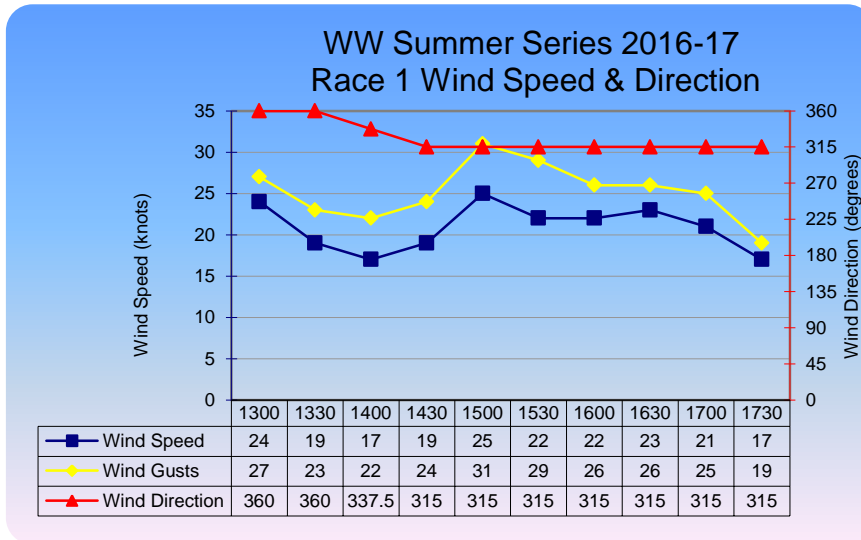


**Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2016-17 Race 1**  
**Plus**  
**Winter Series 2016 Round Up**  
 5 October 2016)

An abandoned race was not really the start to the summer series that was hoped for. There had been 7 abandoned races in the winter series so something completely different was anticipated for the summer. As it turned out the wind speed at Fawkner Beacon for the afternoon averaged 21 knots mainly from the North West which was in line with the forecast. It was 24 knots gusting 27 at 1300 hours after which it fell before increasing to 25 knots gusting 31 at 1500 hours. The day had a wintry feel about it with around 12 degrees being recorded at Moorabbin Airport close to the scheduled start of the race. Hopefully there will be better weather for race 2.



The summer series aggregate has attracted some “new yachts” to the fleet including: BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch); CARRERA (Geoffrey Simpson); DOLPHIN PLAY (John Brennan); HOT CHIPS (John Chipp); MELTEMI SYC (Ian Howarth); and NUTCRAKER II (Rob Davis & Andy Baker). All these yachts, except MELTEMI SYC, made brief appearances towards the end of the winter series as casual entries so it will be interesting to see how they will compete against “the regulars”.

**THE WINTER SERIES 2016**



With plenty of windy Wednesdays the past winter series was one of the tougher ones. Wind speed at Fawkner Beacon on Wednesday afternoons averaged over 15 knots for the series.

Of the 26 scheduled races 7 were abandoned and 4 of the 19 completed races were shortened.

Only two yachts completed all 19 races and both finished in the aggregate top ten. These two yachts were the aggregate winner GUN BOAT and FOGGY DEW who tied for 9<sup>th</sup> place.

The number of yachts in the aggregate was less than previous series but competition was as keen as ever. Forty two yachts entered the aggregate and these were supplemented from time to time by some of the 14 visitors. On average about 27 yachts entered each race. Race 3 had the largest fleet with 36 yachts. Again this was less than previous series. However, only 6 yachts failed to finish races they started. This is a significant improvement on previous years when in 2015, 62 yachts failed to finish races they started. Details of the aggregate are shown in the table below:

<b>WW Winter Series 2016 Aggregate Details.</b>						
AGGREGATE POSITION	YACHT	SKIPPER	DESIGN	NOS OF RACES	AVERAGE ELAPSED TIME	AVERAGE HANDICAP
1	GUN BOAT	Bruce Alexander	J24	19	1:52:23	0:26:09
2	PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	Triton 24	17	2:10:24	0:07:53
3	WIND SPEED	Les Browne	Sydney 36cr	17	1:32:00	0:46:00
4	CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	Beneteau First 50	18	1:29:33	0:50:17
5	THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	J44	16	1:33:21	0:45:15
6	ALIBI	Dennis Hambleton	Sydney 36cr	15	1:34:07	0:45:24
7	SALTSHAKER	Ken Gayler	Jarkan 925	17	1:58:31	0:20:56
8	BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	Bavaria Match 42	14	1:31:13	0:45:21
9	MAGIC	Phil Spry-Bailey	S & S 39	15	1:49:43	0:28:56
10	FOGGY DEW	Frank Hilliard	Bavaria 32	19	1:58:41	0:22:41
11	STAMPEDE	Christopher Gendala	Elliott 15.50	14	1:29:13	0:51:43
12	MOANA	Stan Rankin	Bluewater 400	17	2:00:53	0:23:18
13	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	Mottle 33	16	2:01:56	0:18:08
14	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	Beneteau First 36.7	16	1:39:59	0:39:07
15	WHITE POINTER	Tommy Raft	Beneteau Oceanis 43	15	1:45:26	0:35:40
17	PUBLIC BAR	Clive Sondheim	Elliott	16	1:36:19	0:43:38
18	BABYDOLL	Brendan Kruger	Hanse 40	14	1:41:45	0:37:39
19	PIAZZ	P.Martyn R.Kemp	Beneteau Oceanis 34	14	1:55:05	0:26:39
20	SECOND NATURE	Paul Mentiplay	Bavaria 38	12	1:48:54	0:33:40
21	PRIMO	Steve Copley	Beneteau First 36.7	13	1:41:57	0:37:23
22	WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	Triton 24	11	2:17:59	0:05:05
23	SURI	Rick Blanck	Beneteau Oceanis 34	14	1:53:57	0:27:51
24	PHOENIX	Alex Tseberg	Armitage 30	15	1:50:05	0:32:40
25	CONQUEST	Paul Jacka	Beneteau First 45	9	1:27:38	0:51:00
26	CAVALIER	David Lynch	Cavalier 30	10	2:03:47	0:20:12
27	VANTAGE	Darren Hunter	Bavaria 40	9	1:49:26	0:34:07
28	BON VIVANT	Russell Keays	S80	11	1:56:30	0:23:22
29	UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	Beneteau First 36.7	9	1:47:35	0:37:27
30	FAST COMPANY	Albert Doggett	Farr 1020	9	1:47:08	0:34:47
31	BELLABLU	John Lake	Comar	7	1:44:31	0:35:51
32	WHITE NOISE	Daniel Edwards	Beneteau First 35	7	1:40:46	0:41:43
33	INSX	Robert Sill	Nsx38	7	1:36:46	0:45:26
35	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	Bernadette Moore	East Coast 31	7	2:22:01	0:01:00
36	WICKED	Mike Welsh	Beneteau First 40	5	1:32:23	0:49:00
37	MY WAY	Magdy Iskander	Beneteau First 36.7	8	1:51:55	0:35:23
38	ESPRIT	Garry Anderson	Beneteau 47.7	5	1:24:45	0:51:36
39	JOHNNY B. GOODE	John Chipp	Beneteau Oceanis 34	7	1:56:18	0:27:51
40	MORE NOISE	Jason Close	Archambault A31	4	1:42:23	0:41:45
41	FUN AND GAMES	Alan Edwards	Lidgard	3	1:55:42	0:42:00
42	HOT CHIPPS	John Chipp	Oceanis 41	1	1:38:56	0:37:00

A total of 57 podium finishes were on offer and they were shared among 31 different yachts. Included in these 31, were 14 different race winners. Multiple race winners were PIPPA with 3 wins, then GUN BOAT, NUTCRACKER II and STAMPEDE each with 2 wins. NUTCRACKER II manufactured her 2 wins from 5 races.

WW Winter Series Podium Finishers				
YACHT	Finish Position			
	TOTAL	1	2	3
PIPPA	4	3		1
WHITE POINTER	3	1	1	1
BARNSTORMER	3		1	2
GUN BOAT	3	2		1
SALTSHAKER	3	1	1	1
ALIBI	3		2	1
PHOENIX	2	1	1	
BABYDOLL	2	1		1
BON VIVANT	2		1	1
CARPE DIEM	2		2	
CAVALIER	2	1		1
MAGIC	2		1	1
MOANA	2		1	1
NUTCRACKER II	2	2		
PIAZZ	2	1		1
WILLARIE	2		1	1
VANTAGE	2		2	
SALT WHISTLE	2	1		1
STAMPEDE	2	2		
SHIMMER	1			1
VINDALOO	1		1	
SURI	1			1
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	1	1		
MY WAY	1	1		
FOGGY DEW	1		1	
WIND SPEED	1			1
LEBROK	1		1	
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	1		1	
PUBLIC BAR	1			1
PP1	1	1		
CONQUEST	1		1	

The contest for the 9804 5856- the best starter, was intense. Eighteen different yachts won Start of the Day with nine of the 18 recording a perfect start. There were ties in 4 of the races and race 16 recorded a 4 way tie. THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) was the winner of the Misty Blue trophy decided after a count back.

The Century Class Series consisting of 6 races was contested by 9 yachts. To be eligible the age of the skipper and yacht had to total at least 100 years. This was another close contest at least for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The winner by 1 point was PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) with SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

CENTURY CLASS WINTER SERIES 2016 AGGREGATE RESULT				
POSITION	YACHT	SKIPPER	DESIGN	TOTAL
1	PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	Triton 24	18
2	SALTSHAKER	Ken Gayler	Jarkan 925	19
3	BON VIVANT	Russell Keyes	S80	26
4	MAGIC	Phil Spry Bailey	S & S 39	28
5	MOANA	Stan Rankin	Bluewater 400	31
6	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	Mottle 33	32
7	WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	Triton 24	36
8	BELLABLU	John Lake	Comar 40	43
9	FAST COMPANY	Albert Doggett	Farr 1020	45

The Farcenet Series of 7 races was open to yachts that had the fastest elapsed times in the earlier races of WW. The series was won by WINDSPEED (Les Browne) from STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) and BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes).

FARCENET SERIES 2016 AGGREGATE										
POSITION	YACHT	SKIPPER	RACE NUMBER							TOTAL
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	WIND SPEED	Les Browne	2	3	5	2	4	1	1	18
2	STAMPEDE	Christopher Gendala	6	2	3	1	1	6	4	23
3	BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	1	9	6	3	3	4	3	29
4	CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	4	5	1	5	5	5	6	31
5	ALIBI	Denis Hambleton	9	4	2	9	2	2	5	33
6	THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	3	1	9	9	9	8	2	41
7	PUBLIC BAR	Clive Sondheim	9	9	4	4	9	3	7	45
8	CONQUEST	Paul Jacka	5	9	7	9	9	7	9	55



## *Mark my Words*

### **Cancelled Race One**

It looked like it might have been possible to race before, looking at the forecasts, and after, when it is always easier to evaluate winds. But when you talk to the BOM ( which the tower did) and they say “*the wind strength for the whole afternoon will be 20-30 knots*” there is no way you would want to go against their advice despite forecasts.

By comparison to Sunday the wind was light ~ Sunday had a top strength of 49 knts gusting to 59 knts at 13:59, and an average of 24.2 knts.

**VIDEO of the WEEK** To view [click](#) - brought to you by **UK Sail Makers** (West Australia). One example of an excellent series of short learning videos. Like their series on Racing Rules they are very well produced and easy to follow. Great tips about setting up sails etc, and safety at sea. **UK Sailmakers** have given permission to publish this link .... and to use the link, *they also invite you to visit the other pages on their website. Hopefully you will see the benefits of using UK Sailmakers. (Currently there are no agents in Victoria, this contact was from Perth).*

**SYC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2016-2020** with new and re-numbered courses. One hard copy per yacht entered is available from the Boating Office.

Be prepared, you may not be able to follow PIPPA in Race 2 as she is being repainted and the weather for painting is not looking too good. Check out the new white yacht in the yard!

There is no confirmation that the Chief ~ Phillip, has received a petition that Pippa cannot change from her hull colour of red. Just a rumour.

**Thanks to Di and Margaret** and helpers for another great **Presentation Night** for Wednesday Wonders. Named I think because we wonder what décor they will come up with for the room. Thanks Ladies for what turned into a very busy afternoon with preparations.

The Tower award, which was a Chinese Waving paw cat, was given to **Foggy Dew** for waving the most enthusiastically and consistently when crossing the finish line. Not sure which “cat-er-gorey this goes under. Grahame came back for the Uk especially to accept the award, landing only just in time.

### **Mark’s Check List for Race Two**

- Remove old course sheets
- Collected your new sailing instructions for 2016 – 2020 from Boating office
- Have on board New Courses
- Man and Women overboard declaration. Form from Boating office
- Check the age of your yacht and your Skipper’s age to see if they add up to 100 years or more, if so enter (for free) the WW Century Class before the end of this month, at the boating office.
- Check you are entered for the Summer series. (Currently only 37 yachts are entered)
- Have your “present” ready for the new handicappers, David & Chris, or is it visa versa?

### **Who Said this?**

*There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat. And we must take the current when it serves, or lose our ventures.*

Please send any comments, advice, aims for this season etc. to share with other WW Sailors

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