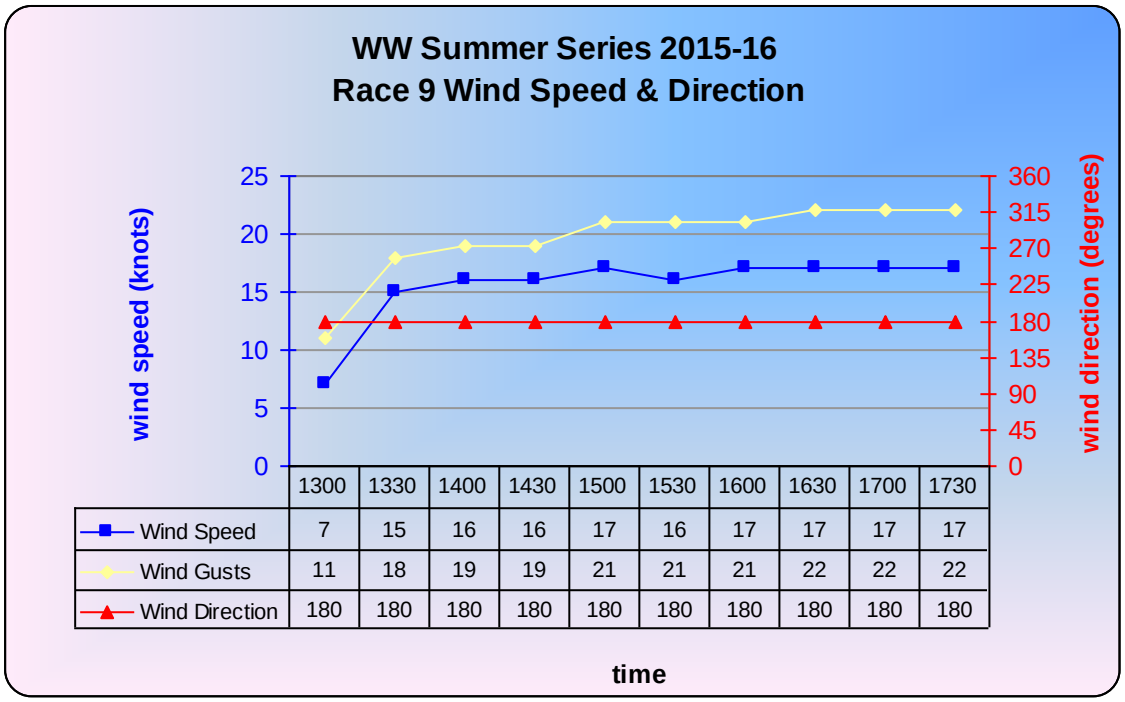
A Closely Contested Race
WW Summer Series 2015-16 Race 9
(2 Dec 2015)

Anyone making their way down to the marina couldn't help but notice a small but very imposing collection of 'Classic Cars' beneath the cover of the northern podium. The cars dated from a time when the focus was on engines, transmissions and coachwork rather than climate control, entertainment systems and satellite navigation common in newer vehicles. It was all part of a well promoted and organized event put together by Mark Windward and some dedicated associates to add further interest to the day's main event – Race 9.

Race 9 attracted 37 contestants for a race around the 7 leg, 9.8 nautical mile course 16. It provided the best start of the series with a median start time of 7 seconds and a very competitive finish with 35 yachts finishing within 16 minutes 54 seconds of each other. The steady southerly that averaged a little less than16 knots for the afternoon helped make it a fast race and produced the second closest finish of the series so far. Thirty-five yachts finished within 16 minutes 54 seconds of each other. The finish was interesting with the winner starting amongst the first twelve yachts, in 2nd place was a yacht that started from mid fleet whilst in 3rd place was a yacht that started from among the last twelve to start.



	1300	1330	1400	1430	1500	1530	1600	1630	1700	1730
Wind Speed	7	15	16	16	17	16	17	17	17	17
Wind Gusts	11	18	19	19	21	21	21	22	22	22
Wind Direction	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180

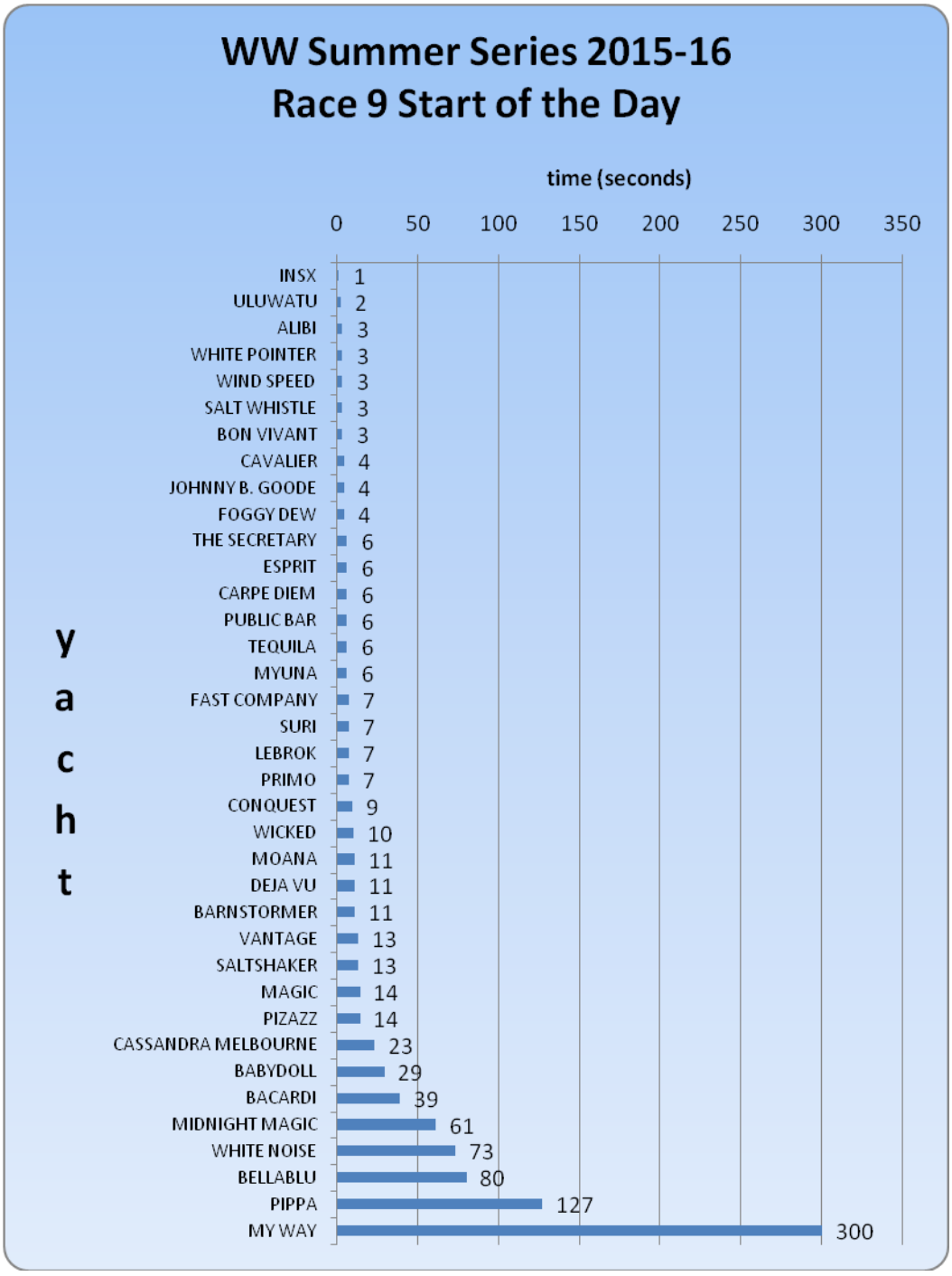
Thirty minutes before the start of the race the breeze at Fawkner Beacon was down to 7 knots but by the start of the race had more than doubled. It remained very consistent for the remainder of the race. There was enough breezes to maintain some choppy water for the race.

Returning once more to the top of the series aggregate was the Bluewater 40 MOANA (Stan Rankin). So far this series MOANA has recorded two wins, a second and a third place in eight completed races. She started the series with a 16 minute handicap which increased to 22 minutes by race 6, but she started this race 11 seconds late for a 20 minute handicap. She completed the first 4 legs of the course in 1:14:06 and was 3rd around number 4 for the first time after starting from 7th place. She sailed the last 3 legs of the course in 41 minutes 14 seconds to cross the finish line at 15:45:31 – 6 seconds ahead of the Farr 1020 FAST COMPANY (Albert Doggett). MOANA leads the aggregate with a series score of 7 points.

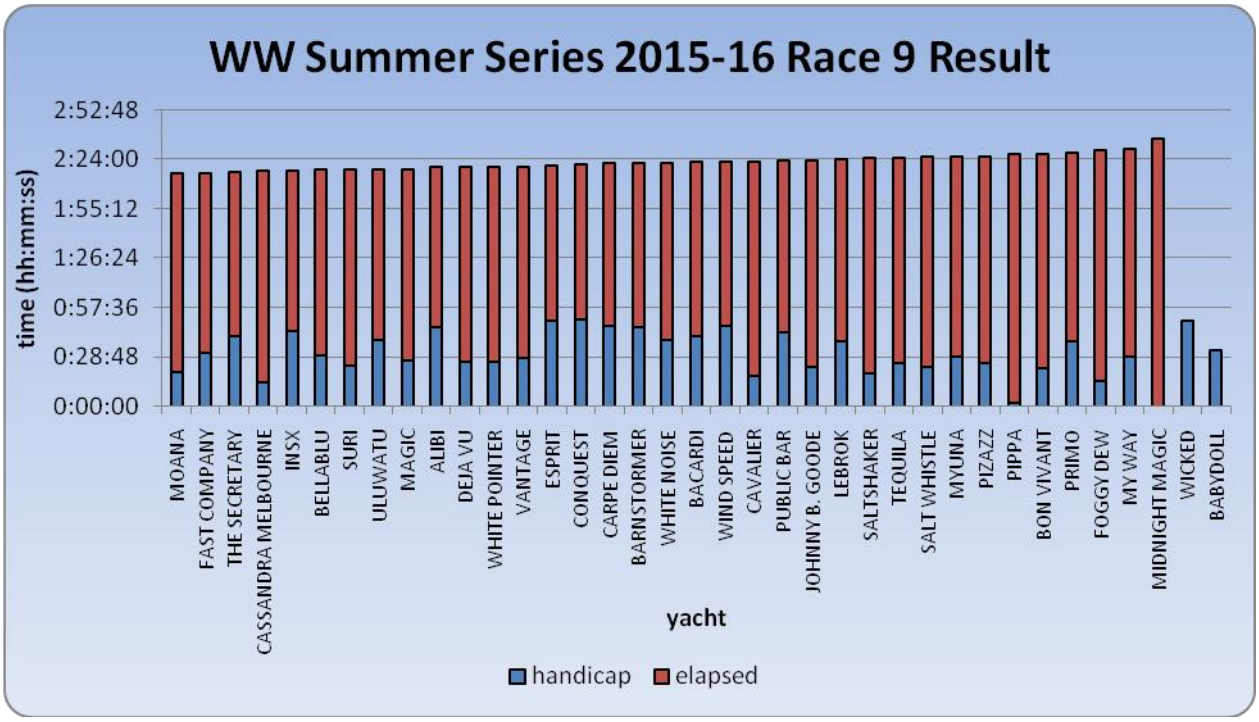
This was the first podium finish in seven completed races this series for FAST COMPANY. She is accumulating some good results including a 4th and a 5th place as well as this 2nd. FAST COMPANY started this race from 19th place 7 seconds late for a 31 minute handicap. She rounded number 4 for the first time in 11th place at 15:07:59 after sailing for 1:06:52. FAST COMPANY overtook another 8 yachts in the final three legs of the race to finish 2nd at 15:45:37. She had sailed the entire course in the 13th shortest elapsed time of 1:44:37. This 2nd place gave FAST COMPANY a move up from 9th to tie for 4th place in the aggregate with the Beneteau First 35 WHITE NOISE (Daniel Edwards).

Also recording her first podium finish, after completing 7 races was the J44, THE SECRETARY (George Shaw). She had a good start only 6 seconds late for a 41-minute handicap from 26th place. She had only moved up the fleet to be 25th at the first rounding of number 4 after sailing for 59 minutes 38 seconds. THE SECRETARY sailed the remaining 3 legs of the course in 35 minutes 26 seconds and crossed the finish line in 3rd place at 15:46:04 just 27 seconds behind FAST COMPANY. THE SECRETARY is in a tie for 11th place in the aggregate with the Bavaria Match 42 BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes).

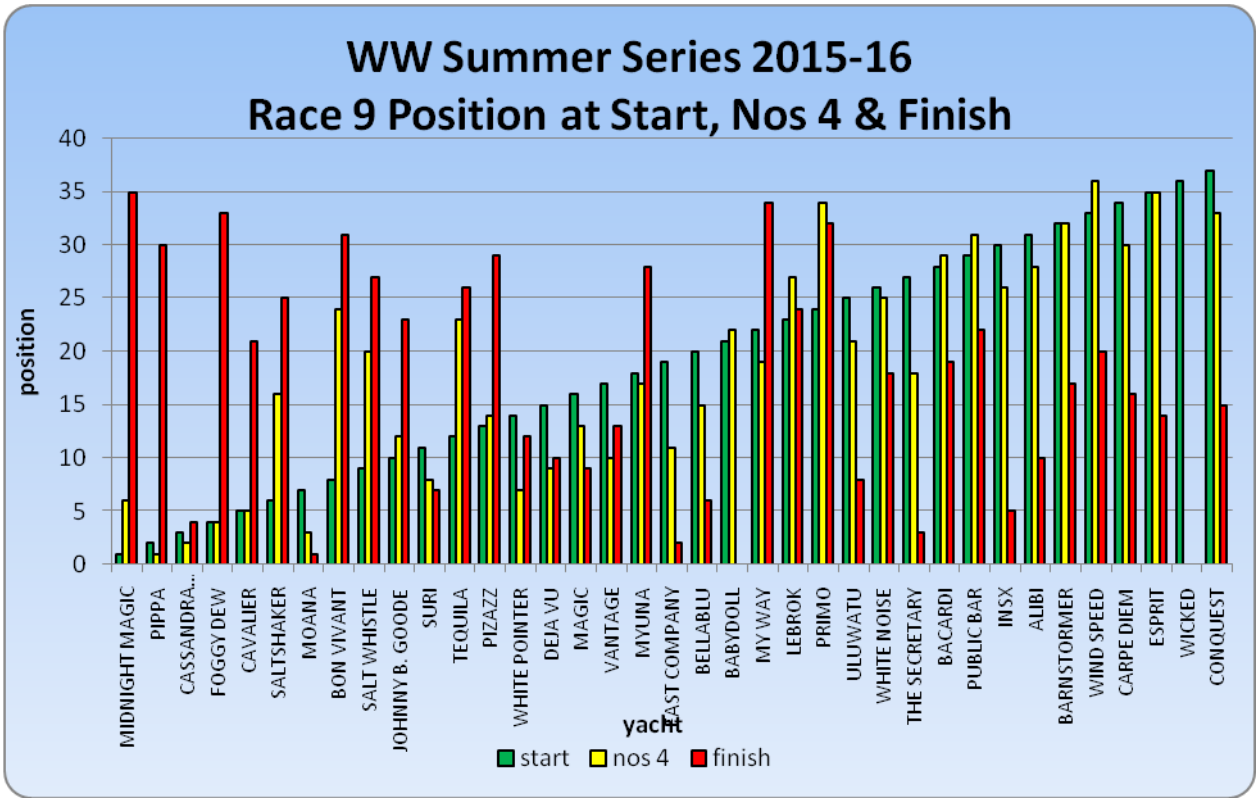
Winning the most competitive start of the series was the Nsx 38 INSX (Rob Sill) only 1 second late for her handicap. Out of 37 starters, 22 started within 10 seconds of their respective handicaps with 5 yachts starting a minute or more late. This includes one yacht that started too soon. The median start time was 7 seconds.



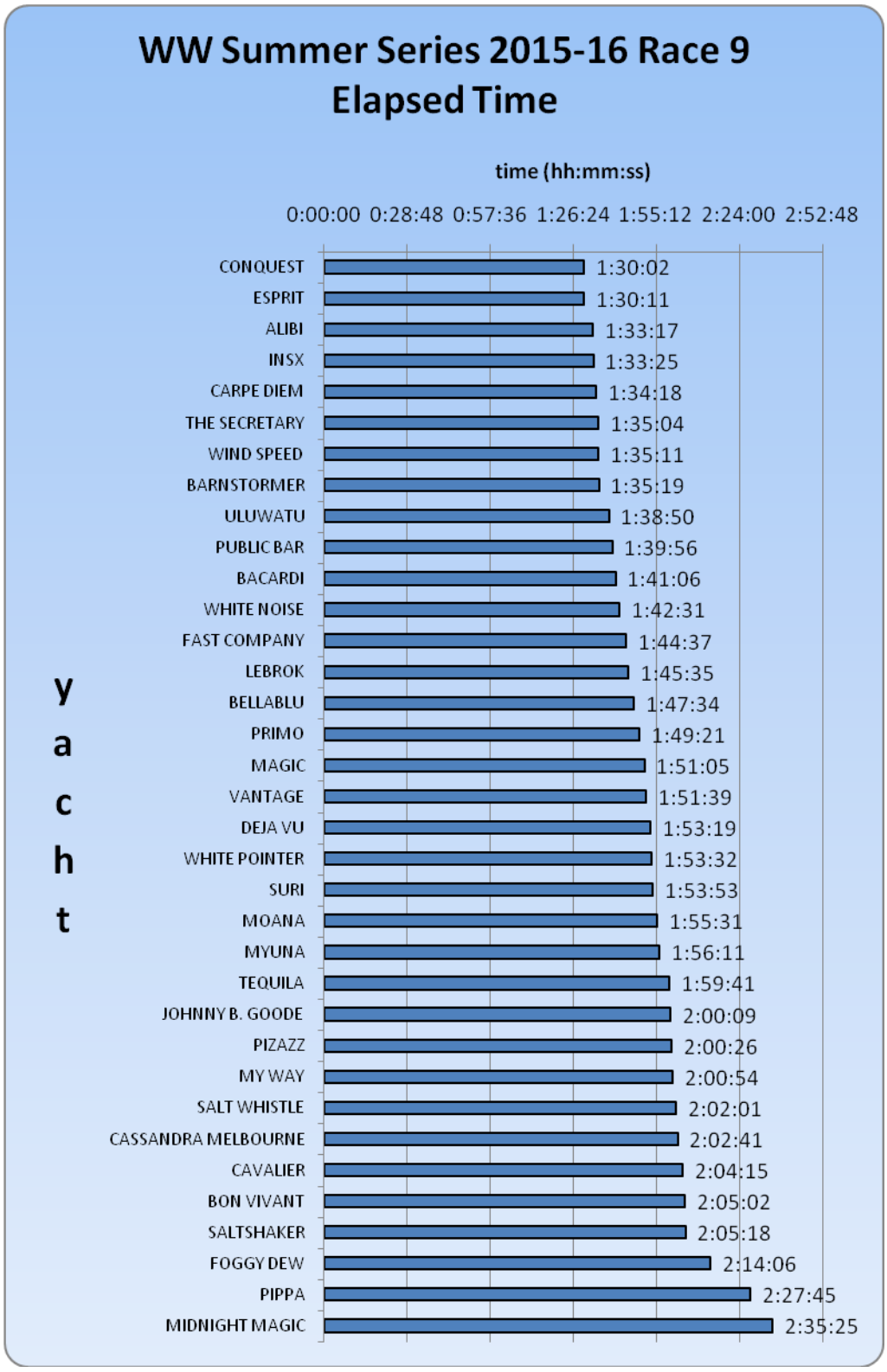
The fleet started the race 53 minutes and 8 seconds apart but by the first rounding of number 4 this gap had reduced to 15 minutes and 5 seconds. The gap increased during the last 3 legs of the race with the fleet finishing 16 minutes 54 seconds apart. There was only one second separating CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) from BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes) at the finish line, with 2 seconds separating ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) from DEJA VU (Peter Dransfield).



The majority (6) of the 12 early finishers started from mid fleet with 3 each starting from the early and late starters.



The average elapsed time for this race was 1:51:41 – a little less than the average for all races this series. For the 4th time a series the shortest elapsed time was recorded by the Beneteau First 45 CONQUEST (Paul Jacka) who was only 9 seconds faster than the longer yacht ESPRIT (Garry Anderson).



With the abandonement of race 8, race 9 hosted the second race in the 6 race Century Class series. Winning the race was MOANA with FAST COMPANY second and CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob REEVES) finishing third. These three yachts all finished in the top four of the main race. Further details are provided in the table below.

CENTURY CLASS SUMMER SERIES 2015-16 RACE 2 RESULT				
POSITION	YACHT	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP
1	MOANA	1:55:31	15:45:31	0:20:00
2	FAST COMPANY	1:44:37	15:45:37	0:31:00
3	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	2:02:41	15:46:41	0:14:00
4	MAGIC	1:51:05	15:48:05	0:27:00
5	SALTSHAKER	2:05:18	15:54:18	0:19:00
6	TEQUILA	1:59:41	15:54:41	0:25:00
7	PIPPA	2:24:45	15:56:45	0:02:00

It should be mentioned that during the race a crewmember of one yacht unintentionally went overboard. The member was successfully recovered and the yacht went on to complete the race. Although this incident had a good result it is a timely reminder of the need for Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's). The Marine Safety Victoria website provides details of the regulations that apply to the wearing of such devices and the following is taken from the MSV publication "A Guide to the Marine Regulations and How They Affect You".

All occupants of yachts are required to wear a specified PFD at times of heightened risk when underway and when in an open area of the vessel.

Heightened Risk

- When the vessel is crossing or attempting to cross an ocean bar or designated hazardous area
- When the vessel is being operated by a person who is alone
- When being operated at night (one hour after sun set to one hour before sunrise) or in periods of restricted visibility
- When there is a significant likelihood that the vessel may capsize or be swamped by waves or the occupants of the vessel may fall overboard or be forced to enter the water
- When the vessel is operating in an area where: a gale warning; storm warning, severe thunderstorm warning issued by the BOM is current
- When the vessel is a yacht where there are no safety barriers, lifelines, rails, safety harnesses or jacklines in use.

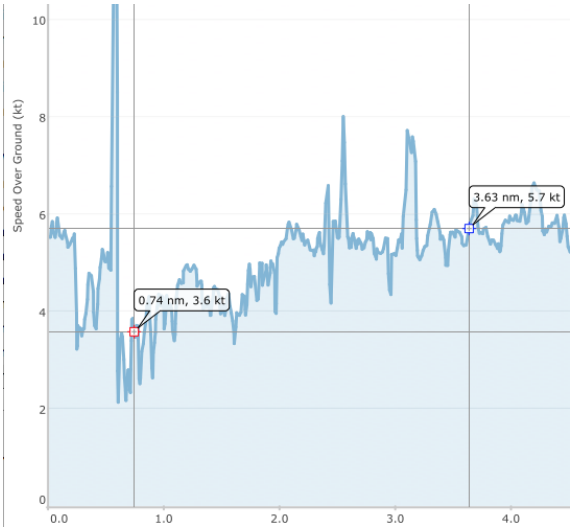
The table on the following page provides the finish positions and handicaps for the last 5 races.

WW SUMMER SERIES 2015-16 FINISH POSITION & HANDICAP RACES 4 to 9										
	RACE 4		RACE 5		RACE 6		RACE 7		RACE 9	
YACHT	FINISH POSITION	HANDICAP	FINISH POSITION	HANDICAP	FINISH POSITION	HANDICAP	FINISH POSITION	HANDICAP	FINISH POSITION	HANDICAP
CONQUEST	1	48:00	15	51:00	DNC	DNC	18	51:00	15	51:00
ALIBI	2	44:00	DNC	DNC	16	46:00	14	46:00	10	46:00
WHITE NOISE	3	38:00	20	39:00	DNC	DNC	7	39:00	18	39:00
ESPRIT	4	50:00	14	50:00	13	50:00	15	50:00	14	50:00
INSX	5	45:00	19	45:00	9	44:00	10	44:00	5	44:00
WIND SPEED	6	43:00	13	43:00	3	43:00	3	45:00	20	47:00
MORE NOISE	7	39:00	DNC	DNC	2	39:00	20	42:00	DNC	DNC
BARNSTORMER	8	46:00	16	46:00	10	46:00	13	46:00	17	46:00
THE SECRETARY	9	42:00	DNC	DNC	29	42:00	32	41:00	3	41:00
PUBLIC BAR	10	45:00	27	45:00	12	43:00	24	43:00	22	43:00
BACARDI	11	41:00	11	41:00	6	41:00	8	41:00	19	41:00
BABYDOLL	12	34:00	10	34:00	19	34:00	23	34:00	DNC	DNC
CARPE DIEM	13	49:00	22	49:00	26	48:00	12	47:00	16	47:00
FAST COMPANY	14	31:00	DNC	DNC	15	31:00	5	31:00	2	31:00
MAGIC	15	28:00	17	28:00	22	28:00	27	28:00	9	27:00
SECOND NATURE	16	28:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
LEBROK	17	39:00	24	39:00	7	38:00	26	38:00	24	38:00
ULUWATU	18	40:00	9	40:00	28	40:00	31	39:00	8	39:00
MYUNA	19	29:00	6	29:00	11	29:00	11	29:00	28	29:00
VANTAGE	20	30:00	7	30:00	32	30:00	34	28:00	13	28:00
CAVALIER	21	18:00	21	18:00	4	18:00	6	18:00	21	18:00
JOHNNY B. GOODE	22	22:00	3	22:00	33	24:00	33	23:00	23	23:00
TRUE COLOURS	23	26:00	DNS	DNS	DNC	DNC	16	27:00	DNC	DNC
FIREFOX	24	23:00	DNC	DNC	14	23:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
SALT WHISTLE	25	23:00	DNC	DNC	20	23:00	DNC	DNC	27	23:00
LUCILLE	26	28:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	30	28:00	DNC	DNC
PIZAZZ	27	24:00	4	24:00	27	25:00	21	25:00	29	25:00
PACEMAKER	28	25:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
MY WAY	29	30:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	35	30:00	34	29:00
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	30	13:00	2	13:00	34	15:00	18	14:00	4	14:00
DEJA VU	31	30:00	12	30:00	24	30:00	39	29:00	10	26:00
MOANA	32	19:00	1	19:00	30	22:00	37	21:00	1	20:00
SALTSHAKER	33	19:00	23	19:00	17	19:00	29	19:00	25	19:00
TEQUILA	34	23:00	18	23:00	25	23:00	1	22:00	26	25:00
WHITE POINTER	35	28:00	DNC	DNC	31	28:00	38	27:00	12	26:00
BON VIVANT	36	22:00	DNC	DNC	5	22:00	DNC	DNC	31	22:00
FOGGY DEW	37	20:00	28	20:00	35	18:00	9	15:00	33	15:00
PIPPA	38	02:00	5	02:00	23	02:00	17	02:00	30	02:00
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	39	Minus 5	DNC	DNC	21	minus 5	2	minus 5	35	minus 2
SURI	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	36	26:00	7	24.00
PRIMO	DNC	DNC	25	36:00	8	35:00	4	35:00	32	38:00
UPBEAT	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	1	36:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
FUN AND GAMES	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	28	40:00	DNC	DNC
WICKED	DNC	DNC	26	52:00	18	50:00	22	50:00	DNC	DNC
WILLARIE	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
BELLABLU	DNC	DNC	8	30:00	DNC	DNC	25	30:00	6	30:00
BLUE CHIP	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC

Windward Buoy

Mark's Merry Message - Merry Christmas

The Anomaly (Sometimes now called The Anonyma Or Anonyma Shoal)
Some of you may not be aware that the Anonyma reef which is actually a shoal, was previously know as the Anomaly Reef. The reason that SYC yachts are not permitted to sail between the two markers is not so much about the depth of water (2mts – 12mts or so on the deep side), as the strange happenings that occur in that area.
Mark did mention the slow progress in the previous race for the first starting yachts – well, the same occurrence happened this race. As Pippa, one of the early starters, neared the Anomaly the yacht's speed dropped to about 2knts (see GPS readout below). This followed a record speed a few minutes prior of over 10knts. The boat managed to regain speed to about 6knts and was able to keep in first place around the first 3 marks. I think the handicapper needs to take into consideration the events that happen in this area. I suggest an extra 5 mins allowance when going to No 1 or number 5 would be appropriate. This would enable early yachts to cope with the mysteries of this area without loosing their handicap advantage, which is what is happening at present.
Why the area is now called the Anonyma is a puzzle. There is not sunken ship there. There is actually no reef, it is a shoal. To quote *"it is impossible to assess the archaeological significance of the Anonyma as the site has not been located. Contemporary newspaper reports say the Anonyma was wrecked 'on shore about 1 mile outside Point Lonsdale (Argus 4/10/1859) The wreck site has neither been reported nor located).*
Mark considers that this area should be renamed to what it's original name was and courses that pass this area should be avoided - unless those who first encroach on the area each Wednesday, cleanse it to get rid of the curse to make it a safe passage, get a greater allowance from the handicapper.



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58	2/12/2015 1:43:40 pm	41 m	0:00:08	10 kt	-81 m	218° true
59	2/12/2015 1:43:48 pm	41 m	0:00:04	20 kt	-72 m	274° true
60	2/12/2015 1:43:52 pm	13 m	0:00:05	5 kt	-85 m	8° true
61	2/12/2015 1:43:57 pm	2 m	0:00:11	0.4 kt	-86 m	354° true
62	2/12/2015 1:44:08 pm	10 m	0:00:07	2.9 kt	-61 m	224° true
63	2/12/2015 1:44:15 pm	19 m	0:00:12	3.1 kt	-49 m	221° true
64	2/12/2015 1:44:27 pm	18 m	0:00:11	3.1 kt	-33 m	227° true
65	2/12/2015 1:44:38 pm	19 m	0:00:09	4.1 kt	-24 m	221° true
66	2/12/2015 1:44:47 pm	12 m	0:00:07	3.4 kt	-19 m	219° true

Windy Words.
Mark mentioned last week about the baywx.com.au web site many of us use. It is run as a voluntary task by Andrew B Watkins (Jacquie Hope's Son in Law)
I note that there is a feedback address been added. If you make use of the site it would be great to give some feedback, as it will be the only payment he will get for providing a valuable service. CLICKmailto:windjunky@gmail.com

Monaco Posters
The posters: to see more of the 1932 era Monaco Posters visit Christies CLICK

Wednesday Wonders Classic Car Yacht Race _ Results

A special thanks to red bluff homes who have some interesting designs. To have a look at some examples of what they do CLICK
Red Bluff picked up the tab for the engraving and prizes, which was not a small amount, and also provided a bottle of wine to every classic car that came down to SYC that did not win a prize.

Thanks also to **Colin Miller - Offshore Marine Electronics** our local electronics expert (0419 505 467 or 9597 0528) for donating a VHF hand held radio for first prize.

First - Austin Healy **"The Secretary"** George Shaw
Second - Ferrari **"Esprit"** Gary Anderson (Best Dressed & Best Photo)
Third - Fiat **LeBrok** Theo Korbel (Oldest Car & Extra Photos)

Thank you to all the owners, drivers and the helpers in the tower, and to Rita the G P starter for making it a fun day.
The cars did provide an opportunity to share a little bit more about Wednesday Wonders - "We are not just sailors". We hope next year that there will be more yachts entering.
Thanks to George Shaw for all the work he did to make this a successful and fun event. He need not have been embarrassed about winning the race. It was just a surprise for him to finish 3rd in the race instead of 10th.

Last Weeks Quiz

The task last week was to match the cars with the drivers. The winner was the person with the most correct matches who was to win a bottle of wine. After an incredible amount of work by Mark to get all the photos together, the result could have been claimed, if you had just got one match correct: but no one did.

The prize will jackpot next year. The correct matchings are below.

CAR Owner	Car Photo number
Christine Matheou	No 3 1965 Ferrari
Gai Woolhouse	No2 MG Midget
Graeme Kaufman	No 9 Elfin Streamliner 1960.
Ian Kaufman	No 1
Richard Brearley	No 10 MGBMk 11 1968
Jon Guymer	No 4 Bentley Mk6 1951
George Shaw	No 11 1956 Austin Healey BN2
Harvey Pauly	No13 MG & No 15 VW Van
David Judkins	No 10 FIAT sports 1923
Tim Little	No 5 Chev Corvette Stingray
Lorraine Forkes	No 12 MG Midget 1968
Jeffrey Woolhouse	No15 FX Holden 1954
Mal Billings	No 6 1972 BMW 2.8 C5
Neil Shields	Missing Austin Healey 1956

The OLDEST CAR winner by 28 years, was David Judkin with his 1923 Fiat Sports

David is a regular crew on Lebrok,

The Emma Peel Award (Best dressed driver) was awarded to Christine Matheou (Esprit)

The following table is a list (in order of distance) of 24 courses less than 11 nautical miles around fixed marks. Although there are 2 leg courses (sausages) and 3 leg courses listed in the Sailing Instructions for laid marks there are no 2 or 3 leg courses around fixed marks. If there were then the shortest course could be Start – 3 – Finish, about 1.2 miles. If necessary that sequence could be repeated. Alternatively a 3-leg course could be Start – 3 – 2 – Finish, about 2.8 nautical miles

COURSE DETAILS - FIXED MARKS													
COURSE	START	LEAVE	START	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	FINISH	DISTANCE	LEGS
2	N	P	START	3	2	1					FINISH	4.4	4
1	S	S	START	1	2	3					FINISH	4.4	4
3	S	S	START	5	2	3					FINISH	6.3	4
4	N	P	START	3	2	5					FINISH	6.5	4
5	N	P	START	7	4(P)	1	4	3	4(P)	1	FINISH	7.6	6
33	N	P	START	3	2	1	4	3	4(P)	1	FINISH	7.9	7
32	S	S	START	1	2	7	4	1	4(P)	3	FINISH	8.2	7
6	N	P	START	7	2	1	4	3	4(P)	1	FINISH	8.4	7
27	S	S	START	1	R2	3					FINISH	8.5	4
13	S	S	START	1	2	3	4	1	4(P)	7	FINISH	8.5	7
26	N	P	START	3	R2	1					FINISH	8.5	4
31	N	P	START	7	6	1	4	2(S)	3(S)		FINISH	8.8	7
63	N	P	START	3	6	1	4	2	1		FINISH	9.3	7
62	N	P	START	3	5	4	7	1			FINISH	9.5	6
61	N	P	START	7	5	4	3	1			FINISH	9.8	6
7	N	P	START	3	2	5	4	3	4(P)	1	FINISH	9.8	7
14	S	S	START	5	4(P)	7	4	1	4(P)	3	FINISH	9.8	6
16	S	S	START	5	2	3	4	1	4(P)	3	FINISH	9.8	7
64	S	S	START	1	6	7	3	4	1	2	FINISH	10.1	9
66	S	S	START	1	7	4	1	7	4	1	FINISH	10.2	9
36	S	S	START	1	6	3	4	6	3		FINISH	10.2	7
10	S	S	START	5	6	4	5				FINISH	10.4	5
15	S	S	START	5	2	7	4	1	4(P)	7	FINISH	10.7	6
8	N	P	START	7	6	5	4	3	4(P)	1	FINISH	10.8	7

Mark is starting his holidays a little early this year. He would like to thank all the Wednesday Wonder's sailors for the contributions and positive feedback he has received during 2015. He would particularly like to thank the Pappa Art Sea for the excellent action photos sent to share throughout the year, in particular to Windward Buoy and Andrew Lynch.
As a Christmas present to Windward Buoy you might like to provide a few comments about 2015 Wednesday Wonders Races. I am sure those organizing the races would welcome it and it would assist the Buoy to write up the race reports in my absence.

Coming Up
REC Boating Party 9/1/2 has CLOSED and the food been ordered
…If you haven't booked - too late!
23rd December The December Century Class Race RACE 12
24th December Notify Father Christmas if you are staying on your yacht
6th January Resumption of Wednesday Wonders RACE 13
9th January Recreational Boating Summer Raft Up

Best Wishes & enjoy your sailing even if it is not on a Wednesday
MARK WINDWARD