

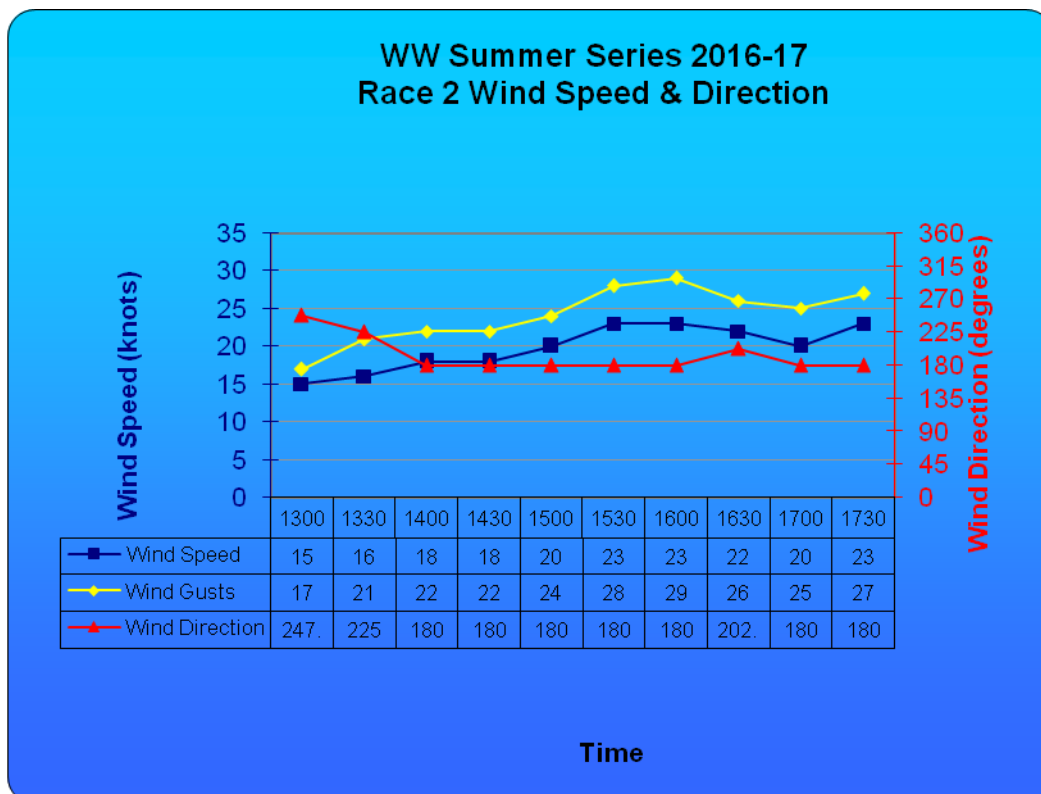
They're off & Racing

Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2016-17 Race 2 12 October 2016



The first winner of the summer series was decided at 15:42:13 when STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) crossed the finish line 2 minutes 32 seconds ahead of the rest of the fleet. It was not until the final leg of the 7-leg course that she gained the lead after rounding number 3 in 3rd position. Nevertheless, STAMPEDE sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time and was able to establish a clear winning margin on what was the shortest leg. THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) finished in 2nd place after rounding number 3 in 4th place with FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard) finishing 3rd. Start of the Day was won by BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch) only 1 second late for her 41 minute handicap.

Despite the choppy water the race was completed in an average elapsed time of 1:36:54. This was 10 minutes 9 seconds faster than the last time the course was contested in race 25 of the winter series. (It was designated course 16 in the winter series). Thirteen yachts started the race but one retired, with the remaining 12 finishing within 7 minutes 50 seconds of the winner.



Observations at Fawcner Beacon indicated an average wind speed of 20 knots for the afternoon. Generally, the breeze did increase and shifted further south as the afternoon progressed with a maximum gust of 29 knots at around 1600 hours. This kept crews busy and a bit of water found its way onto the decks.



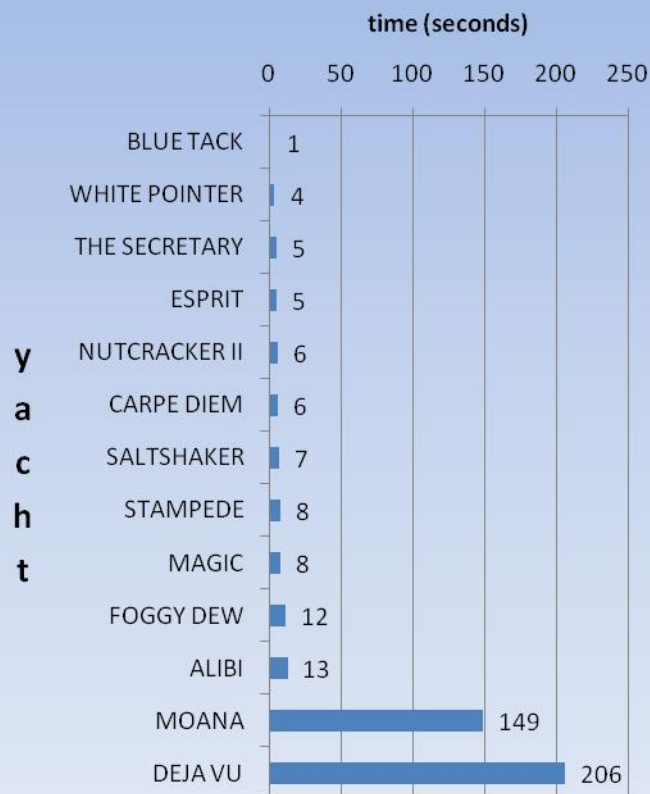
After completing 14 races, which included 2 wins, STAMPEDE finished 11th in the winter series aggregate. She finished that series with a 54-minute handicap and started this one with a 53-minute handicap. STAMPEDE started this race from 12th place only 6 seconds late for her handicap and 1 minute 2 seconds behind CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins). STAMPEDE recorded the fastest elapsed time of the race of 1:19:13 and improved her position by 11 places the most achieved by any yacht.

THE SECRETARY was the winner of the Misty Blue Trophy in the winter series with an average start time of 2.88 seconds. She demonstrated her good starting form in this race being 5 seconds late for a 44-minute handicap. At the start of the final leg of the race THE SECRETARY was in 4th position but sailed a good last leg to finish in 2nd place. She had completed the course in an elapsed time of 1:30:45 and crossed the finish line at 15:44:45. THE SECRETARY is off to a good start in this year's aggregate after finishing 5th in the winter series aggregate.



FOGGY DEW was the 2nd yacht to start the race 12 seconds late for her 21 minute handicap and was leading the fleet at the start of the last leg. However she was unable to match the speed of either STAMPEDE or THE SECRETARY and crossed the line at 15:45:10 in 3rd place – 25 seconds behind THE SECRETARY. FOGGY DEW and MOANA (Stan Rankin) both had the same 21 minute handicap but FOGGY DEW sailed the course in 1:54:10 compared to 1:57:58 by MOANA. FOGGY DEW finished 10th in the winter series aggregate and is away to a good start in this series.

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 2 Start of the Day



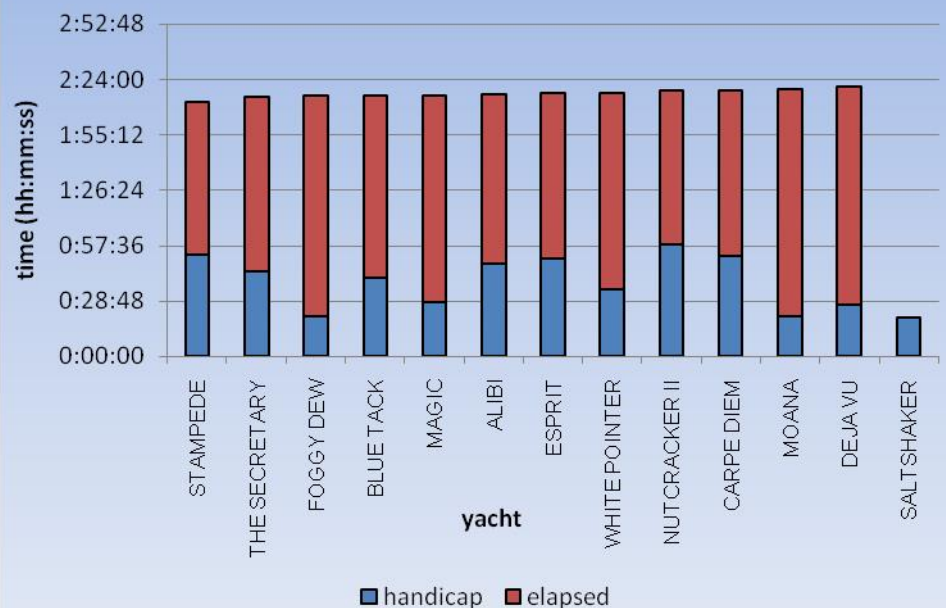
All but two yachts started within 13 seconds or less of their handicaps. It was BLUE TACK that had the best start followed by WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft). The median start time was 7 seconds better than the 14 second average for the winter series.

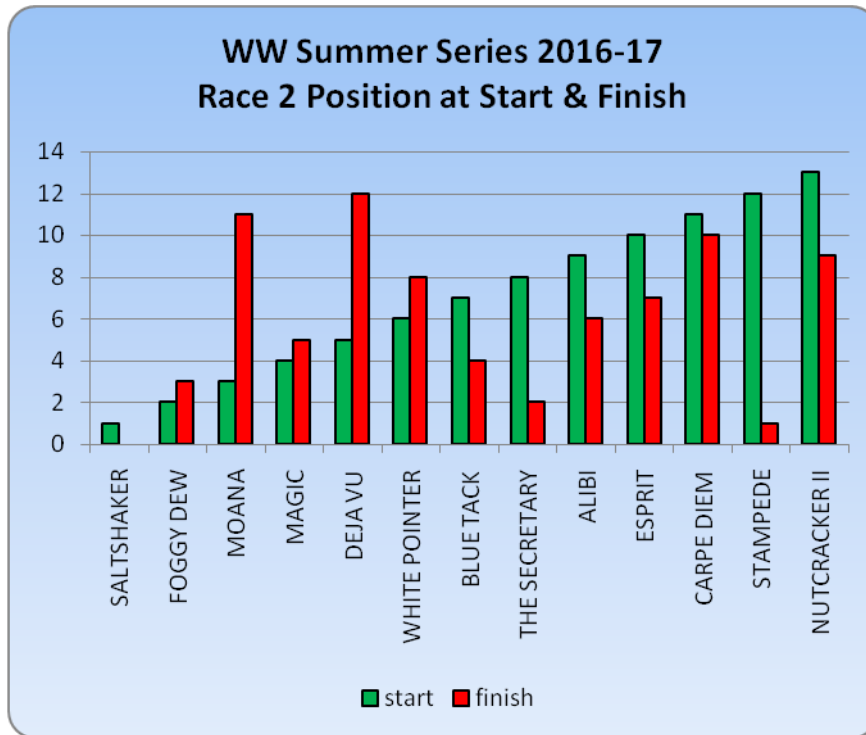


With numbers below average for this race the gap between the yachts at the start was lower than usual - only 37 minutes 59 seconds. The gap between the first and last yacht at the finish was also less than usual 7 minutes 50 seconds.

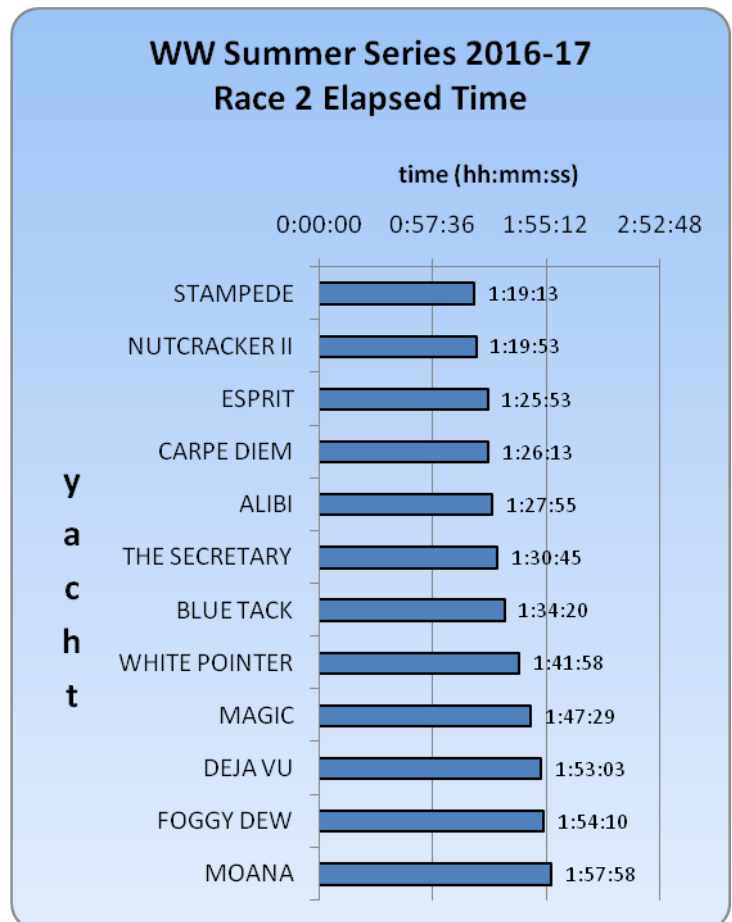
The closest finish was for 7th place with ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) crossing the line 5 seconds in front of WHITE POINTER.

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 2 Result





Even though STAMPEDE was first to finish, other late starters found it difficult to get to finish among the first 5. Both BLUE TACK and THE SECRETARY who started mid fleet made it whilst the two early starters FOGGY DEW and MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) managed to stay among the early finishers.



The average elapsed time for the race was 1:36:34 with STAMPEDE recording the fastest time of 1:19:13 – 40 seconds faster than NUTCRACKER II (Rob Davis & Andy Baker). ESPRIT, CARPE DIEM and ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) made up the fastest 5. After missing the whole of the winter series it was good to see DÉJÀ VU (Peter Dransfield) back on the water.

MISTY BLUE TROPHY

Although the report on race one named the winner of the MISTY BLUE TROPHY it did not show how close the results were. Not only did THE SECRETARY and BARNSTORMER finish on equal points but so did GUN BOAT (Bruce Alexander) and LEBROK (Theo Korbel); PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) and SURI (Rick Blanck); and SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) and STAMPEDE.

WW Winter Series 2016 Misty Blue Trophy	
YACHT	AVERAGE START TIME
THE SECRETARY	2.89
BARNSTORMER	2.89
GUN BOAT	3.89
LEBROK	3.89
FOGGY DEW	5.00
WIND SPEED	5.22
WHITE POINTER	5.44
PIAZZ	6.22
ALIBI	7.00
BON VIVANT	8.11
CAVALIER	8.22
PIPPA	8.44
SURI	8.44
SALTSHAKER	9.22
STAMPEDE	9.22
PUBLIC BAR	9.33
MYUNA III	9.44
BABYDOLL	9.88
CARPE DIEM	10.22
SECOND NATURE	11.89
PHOENIX	13.00
MAGIC	14.33
CONQUEST	16.44
PRIMO	18.00
UPBEAT	18.78
MOANA	19.56
WILLARIE	23.00
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	23.78
VANTAGE	56.78
FAST COMPANY	91.33

The Wednesday Wonders Classic Car Yacht Race Wednesday 30 November 2016 Race 9.



This race will be conducted as a normal Wednesday Wonders Race. Normal scoring for the Wednesday Wonders series will remain in place. The handicap start times will be determined as usual by the Wednesday Wonders handicapper. However there will be some modifications to the start procedure. Adjustments will be made to the yacht's finishing position by various time criteria to determine the results for the Car Yacht Race Scores.

Eligibility: Any Wednesday Wonder Sailor series skipper who can prove by photo or other means that the car that they own or did once own was manufactured pre -1975.

Rules: There will be an old style Grand Prix Le Mans start. The nominated car "driver" will start from the Ken King Centre 20 minutes before his/her yacht's official handicap start time (as per the regular sheets for WW racing). Other crew or Skipper may be aboard the yacht. The nominated "Driver" must be named in advance of the race on the entry form for the car race.
Note: a 6 min penalty applies for incorrect starting.

Adjustments to finish times: Classic Car Race finishing times will be adjusted after the race

Reduction to finish times

LESS 5 mins if the Classic car recorded in your entry is parked in SYC Nth Car Park

LESS 2 mins for a second Classic Car registered by a yacht if the car in your entry is parked SYC Nth Car Park

LESS 2 min for Best-dressed classic car owner

LESS 1 min for the best car photo submitted

LESS 2 min for the oldest Car

Increases to finish time

PLUS 6 mins for late entry

PLUS 4 mins if your car has to be pushed to start.

PLUS 6 mins if the designated driver starts at an incorrect time or place.

Prizes: A Perpetual Trophy will be presented and a special bottle of wine donated by Red Bluff Homes.

*A bottle of sesquihoral wine will be presented to the **skipper of each yacht** that has one or more Classic cars in the Car Park.*

Additional prizes may be awarded. Any donations of prizes are welcome.

Entries: must be submitted to [Mark Windward](#) before midnight on the Wednesday 23rd November, Race 8.

ENTRY Information to include:

Yacht Name & Sail Number. Skipper's name, phone and Email address

The make and year of the classic car. Evidence of Car ownership e.g. a photo of that car, or registration papers, or the car itself.

The name of the nominated Classic Car "Driver" to start from Ken King Centre.

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MARK'S TEST

Why does Wednesday Wonders have the flag shown on the left pole below?

Is it "I require assistance"?

Or is it "I am Steaming / recovering towed sonic devices"?

If Lionheart was still sailing at SYC we could think Jeffrey Middleton commissioned it
(Richard the Lionheart)

One suspect for the use of this flag will become clearer in the next few races. If The Secretary wins a few races it may be due to George being inspired by the vision of his personal pennant flying from the SYC tower.

Or

Are ve sailing in zi Vednesday Vonders?

Or Wednesday Wonders

