

Beneteau Clean Sweep
WW Summer Series 2014-15 Race 4
22 Oct 2014

BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes) almost upset a Beneteau bonanza when she was first across the finish line and looked to be the winner of race 4. Unfortunately BARNSTORMER started 4 seconds too soon, was penalized 5 minutes and dropped down the order to finish 8th. This allowed three Beneteau's to occupy all three-podium positions; another finished 4th and yet another won Start of the Day.



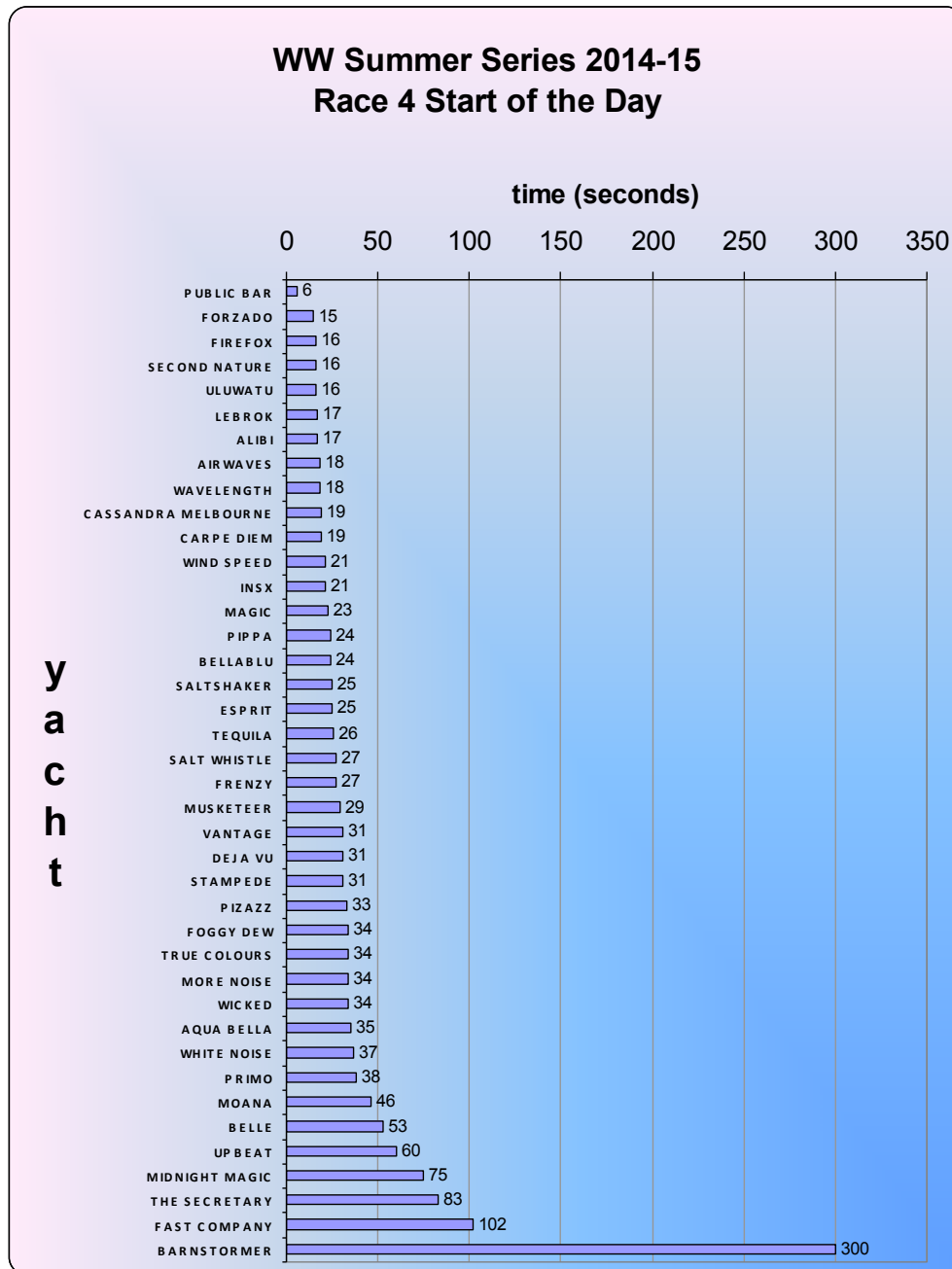
Entering race 4, the Beneteau 477 ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) had completed two races in the series being placed 28th in race 1 and 13th in race 3. Race 4 saw her make her worst start of the series 25 seconds late for a 44 minute handicap. Nevertheless, by the first rounding of number 4 she had moved into 8th place after starting 32nd. She won the tussle with the Beneteau 367 LEBROK (Theo Korbel) in the final leg of the race with her distinctive dark blue hull crossing the finish line at 16:01:37 after sailing the 2nd fastest time of the day at 1:47:37.



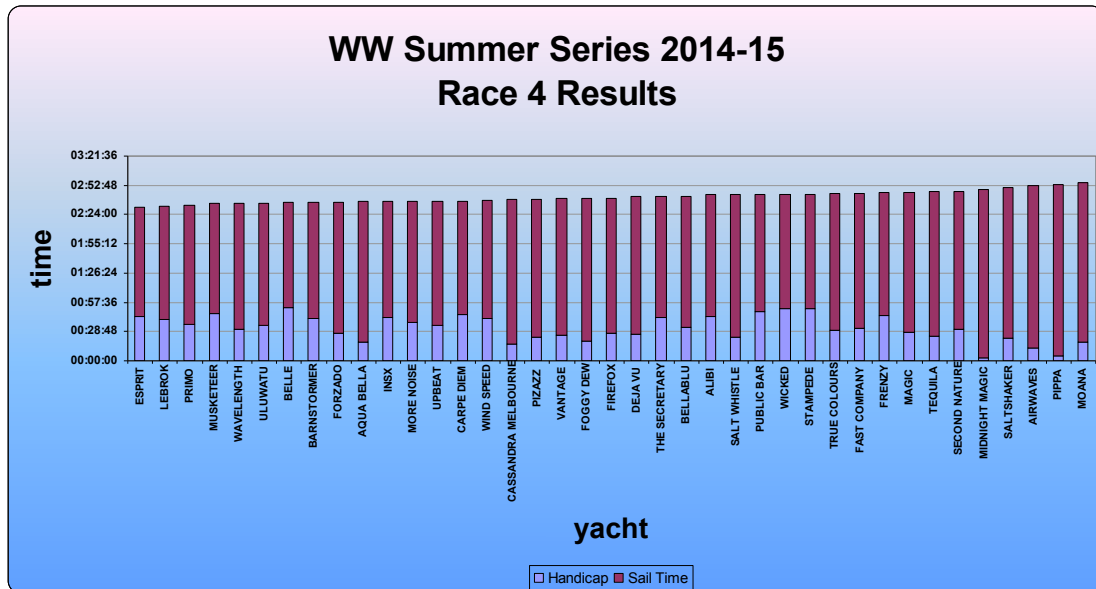
LEBROK commenced the series with a handicap of 33 minutes. After a win in race 1 her handicap became 38 minutes, then increased to 42 minutes for race 3 before falling to 41 minutes for race 4. Following another podium finish in this race, LEBROK could be entering race 5 with a handicap of 45 minutes, an overall increase of 12 minutes for the series so far. With a first and two second places it is not surprising she is the current aggregate leader. She was the 27th yacht to start the race 17 seconds late for her 41 minute handicap. She had moved up into 9th place by the first rounding of number 4 and continued to improve her position to record another 2nd place in the series. Against strong competition she sailed the course in the 4th fastest time of the day (1:51:30) finishing at 16:02:30.



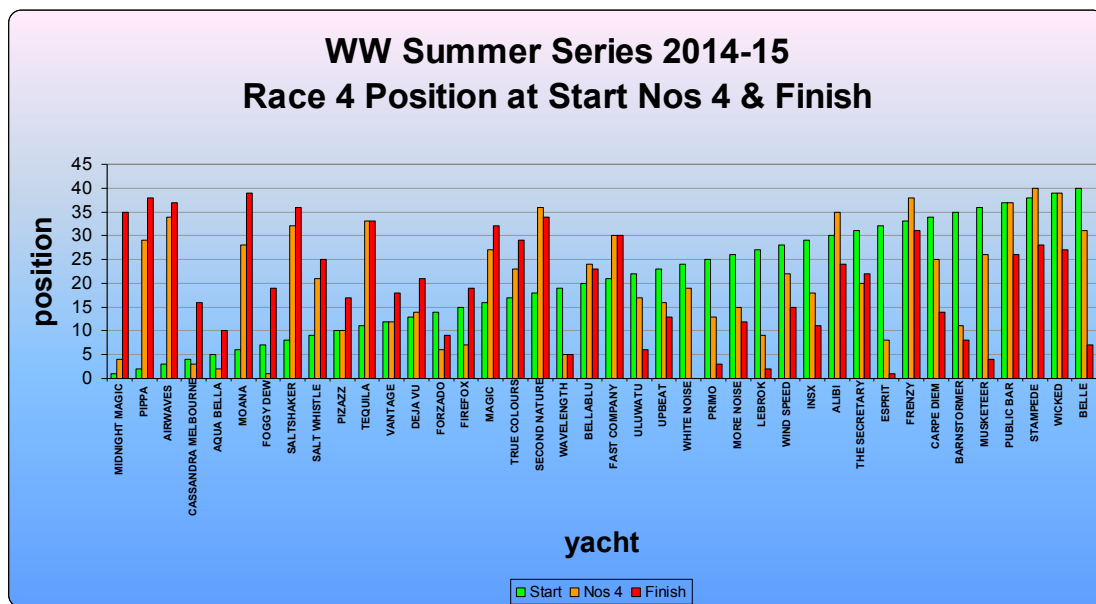
Start of the day was won by yet another Beneteau – a 387 Sm358 FIREFOX (Kim Beveridge Howard) with a start of 6 seconds. The median start time was 27 seconds with all but 5 of the 40 yachts starting within 60 seconds of their respective handicaps.



The fleet began the 6-leg course 50 minutes apart and this gap had reduced to 19 minutes 41 seconds by the first rounding of number 4. By the end of the race the gap between first and last had increased to become 23 minutes 51 seconds. There was a tie for 19th position when both FOGGY DEW (Fhilliard Ogradyjone) and FIREFOX (Kim Beveridge Howard) both finished at 16:10:10.

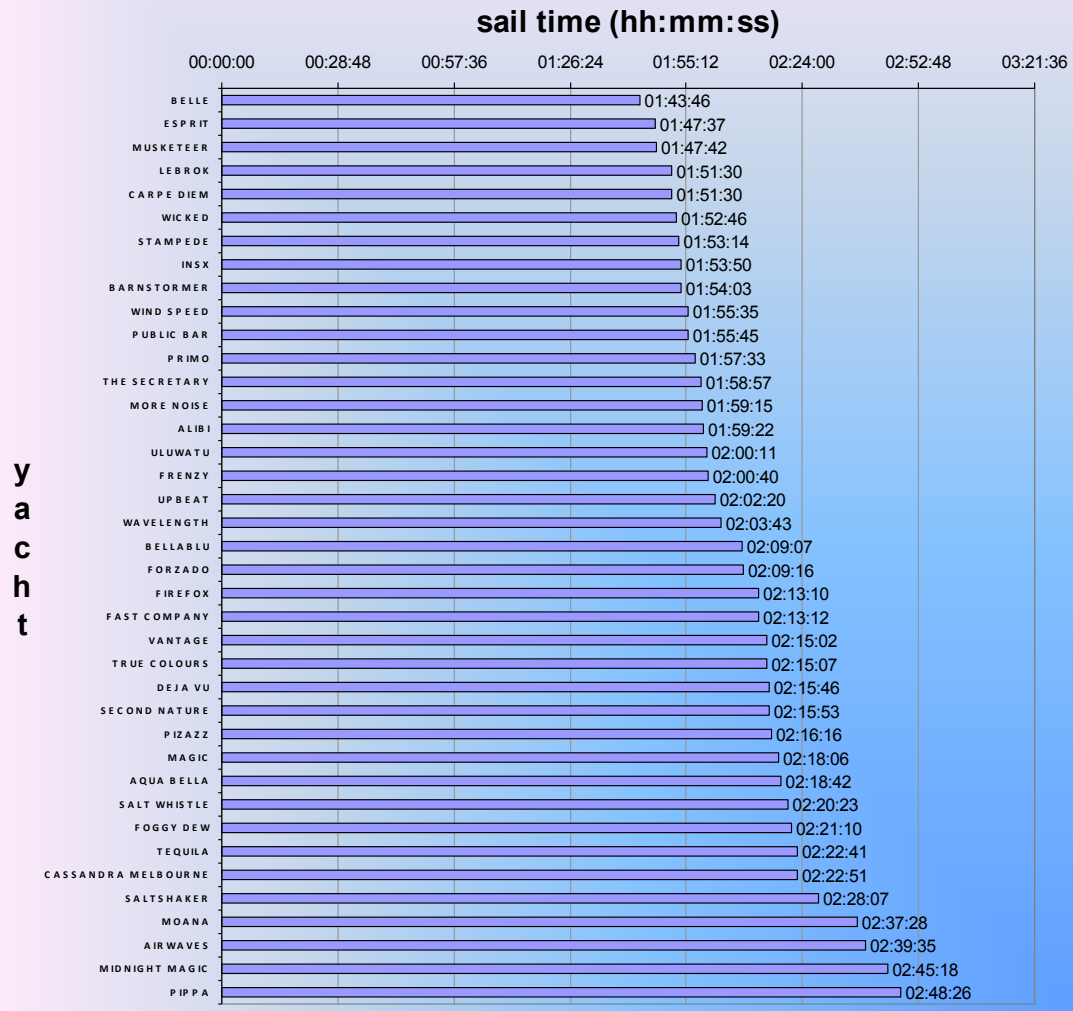


Race 3 saw most of the late starters sail through the fleet to be the majority of the early finishers. Race 4 resulted in a similar picture with the early finishers comprising 6 mid fleet and 6 late starters with only one early starter amongst them.



If BELLE (Doug painter) is amongst the fleet then it is likely to sail the course in the fastest time. Race 4 was no exception has she went around course 6 in 1:43:46. This compares to an average sail time of 2:09:06. Twenty-four yachts were able to sail for more than 2 hours with PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) getting best value for money (but no prize) with a sail of 2:28:46.

WW Summer Series 2014-15 Race 4 Sail Time



Yes! All three yachts are in the same Wednesday Wonders Race

The table on the following page provides the handicaps awarded to yachts sailing in each race. It also shows the change that has occurred in the 4 races in the series.

YACHT	RACE				CHANGE
	1	2	3	4	
LEBROK	00:33:00	00:38:00	00:42:00	00:41:00	00:09:00
THE SECRETARY	00:36:00	00:36:00	00:39:00	00:43:00	00:07:00
PUBLIC BAR	00:44:00	00:44:00	00:49:00	00:48:00	00:05:00
STAMPEDE	00:47:00	00:46:00	00:46:00	00:51:00	00:05:00
SALTSHAKER	00:19:00	00:23:00	00:23:00	00:22:00	00:04:00
VANTAGE	00:29:00	00:25:00		00:25:00	00:04:00
WICKED	00:48:00	00:48:00	00:48:00	00:51:00	00:03:00
CARPE DIEM	00:49:00	00:47:00	00:47:00	00:46:00	00:03:00
MAGIC	00:25:00	00:28:00	00:28:00	00:28:00	00:03:00
TEQUILA	00:27:00	00:25:00	00:25:00	00:24:00	00:03:00
AIRWAVES	00:14:00	00:15:00	00:15:00	00:13:00	00:02:00
DEJA VU		00:28:00	00:28:00	00:26:00	00:02:00
PIZAZZ	00:24:00	00:25:00	00:25:00	00:23:00	00:02:00
PRIMO	00:38:00	00:37:00	00:37:00	00:36:00	00:02:00
BELLE	00:53:00		00:51:00	00:52:00	00:02:00
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	00:04:00	00:02:00	00:02:00	00:03:00	00:02:00
PIPPA	00:07:00	00:06:00	00:06:00	00:05:00	00:02:00
BARNSTORMER	00:44:00	00:43:00	00:43:00	00:42:00	00:02:00
MORE NOISE	00:37:00	00:39:00	00:39:00	00:38:00	00:02:00
SECOND NATURE	00:29:00	00:30:00	00:30:00	00:31:00	00:02:00
FORZADO	00:27:00		00:28:00	00:27:00	00:01:00
MUSKETEER	00:48:00	00:47:00	00:47:00	00:47:00	00:01:00
ALIBI	00:43:00	00:44:00	00:44:00	00:44:00	00:01:00
AQUA BELLA		00:19:00	00:19:00	00:18:00	00:01:00
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	00:17:00	00:17:00	00:17:00	00:16:00	00:01:00
ESPRIT	00:45:00		00:44:00	00:44:00	00:01:00
FAST COMPANY		00:33:00	00:33:00	00:32:00	00:01:00
INSX	00:42:00		00:42:00	00:43:00	00:01:00
SURI	00:24:00	00:23:00	00:23:00		00:01:00
UPBEAT	00:35:00		00:34:00	00:35:00	00:01:00
WIND SPEED	00:41:00	00:41:00	00:41:00	00:42:00	00:01:00
FIREFOX	00:26:00	00:27:00		00:27:00	00:01:00
MOANA	00:19:00	00:18:00	00:18:00	00:18:00	00:01:00
FOGGY DEW	00:20:00	00:20:00	00:20:00	00:19:00	00:01:00
WHITE NOISE	00:34:00	00:35:00	00:35:00		00:01:00
BELLABLU			00:33:00	00:33:00	00:00:00
ULUWATU	00:35:00	00:35:00	00:35:00	00:35:00	00:00:00
WAVELENGTH		00:31:00	00:31:00	00:31:00	00:00:00
FRENZY				00:45:00	00:00:00
JOHNNY B. GOODE	00:25:00	00:25:00	00:25:00		00:00:00
MY WAY		00:30:00			00:00:00
SALT WHISTLE			00:23:00	00:23:00	00:00:00
TRUE COLOURS				00:30:00	00:00:00

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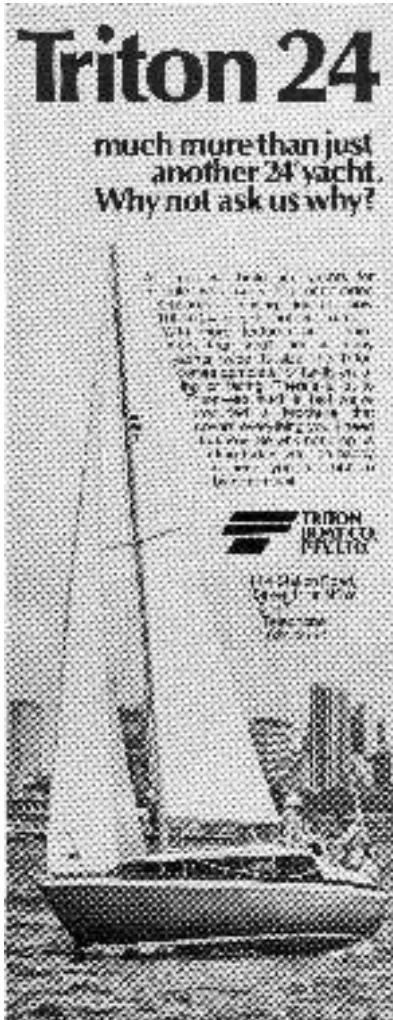
Mark's After Race Mutterings

Looking for a bigger yacht?

Check out this link for an OLD advert for *Belle* (now Sm700)

"If you are looking for a world cruising yacht that is easy to handle with all the go fast gear then you will find this elegant IY60 very difficult to outclass... whether you are light handed cruising or sailing a regatta with a full race crew 'Belle' will exceed all expectations".

To view the for sale notice and get an idea of her great interior visit [Click](#)



Alternatively, you could buy a fleet of 66 Triton 24s for the same price.

As Windward Buoy mentioned, 'Value for money' in race 4, (but maybe not comfort).

A Triton purchased for \$15,000 divided by the racing time of 168 mins = 89cents @ min

Belle as advertised at \$999,000 divided by her racing time of 103 mins = \$9,700 @ min

Thanks to the Pippa Skipper for these figures. He worked them out after numerous suggestions that maybe it was time to buy a larger yacht. He is looking forward to the return of Willarie to the fleet next week.

The First Century Class Race will be held next race, the last race in the month.

The following yachts are entered Pippa, Magic, Cassandra, Airwaves, Forzado, Moana, Willarie, Wavelength, Déjà Vu and a new addition FAST COMPANY now has joined this exclusive class.

If you think your age (as the skipper) plus the age of your yacht adds up to 100 or over years please advise MARK BEFORE the next race.

Smiley Awards go to the following:

The person who called "Hold your course" ...shouted from one of the bigger yachts to make it clear what action needed to be taken.

To those who said their prayers and were responsible for a great sunny day - so no rinsing or washing or drying out to do.

To the person who reminded another member that they remembered several years ago that member gave them a very warm greeting when they first joined the club. This is why SYC is such a good club!

To the skipper who was overheard giving an encouraging word to one who did not do all that well...."Pity the wind dropped, you started the race so well." What a great way to cheer someone up after a long race.

Frown Awards go to the following:

To the skipper who used Bad language to abuse another skipper. (It is not necessary even if you did not like what they did).

To the small yacht who manoeuvred quickly scooting into a small space between a larger yacht and the buoy, using their spinnaker pole as a javelin. Given the error, a 360 or retirement (like another yacht did), may have been in order or at least an apology.

A protest could have followed, but as often is the case, by the time you recover it is nearly too late.

Please explain

Were Sm4 and Sm6 having a private battle at the end of the fleet coming up to number one? Were they just trying not to pass the handicapper? Were they sharing drinks? Were they being kind and not giving the rest of the fleet dirty wind. At the start and at number 4 the first time round, they were close together, but the gap had blown out to 18 seconds at the finish. I am sure it was not to try to get a better handicap.

Why do we have such long legs in the course eg. from 7 to 5? Sailors are not helped by big wind shifts in long legs. It took one yacht 46.27 mins to sail from 7 to 5. The skipper is planning to set an alarm clock to ensure the crew wake up before the next mark.

“Why is it if I get a bad start it costs me heaps of places? Other boats seem to be less affected. In this race there were quite a few over a minute late starts. However, they did not really suffer much to their finish placing. That doesn’t happen when I go over late.”

Déjà Vu + 1.3min - little or no change to finishing place

Midnight Magic + 1.15 - little or no change to finishing place

Fast Company +1.42 - maybe lost 4 places

The Secretary + 1.23 - lost one place

The big Question for Le Brok

How will Theo perform now that the sail maker, who has been on board for a couple of races, has caused his handicap to increase? Will he be able to keep up the speed that has been set? With new sails on board I don’t think the handicapper will listen to his pleading for a reduction! Watch this space. Mark will be interested to keep track of his record!

MOB

Don’t forget MOB declaration is due this week.

Leave it until race 6 and you could be in trouble.

Lessons in Sailing Manners

How to pass PIPPA - Sm911 AQUA
BELLA keeping a respectful distance



Do not give other yachts your dirty wind by keeping well away.



Keep a watch out and not let any yachts creep up from behind."

Answer to RACE 3 - the Quote about the sea

"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."

A life quote from John F Kennedy 14-9-62

Full points for a correct response to PSB and Saint George who responded... "everyone knows this".

Question for Race 4 ~ that could help sailors

An aircraft circles your vessel three times while gunning its engine, and then heads off in a Northwesterly direction.

What is the pilot signalling?

Statistically, 6 out of the 7 dwarfs are not happy.

Comments, advice, and overheard items.

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Driving a train is a bit like sailing without tacking or worrying about where to go.
Redhen Railmotor 402 - South Gippsland Railway

