

# Andy Kapper is on the Time Ball – A 10minute finish

## Wednesday Wonders Race 11 Summer Series 2016-17

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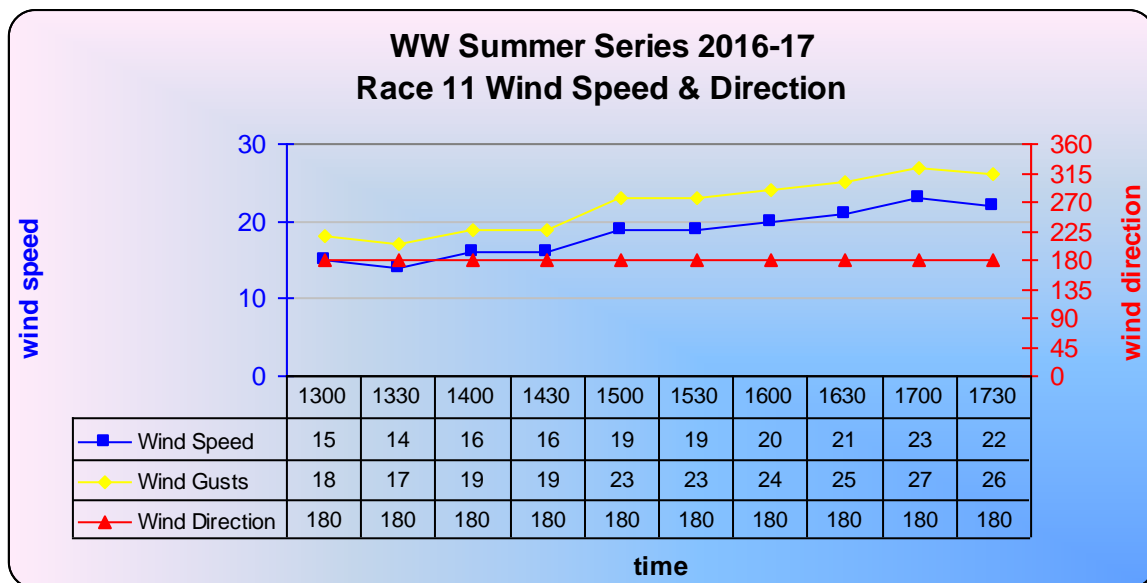


With 28 yachts finishing within 10 minutes of the winner, and a yacht crossing the finish at an average of every 27 seconds, this race produced one of the closest finishes this series. The 32-yacht fleet started 53 minutes 27 seconds apart. At the completion of the first four legs, what was now a fleet of 30 were only 21 minutes 5 seconds apart. After sailing the entire 7 legs 9.8 nautical mile course 12 the fleet finished within 14 minutes 20 seconds of each other. The race brought three yachts to the podium for the first time this series, with SALT WHISTLE (Alex Hall) the winner, DÉJÀ VU (Peter Dransfield) in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and WHITE NOISE (Daniel Edwards) finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There was a brand new winner of Start of the Day – BRANNEW (Clive Sondheim) who became the 4<sup>th</sup> yacht this series to have a perfect start. There was plenty of competition for the best start with 20 of the 32 yacht fleet starting within 10 seconds or less of their handicaps.

The fastest elapsed time of 1:29:22 was recorded by ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) who was 1 minute and 4 seconds faster than STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) and 1 minute 28 seconds faster than CONQUEST (Paul Jacka).

Despite finishing 24<sup>th</sup> LEBROK (Theo Korbel) still tops the aggregate. She has a lead of 11 points over ESPRIT who moved up from 5<sup>th</sup> into 2<sup>nd</sup> place.



The breeze increased as the afternoon progressed from about 14 knots at the start of the race to 20 knots at 1600 just after the last yacht crossed the finish line. Observations taken at Fawkner Beacon indicated that the breeze came from the south for the whole of the afternoon.



This was the 6<sup>th</sup> race of the series completed by SALT WHISTLE and resulted in her first podium finish so far. Starting from 7<sup>th</sup> place she was only 2 seconds late for her 23-minute handicap – her lowest handicap of the series. SALT WHISTLE sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 1:11:37 and rounded number 4 for the first time in 4<sup>th</sup> place 3 minutes 59 seconds behind the race leader. During the last 3 legs of the race she overtook the 3 yachts ahead and after she established a lead of 1 minute 14 seconds was first across the finish line at 15:44:57.

SALT WHISTLE had the same 23 minute handicap as SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) but made a 4 second better start to the race and sailed the course 10 minutes 22 seconds faster. As a result of her win SALT WHISTLE moved up the aggregate table 9 places from 35<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>.

DÉJÀ VU is one of 6 yachts to have completed all the 9 races held this summer. Prior to this race she had 2 top ten finishes but this was her first time on the podium. DÉJÀ VU had a good start being only 4 seconds late for her 26-minute handicap. This was the best start of 3 yachts with 26-minute handicaps.

DÉJÀ VU sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 1:10:28 and moved up from 9<sup>th</sup> place at the start to 6<sup>th</sup> position. She sailed the last 3 legs of the race in 39 minutes 39 seconds and was 2<sup>nd</sup> across the finish line at 15:46:11. DÉJÀ VU sailed the course 2 minutes 28 seconds faster than SURI (Rick Blanck) and 2 minutes 45 seconds faster than PIZAZZ (P Martyn R Kemp) the other 2 yachts with 26-minute handicaps. DEJA VU moves from 13<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.

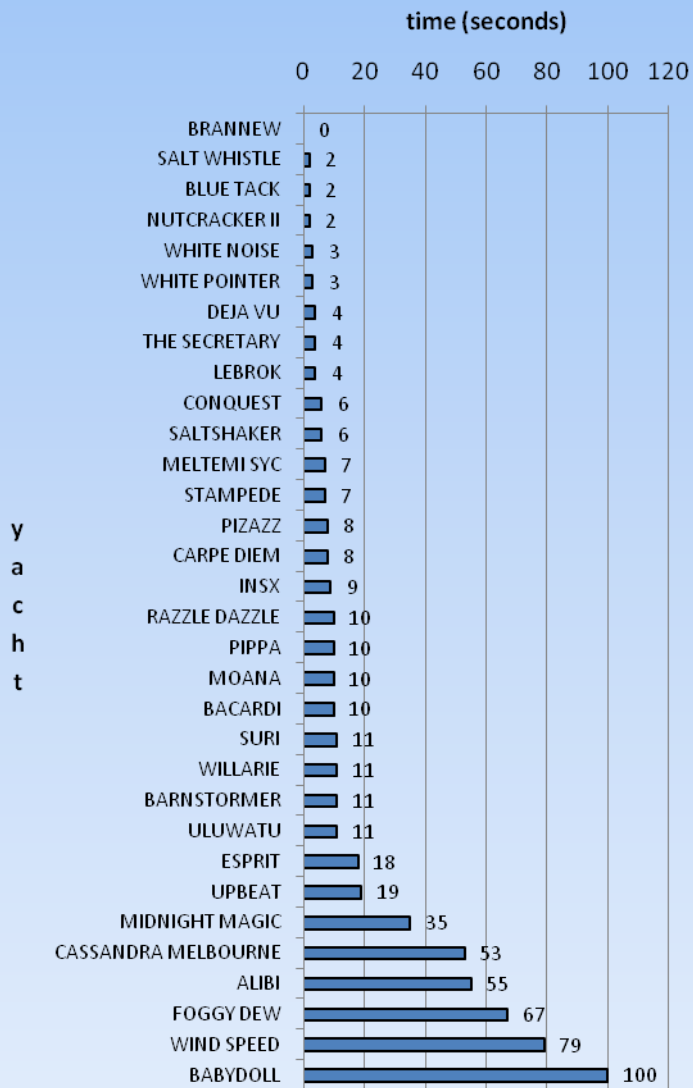


The first race of the series for WHITE NOISE was race 5 in which she finished 32<sup>nd</sup>. She has completed each race since then and improved her result in each successive race.

WHITE NOISE also had a good start only 3 seconds late for her 41-minute handicap from 18<sup>th</sup> place. At the first rounding of number 4 she had only moved up 2 places to be 16<sup>th</sup>. At this stage she was still 11 minutes 54 seconds behind the race leader.

WHITE NOISE sailed the last 3 legs of the race in 34 minutes 12 seconds and moved up from 16<sup>th</sup> to cross the finish line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 15:46:46. She sailed in the entire course in 1:35:46 – 52 seconds faster than BRANNEW a yacht 5 feet longer. WHITE NOISE is now 16<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate with a total of 58 points.

## WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 11 Start of the Day



Out of 32 yachts only 3 were more than a minute late for their handicap. It was BRANNEW that won Start of the Day with the perfect start. She joins ESPRIT, INSX (Rob Sill) and LEBROK (Theo Korbel) who have also had perfect starts. The median start time for this race was 9 seconds.



The closest finish in the race was 1 second that separated CONQUEST from FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard) who finished 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> respectively. Two seconds separated WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft) from CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) whilst 3 seconds separated ESPRIT from MOANA (Stan Rankin) who finished 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

It is not often that we can use the same photograph of a finish for two different races.

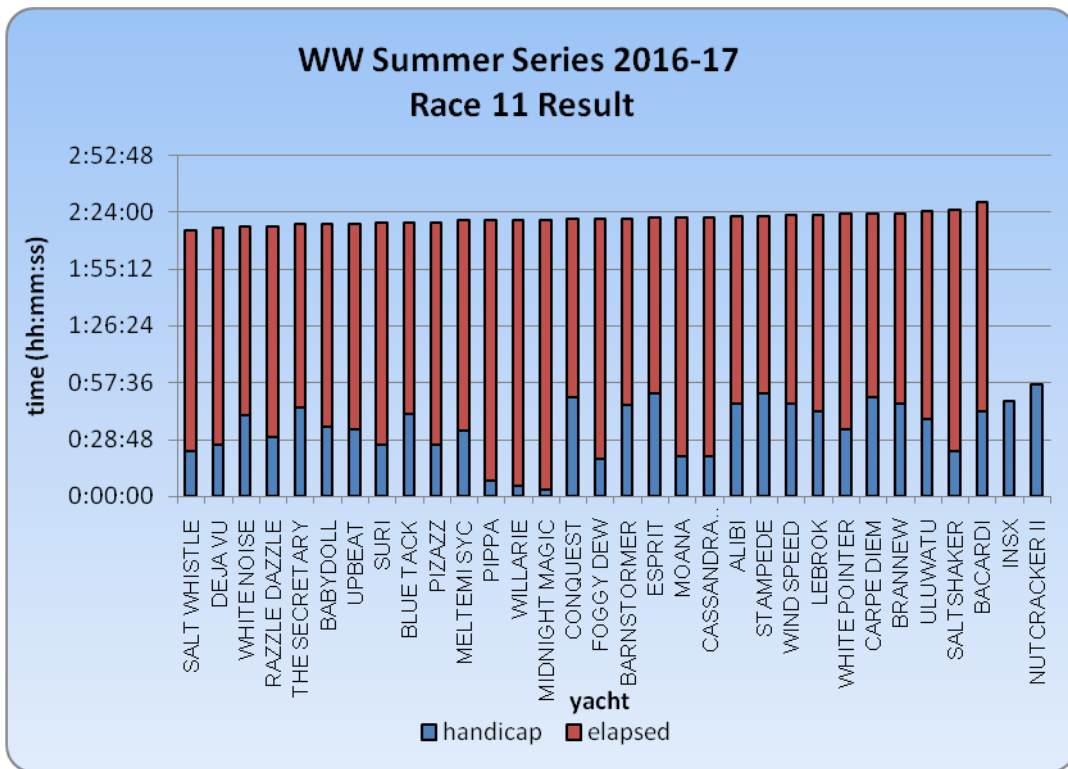
This photo was used for Race 9 and it could have been used for Race 11. In this race the order for these yachts after the first triangle was Pippa Sm303 15:00:40, Willarie Sm315 15:01:53 and Midnight Magic Sm1101 15:03:22.

Pippa was in the lead until No 1 when her jib eyelet parted and she finished 12<sup>th</sup> at 15:50:05, Sm 315 13<sup>th</sup> at 15:50:10 and Sm1101 14<sup>th</sup> at 15:50:14.

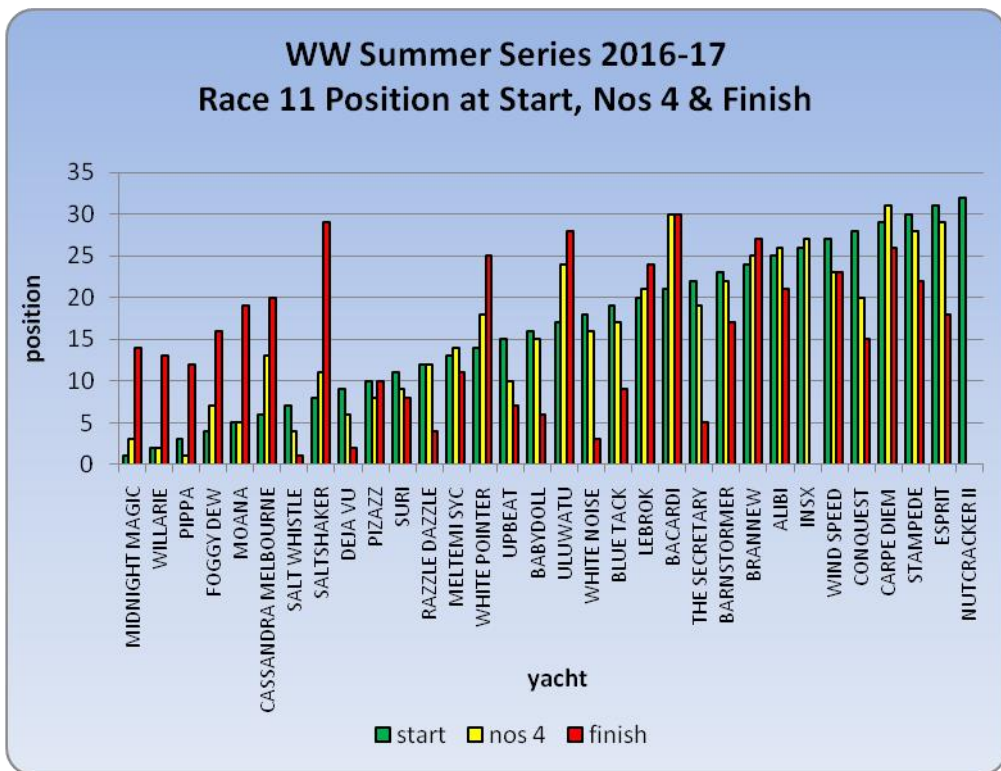
In race 9 the order was the same Sm303 16:30:46, Sm315 16:32:09 and Sm1101 16:32:55.

Pretty tight finishes for yachts that start close together. Well done Andy Capper. Mark has only heard one complaint about Andy Capper and that was from someone who does not follow the Swans. *Mark*



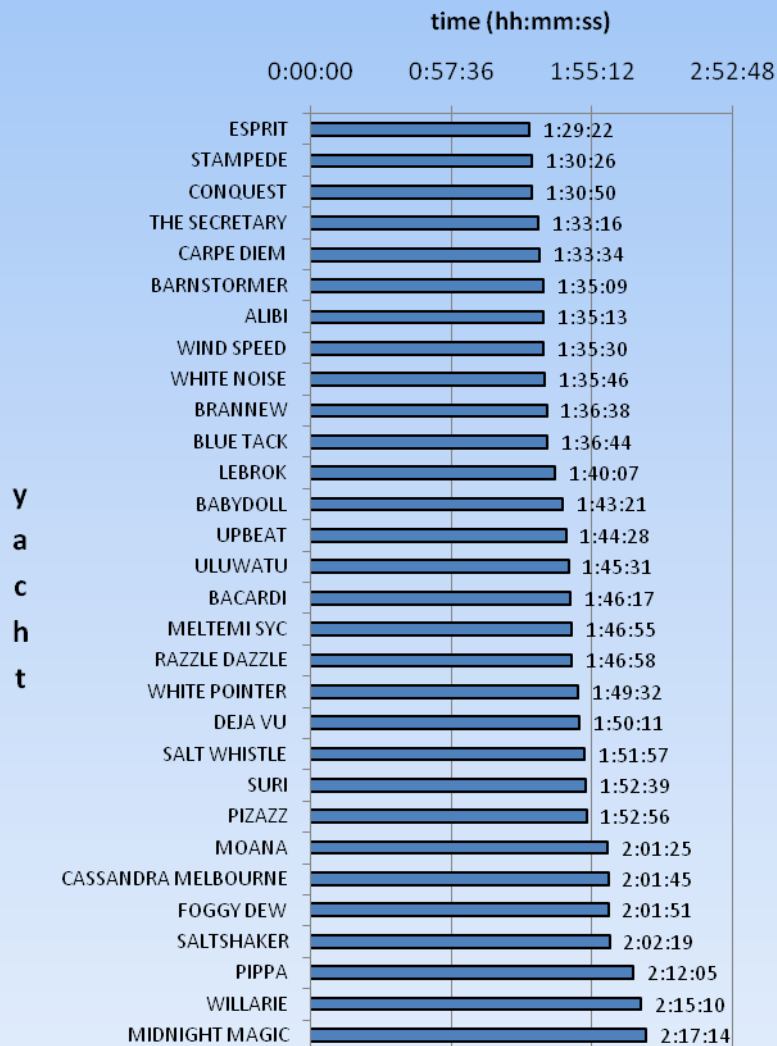


It was during the last 3 legs of the race that most of the positional changes occurred. On average each yacht moved 8 places compared to 3 places in the first 4 legs of the race. THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) gained the most places starting 22<sup>nd</sup> and finishing 5<sup>th</sup>.



The average elapsed time for this race was 1:47:10. This is the slowest average elapsed time for the three times that course 12 has been sailed. The fastest time for this course was 1:36:34 recorded in race 2 when the breeze was slightly stronger but only 13 yachts competed. ESPRIT recorded the fastest time for this race which was 17 minutes 48 seconds better than average. MELTEMI SYC (Ian Howarth) and RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp) had handicaps of 33 and 30 minutes respectively and sailed the course within 3 seconds of each other.

## WW Summer Series 2012-17 Race 11 Elapsed Time



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MARK Windward would like to mention...

Next week on December 21 is Race 12. It is the last race this year that is counted in the series. It is also a race that is included in the Century Class series. Race 13, our first for 2017 will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> January.

We hope to see Magic back on the water this Wednesday. For Phil, who is known for never missing a race, the last months have been a catastrophe. We hope the Tuesday inspection means Magic will be on the water on Wednesday...with push button winches.

### Papa-Art-Sea Photos

These photos are available from the boating office. If you take a USB memory stick and ask the boating office they will provide you with a copy of any of the photos you request.

You are invited to provide a caption or commentary for the following photos. Some are not easy to explain.

Rumour has it that the Sail Captain is keen to conduct Women Over Board drills as for WW's races the percentage of women who have gone over board during a race is higher than for men.



Who said we could not reach 14.6 knts



Mark now knows what the black marks on the sails are there for. They are to hide the crew so the opposition yachts can't see what is going on. Is there someone at the bow?



"No we don't need to reef."



"She is over there!"





A fully powered white yacht. Skipped by a WW sailor of 30 years standing

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Enjoy the last Wednesday Wonders Race for 2016

#### Quotes

*We have no control over the wind but we can adjust our sails.*

Original quote from Thomas S Monson “*We can’t direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails. For maximum happiness, peace, and contentment, may we choose a positive attitude.*”

Sounds like an excellent New Year resolution.

And quotes from the Rule Book for this race:

*Port-tack boat shall keep clear of a Starboard-tack boat.*

*When boats are on the same tack and not overlapped a boat clear astern shall keep clear of a boat ahead.*