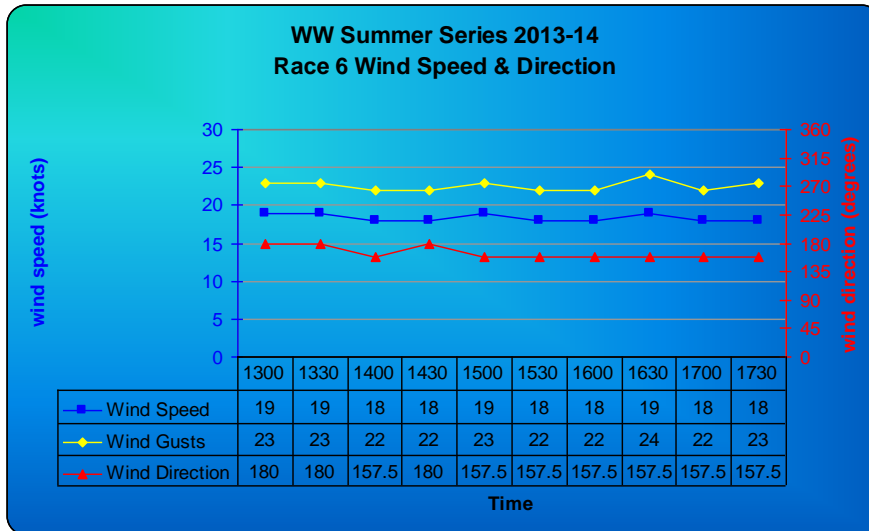


ENOUGH BREEZE TO FILL EVERYONES SAILS

Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2014-15 Race 6

5 Nov 2014

For the first time this series the breeze averaged over 15 knots. It was remarkably consistent in both speed and direction and powered the fleet around the 9.8 nautical mile course in the shortest time so far. Despite being one of the longer courses the race ended at 16:05:16 approximately 7 minutes earlier than any previous race this summer.



Although the conditions were good for some yachts others may have been deterred with the smallest fleet of the series (30 yachts) starting the race, which was reduced further by the retirement of 3 yachts. Another unusual event in the race was that the first three yachts across the finish line were not the three podium finishers. MOANA (Stan Rankin) was the clear winner. Second across the finish line, JOHNNY B. GOODE (John Chipp) was a little naughty and her Man Overboard was not submitted in time for the race. Johnny B. Goode was recorded as DNC. Third across the finish line was PIZAZZ (P Martyn R Kemp) who started 2 seconds too soon, was penalised 5 minutes and finished 12th.



Some yachts need 15 knots plus to really get them moving. MOANA is one of them. She has completed all six races in the series but her best result in the lighter breezes was a 17th in race 3. Based upon her performance, her handicap fell from 19 minutes at the start of the series to be 15 minutes for race 6. MOANA was 46 seconds late for her start from 5th place but by the first rounding of number 4 she had taken the lead. She had sailed the first three legs of course 14 in 1:19:38. She was unchallenged on the 2nd three legs of the course which she sailed in 38 minutes 41 seconds to cross the finish line at 15:43:05 – over 5 minutes ahead of the rest of the fleet. This was the first podium finish for MOANA who is in 29th place in the aggregate with a score of 40 points.

The skippers of both ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) and BACARDI (Martin Power) would be unaware that they were sailing for podium finishes as they were locked in a tussle on the penultimate leg of the race. BACARDI started one place ahead of ALIBI but positions were reversed on the finish line.

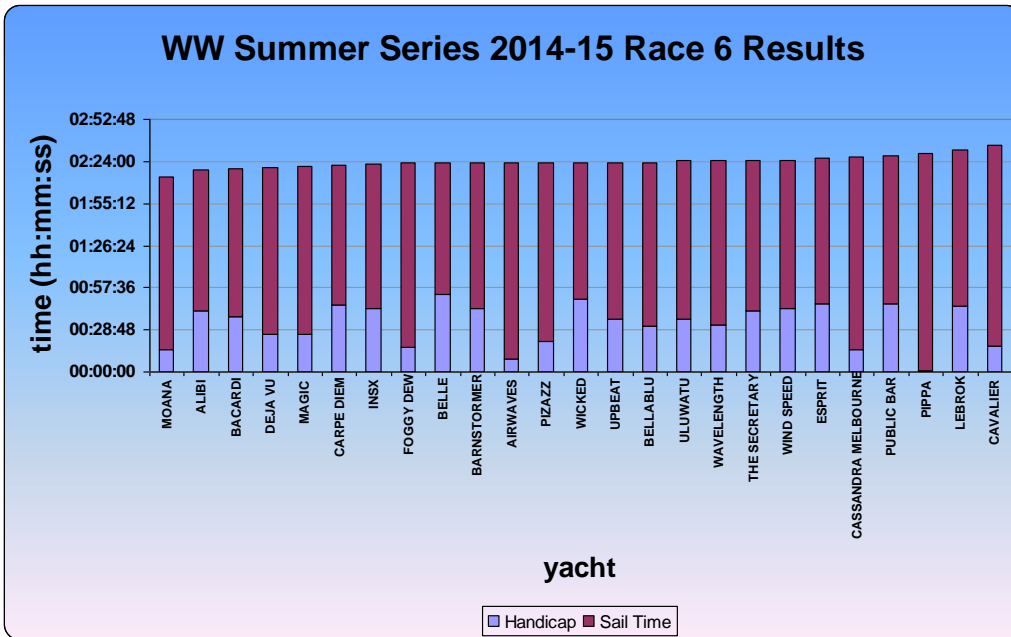


It was ALIBI that won the tussle between the 2 yachts finishing in 2nd place 55 seconds ahead of BACARDI. ALIBI had started from 18th place, 6 seconds late for her 42 minute start. She had moved up into 11th place, just one place behind BACARDI by the first rounding of number 4. She crossed the finish line at 15:48:14 after sailing the course in the 4th fastest time of the day. ALIBI has sailed in all the six races in the series and this was her first podium finish and best result so far. She is tied for 8th place in the aggregate on 24 points.

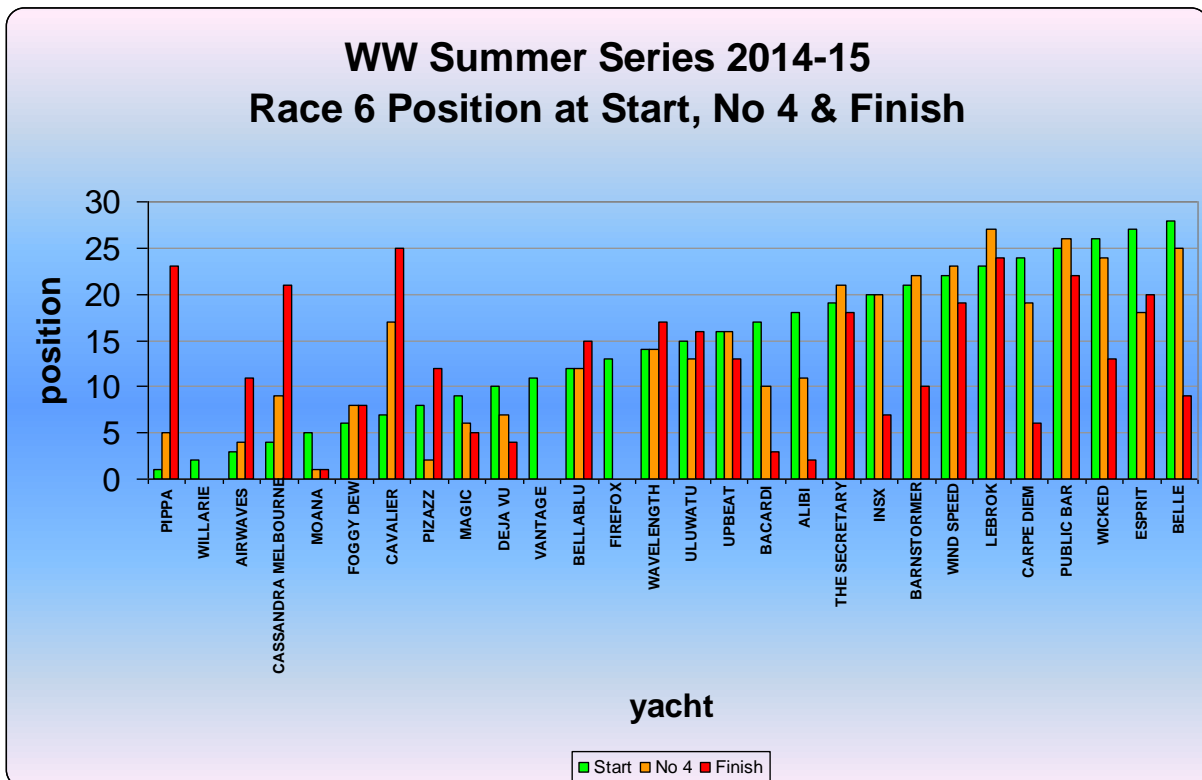


Sailing has a visitor on Wednesday's can still have its rewards as BACARDI discovered when she recorded a 3rd place in race 6. This was only her 2nd race in the series following her debut in race 5. BACARDI had a good start only 5 seconds late for her 38 minute handicap. She was the 17th yacht to start and by the first rounding of number 4 had moved into 10th place after sailing for 1:06:26. BACARDI sailed the final three legs of the course in 34 minutes 38 seconds to record a third place as she crossed the line at 15:49:09 just 47 seconds ahead of DÉJÀ VU (Peter Dransfield) in 4th place.

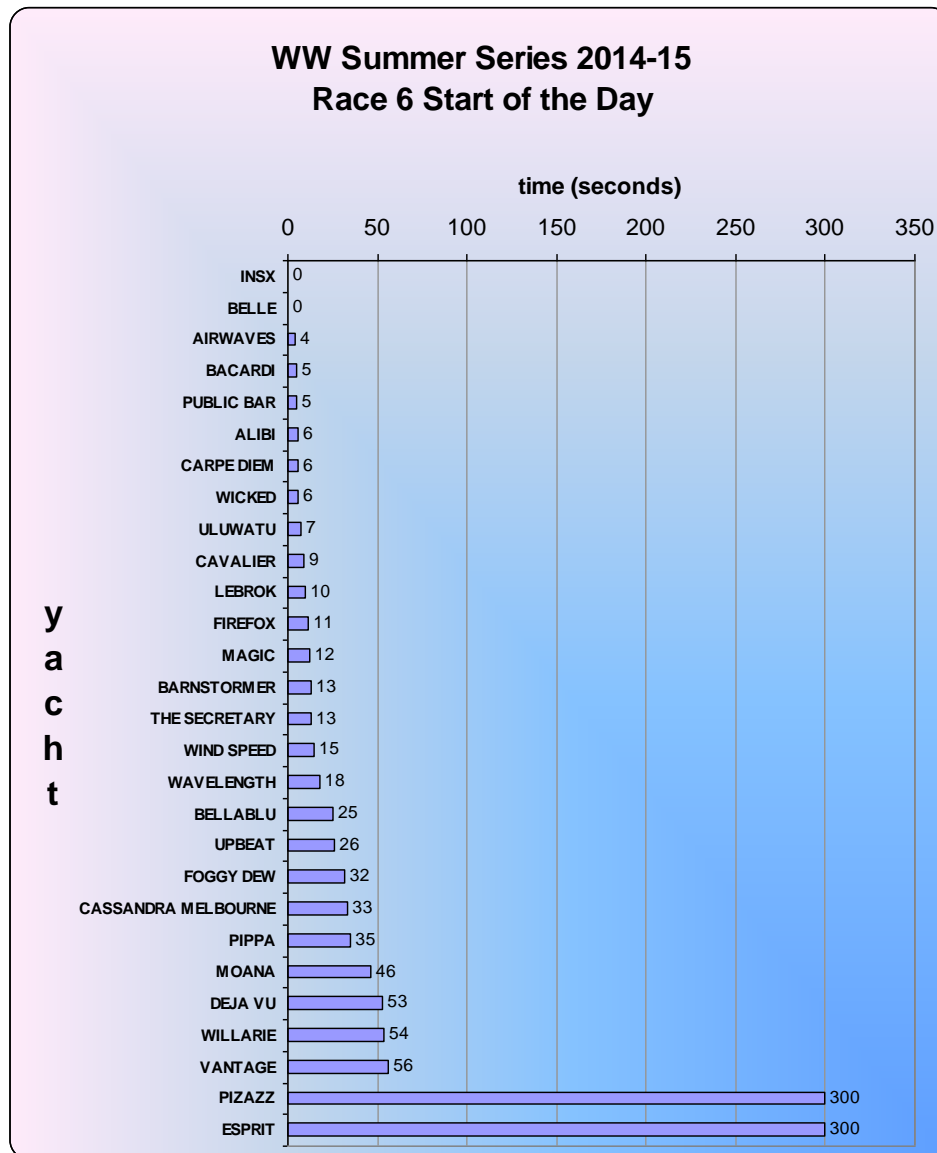
There was 52 minutes separating the yachts at the start of the race and this had reduced to 21 minutes 18 seconds at the first rounding of number 4. By the end of the race the gap had increased slightly to be 22 minutes 11 seconds.



There was a tie for 13th place between UPBEAT (Peter Dunne) and WICKED (Mike Welsh) who both finished at 15:53:22.

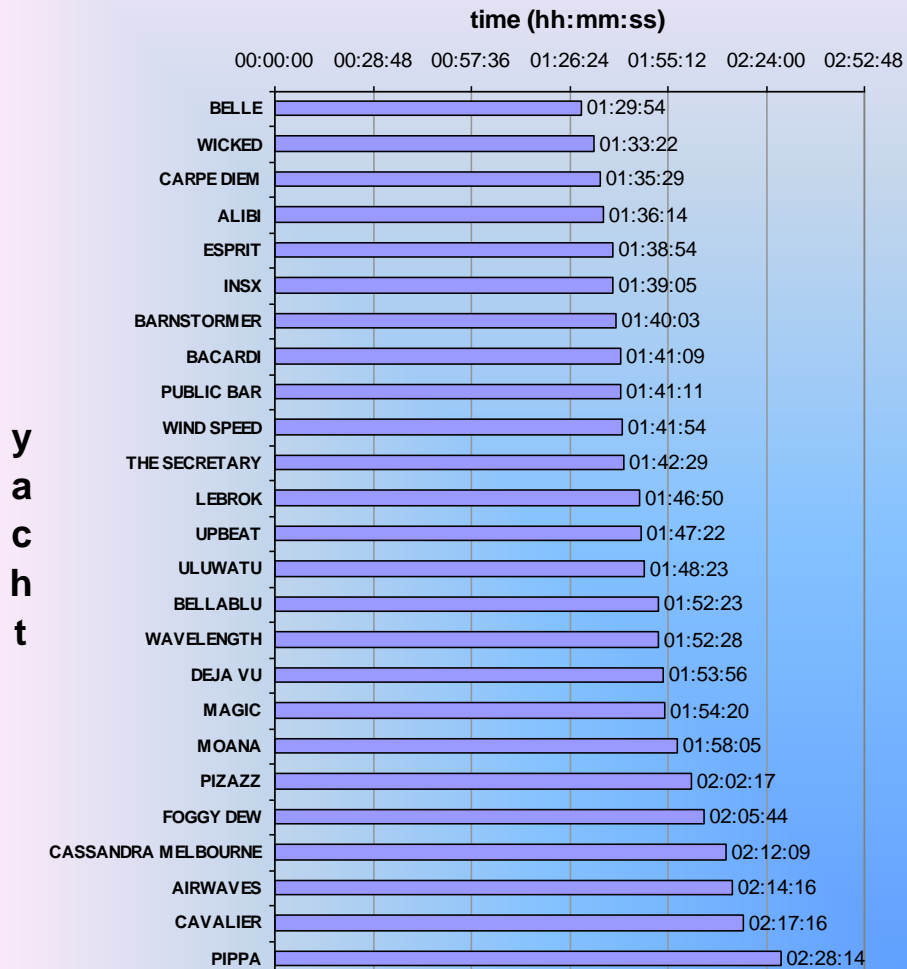


There was also a tie for Start of the Day when both INSX (Rob Sills) and BELLE (Doug Painter) had the ideal start.
 Both ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) and PIZAZZ received penalties for starting too soon but the remainder of the fleet all started within a minute of their handicap.

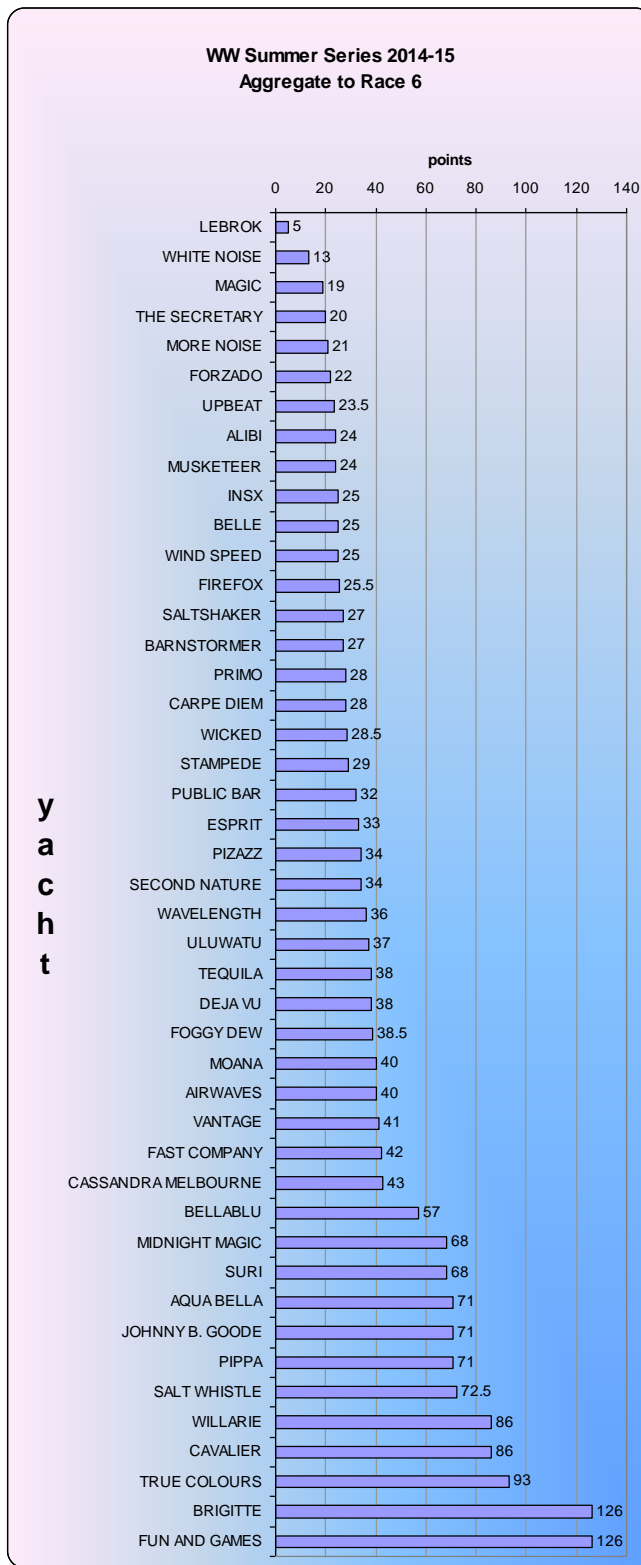


BELLE has completed 5 of the races this series and has sailed the shortest time on 4 occasions. She sailed race 6 in 1:29:54 when the average sail time for the race was 1:50:56. BACARDI sailed the course a mere 2 seconds faster than PUBLIC BAR (Clive Sondheim) whilst BELLABLU (John Lake) went around course 14, 5 seconds faster than WAVELENGTH (Brendan Kruger).

WW Summer Series 2014-15 Race 6 Sail Time



LEBROK (Theo Korbel) still leads the aggregate on 5 points, ahead of WHITE NOISE (Daniel Edwards) and MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) on 13 and 19 points respectively. LEBROK has led the aggregate after 5 of the six races but her good results have led to a handicap increase from 33 to 45 minutes.



Please note: The results from Race 6 seem to be altering from day to day. The recorded data presented here by Windward Buoy was correct at the time of writing. It seems that results have been altered as skippers have handed in their overdue MOB declarations. As at Sunday evening e.g. Bacardi is now fourth place, Johnny B Goode Second.
Mark W

Race 6: Mark Windward's Would you believe?

Assisted by numerous WW sailors

That - Moana's win had nothing to do with Stan winning the WW Summer Presentation Night BLAIR SHIP WRIGHT hull preparation and antifoul. She was only launched an hour prior to the race.

That - Lebrok is just finishing towards the end of the fleet to try to get a better handicap

That - a heavy / light handicap would have balanced out Moana's result of nearly 4 mins.

That – a skipper has to now advise the handicapper if they have their yacht out of the water for any hull painting, anti-fouling or cleaning so their handicap can be adjusted by 5 mins.

That – Paul Jacka's red trousers, that wore at presentation night, are actually a trend setting fashion garment. For evidence read this months AFLOAT page 54 [CLICK HERE](#)
There is a thinly disguised article pretending to be written by some one else about Paul joining the Red Trousers Brigade

That - Pizza went over the start line early by -2 secs to avoid being mentioned for starting on time and gaining a third place.

That - One of the Triton owners did at one stage consider that he should have bought a larger yacht.

That - Belle is such a comfortable yacht that the skipper and crew all went to sleep on board after the race instead of being at the presentation and receiving the free Hull scrub for a perfect start on 0.00.

That - a few skippers have suggested that the new podium have safety rails or lines and a ramp to enable them to feel confident in climbing up the steps.

That – finishing first in a WW race ten or so years ago, was not quite as important as finishing in front of the other 6 Tritons 24s.

That - from the comfort of Black Rock Café, an observer noted that only due to a benevolent high tide, a couple of yachts managed to sail over the 1.8 metre rock approx. 600 metres offshore, and 1.5m inside the 5 metre line, with no damage.

That – Pippa, sensing it was time to reconsider the handicaps, did a 720 to clear the cobwebs before returning to the chase as Moana rounded # 7 first, followed by Airwaves.

That - some skippers who were teenagers in the 60's think that reefing is a criminal activity.

That - Bacardi was only sailing this race so the crew could get accustomed to the similar conditions to the SYD to Hobart.

That - due to the increasing number of yachts over 50 feet, boats have to win start of the day twice to earn a full hull scrub.

That - Esprit's 6 second early start cost her 14 places at the finish.

That - if you tell the handicapper a good joke and he uses it, your handicap is reduced by 3min.

That - if your yacht's name starts with M you have a better chance of finishing in the top ten. Look at the results.

That - the GPS on Pippa recorded an ascent of 1.69m and a decent of 1.70m in race 6.

That - a new yacht Sm3000 is coming to WW and will be called LESS NOISE

Coming Up in December

RACE 11 10th December at Racing Brighton Yacht Club

RACE 12 17th December - Century Class Race

Race X -mas 24th December Fun Race (Not counted in the series or anything serious)



RACE 5 Question

What ship am I?

I was a four masted steamer. I was built in 1892 at a cost of £200,000. I was one of the fastest ships around. I departed from London. I had a poor pilot on board when I was navigating a tricky stretch of water. I hit a rock that is still well known at 15knts (my full speed), which split my keel, and I became stuck. The deluge of water extinguished all my fires. After about an hour a rescue ship was alongside.

The person who made a lot of money from my disaster was a draper who went on to take up a high office in an Australian city. After some goods were salvaged, he bought the vessel for £290 and the cargo remaining for £60. After much of the ship including the prop and goods had been sold, he had made £180,000. On a slack tide some bits of this ship can still be seen but it is a dangerous diving area.

WRECK OF A MAIL STEAMER.

R.M.S. AUSTRALIA STRIKES A ROCK.

ENTERING PORT PHILLIP.

BECOMES A TOTAL WRECK.

PASSENGERS AND CREW SAFE.

[By TELEGRAPH.]

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The P. and O. Company's R.M.S. Australia (6901 tons, Captain F. J. Cole) at 2 o'clock this morning, inward bound into Port Phillip from London, via Fremantle and Adelaide, with a general cargo, 30 passengers, and large crew and staff, struck the Corsair Rock, head on.

The steamer's bottom was stove in and her fires were at once extinguished, and she rapidly became a total wreck.

Rockets were sent up, calling for help, and two pilot steamers and two tugs were quickly proceeding to the scene of the disaster.

The excitement caused in Melbourne by the news of the wreck was somewhat allayed by the news that the passengers and crew were all saved. There was, it is said, no panic on board when the vessel struck the rock.

The Answer was correctly answer from The "Magical PSB "

The ship was the beautiful "SS Australia", built in Scotland lavishly fitted out and held the record for the fastest time England- Australia.

Unfortunately, the pilot misjudged the location of the Corsair Rock and on 21 June 1904 the SS Australia hit Corsair Rock and subsequently broke up.

The draper, John George Aikman, bought the wreck from the underwriters and made a fortune out of its cargo and fittings. Aikman later became the Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

Web site for a bit more information [CLICK](#)

To view a 7 min U tube of divers on the site of the wreck. [CLICK](#) Worth viewing if you have ever wondered what a wreck of this age would look like now... Strange choice of music though.

To read a report in the Hobart Mercury 21/6/1904

[CLICK](#)

The original text is not clear but on the right hand side it is clearly written.

Copy from: Barrier Miner Broken Hill, June 20 1904

Question for RACE 6 What ship was I?

Migrant ships played a very important part in the development of Australia. I was part of the migrant fleet.

I was launched in 1949 at Belfast and started on the route from London to South Africa carrying 721 passengers

I had a service speed of 18 knots with twin screws. 181 m X 23m 8.8 m draft.

It was considered that my standard appointments were better than first class on my pre-war sisters, and I became a popular ship in my early days.

I was refitted out in 3 weeks for Australian migrant ride in 1959. My 36 first class cabins were converted to enable me to carry 1040 passengers in what has been described as rather "austere accommodation."

I did have a few adventures. One running aground in the Suez Canal, a collision with a collier in Sydney Harbour, and one event I was more proud of the rescuing of 235 people of Mozambique.

I made 91 voyages to Australia. I stayed in one Australian Port for quite a long while. After a few unsuccessful short ventures I was scrapped in 1987.

Send your answers to [Mark Windward](#) plus any more "Would you believe statements", photos or stories to do with the sea. Thanks to the contributions from numerous people for this epistle. I have finished this by Sunday night, I just hope I can get someone at the club to put it up on the web before Wednesday.

Did you know - an archeologist is a man whose career lies in ruins ?

Mark Windward

