder's Certificate, etc. and paid my \$1190 for Australian Registration. A week later I was advised that my application had been approved. I could have the name "Shanti".

RACE QUESTION 21

A comprehensive well informed response from Mr. Dennis Hambleton. Dennis may be a bit older and wiser than I thought, or maybe it is just that he is just very well informed about types of yachts.

However, as it was the long weekend and some other sailors might need a bit more time and help, Dennis' answers will be held over until next week. A few more clues are provided for those not so well informed as Dennis.



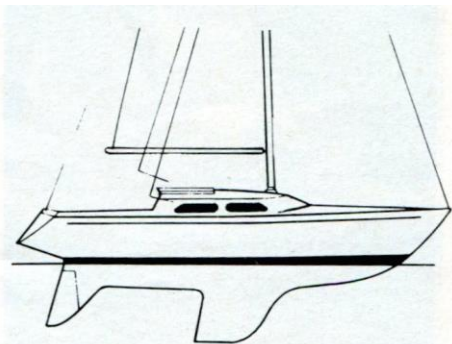
LOA, 7.2m. LWL, 5.7m. Beam, 2.25m. Draft, 1.25m. Sail area, 25sq m. Displacement, 1.7t. Ballast, 748kg. Excellent sitting head room and space below. Four berths in glass furniture, galley, WC and lighting. . . . race as a class in NSW and hold own state championships. Sailaway price approximately \$7000. Builders: Boat Company, Sydney, NSW.



LOA, 7.2m. LWL, 5.5m. Beam, 2.5m. Draft, 1.5m. Displacement, 1200kg. Ballast, 500kg. Sail areas: Main, 9.7sq m. Genoa, 20sq m. Spinnaker, 40sq m. Designers: Akkerman and Kremer. Four berths, hinged chart table, two-burner stove, plastic sink, ice box, WC. Price around \$5000. Builders: Melbourne, Victoria.



LOA, 6.7m. LWL, 5.5m. Beam, 2.2m. Draft, 1.15m. Sail area, 23.2sq m. Displacement, 1.6t. Ballast, 567kg. Boat in basic stage has glass-in berths and galley unit, without a rig. Sailaway stage has teak trim, bunk cushions and rigged with sails. No liferails or pulpits. Sailaway price around \$6200. Builders: Sydney, NSW.



LOA, 7.75m. LWL, 5.87m. Beam, 2.9m. Draft, 2.9m. Displacement, 2.1t. Design from New Zealander Bob Salthouse. Construction began in NSW this year. Prices: Basic hull, around \$6000. Sailaway about \$9500. Fully equipped approx \$15,000. Builders: NSW.



LOA, 7.2m. LWL, 5.5m. Beam, 2.3m. Draft, 1m. Displacement, 1.2t. Updated racer/cruiser. Fast and easy to sail. Basic accommodation, four berths, midship galley and WC. Sailaway price around \$7400. Builders: Yachts, Hurstville, NSW.



LOA, 7.5m. LWL, 6.2m. Beam, 2.7m. Draft, 1.4m. Displacement, 1.9t. Ballast, 771kg. Sail area, 23.5sq m. Practical all-purpose layout. Five berths, L-shaped galley to port, enclosed WC for'ard. With all berths aft of the mast step Triton 24 has a good layout to go to sea in. Sailaway price is around \$10,200. Builders: Boat Company, Sydney, NSW.

Your task again from Race 21:

Can you fill in the missing letters to correctly identify the makes of these AUSTRALIAN yachts?
Number 1 is an example for you to follow, one of the best yachts from the 1970's.

1. T..t.. 24 Triton 24
2. C.v..... 26
3. E.d..... 24
4. B...B... 6.7m
5. H... 23
6. C...m... 27
7. F...b... 7.9m
8. T.. H.. 7.6m
9. W..r..... 7.2m
10. C.n..... 25
11. E... C.... 31
12. R..J.... 5.25

Send your response to [MARK WINDWARD](#)

Marine events this day 100 YEARS AGO

15 MARCH 1915 *On learning that the Dardanelles forts were short of ammunition, the British broke off secret negotiations with Turkey aimed at a Turkish withdrawal from the war. British agents had been authorised to offer Turkey up to £4 million for such a withdrawal.*

18 MARCH 1915 *Eighteen British and French battleships, guarded by other warships, attacked the Dardanelles forts. One officer wrote that 'it looked as if no human power could withstand such an array of might and power'. The attack failed. Three battleships were sunk and three disabled with a total loss of life of more than 700 sailors. The Turkish batteries were extremely low on shells and there was much apprehension on their part that the British and French would renew their naval attack the following day. However they did not renew the attack.*

A reminder that the next race is the closest to St Patrick's Day so it will be a race for the Jaffa Cup. Will an Irish person or someone wearing green win it again?

Thanks to Windward Buoy for his nearly solo performance in writing the report and a few others for their comments and feedback.

Just 3 races for summer season left. Click on [Mark](#) to send feedback etc.

[Mark Windward](#)

An archeologist.. is a man whose career lies in ruins;
Avoidable.. is what a bullfighter tries to do;
Burglarize..is what a crook sees with;
Climate the only thing your can do with a ladder.