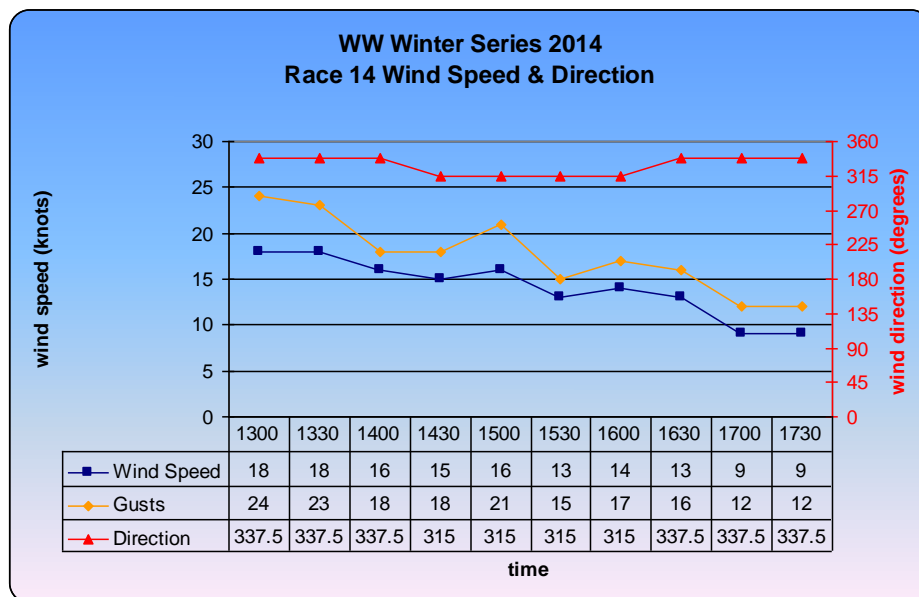


WW Race 14 - Good for the Aggregate

With fifteen yachts competing in race 14 this was by far the smallest fleet of the series (World Cup Fever?). Good news for those yachts that did compete in the race as the majority (12) improved their aggregate positions. With 38 minutes separating the first from last yacht, there was a long thin line of yachts making their way around the 8.5 mile course 13. By the end of the race this gap had closed with only 13 minutes 29 seconds separating first from last finisher. (The last twelve yachts finished within 3 minutes 52 seconds of each other).

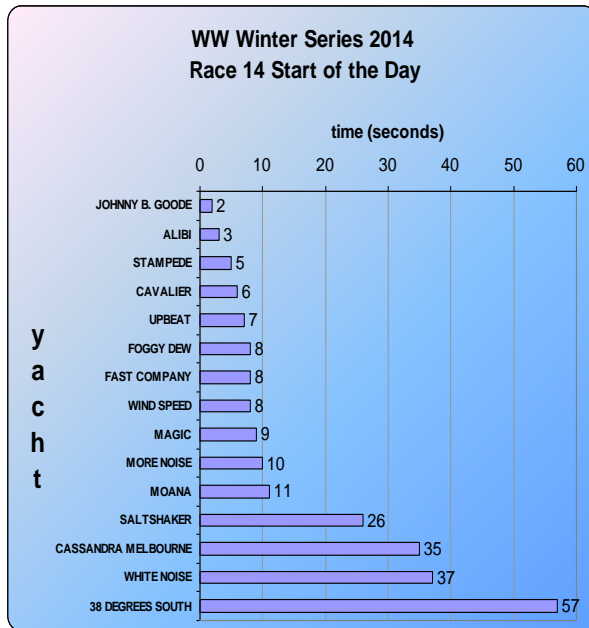
There were some close finishes in the race with 1 second separating the Beneteau First 35 WHITE NOISE (Daniel Edwards) from the Archambault 31 MORE NOISE (Jason Close) in 10th and 11th place respectively. Two seconds separated the Jarkan 30 (SALTSHAKER) Ken Gayler from the Beneteau 367 UPBEAT (Peter Dunne) finishing 8th and 9th with 3 seconds separating the Bluewater 40 MOANA (Stan Rankin) from S&S 39 MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) finishing in 5th and 6th positions.

With BOM issuing a strong wind warning for Port Philip and plenty of cloud and rain clearly visible from the shore in the morning the prospects of a race were not the best. However the afternoon saw a reduction in wind speed with Fawkner Beacon recording nothing above 20 knots and gusts all less than 25 knots. The west north westerly breeze meant relatively flat seas and there was not a white cap to be seen by the end of the race. Although it has to be remembered that the BOM forecast is for the whole of Port Philip and not just the SYC race track the conditions did not fully reflect the forecast of a 20-30 knot northerly.



With all yachts less than a minute late for their starts; two thirds of the fleet starting within 10 seconds or less; and a median start time of 8 seconds this was arguably the best start of the series. Taking the prize for Start of the Day

only 2 seconds late was the Oceanis 34 JOHNNY B. GOODE (John Chipp). She bettered the start of the Sydney 36 ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) by 1 second and the Elliot 51 STAMPEDE (Christopher Gandala) by 4 seconds.



Race 14 is the 12th race to be successfully completed this series with each race being won by a different yacht. This time it was the Mottle 33 CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) that was first across the line at 15:21:20. She was one of three yachts that started and finished the race in the same position. CASSANDRA was first to start 35 seconds late for her 12 minute handicap sailed the course in 1:39:20 to be first to finish.

RACE RECORD - CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
1	9/04/2014	30	02:13:26	15:56:26	00:13:00	136	6	8.4	8
4	30/04/2014	17	02:16:47	15:54:47	00:08:00	161	14	9.8	15
6	14/05/2014	9	02:09:40	15:49:40	00:10:00	37	61	9.8	16
8	28/05/2014	3	01:48:11	15:28:11	00:10:00	111	31	8.8	15
9	4/06/2014	10	02:09:57	15:51:57	00:12:00	63	6	8.4	9
10	11/06/2014	6	02:03:21	15:45:21	00:12:00	48	61	9.8	18
12	25/06/2014	20	01:54:58	15:38:58	00:14:00	56	31	8.8	18
13	2/07/2014	28	02:30:25	16:12:25	00:12:00	31	16	6.1	8
14	9/07/2014	1	01:39:20	15:21:20	00:12:00	35	13	8.5	14

This race was the 9th completed by CASSANDRA this series giving her 5 top ten and 2 podium finishes so far. CASSANDRA went from 17th to 7th in the aggregate.



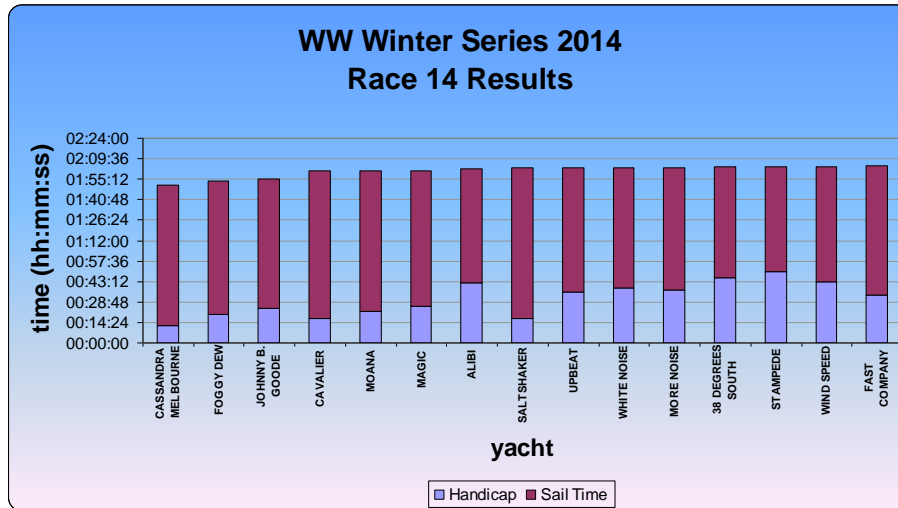
Finishing in 2nd place 2 minutes 17 seconds behind CASSANDRA was the Bavaria 32 FOGGY DEW (Joe O'Grady). FOGGY DEW started in 4th place only 8 seconds late for her 20 minute start. She sailed the 7 leg course in 1:33:37 crossing the finish line at 15:23:37. This was her best result in 10 races this series and she is 10th in the aggregate - up 4 places on the previous week.

RACE RECORD – FOGGY DEW									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
1	9/04/2014	9	01:51:10	15:39:10	00:18:00	17	6	8.4	8
2	16/04/2014	28	02:16:31	16:05:31	00:19:00	31	65	8.6	8
4	30/04/2014	15	02:06:51	15:53:51	00:17:00	20	14	9.8	15
5	7/05/2014	14	02:29:54	16:16:54	00:17:00	33	62	9.5	9
6	14/05/2014	17	02:05:25	15:52:25	00:17:00	35	61	9.8	16
8	28/05/2014	4	01:42:02	15:29:02	00:17:00	14	31	8.8	15
9	4/06/2014	26	02:09:54	15:58:54	00:19:00	20	6	8.4	9
12	25/06/2014	3	01:38:18	15:27:18	00:19:00	9	31	8.8	18
13	2/07/2014	31	02:27:03	16:17:03	00:20:00	27	16	6.1	8
14	9/07/2014	2	01:33:37	15:23:37	00:20:00	8	13	8.5	14

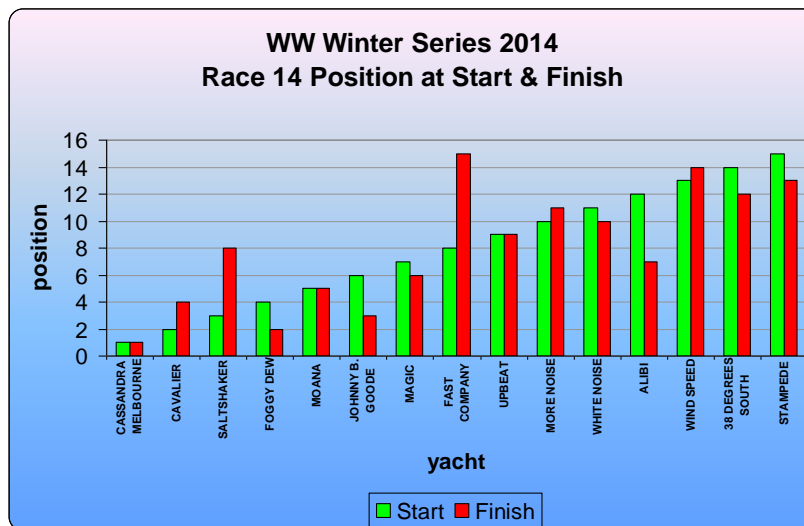
Start of the Day winner JOHHNY B. GOODE finished 3rd after starting from 6th place with a handicap of 24 minutes. She crossed the finish line at 15:25:16 after sailing the course in 1:31:16. It is the 3rd time JOHHNY B. GOODE has finished 3rd this series which has helped her into 16th position in the aggregate.

RACE RECORD - JOHHNY B. GOODE									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
1	9/04/2014	23	01:49:08	15:45:08	00:26:00	15	6	8.4	8
2	16/04/2014	39	02:17:48	16:11:48	00:24:00	5	65	8.6	8
3	23/04/2014	22	02:43:12	16:35:12	00:22:00	113	63	6	4
4	30/04/2014	7	01:59:50	15:51:50	00:22:00	14	14	9.8	15
5	7/05/2014	27	02:33:48	16:26:48	00:23:00	22	62	9.5	9
6	14/05/2014	3	01:55:39	15:46:39	00:21:00	40	61	9.8	16
8	28/05/2014	21	01:42:20	15:35:20	00:23:00	6	31	8.8	15
9	4/06/2014	21	02:02:56	15:54:56	00:22:00	14	6	8.4	9
10	11/06/2014	3	01:50:03	15:42:03	00:22:00	22	61	9.8	18
13	2/07/2014	26	02:17:44	16:11:44	00:24:00	5	16	6.1	8
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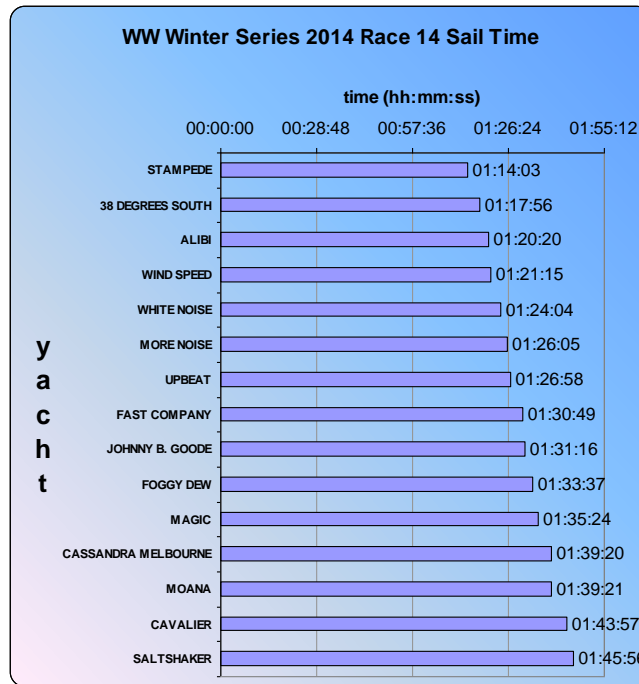
The gap between the first and last yacht to finish was 13 minutes 29 seconds. However the first three yachts across the line were well ahead of the rest of the remaining 12 yachts which finished within 3 minutes 52 seconds of each other.



Although there were some exceptions there wasn't the opportunity for yachts to make significant change to their start positions. Of the first 5 yachts to start the race four of them were amongst the first five to finish. Likewise of the last 5 yachts to start 4 of them were amongst the last 5 to finish.



With a good breeze averaging about 14 knots and sailing around one of the shorter courses race 14 was one of the faster races of the series. The average sail time was 1:30:01. STAMPEDE completed the course in the shortest time of 1:14:03 with 38° DEGREES SOUTH (John Chatham, Kate Mitchell) the second fastest.

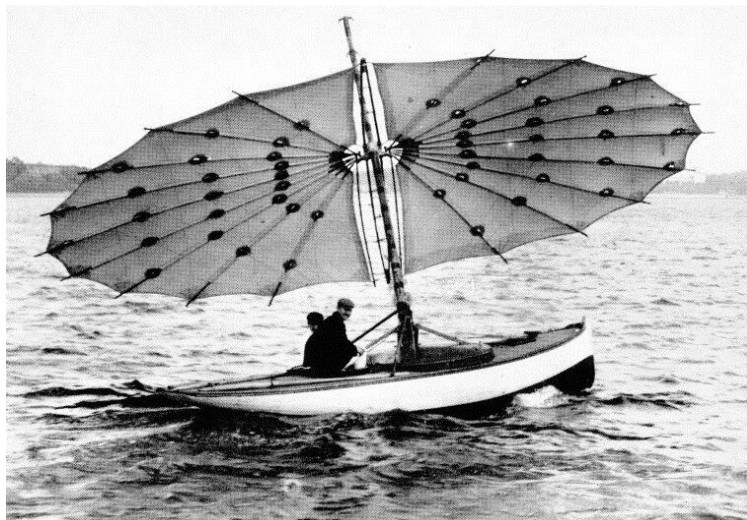


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Umbrella Sail

The weather, particularly rain, has been identified as a reason for the less than usual number of yachts in race 14. This issue was tackled way back in 1895 with the invention of the "Umbrella Sail". This was a horizontal sail primarily intended to convert wind energy into forward and righting moments. As an added bonus it offered some protection from the rain.

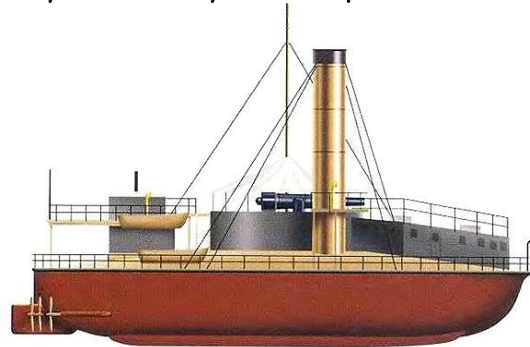


Trialing the Umbrella on a Fine Day

Was it a success? Well, almost 120 years later you don't see many around and in any case most umbrellas get turned inside out with a decent gust. With increasing research into wing sails which can be positioned both vertically and horizontally the idea may yet have a future.

Race 13 Quiz - Answer

The question was can you identify this ship?



Congratulations to Phil Spry Bailey who correctly identified the ship as the Norgorod and pointed out her salient feature. Phil added the following information:

The amazing ship was the Russian Ironclad "Norgorod", famous or infamous because it was round and when it fired its guns it spun like a top, was almost impossible to keep on course and rolled like a pig. The Tzar was so impressed he built a yacht "Livedia", equally uncontrollable but very spacious. They confirmed what most ship architects knew, traditional designs worked.

Race 14 Quiz

There are three questions in this weeks quiz. The first one was submitted by "The anonymous Scribe" who asks

Ques 1. Can you name this ship?

Constructed of steel by Scott & Co of Greenock in 1897, she was 292.'3" long, with a beam of 43'2" and drew 24'1". Bought for £3500 by J. Hardy & Co of Glasgow, she lost her foretopmast after running aground in 1903 when bound for Liverpool, the first of a series of misfortunes. In 1908, she was so badly affected by currents off Chile that her skipper decided to change course for Sydney. By the time she arrived she had been declared lost by Lloyds!

She was completely dismasted in 1932 in a storm near Spencer Gulf but gallantly continued under jury rig, refusing offers of steamers until she made Adelaide. This saved her owners hundreds of pounds in salvage costs. With her mainmast broken off 6 feet from the deck, there was little left to salvage anyway and she was sold for use as a breakwater.

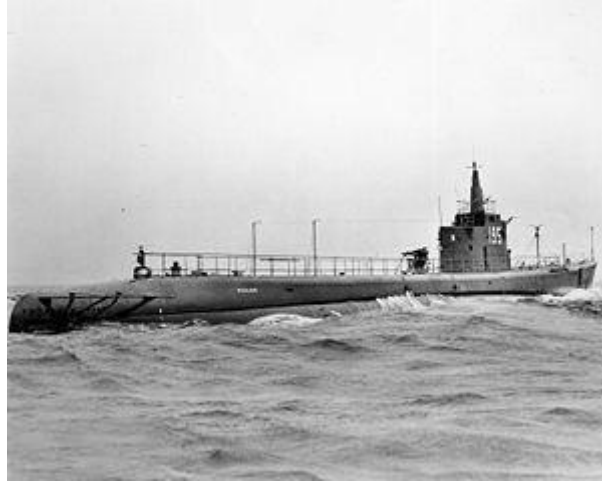
She was a regular visitor to Australian waters and her wreck lies here. She was listed in Gustaf Erickson's fleet from 1925 - 32 and was named for an historic site of the Napoleonic Wars.





The second and third questions were submitted by "a recently renovated sailor" who asks:

Ques. 2. What was the name of the only Allies submarine (picture below) to sink an enemy battleship in World War II and what was the name of the battleship?



Ques. 3 Where do you think this could be?



Answers please to mark-windward@live.com.au

Sounding Familiar?

Success can be attributed in part to "passionate sailors who never lose sight that the regatta is an opportunity to enjoy their yachts". "Yet another excellent feature of this event is the rating system and the pursuit style of competition. The overall effect of the pursuit system is to ensure safe starts with the fun kicking in three-quarters of the way around the course." These quotes are not from participants in WW but from an article in the June 2009 issue of *Yachting World* about St. Barth's Bucket Regatta. This has become an increasingly successful pursuit style annual regatta held on the island of St. Barth's.

A second article in the magazine concerns some safety issues that have emerged in the regatta. The motto of the regatta is to "sail safe and win

the party". However, it is claimed that more encounters of the wrong kind are occurring and should be addressed. The ISAF racing rules apply to the regatta but commonsense to avoid a collision, which may mean abandoning the rules, is imperative. Some say the regatta is becoming too professional and some competitors are "hotting things up to an unacceptable degree". It has been suggested that the racing rules are abandoned and that international COLREGS are applied. There is also a rule that states: "aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated and perpetrators will not be invited back." It has yet to be applied.

The St Barth's Bucket Regatta is for super yachts some 175 feet in length, weighing well in excess of 100 tons and carrying 38 crew. The regatta continues to be a success with 38 competitors in the 2014 event.

By the way.....

The two SYC yachts in the Melbourne to Vanuatu rally, THE SECRETARY and MYUNA, have arrived in Vanuatu. Meanwhile another SYC yacht SCARLET RUNNER is making her way to Hawaii in the Pacific Cup. They must be missing the Melbourne weather.