

Long Race around a *Shortened Course*

Wednesday Wonders Race 3 Summer Series 2016 -7

(19 Oct 2016)

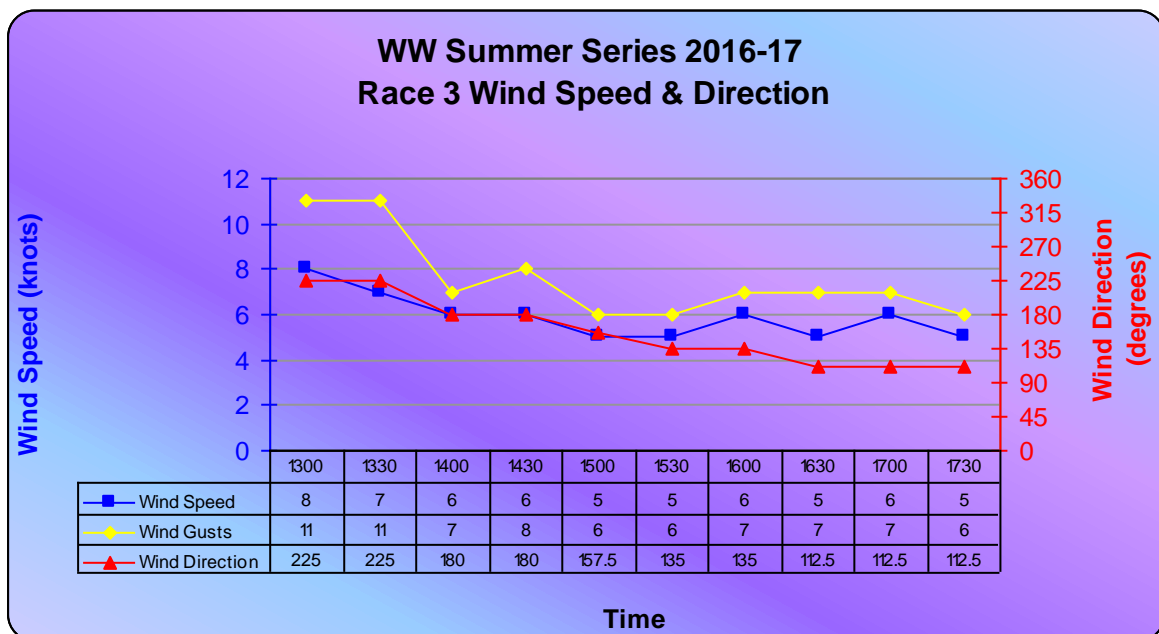


This was arguably the most intriguing Wednesday race for quite some time. It was the first time course 22 had been sailed; it took 20% longer to sail this course which was 43% shorter than the course sailed in race 2; the breeze shifted noticeably in strength and direction as the afternoon progressed; and the 33 yacht fleet finished further apart than when they started. Only one yacht finished within 10 minutes of the winner as a long thin line of yachts made their way slowly to the finish line.

The fading breeze, which averaged 6 knots at Fawkner Beacon, caused the 7 leg, 9.1 nautical mile course to be shortened to a 4 leg 5.6 nautical mile course. The breeze which came from the south west at the start of the race came from the east south east at the finish. This made the point of sail to some marks different for some yachts depending on their start time.

INSX (Rob Sill) made a great start to her summer series winning start of the day with a perfect start and going on to finish in 3rd place after sailing the course in the 2nd fastest elapsed time of the race. SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) also had a great start to her series being first across the finish line 8 minutes 14 seconds ahead of the rest of the fleet. Second across the line was MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) who sailed the course a mere 46 seconds faster than SALTSHAKER.

The averaged elapsed time was a little above 2 hours at 2:02:09, with the fastest elapsed time of 1:40: 48 recorded by CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins).





SALTSHAKER completed 17 of the 19 races in the winter series finishing 7th in the aggregate helped by a win in race 25. After finishing race 2 with a DNF she started this series with a comprehensive win.

SALTSHAKER started from 3rd place 21 seconds late for her 19 minute handicap. She sailed the shortened course in 1:52:43 and was first across the finish line at 15:41:43. SALTSHAKER started only 2 minutes 40 seconds and 1 place ahead of FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard) but, by the end of the race SALTSHAKER was 38 minutes 23 seconds ahead of FOGGY DEW and 8 minutes 14 seconds ahead of her closest rival. She starts the series tied for first place in the aggregate.



With a total of 2 points and in a tie for 2nd place in the aggregate is the S&S 39 MAGIC. MAGIC started the race from 8th place 43 seconds late for her 28 minute handicap. She was in 2nd place rounding number 1 and was able to maintain a good lead over her rivals on the final leg of the race.

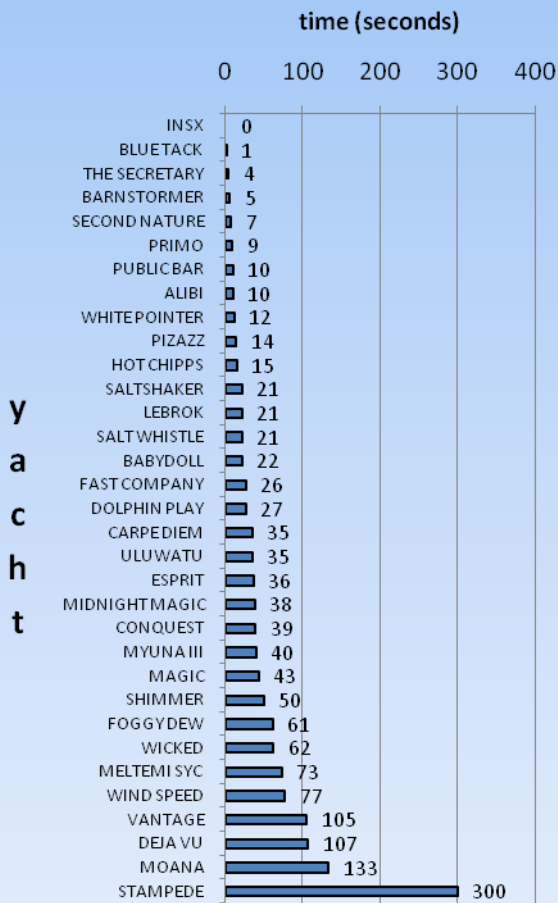
MAGIC sailed the course in 1:51:57 and crossed the finish line at 15:49:57 – 5 minutes 6 seconds ahead of INSX. MAGIC started 3 seconds ahead of DÉJÀ VU (Peter Dransfield) but managed to finish 4 places and 7 minutes in front of her. MAGIC finished in the top ten of the winter series helped by a good result in the last race. She has had a good start to the summer.



INSX sailed only 7 races in the winter series after winning the Misty Blue Trophy (best starter) in the 2015-16 summer series. It did not take her long to regain her prowess by starting this series right on her handicap of 44 minutes.

She started from 22nd place and was the best starter of 4 yachts each with a 44 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 1:41:03 the 2nd fastest time of the race which was 8 minutes 7 seconds faster than her closest rival from the 44 minute handicap group. INSX is tied with FOGGY DEW on 3 points in the aggregate.

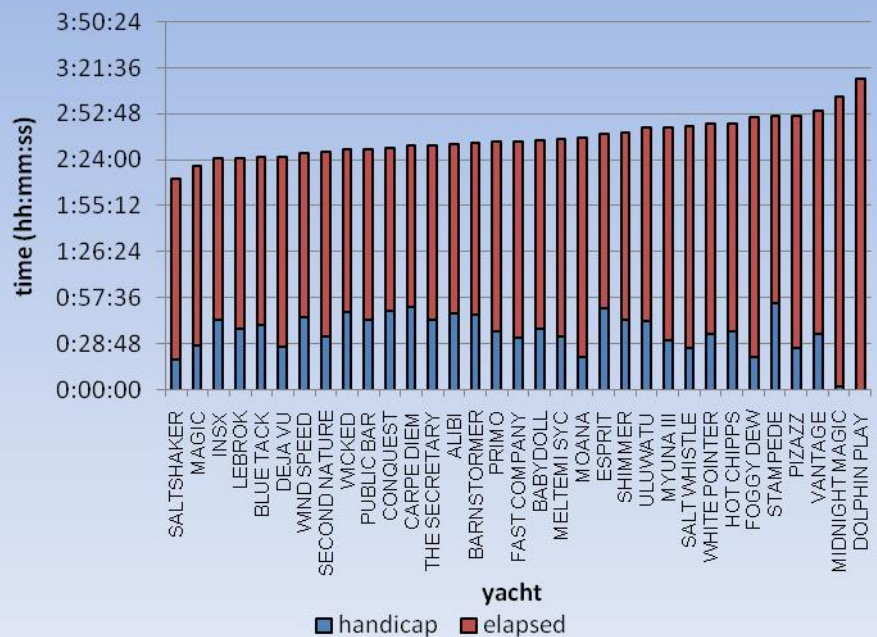
WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 3 Start of the Day



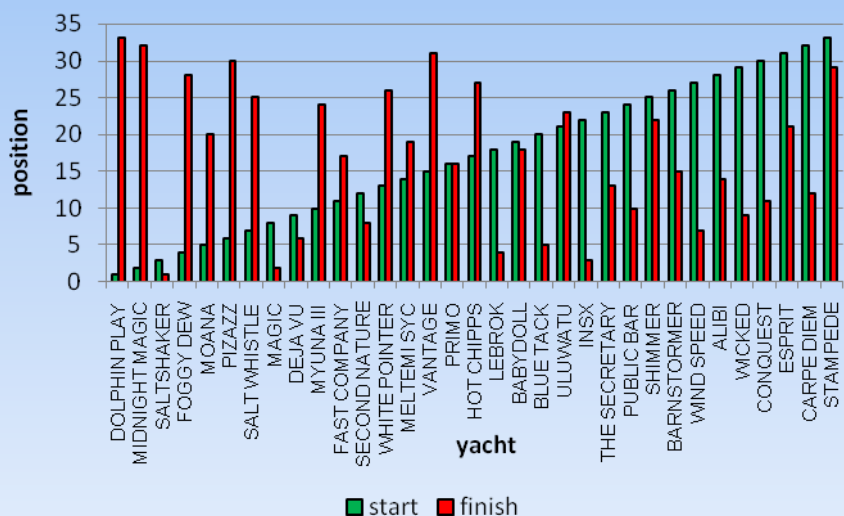
As mentioned earlier INSX won Start of the Day with a perfect start. The next best start was recorded by BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch) who repeated her performance of race 2 by starting 1 second late. The third best start was recorded by the Misty Blue Trophy winner of the winter series – THE SECRETARY (George Shaw). The median start time was 27 seconds with 8 yachts starting within 10 seconds of their handicaps and 8 yachts starting more than a minute late.

The 33 yacht fleet started the race 54 minutes apart and finished 62 minutes 22 seconds apart. By not taking into account the first 2 and last 2 yachts across the finish line the gap becomes 29 minutes 11 seconds. The closest finish was between BLUE TACK and DÉJÀ VU who finished 2 seconds apart in 5th and 6th place.

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 3 Result



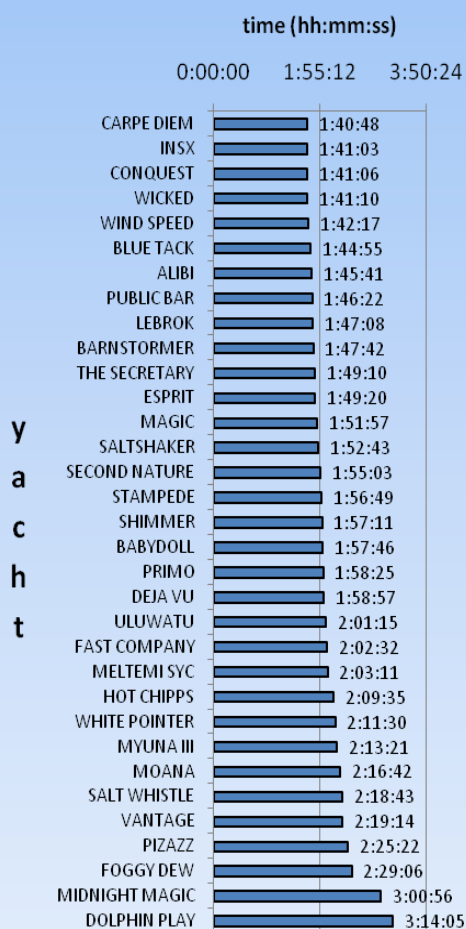
WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 3 Position at Start & Finish



On average each yacht finished 15 places away from its start position. DOLPHIN PLAY (John Brennan) dropped 32 places whilst MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette MOORE) dropped 30 places. In the meantime WINDSPEED (Les Browne), WICKED (Mike Welsh) and CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) each finished 20 places ahead of where they started.

The average elapsed time for this race was 2:02:09 – the slowest since race 2 in the winter series. CARPE DIEM recorded the fastest time 1:40:48 with only 22 seconds separating the 4 fastest yachts. At the opposite end of the scale yachts managed a sail of over 3 hours, something that was not recorded in the entire series.

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 3 Elapsed Time



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Wednesday Wonders Grand Prix Classic Car Race



November 30th race 9

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.

This race will be conducted as a normal Wednesday Wonders Race with normal scoring and handicap times determined as usual by the Wednesday Wonders handicapper. However for those registered for the 'Classic Car' race, there will be modifications to the start procedure. Start time 20mins before handicaps and will be timed from the K King centre. Adjustments will be made to the yacht's finishing position by various time criteria to determine the results for the Car Yacht Race Scores.

For details read Mark Windward's Race 2 report

To register: Email mark-windward@live.com.au

Thanks to Red Bluff Homes for providing all the prizes.

MARK's Moments To come

First Entry In WW Classic Car Race



Name of Yacht: Pippa Sm 303
Skipper: Jeffrey Woolhouse
Nominated Driver: Gai Woolhouse
1968 MG Midget
Car will be at SYC on November 30. Parking required
Evidence of ownership and Photo provided.

A message to the Handicapper: Mark thinks this quote from our on site Yacht broker, Sundance, should be included in this report to assist the WW handicappers.

"Congratulations to the Sandringham Yacht Club owners of the recently handed over 'Hot Chippis'. Setup for Club Racing she features German mainsheet system, Garmin mast displays and performance sails. Already a couple of weeks into the Wednesday series at Sandringham, the skipper said "the performance has already exceeded my expectations, we're still learning about the new boat so we can't wait to further harness her potential."

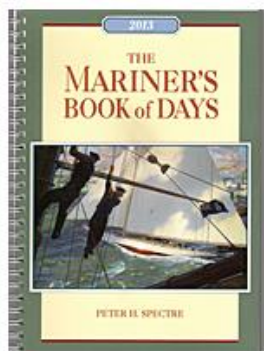
The soon to be launched 2nd boat will be set up for more Family Cruising. It's fitted with all the luxuries including helm seats, teak cockpit, electric windlass, electric winches, bow thruster, auto pilot, electric bathing platform - the largest in its class and a full custom covers package. Keep a lookout for the Oceanis 41.1 racing on Wednesday at Sandringham Yacht Club"

Who said that?

Quote One: *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.*
The answer was William Shakespeare.

Who said this?

Quote Two: *The sea, once it casts its spell holds one in its net of wonder forever.*



Christmas present suggestions for Mark Windward ..just in case his wife is reading this.

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Has more than a few items of interest

Mariner's Book of Days A diary with items of marine interest to last the whole year. One of the shop's best sellers \$40

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Century Class

The first race to count is Race 4 on 26th October. That is the next race!

Collect your application form from the boating office and return it to them before the race.

NB: Old age is not an excuse for late entry.

You should also have submitted your MOB declaration by this race or a few days after i.e the end of October.

“Andy Kapper” is now helping look after your starting times for WW. Mark wonders if he is related to Al Capp writer of Li’L Abner. If so, handicaps could be fun.



Please send any comments, advice, aims for this season etc. to share with other WW Sailors to [Mark Woodward](#)

According to this story a mathematician became captain of the kind of ship that actually sinks on purpose - a submarine. His briefing speech to new sailors went as follows: "I have developed a simple method that you would do well to learn. Every day, count the number of times the submarine has dived since you boarded. Add to this the number of times it has surfaced. If the sum you arrive at is not an even number -- don't open the hatches.