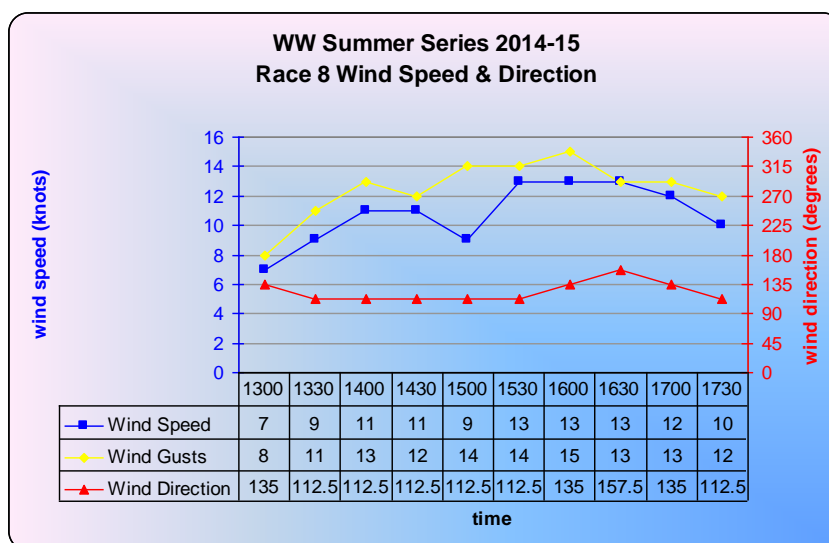


Largest Fleet of the Series Enjoys a Great Race Wednesday Wonders Summer Series Race 8 2014-15

19 November 2014



Clear skies, sunshine, flat seas and an 11-knot southeasterly breeze were enough to encourage the largest fleet (43 yachts) of the series out on the water to enjoy race 8. There was more breeze for the race than may have been expected from both the Port Philip forecast and the lack of any breeze in the late morning when the 9.8 mile course 16 would seem a formidable challenge. The consistent easterly component in the breeze helped yachts sail closer to the rhumb line on the beats from the start to number 5 and again from number 4 to 1.



Race 8 is about a third of the way into the 25 race series and included two visitors seldom seen racing on Wednesday's – ADAGIO (Michael Leyden) and BON VIVANT (Russell Keays). Unfortunately finishing 40th and 41st respectively wasn't the result they would have hoped for.

In contrast to race 7, the early starters dominated this race. Ten of the 14 early starters were amongst the first 14 yachts to complete the race; the majority of yachts that finished mid fleet started mid fleet and the majority of late starters were late finishers.

It was the East Coast 31 MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette Moore) that triumphed over the largest fleet of the series. Starting with a handicap of zero MIDNIGHT MAGIC was the 2nd yacht to start after being 41 seconds late for her handicap. She was still lying 2nd at the first rounding of number 4 but won the race by a margin of 1 minute 32 seconds crossing the finish line at 15:48:12 after sailing the course in 2:18:12. MIDNIGHT MAGIC has completed 6 of the 8 races so far with this being by far her best result. She is in 34th place in the aggregate.

After completing 4 races in the series, race 8 provided SALT WHISTLE (Alex Hall) with her best result so far. SALT WHISTLE started the race from 12th place only 4 seconds late for her 20-minute start. By the first rounding of number 4 she had moved into 6th position and went on to improve by a further 4 places to finish in 2nd place at 15:49:44. She crossed the line only 5 seconds ahead of PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) after sailing for 1:59:44. SALT WHISTLE is currently placed 36th in the aggregate.

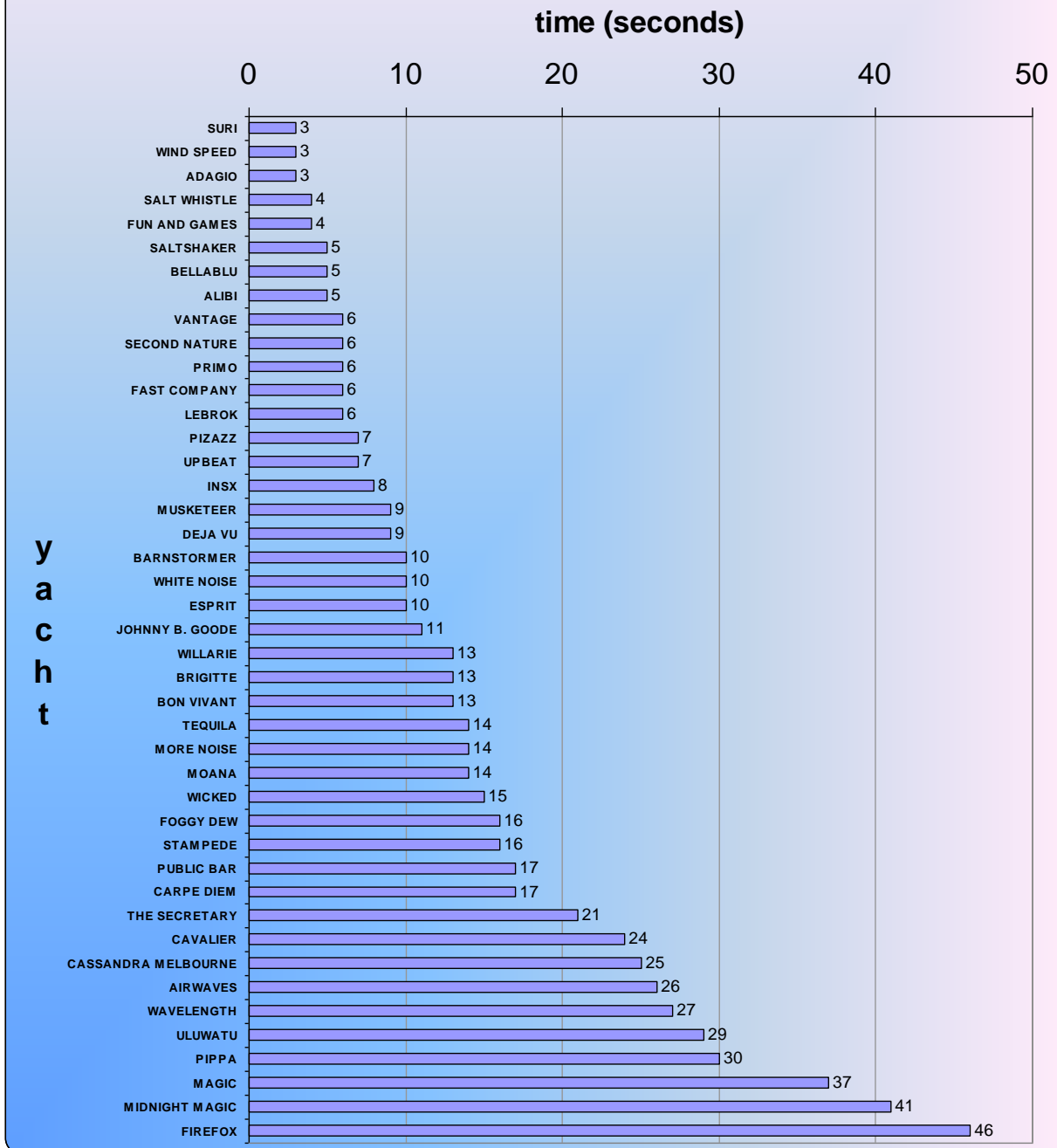
It is great to see Ronnie Round Up's smiling face back on the water with his new plumbing working well MW



Also recording her best result of the series so far was PIPPA. She has completed all of the 8 races but before race 8 had an average result of 31st. Her handicap has been reducing from 7 minutes at the start of the series to zero for this race. She was the first yacht to start 30 seconds late for her handicap. She was still leading the fleet when she rounded number 4 at 14:58:40. She sailed the last 3 legs of the course in 51 minutes 9 seconds to cross the finish line at 15:49:49 in 3rd place after sailing the entire course in 2:19:49. PIPPA is 37th in the aggregate.

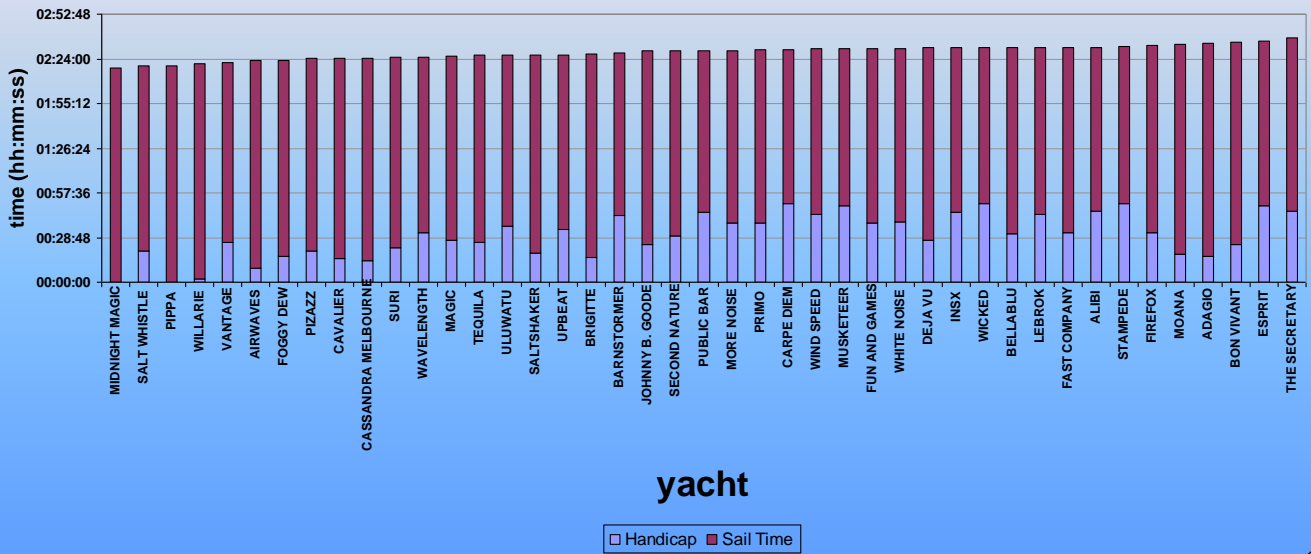
ADAGIO, SURI (Rick Blanck) and WIND SPEED (Les Browne) all started within 3 seconds of their handicaps to share Start of the Day. Almost half the fleet started within 10 seconds of their handicaps and all yachts started within 46 seconds making this one of the better starts of the series with a median time of 11 seconds.

WW Summer Series 2014-15 Race 8 Start of the Day



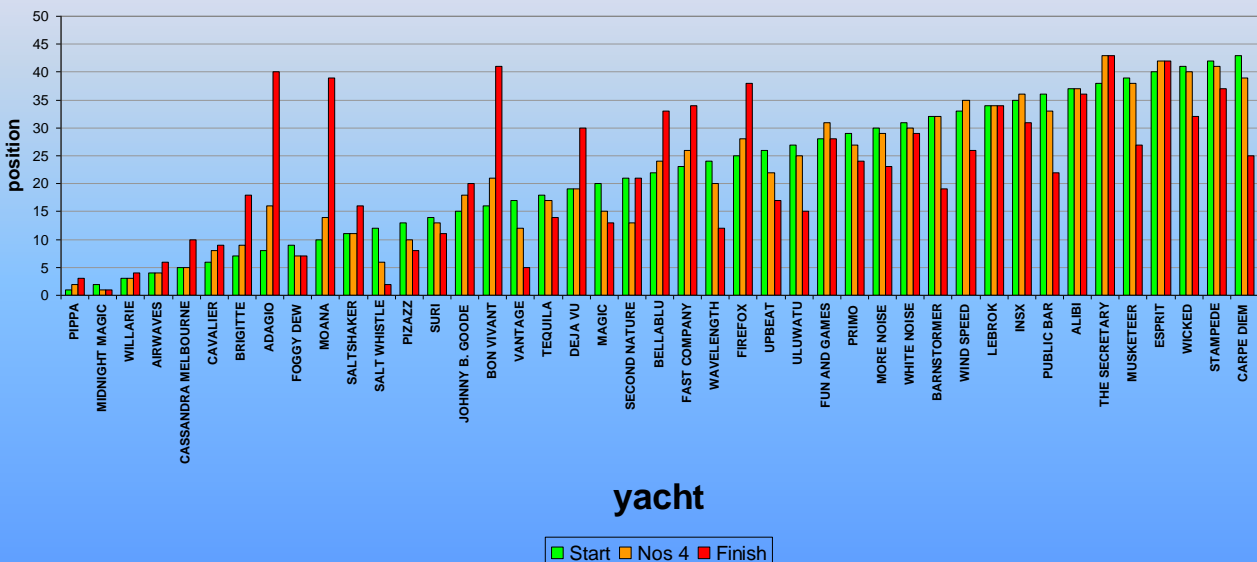
There was a tie for 34th place between LEBROK (Theo Korbel) and FAST COMPANY (Albert Doggett) who both finished at 16:01:25. Higher up the finish order 2 seconds separated DÉJÀ VU (Peter Dransfield), INSX (Robb Sills) and WICKED (Mike Welsh) who finished 30th, 31st and 32nd respectively.

WW Summer Series 2014-15 Race 8 Results



None of the 14 late starters were able to finish amongst the 14 early finishers despite the course being a longer one.

WW Summer Series 2014-15 Race 8 Position at Start, Nos 4 & Finish

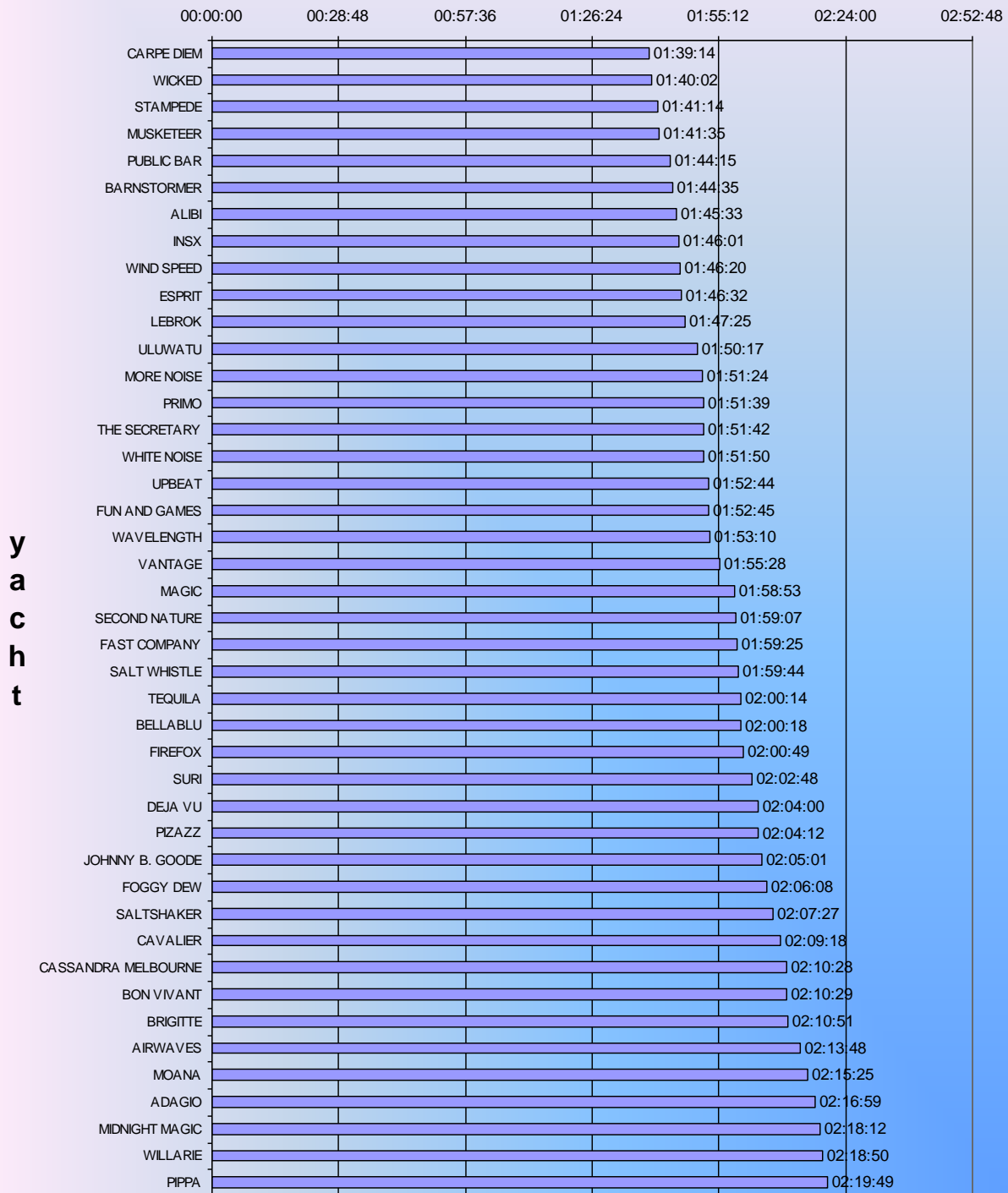


With an average sail time of 1:58:17 this was the 2nd quickest race of the series. CARPE DIEM sailed the course in the fastest time of 1:39:14 closely followed by WICKED (1:40:02) and STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala).

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Race 8 Sail Time

time (hh:mm:ss)



With almost one third of the series complete a “Form Guide” indicating the performance of each yacht in the aggregate can be found on the following page. Fourteen yachts have completed all 8 races with a further 13 completing 7 races. Two yachts have already recorded 4 top ten finishes and 7 yachts have recorded 3 top ten finishes.

SUMMER 2014-15 FORM GUIDE

YACHT	SKIPPER	RACES	AVERAGE HANDICAP	NUMBER OF TOP TEN 10 FINISHES	AVERAGE FINISH POSITION	Aggregate Position
AIRWAVES	Rob Fenton	7	00:12:17	1	22.71	23
ALIBI	Dennis Hambleton	8	00:44:00	3	16.13	5
AQUA BELLA	Geoffrey Simpson	4	00:18:45	1	27.00	42
BACARDI	Martin Power	3	00:38:20	1	15.67	45
BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	8	00:43:00	2	16.13	14
BELLE	Doug Painter	5	00:52:24	3	14.60	15
CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	8	00:47:22	2	18.00	6
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	8	00:15:45	1	20.88	30
CAVALIER	David Lynch	4	00:16:45	1	22.25	40
DEJA VU	Peter Dransfield	7	00:26:51	1	23.29	32
ESPRIT	Garry Anderson	7	00:46:17	2	21.29	10
FAST COMPANY	Albert Doggett	6	00:32:10	2	22.00	33
FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge Howard	6	00:28:30	2	17.83	24
FOGGY DEW	Philliard Ogradyjone	8	00:18:45	2	21.88	22
FORZADO	Bruce Dobbie	5	00:28:00	3	13.40	17
FUN AND GAMES	Alan Edwards	3	00:37:40	1	16.00	44
INSX	Robert Sill	7	00:43:09	3	13.43	8
JOHNNY B. GOODE	John Chipp	7	00:24:26	1	23.57	31
LEBROK	Theo Korbek	8	00:41:23	3	14.88	1
MAGIC	Phil Spry-Bailey	8	00:27:00	2	18.25	7
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	Bernadette Moore	6	00:02:00	2	23.83	34
MOANA	Stan Rankin	8	00:17:45	1	27.00	35
MORE NOISE	Jason Close	5	00:38:12	2	14.20	19
MUSKETEER	Paul Jacka	7	00:48:00	2	16.57	11
PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	8	00:03:37	1	28.13	37
PIZAZZ	Pmartyn Rkemp	8	00:22:45	2	21.38	18
PRIMO	Steve Copley	7	00:37:34	2	18.29	29
PUBLIC BAR	Clive Sondheim	8	00:46:08	1	18.50	27
SALT WHISTLE	Alex Hall	4	00:22:00	1	19.25	36
SALTSHAKER	Ken Gayler	7	00:21:00	1	21.57	16
SECOND NATURE	Paul Mentiplay	7	00:30:00	2	19.29	28
STAMPEDE	Christopher Gendala	6	00:48:30	3	17.17	13
TEQUILA	Alan Collins	7	00:25:09	1	19.29	20
THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	7	00:40:26	3	15.00	3
ULUWATU	P Geary M Billings	8	00:35:30	2	15.63	26
UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	7	00:35:00	2	17.14	12
VANTAGE	Darren Hunter	5	00:26:00	2	13.20	21
WAVELENGTH	Brendan Kruger	7	00:31:34	1	15.71	25
WHITE NOISE	Daniel Edwards	6	00:36:10	4	12.33	2
WICKED	Mike Welsh	8	00:49:30	2	17.88	9
WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	3	00:03:20	1	20.33	41
WIND SPEED	Les Browne	8	00:42:00	4	13.13	4

Windward Buoy

Mark: Comments from the front of the fleet

I know there are some photos taken of the winners but I cannot locate them.

The captions could have read:

I am glad we did not keep going to round number 7 and followed Pippa instead.

I am very pleased we did not have to do another tack, either the wind had increased or my muscles were getting weaker.

With Ronnie back on board, our best result for the season and jumped 17 places.

An out of place performance Sm 354 Vantage

Vantage finished 5th in this race while other yachts starting at about the same time finished 11, 41, 14, 30, 21, 13. She started 17th on 26mins and was just 6 seconds late. Darren was just 3:14 behind first place and passed 11 yachts. Vantage's previous best places were 7, 16, 18. Currently in the series she is 26th with 46 points.

Next Wednesday is BNG DAY (Be Nice To George Day). With a number of incidents at Queenscliff and in last race George needs cheering up to assist his recovery. Give him a smile! We are also thinking of the two Kaufman brothers as their other brother who often joins then after the race in the bar is not well. It did not stop Willarie sailing faster than the other Triton on Wednesday by 1 min. (They started off 2mins.)

Century Class Race: This Wednesday Race 9, 26th November the last race in the month. Overheard one Century skipper was saying "I was brought up to respect my elders, but its getting harder and harder for me to find any now."

CLASSIC CAR RACE Enter now! Make sure you qualify for your bonus handicap. See the NOR on this site for details. Send details to [MARK](#). WE NEED THEM IN ADVANCE.

The first entry is from the last year's winner PIPPA



1968 MG Midget (one owner) Gai Woolhouse

... and just to prove it was a honeymoon car, this photo was taken just before the newly weds were supposed to be leaving .. with a few too many passengers!



RACE 11 - Reminder that race 11 will be at RBYC at 13:55 on 10/12/2014

You can view NOR at their web site for courses etc. Now would be a good time to make sure you have their Marks in your GPS or you could just follow PIPPA who will be leaving for the race about morning teatime. Note the start time WARNING SIGNAL! 13:55hrs [CLICK](#)

Answer for Race 7 The Question was: I was the second boat to have this name. The first was built in 1940. I sailed mainly in the Atlantic and Caribbean seas. I had a number of revolutionary improvements in my class including better speed and maneuverability. I did have an unusual incident when I was at one port; I had a flat battery and needed to get a jump-start from another ship.

Unfortunately I am remembered for the great loss of life that occurred when I sank. I was lost at sea just 200 miles off Boston USA. There were to be a number of other ships to be built modeled on my design but these were never built. I had a top speed of 33knts and was fitted with Westinghouse Geared turbines.

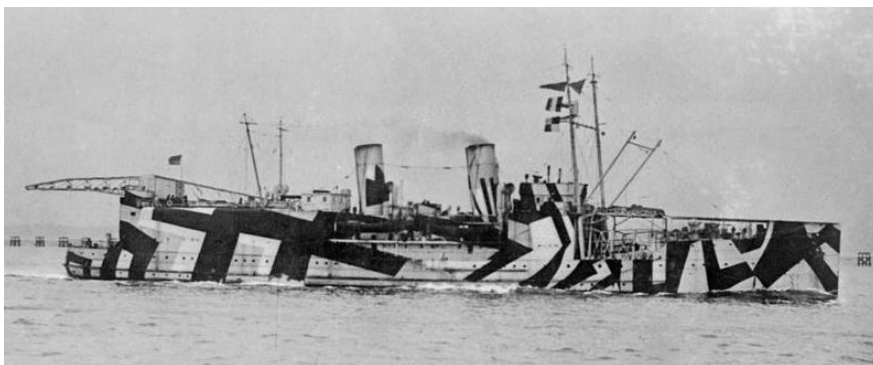
Mark's question, referred to a "boat" and later called it a "ship", the Greenies were not around then so who had heard of a battery powered ship, all very confusing, but it was too late. Mark had provided the clues, it was a "boat" powered by batteries that means a submarine we are looking for, perhaps it was a U-boat but then a U-boat would not have Westinghouse geared turbines, so Watson this leads you to think it may be a American submarine. It was in fact the ill fated nuclear USS Thresher launched in 1960 and lost with all hands in a practice deep dive in 1963. Phil SB

The answer indeed was SSN 593 USS Thresher. The first boat (SS200) with that name in 1940 sank 17 and damaged another 12 Japanese ships. The second Thresher was the world's most advanced nuclear submarine. It could dive deeper, maneuver faster and quieter, and detect other subs from a greater distance than any other sub in the world. It was to be the model for another planned 17 that were never built. She sank during diving tests with all 129 sailors aboard being lost. For details Visit [CLICK](#)

The sinking and communication records make the reports an interesting and rather chilling read. A 7 min video made in 2013 shows the sub's early life and attempts to portray the violent sinking 1 mile under water in the Atlantic Ocean with some action shots and actual audio clips. To watch the video [CLICK](#)

Question for RACE 8: What was it's name? Where would you have been likely to see it?

This ship was launched and designed for mainly coastal work. Her launching was suspended to clear the slipway. She was requisitioned by the Admiralty and completed as an aircraft carrier, with modifications to accommodate planes. She served in Russia. Speed 19knts Turbine 6700shp, 3547 gross tons Propulsion 2Xshafts, 2-g geared steam turbines. Armaments 4 QF 12 pounders (3 in 76mm) 12 cwt. guns. She was returned to her owners after a refit and operated as a coastal cargo and passenger service and was fitted with BL 4-inch Mk VII anti submarine gun and 20mm Oerlikon anti aircraft gun as well as paravanes to defend against mines. She served her owners for over 20 years.



Please send your entries for the Classic Car Race a.s.a.p., your answers to the question above before next Monday, and anything else about sailing or the sea would be welcome any time. Thank you to those who have sent or given me information.

Remember: You're never too old to learn something stupid.

[MARK WINDWARD](#)