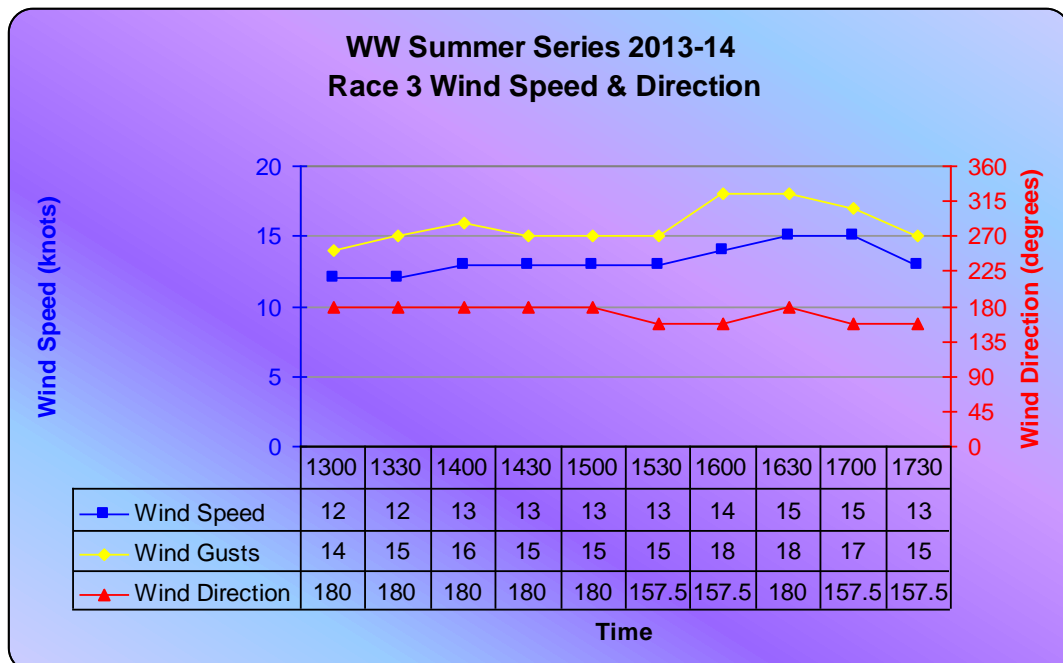


Late Starters Monopolize the Finish
Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2014-15 Race 3
 15 Oct 2014

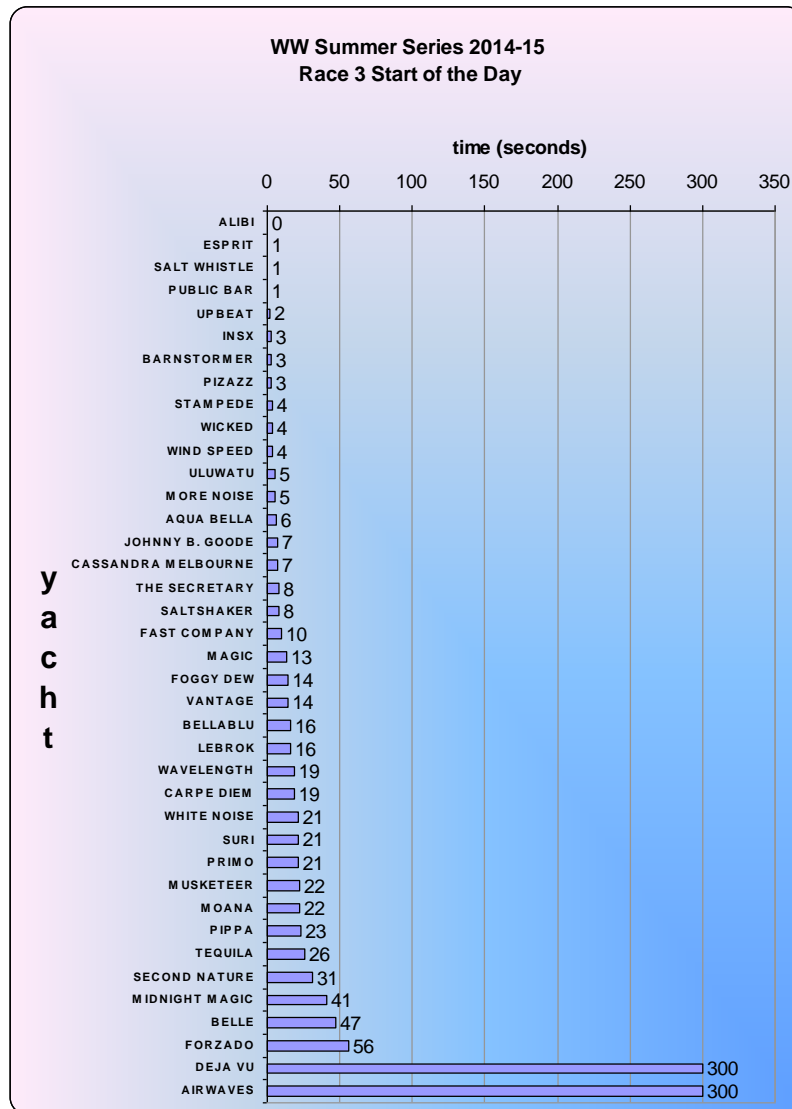
Thirty nine yachts, a 10 to 15 knot breeze, seas less than a metre, no rain and a good course all contributed to a splendid Wednesday race. Unfortunately, VANTAGE (Darren Hunter) was unable to complete the race but the remaining 38 yachts all crossed the finish line within 16 minutes 36 seconds of each other. The 6 leg 9.5 mile course 62 with a northerly start in a southerly breeze was an unusual choice with yachts starting the race on a broad reach or run towards the first mark.



Fawkner Beacon observations indicated an average wind speed of about 13 knots with gusts about 2.5 knots higher. The direction of the breeze didn't shift a great deal coming mainly from the south.



The Sydney 36 ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) won Start of the Day with a perfect start. Thirteen yachts started within 5 seconds of their start times and the only 2 yachts to start more than a minute late were penalised 5 minutes for starting too soon. Thirteen seconds was the median start time.



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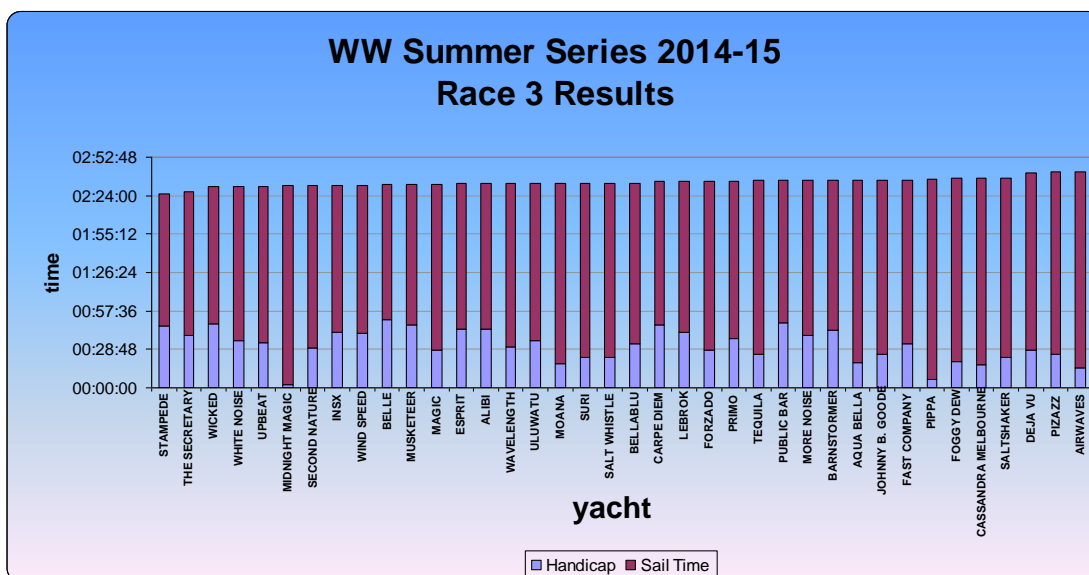


STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) was one yacht to have a good start only 4 seconds late for her 40 minute handicap start. She started from 33rd place and moved up 7 places to be 26th at the first rounding of number 4 – about two thirds of the course. In the last third of the course she overtook the remainder of the fleet to cross the finish line in first place at 15:55:33. She recorded the fastest sail time of the race completing the course in 1:39:33 beating the next fastest by 1 minute 39 seconds.

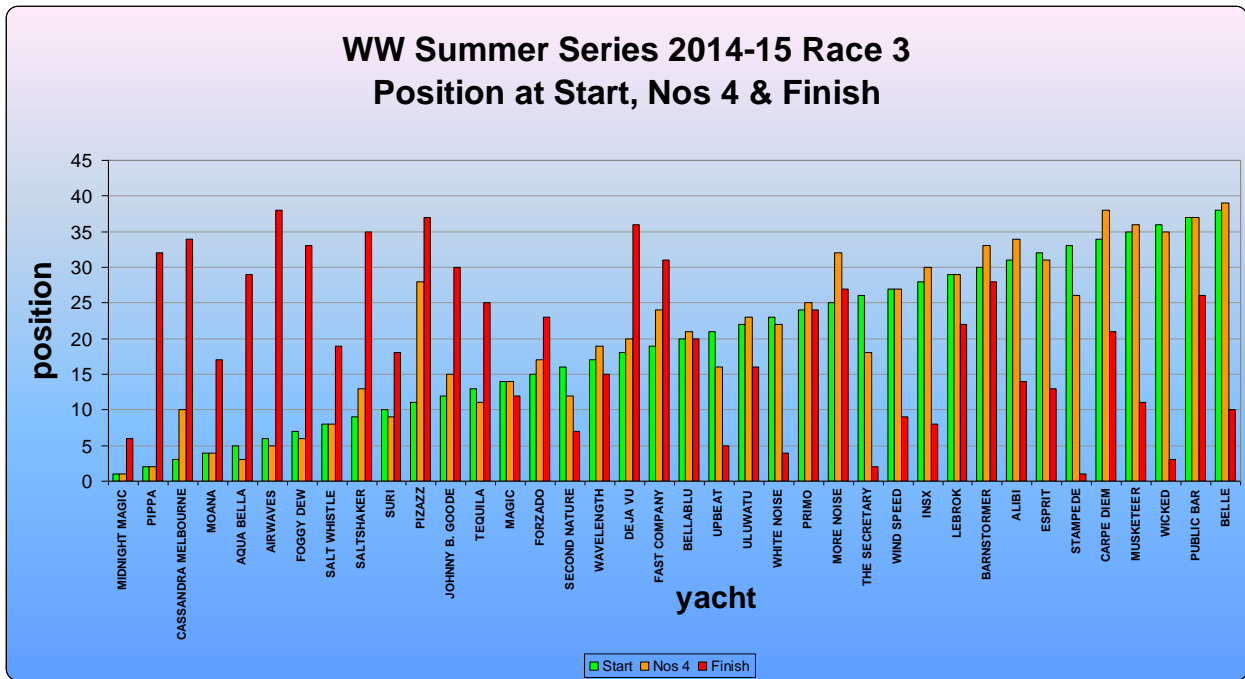
Despite receiving a 3 minute handicap increase following her 3rd place in race 2, THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) went one better to finish 2nd in race 3. She started from 26th position 8 seconds late for a 39 minute start but was in 18th place at the first rounding of number 4. THE SECRETARY sailed the course in 1:47:56, the 7th fastest time of the day crossing the finish line at 15:56:56 one minute twenty three seconds behind STAMPEDE.



WICKED (Mike Welsh) completed 9 races in the last winter series but was unable to record a podium finish. After only three races this summer, WICKED is already on the podium with a 3rd position. She started 4 seconds late for her 48 minute start from 37th place. By the first rounding of number 4 she had moved into 35th place. It was in the last third of the race that WICKED performed really well moving up 32 places and sailing the entire course in 1:42:58 - the 3rd fastest time of the day.



Twenty eight of the thirty nine starters finished within 10 minutes of the winner with 16 minutes 26 seconds separating the entire fleet. Although the race didn't produce any dead heats, 6 pairs of yachts were separated by 1 second whilst only 5 pairs of yachts were more than a minute apart. On average there was a yacht crossing the finish line every 26 seconds.

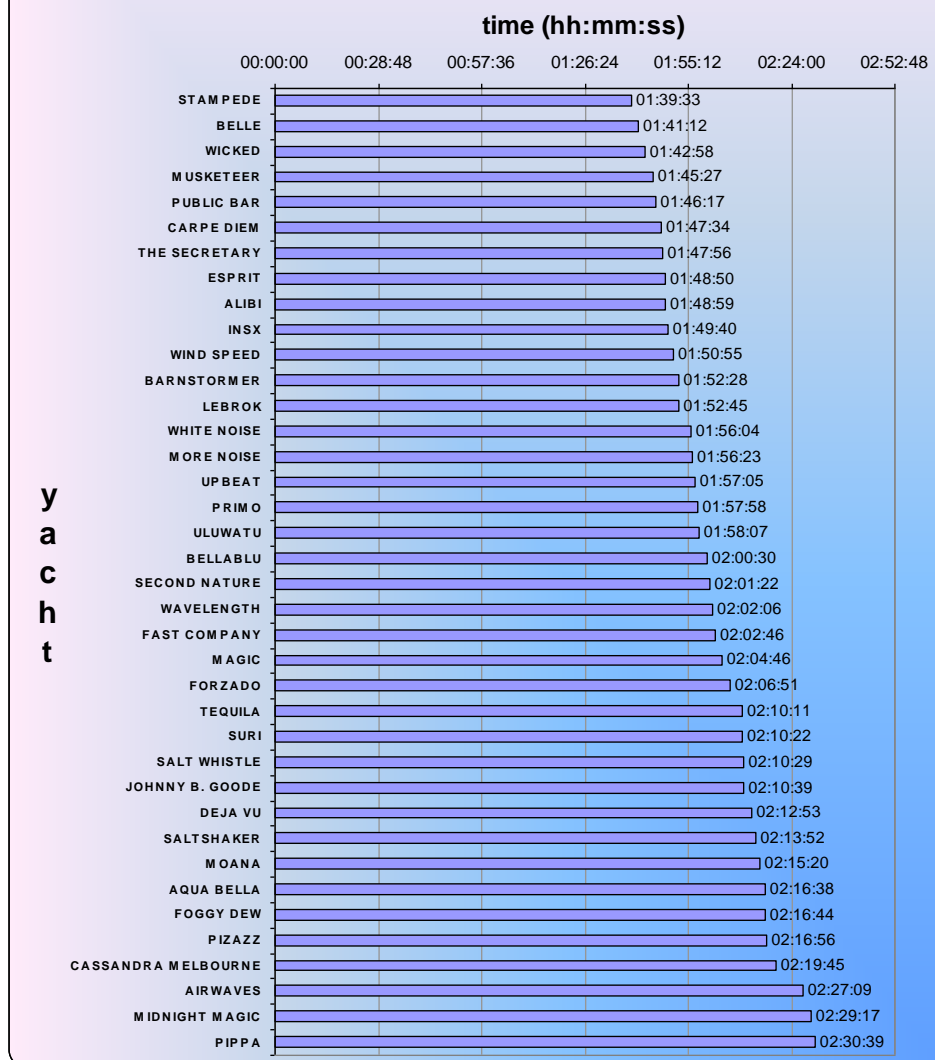


It wasn't until MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) crossed the line in 13th place that a yacht amongst the first 14 to start improved upon its start position. The first thirteen starters finished an average of 20 positions further back in the fleet.

STAMPEDE was the fastest yacht on the day with BELLE (Doug Painter), WICKED, MUSKETEER (Paul Jacka) and PUBLIC BAR (Clive Sondheim) completing the fastest five. A little over half the fleet (20 yachts) sailed the course in over 2 hours and the average sail time was 2:02:05. The time between the fastest and slowest sail time was 51 minutes and 6 seconds. The rhumb line distance of course 62 is 9.5 nautical miles.

With 3 races complete, 27 of the 43 yachts in the aggregate have completed all races.

WW Summer Series 2014-15 Race 3 Sail Time



*Windward
Buoy*

Mark Windward's Wig Wags

Oscillating Winds Observations by Saint George noted oscillating winds moving 10 to 14°. These are sometimes referred to as WIG WAG WINDS. If you choose the right time to tack they can be of benefit; time it wrong and you wonder why your tacking was so poor. It is a challenge for larger keel yachts to know how many of these shifts to chase - little different from sailing a Laser or quick tacking yacht.

It was a very long course. The nominal 9.5.nm resulted in smaller yachts sailing for 2 1/2 hours (1 hour longer than Stampede) and a distance of about 15 nm. It would be interesting to know what distance the larger boats recorded.

For such a long time on the water the results were very close, but enabled the big yachts time to get well ahead. Smaller yachts finished towards the back of the fleet.

It is more encouraging in this race to look back at the amount of **time** you were away from the **First** placed yacht rather than your **finishing place**.

For example in one case, if the yacht had started with the handicap yacht in before them (4 mins) they would have finished 25 places ahead of their final position.

HALFWAY AWARD SM 340 Salt Whistle

SALT WHISTLE finished 20th out of 40 starters. Alex lost no time at the start, and was just 1 second late. First time past Number 4 SALT WHISTLE had held her 8th position. A three and a half minute improvement would have gained her a 3rd place finish. Just two mins better time she would have finished 9th.

Her time taken to sail the course was 2:10:29. 26 yachts sailed the course faster than SALT WHISTLE. With an official point score of 19 this is her best result for this season currently 37th.

The yacht that started before Salt Whistle was SM 32 Foggy Dew who finished 34th and the yacht who started after was Sm1298 Salt Shaker finished 36th.

The best thing someone said to me this race was.....

“I have just checked my yacht to see if any weed was caught under it as it seemed you passed us too easily, but I could not find any.”

Please send in quotes or comments that you hear about the race to [MARK](#) – doesn't matter how brief.

MOB

Don't forget MOB declaration is due by the end of this October.

Wendy Wonder is available from the Sailing department if you wish to gain the experience of what you would face if someone went overboard, not just a spare buoy. Be warned Wendy is not a lightweight girl.

TUMBLEHOME (with pronounced tumblehome amidships design) & CLASSIC PLASTICS (built before 1989)

Please refer to NOR Series 2014 – 2015 see [CLICK](#)

The first race is at 09:55 on Sunday 16th November 2014. 4 races in the series, 1 drop. The NOR takes priority over any calendar entries.

CENTURY CLASS FIRST RACE.

The first race will be held on Wednesday October 29th Race 5. If you have recently qualified for the Century Class you need to email MARK so your yacht can be added into the series.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - What happens if....?

The Safety Manual Keelboat Racing, 30th May 2014, is worthwhile to have on board. Where would you head for if you wanted a crew member to be transferred to an ambulance. Who would you contact? As well as answering these questions, it has a comprehensive list of emergency contacts. It has lots of other advice to consider about your own yacht's safety. Available from the Boating department, or on line.

Notice to Mariners

Please note that while this is only applicable to a few yachts, all the WEDNESDAY WONDERS SAILORS should take note.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

**Port of Melbourne Co-operation
Notice Number 1.30
Area near Sandringham Yacht club
Port Phillip Bay
Date on, or about October 2014
Changes to Navigation Aids
YELLOW MARKERS**

Details: Navigation Aids near Sandringham Yacht club are being modified without the consent of the Harbourmaster. This practise must cease. Any infringements should be reported. Form 2A should be lodged with the Harbour Master in triplicate and a carbon copy sent to the Sandringham Yacht club to display in a prominent position.

Section 3: Measures that may be put in place.

Additional measures may be employed if the destruction of buoys continues. It is possible that a barging buoy with a large bell will be attached to ensure that the offending yacht and everyone in the vicinity knows that the mark has been hit.

It appears that contact with these markers is often denied despite the marking on the side of a yacht's hull.

By order of Mark Windward

Learning all YOU need to know about life, from NOAH'S ARK

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with what needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

RACE 3 Summer 2014 Answer

"The crew of an icebreaker is watching a large 'hummock' off the starboard bow. What are they looking at?"

Correct response from Phil Spry-Bailey (*Grateful winner of last season's Mark Windward Cup. This grand cup according to the winner.. to be enjoyed with pure alcohol!*)

The crew of the icebreaker are looking at a mound of ice, the result of ice flows from different directions meeting to force the ice upwards into a mound or small hill.

At the same time Prof P Algie also submitted a correct response.

A question for Race 4

I like this quote, which partly explains why I enjoy sailing.

Can you tell Mark the name of the well known person that wrote the following quote?

"It is an interesting biological fact that all of us have in our veins the exact same percentage of salt in our blood that exists in the ocean, and therefore, we have salt in our blood, in our sweat, in our tears. We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea ... whether it is to sail or to watch it ... we are going back from whence we came."

We hope Di in the tower enjoyed her birthday celebrations last Wednesday. An "unknown face book person" has written on this site, that Jeffrey Woolhouse is celebrating a birthday by driving a little diesel train

at approximately 1.30pm on 25th October from Korumburra Station to Leongatha and return – 45minutes each way. The train takes 80 passengers and there is room on board for 30 more people. If you and family would like to take the trip contact Gai Woolhouse 9889 2773.

Your Contributions and Feedback to these reports add interest and are much appreciated.

Looks like plenty of warm wind tomorrow from the direction of R2. I hope you enjoy the day.

Email [Mark Windward](mailto:Mark.Windward)