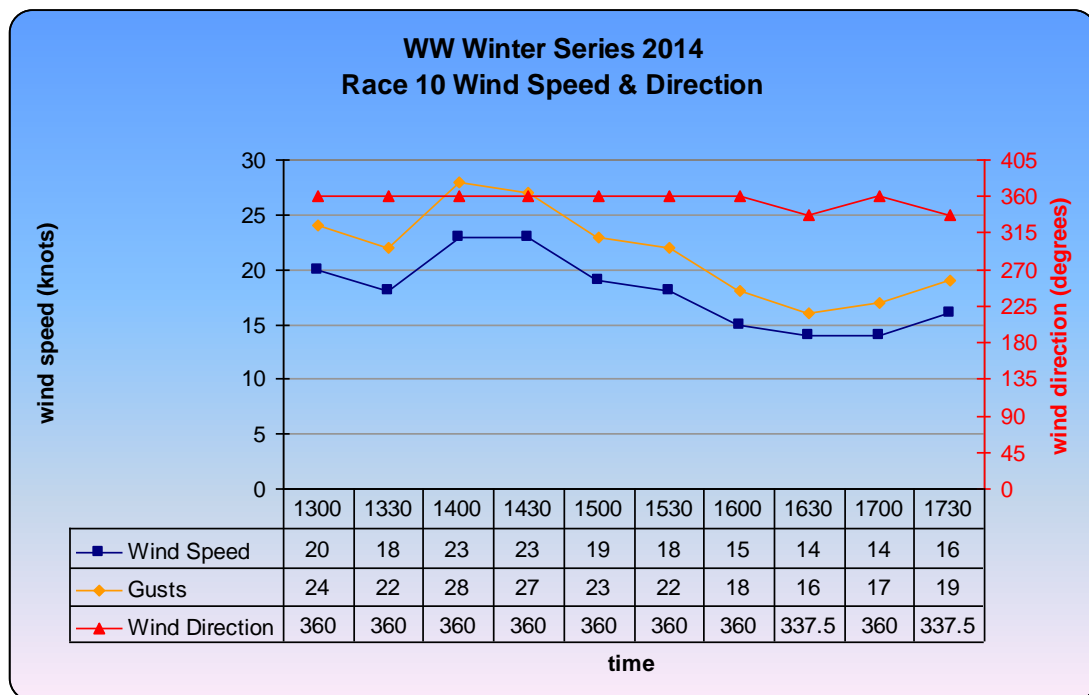


## WW Winter Series 2014 Race 10 Good Breeze Results In a Stampede at the Finish.



The strongest breeze of the series powered a 26 yacht fleet (3 yachts recorded DNF) around the 9.8 nautical mile course 61 in one of the quicker times of the series. Observations at Fawkner Beacon showed wind speed easing from about 1430 from around 23 knots and gusts of up to 28 knots. The consistent northerly continued to ease as the race progressed dropping below 15 knots by the completion of the race. Although there were white caps and water over the deck the seas remained relatively flat.



With a breeze of around 18 knots the average sail time was 1:45:59 at an apparent speed of about 5.6 knots. The last of the 26 finishers crossed the line at 15:55:05 sixteen minutes fifty two seconds after the winner, the Elliot 51 STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala), crossed the line in 1<sup>st</sup> place at 15:38:13.



STAMPEDE won her first race in fine style not only being 1<sup>st</sup> across the finish line but also sailing around the course in the fast time of 1:24:13. Being 25 seconds late for her 44 minute handicap from 22<sup>nd</sup> place wasn't the best possible start but she made steady and deliberate progress throughout the race. She crossed the finish line 1 minute and 4 seconds ahead of her nearest rival and sailed the course 4 minutes 24 seconds faster than any other yacht.

Race Record - Stampede									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
1	9/04/2014	28	01:28:17	15:49:17	00:51:00	19	6	8.4	8
2	16/04/2014	34	01:49:10	16:08:10	00:49:00	16	65	8.6	8
4	30/04/2014	9	01:36:19	15:52:19	00:46:00	7	14	9.8	15
5	7/05/2014	22	02:03:16	16:20:16	00:47:00	7	62	9.5	9
6	14/05/2014	5	01:31:34	15:47:34	00:46:00	37	61	9.8	16
8	28/05/2014	26	01:21:20	15:39:20	00:48:00	26	31	8.8	15
9	4/06/2014	18	01:38:56	15:53:56	00:45:00	31	6	8.4	9
10	11/06/2014	1	01:24:13	15:38:13	00:44:00	25	61	9.8	18

STAMPEDE has sailed in 8 of the 9 completed races and has accumulated 3 top ten finishes which has helped lift her to 17<sup>th</sup> place in the aggregate. This is up 10 places from the previous week.

If there is one yacht that revels in a breeze over 15 knots it is the Bluewater 40 MOANA (Stan Rankin). MOANA started race 10 from 4<sup>th</sup> position 76 seconds late for her 18 minute start but she did little wrong sailing round course 31 in 1:51:17. She crossed the finish line in second place at 15:39:17 to record her 3<sup>rd</sup> podium finish of the series. MOANA won race 4 and had a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in race 6 which has helped put her in 5<sup>th</sup> place

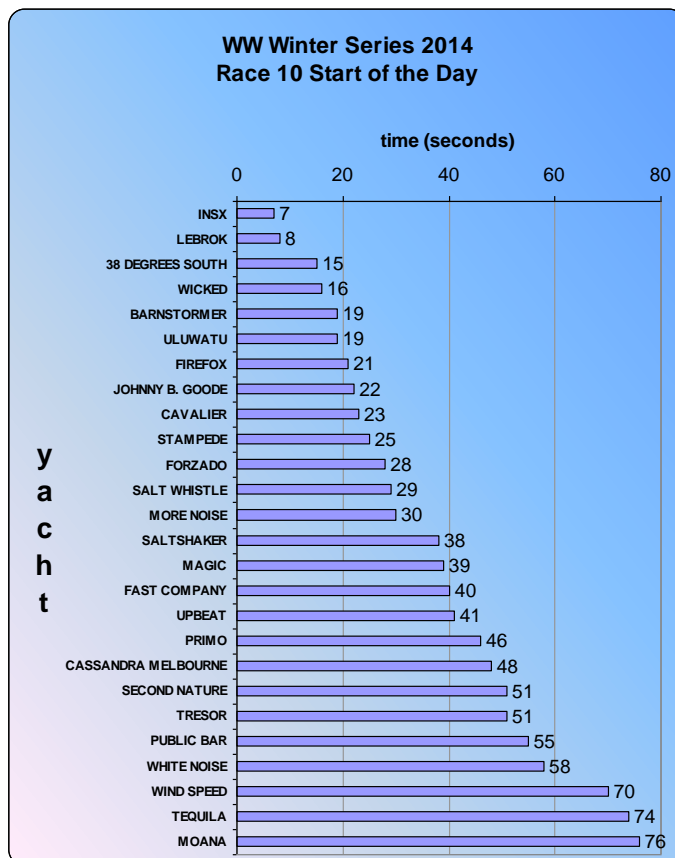


in the aggregate on 39 points 10 points behind the leader CAVALIER (David Lynch).

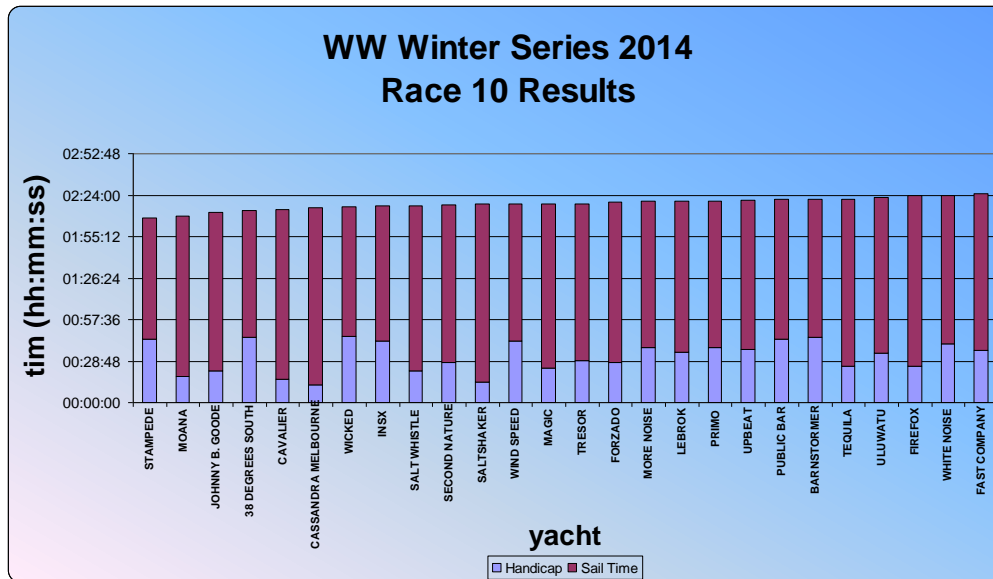


Its not unusual for 3 Oceanis 34's to compete in the Wednesday afternoon race but this week it fell to JOHNNY B. GOODE (John Chipp) to represent the class. She took the opportunity and gave a very good account of herself, starting 22 seconds late for her 22 minute handicap from 5<sup>th</sup> place. She sailed around the course in 1:50:03 to cross the finish line at 15:42:03 just 2 minutes 46 seconds behind MOANA. JOHNNY B. GOODE has sailed all 9 of the completed races and has two 3<sup>rd</sup> places and a 7<sup>th</sup> place to her credit. This podium finish helped her from 25<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> place in the aggregate.

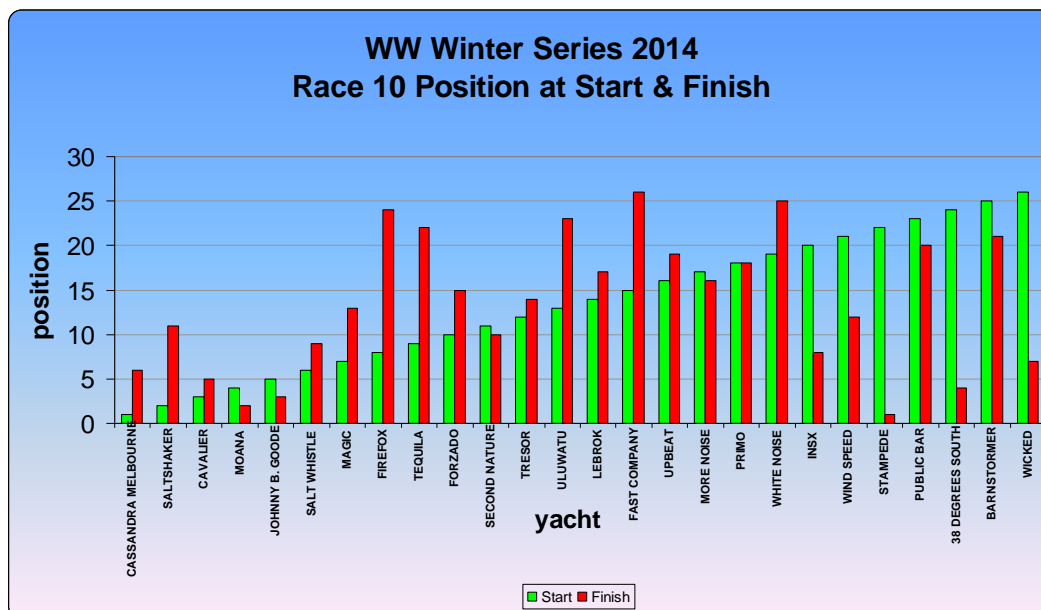
On the one hand the start of the race was not the best on record but on the other, no yacht was penalised for starting too soon. The winner of Start of the Day was INSX (Rob Sills) with a start of 7 seconds. She was very closely followed by the Beneteau 367 LEBROK (Theo Korbel) on 8 seconds. The median start time was 30 seconds.



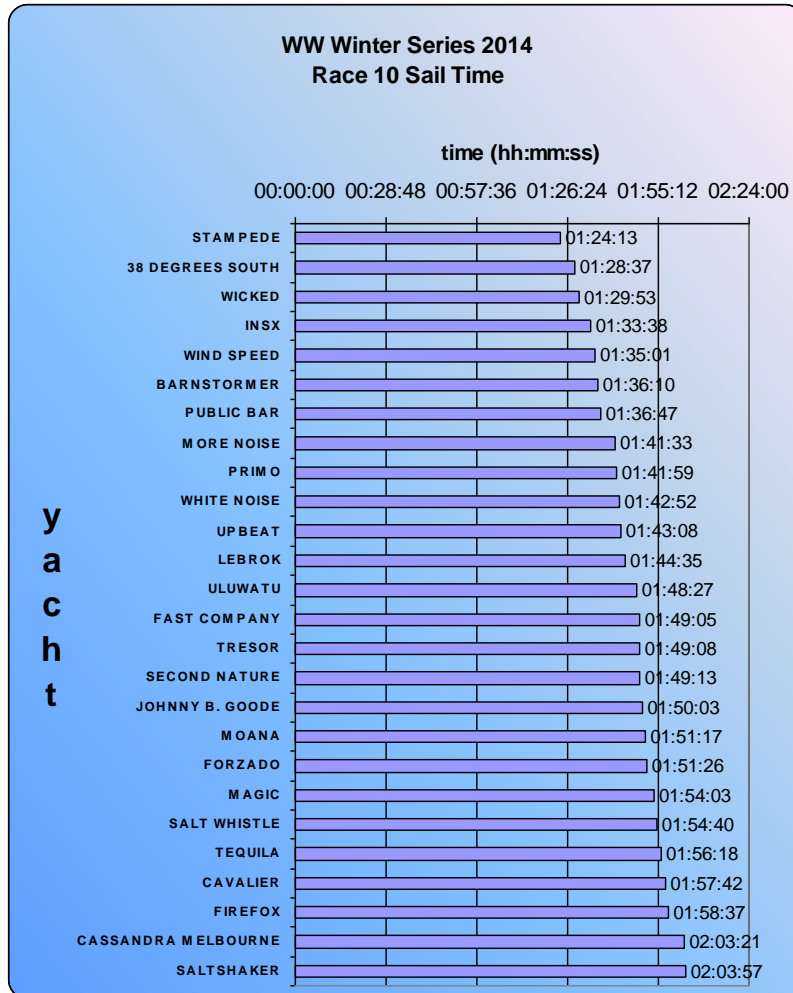
There was only a difference of 34 minutes separating the start times of the 26 yachts that completed the race. This difference was reduced to 16 minutes 52 seconds at the end of the race. There was a close tussle for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> places between INSX and SALTWHISTLE (Alex Hall) who finished 2 seconds apart. The same margin separated the Archambault 31 MORE NOISE (Jason Close) and LEBROK in 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> place. SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) crossed the finish line in 11<sup>th</sup> place ahead of WIND SPEED (Les Browne), MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) and TRESOR (Andrew Stopp) who all finished within 11 seconds of each other.



Of the first 19 yachts to start the race only MOANA, JOHNNY B. GOODE and MORE NOISE improved on their positions, whilst PRIMO started and finished in the same position.



The average sail time for race ten was 1:45:59 with only two yachts sailing for more than 2 hours. As mentioned, it was STAMPEDE that sailed the course in the fastest time of 1:24:13. The Sydney 38, 38 DEGREES SOUTH (J Chatham & K Mitchell) sailed the second fastest time of 1:28:37 with the Beneteau First 40 WICKED (Mike Welsh) in third fastest time.



Someone's keeping an eye on 38 DEGREES SOUTH. She has only sailed the last 4 races but she has 2 top ten finishes to her credit and has already lifted from 42<sup>nd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> in the aggregate.



*Windyway*

An account of last week's race sent in by anonymous scribe.

### Wednesday Wonders Race 10

At midday it was still touch and go; would we race or not? Those of us who had watched the morning weather – your humble scribe was not numbered among them – had reported wind speeds of up to 35kts. That was the bad news. By 1200 it was down to an average 26. The good news was that it was from the North, which at least meant a kinder seaway.

It promised to be interesting and it was.

Almost everyone started with a full mainsail, SM340 SALT WHISTLE (Alex Hall) being one of the few who tried a reef and it didn't do them any harm in the early stages. In fact, their progress was worth watching and they finished a creditable 9<sup>th</sup>.

The rest of us took a handful of brave pills and went the Full Monty.

The first beat saw most yachts electing to stay out, rather than going inshore and wearing both the slightly bigger seas and the bullets which were coming through at up to 27 knots. This would be a good run and testy gybing.

There was trouble early on, with SM4407 MUSKETEER retiring after “the vang went bang”, as Karen so eloquently put it afterwards. I didn't envy them the task of packing the sails up in that breeze but typically, they managed without fuss and no further damage was done.

By the end of the first leg, SM246 MOANA (Stan Rankin) led Sm1147 CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeve) with series leader SM72 CAVALIER (David Lynch) in third spot. SM6 STAMPEDE was already in the top 10, having taken less than an hour to conquer the opening lap!

Another boat moving rapidly through the fleet was SM3800 38° SOUTH (John Chatham/Kate Mitchell), who had also covered the first lap in under an hour. With George Shaw soon to depart northward, the rest of the Secretaries have moved *South* for the winter...

One notable entry was that of Daniel Edwards and his regular crew having their first run aboard SM3535 WHITE NOISE. With their previous form aboard FAST COMPANY, this will be a boat to watch.

By the end of the first leg, the wind was definitely showing signs of easing, though there were still plenty of bullets coming through, especially near the breakwater.

Whereas the previous run had seen plenty of boats hitting speeds well into double figures, the second one was a little more sedate, which was probably just as well, given how crowded things usually get at the leeward mark.

Despite the progress of some of the bigger boats, quite a few smaller ones hung on well. SM72 CAVALIER and SM1147 CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE still finished well up in the top ten, with both boats also cementing their spots in the standings. There had been three retirements.

Someone asked me recently why I go out on Port Phillip Bay in the middle of winter when it's blowing and cold. When you're sitting by the fire in the clubhouse with a handy glass of red after a day like that, you wouldn't have it any other way.

### **Mark Windward Bequest**

#### From the Archives

The idea was to dig out the results and write about race 10 from the 2004 Winter Series. This idea fell to pieces when it was discovered race 10 was the first of 3 consecutive races to be abandoned! A total of 7 races were abandoned in the 24 race series which saw the successful completion of the first 9 races but only 8 of the remaining races came to a successful conclusion. Looking back at the results of that series it is quite surprising how much changes even in the relatively staid world of Wednesday Wonders. The aggregate of WW Winter Series 2004 was contested by 36 yachts over a 24 week period. Of those 36 yachts, 11 are still competing in the 2014 Winter Series and 14 of the skippers are still racing -some with different yachts. The top ten in the Aggregate of Winter Series of 2004 were:

PLACE	SAIL NOS	YACHT	SKIPPER	POINTS
1	SM6142	WATERMARK II	P GWATT	25
2	AUS219	ULTIMATE TUNE	E WALL-SMITH	26.5
3	SM8008	A CREWED INTEREST	R BLINT	37
4	SM4007	FIRST MUSKETEER	P JACKA	42
5	SM391	OCEAN WARRIOR	G TATE	48
6	SM16	MYUNA	M STOKOE	55
7	SM303	PIPPA	J WOOLHOUSE	55.5
8	SM371	BOOTS	G SHAW	63
9	SM367	LEBROK	T KORBEL	63
10	SM385	FIRE FOX	K BEVERIDGE	65

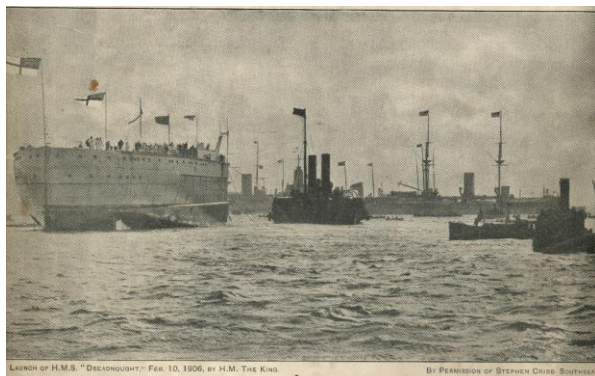
Five of the skippers in the 2004 series are contesting the current winter series as are three of the yachts. It is interesting to note that 40 points separated the top ten yachts in that series compared to the 15 points

that separated the top ten yachts in the recently completed 2013-14 Summer series.

### Quiz Race 9 - Answer.

The question for race 9 was:

What is this ship (left in the picture below) launched by the King on 10 Feb 1906?



Feb 1906?

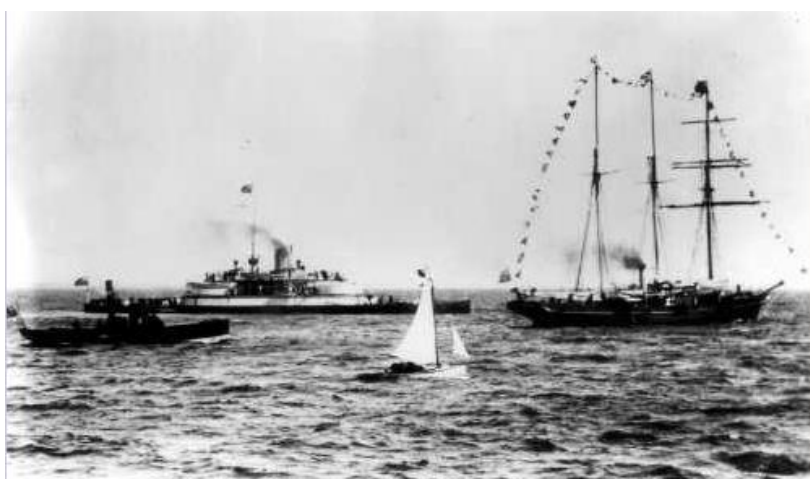
Ans. The ship is HMS Dreadnought launched 10 Feb 1906 by The King. Broken up 1923

Following the design parameters set forth by *Dreadnought*, both Britain and Germany embarked on battleship building programs of unprecedented size and

scope, with each seeking to build larger, more powerfully armed ships. As a result, *Dreadnought* and its early sisters were soon out-classed as the Royal Navy and Kaiserliche Marine quickly expanded their ranks with increasingly modern warships. The battleships inspired by *Dreadnought* served as the backbone of the world's navies until the rise of the aircraft carrier during World War II.

The correct answer was supplied by Mr. P Algie

### Question Race 10



The ship on the right is Lord Brassey's 48 metre private steam yacht Sunbeam but what is the ship on its stern?

Answers please to [mark-windward@live.com.au](mailto:mark-windward@live.com.au)



## The Handicappers

There is some compelling evidence that shows the handicappers have been working especially hard this current series and deserve credit. Trying to give every entrant in a race a fair chance of winning is by no means simple and handicaps can receive unjust criticism. Could it ever be that "my handicap is too low and everyone else's is too high"?

So far this series all but two yachts in the aggregate have had their handicaps adjusted, some before every race. This regular adjustment coincides with a close aggregate competition in which the top ten yachts are separated by 13 points, the top twenty by 27 points and the top thirty by 37 points.

YACHT	HANDICAP			Nos of Races	AGGREGATE			
	MAX	MIN	RANGE		POSN RACE 10	MAX	MIN	RANGE
38 DEGREES SOUTH	00:46:00	00:44:00	00:02:00	4	31	43	31	12
ADRENALIN	00:49:00	00:44:00	00:05:00	6	30	32	14	18
AIRWAVES	00:17:00	00:13:00	00:04:00	8	9	11	6	5
ALIBI	00:46:00	00:44:00	00:02:00	6	28	29	16	13
ARABESQUE	00:33:00	00:30:00	00:03:00	6	22	22	10	12
BARNSTORMER	00:46:00	00:44:00	00:02:00	6	23	29	3	26
BELLABLU	00:32:00	00:29:00	00:03:00	4	27	39	6	33
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	00:13:00	00:08:00	00:05:00	6	6	39	6	33
CAVALIER	00:16:00	00:10:00	00:06:00	7	1	26	1	25
CHEQUEMATE	00:15:00	00:12:00	00:03:00	4	38	38	22	16
ESPRIT	00:48:00	00:45:00	00:03:00	4	32	38	13	25
FAST COMPANY	00:37:00	00:34:00	00:03:00	9	13	22	5	17
FIREFOX	00:27:00	00:25:00	00:02:00	5	33	40	25	15
FOGGY DEW	00:19:00	00:17:00	00:02:00	7	21	27	9	18
FORZADO	00:32:00	00:28:00	00:04:00	8	19	20	4	16
INSX	00:43:00	00:41:00	00:02:00	7	8	23	8	15
JOHNNY B. GOODE	00:26:00	00:21:00	00:05:00	9	18	33	18	15
LEBROK	00:35:00	00:31:00	00:04:00	8	3	19	2	17
MAGIC	00:27:00	00:24:00	00:03:00	9	7	18	3	15
MELBOURNE SAILING	00:24:00	00:24:00	00:00:00	2	42	43	41	2
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	00:08:00	00:02:00	00:06:00	6	35	36	5	31
MOANA	00:19:00	00:15:00	00:04:00	9	5	30	4	26
MORE NOISE	00:40:00	00:38:00	00:02:00	2	43	44	43	1
MUSKETEER	00:47:00	00:45:00	00:02:00	5	20	23	5	18
PIPPA	00:04:00	00:00:00	00:04:00	5	24	28	3	25
PIAZZ	00:27:00	00:23:00	00:04:00	7	34	38	29	9
PRIMO	00:38:00	00:34:00	00:04:00	8	2	2	1	1
PUBLIC BAR	00:47:00	00:43:00	00:04:00	9	11	19	1	18
SALT WHISTLE	00:28:00	00:21:00	00:07:00	8	12	23	1	22
SALTSHAKER	00:15:00	00:12:00	00:03:00	9	4	18	3	15
SECOND NATURE	00:28:00	00:26:00	00:02:00	8	10	31	10	21
STAMPEDE	00:51:00	00:44:00	00:07:00	8	17	37	17	20
SURI	00:26:00	00:21:00	00:05:00	6	29	36	26	10
TEQUILA	00:27:00	00:24:00	00:03:00	8	14	14	2	12
THE SECRETARY	00:45:00	00:42:00	00:03:00	4	36	36	13	23
TRESOR	00:30:00	00:28:00	00:02:00	6	26	40	26	14
ULUWATU	00:37:00	00:32:00	00:05:00	8	25	39	19	20
UPBEAT	00:37:00	00:34:00	00:03:00	6	16	31	3	28
VANTAGE	00:26:00	00:26:00	00:00:00	2	40	43	40	3
WAVELENGTH	00:34:00	00:31:00	00:03:00	3	41	41	29	12
WHITE NOISE	00:42:00	00:39:00	00:03:00	5	44	44	7	37
WICKED	00:48:00	00:46:00	00:02:00	3	37	42	19	23
WILLARIE	00:06:00	00:02:00	00:04:00	4	39	39	2	37
WIND SPEED	00:46:00	00:43:00	00:03:00	8	15	24	11	13

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