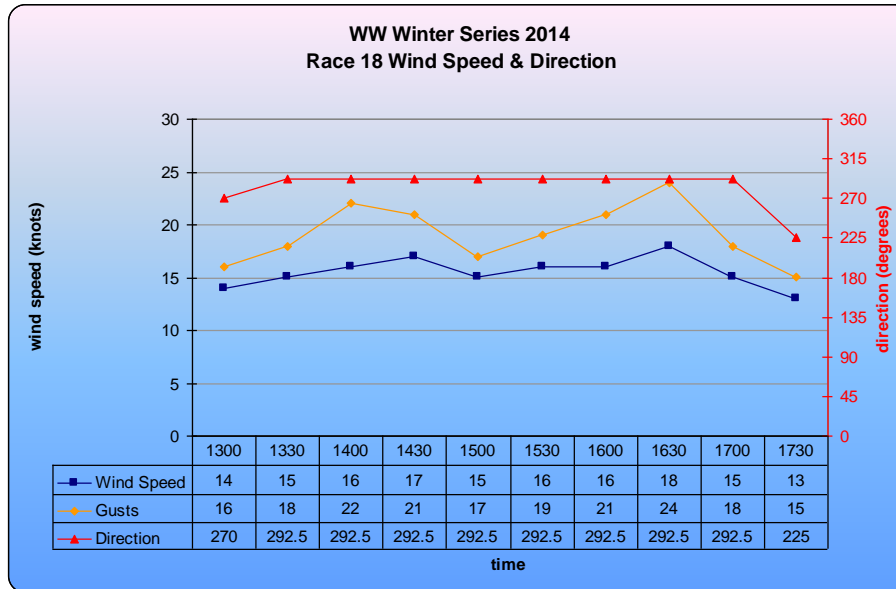


Wednesday Winter Wonders Race 18 – 2014 A jump the gun race!

A steady west north westerly breeze averaging around 15.5 knots drove a 30 yacht fleet around the 10.1 nautical mile course 64 in a relatively short time. Comprised of 2 quadrangles course 64 is one of the longer courses for Wednesday races and the first time this 9-leg course has been selected this series.



The steady breeze kept the fleet sailing at a good speed with the last yacht crossing the finish line at 15:58:23. With handicaps ranging from 3 to 49 minutes there was 46 minutes separating the yachts at the start of the race. This gap was reduced to 21 minutes 29 seconds by the end of the race.

Getting away to a good start only 3 seconds late for her 34-minute handicap was the Bavaria 49 ULUWATU (Peter Geary & Mal Billings). She revelled in the conditions and after starting from 20th place she had made up 8 places to be 12th at the first rounding of number 4. After sailing the course in 1:32:54 she crossed the finish line in first place to at 15:36:54 to win race 18. This was the first win for ULUWATU this series but her 6th top ten position. Her last 4 starts have all resulted in top ten finishes and she jumped up the aggregate by 7 places to be in 11th place.

| RACE RECORD ULUWATU | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------------|------|----------|----------|----------|-----|--------|----------|------------|
| RACE | DATE | POSN | ELAPSED | FINISH | HCAP | SOD | COURSE | DISTANCE | WIND SPEED |
| 1 | 9/04/2014 | 19 | 01:36:29 | 15:43:29 | 00:37:00 | 126 | 6 | 8.4 | 8 |
| 2 | 16/04/2014 | 36 | 02:03:11 | 16:09:11 | 00:36:00 | 30 | 65 | 8.6 | 8 |
| 4 | 30/04/2014 | 34 | 01:54:23 | 15:58:23 | 00:34:00 | 1 | 14 | 9.8 | 15 |
| 5 | 7/05/2014 | 10 | 02:12:59 | 16:14:59 | 00:32:00 | 23 | 62 | 9.5 | 9 |
| 6 | 14/05/2014 | 20 | 01:49:18 | 15:53:18 | 00:34:00 | 31 | 61 | 9.8 | 16 |
| 7 | 21/05/2014 | | | | | 59 | 6 | 4.6 | 5 |
| 8 | 28/05/2014 | 7 | 01:26:57 | 15:29:57 | 00:33:00 | 9 | 31 | 8.8 | 15 |

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| RACE | DATE | POSN | ELAPSED | FINISH | HCAP | SOD | COURSE | DISTANCE | WIND SPEED |
| 9 | 4/06/2014 | 16 | 01:49:37 | 15:53:37 | 00:34:00 | 17 | 6 | 8.4 | 9 |
| 10 | 11/06/2014 | 23 | 01:48:27 | 15:52:27 | 00:34:00 | 19 | 61 | 9.8 | 18 |
| 11 | 18/06/2014 | | | | | 22 | 63 | 9.4 | 5 |
| 13 | 2/07/2014 | 7 | 02:02:02 | 16:04:02 | 00:32:00 | 5 | 16 | 6.1 | 8 |
| 15 | 16/07/2014 | 3 | 01:33:20 | 15:35:20 | 00:32:00 | 18 | 61 | 9.8 | 20 |
| 17 | 30/07/2014 | 5 | 01:22:24 | 15:25:24 | 00:33:00 | 39 | 62 | 9.5 | 21 |
| 18 | 6/08/2014 | 1 | 01:32:54 | 15:36:54 | 00:34:00 | 3 | 64 | 10.1 | 16 |

It would be another 3 minutes 14 seconds before the next yacht crossed the finish line. This was the Hanse AQUA BELLA (Geoffrey Simpson), which is entered as a visitor and finished the race at 15:40:08. This was the 5th race sailed by AQUA BELLA this series and is her best result to date.

| RACE RECORD - AQUA BELLA | | | | | | | | | |
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| RACE | DATE | POSN | ELAPSED | FINISH | HCAP | SOD | COURSE | DISTANCE | WIND SPEED |
| 1 | 9/04/2014 | 25 | 01:56:41 | 15:46:41 | 00:20:00 | 55 | 6 | 8.4 | 8 |
| 2 | 16/04/2014 | 12 | 02:13:05 | 16:01:05 | 00:18:00 | 3 | 65 | 8.6 | 8 |
| 4 | 30/04/2014 | 8 | 02:02:03 | 15:52:03 | 00:20:00 | 11 | 14 | 9.8 | 15 |
| 7 | 21/05/2014 | | | | | 20 | 6 | 4.6 | 5 |
| 13 | 2/07/2014 | 34 | 02:45:11 | 16:35:11 | 00:20:00 | 2 | 16 | 6.1 | 8 |
| 18 | 6/08/2014 | 2 | 01:51:08 | 15:40:08 | 00:19:00 | 15 | 64 | 10.1 | 16 |

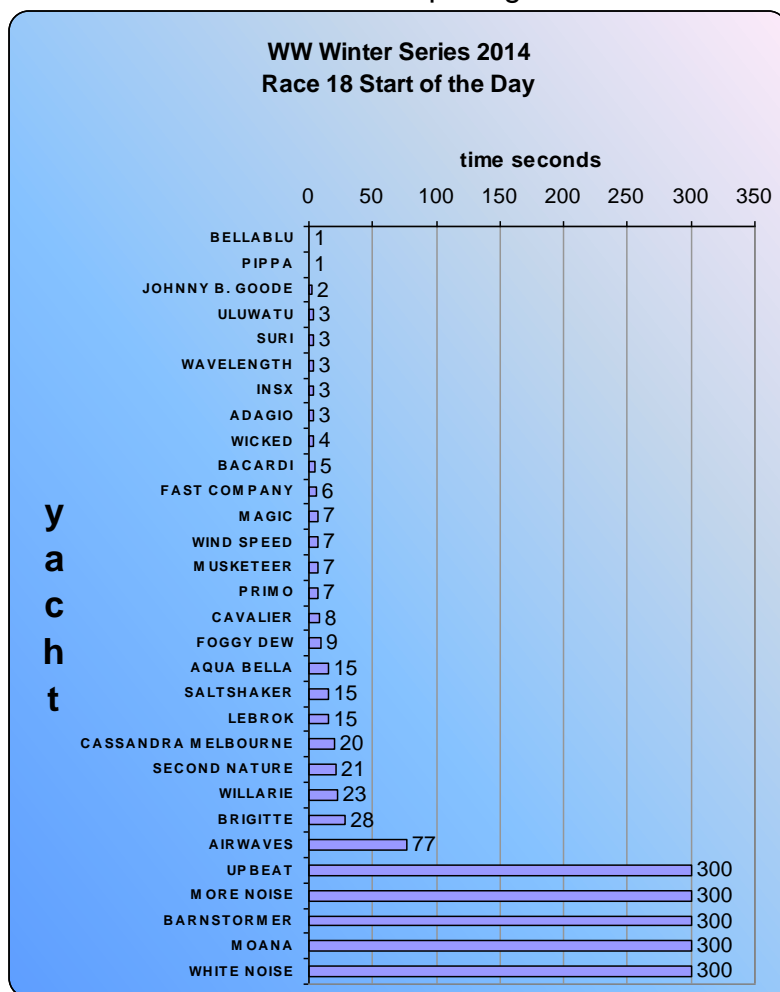
AQUA BELLA had a good start to the race only 15 seconds late for her 19-minute handicap from 6th place. She had improved her position by moving into 3rd place at the first rounding of number 4 and crossed the finish line in 2nd place after sailing the entire course in 1:58:08.

Crossing the line in 3rd place was the second Bavaria SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay) to receive a podium finish. SECOND NATURE started her race from 15th position 21 seconds late for her 27 minute handicap. At the first rounding of number 4 she had made up some ground and was in 8th place. She sailed well to record the 10th fastest sail time of the day of 1:43:46 and crossed the finish line at 15:40:46. SECOND NATURE is 12th place in the handicap after recording 5 top ten results including 2 podium finishes

| RACE RECORD - SECOND NATURE | | | | | | | | | |
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| RACE | DATE | POSN | ELAPSED | FINISH | HCAP | SOD | COURSE | DISTANCE | WIND SPEED |
| 2 | 16/04/2014 | 15 | 02:03:19 | 16:01:19 | 00:28:00 | 46 | 65 | 8.6 | 8 |
| 3 | 23/04/2014 | 21 | 02:36:50 | 16:32:50 | 00:26:00 | 102 | 63 | 6 | 4 |
| 4 | 30/04/2014 | 18 | 01:59:06 | 15:55:06 | 00:26:00 | 8 | 14 | 9.8 | 15 |
| 5 | 7/05/2014 | 17 | 02:21:31 | 16:17:31 | 00:26:00 | 56 | 62 | 9.5 | 9 |
| 6 | 14/05/2014 | 12 | 01:54:55 | 15:50:55 | 00:26:00 | 26 | 61 | 9.8 | 16 |
| 7 | 21/05/2014 | | | | | 9 | 6 | 4.6 | 5 |

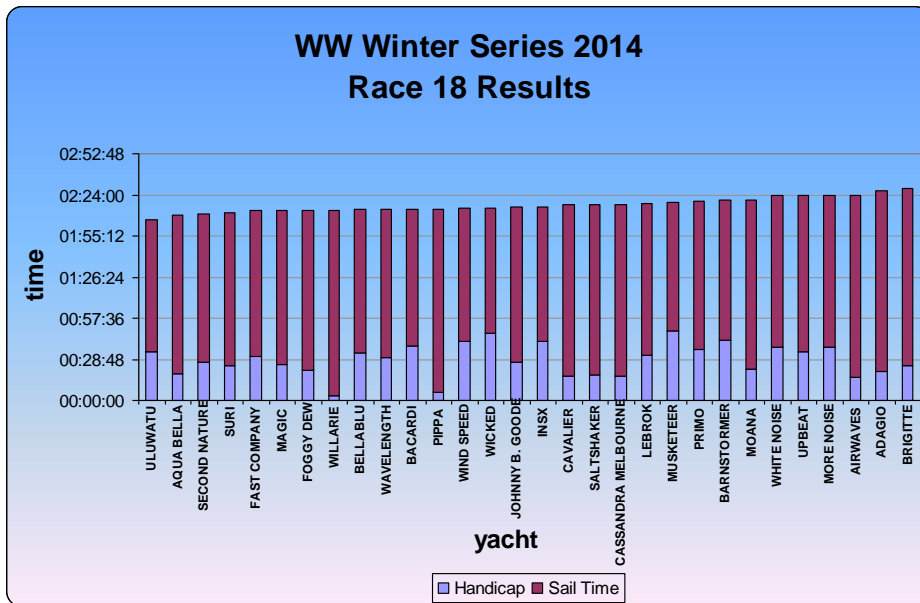
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| 8 | 28/05/2014 | 6 | 01:33:51 | 15:29:51 | 00:26:00 | 12 | 31 | 8.8 | 15 |
| 9 | 4/06/2014 | 7 | 01:53:39 | 15:50:39 | 00:27:00 | 9 | 6 | 8.4 | 9 |
| 10 | 11/06/2014 | 10 | 01:49:13 | 15:47:13 | 00:28:00 | 51 | 61 | 9.8 | 18 |
| 11 | 18/06/2014 | | | | | 11 | 63 | 9.4 | 5 |
| 12 | 25/06/2014 | 18 | 01:36:37 | 15:33:37 | 00:27:00 | 10 | 31 | 8.8 | 18 |
| 13 | 2/07/2014 | 29 | 02:19:14 | 16:15:14 | 00:26:00 | 21 | 16 | 6.1 | 8 |
| 15 | 16/07/2014 | 2 | 01:39:06 | 15:35:06 | 00:26:00 | 29 | 61 | 9.8 | 20 |
| 17 | 30/07/2014 | 18 | 01:33:40 | 15:31:40 | 00:28:00 | 13 | 62 | 9.5 | 21 |
| 18 | 6/08/2014 | 3 | 01:43:46 | 15:40:46 | 00:27:00 | 21 | 64 | 10.1 | 16 |

There were two winners of Start of the Day BELLABLU (John Lake) and PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse). Both yachts started within 1 second of their respective handicaps. Overall, it was a mixed start with seventeen yachts, more than half the fleet, starting within 10 seconds of their handicaps but there were 5 yachts that started too soon and received the 5-minute penalty. The median start time for race 18 was 8 seconds equaling the best median

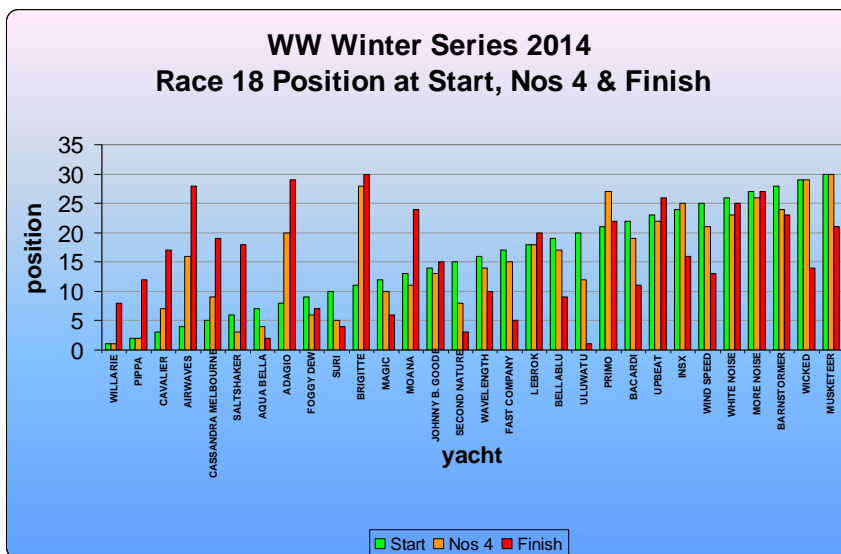


start time this series.

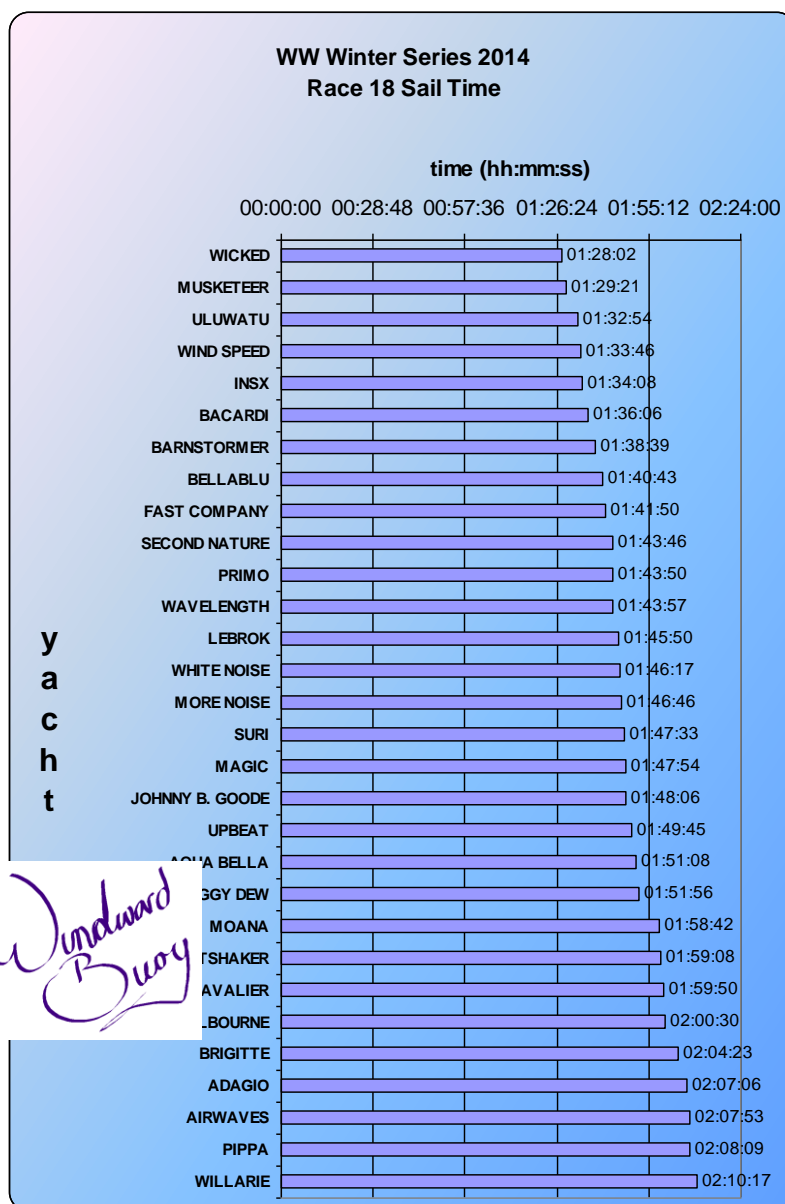
Some yachts shown had 5mins added to their time



There were some close contests towards the end of the race with 1 second separating UPBEAT (Peter Dunne) from MORE NOISE (Jason Close). Both yachts collected a 5-minute penalty for starting too soon. There was only 2 seconds separating MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) from FOGGY DEW (Joe O'Grady) the same margin separated INSX (Rob Sills) from JOHNNY B. GOODE (John Chipp)



The average sail time for the race was 1:48:36 with a range of 42 minutes 15 seconds. The Beneteau First 40 WICKED (Mike Welsh) recorded the fastest time of the day with 1:28:02. She was followed by MUSKETEER who sailed the course in 1:29:21. Getting great value for money were the six yachts that sailed for more than two hours.



Mark's Advice and questions about Race 18

Always sail the correct course, and in the right direction.
 Always use only one-sided course sheets to avoid errors.
 Do not use any tape that may cover up the course numbers.
 Take occasional observations of the course of other yachts around you.
 Do not assume that everyone else is wrong and you are right.
 (Starting the course in the wrong direction did require an interstate call to ensure that recording a DNS was the correct decision).

Other advice for finishing Yachts:

Raising your voice does not really convince anyone you are correct or that you know the rules.

To quote the Bard "Methink he protests too much!"

If you do make contact with another yacht the penalty should be taken.

This includes making contact with your pole onto the rigging of another yacht.

Was Uluwatu just trying to prove that he is not really just a "cruising" yacht?
3mins in front is a racing yacht performance!

How many yachts are there in the fleet that sail with Father and Son?
Cavalier is One...Moana is another, are there any others?

Early starters think that there should be an award for the yacht that stays in front for the longest time during the race. Eg Best attempt at winning award. Does just winning the race in the last 15 mins or so count as a real win!

These race reports have often rated the handicappers' performance on various criteria. Recently a touch of humour has been introduced during the presentation. We think this should now be included in the rating. Here is your chance to rate the jokes. Send your score out of 10 points to Mark.

In this race the handicappers did better than the results appear, as 6 boats had 5 minute penalties. All boats but 2 finished within 10 minutes of the second finisher. Pretty impressive handicapping!

The handicapper also gains points for the number of very close finishes between yachts.

3 seconds between the following yachts at the finish. All had 5 min penalties.

424 Barnstormer - Started early on - .01 sec

246 Moana - Started early on -.31

3535 White Noise - Started early on -.08

White Noise should choose someone else to start with, rather than 3131 More Noise. Both had a 37 min handicap, and both started -.08 secs early. Must have been a noisy start!

Have you noticed that with just eight races to go in the series, the top four spots are only separated by 9 points? Cassandra 45, Cavalier 50, Saltshaker 50, Magic 54. The next 8 boats are sitting on 60 points plus.

Mark would welcome comments particularly from yachts that have not been mentioned recently.

Maybe you have not finished in the top 3 positions, nor won start of the day, and feel unloved and unnoticed.....here is your chance to report something spectacular you have achieved, or invent something you would like to achieve, or tell a story.



Mark's Nomination for Award Photo for this season:

This sleeping skipper remains anno e mouse (as in door mouse) as the crew want to keep their place on the yacht. The photo was taken during a race and demonstrates the confidence that some skippers have in their crew. You may be able to pick out the alarm clock near the skipper. Thanks to the crew for the photo, it is always good to get shots of a yacht in **action!**

Last weeks Question for Race 17

Prof Algie identified the correct yacht. It was *Dunloe*

Lost: 2nd July, 1947 Official no. 63445 Built: Glasgow, Scotland 1870,
3 masted Ship Length: 180.9 ft. Owner: James Patterson & Co. Pty Ltd
(31.8.1909)

On its last voyage under sail, the full-rigged ship *Dunloe* sailed from Sydney Heads to Port Phillip Heads in just 40 hours. It was then converted into a coal hulk and served in this capacity from 1909 to 1947 when, at the age of 77, it was scuttled in the Ships' Graveyard.

Scuttling Coal Lighter Dunloe - 1/7/1947 For a great description [Click Here](#)

Just a short extract ... The seamen's union was called in and the trouble was cleared up, so I got the explosives aboard the hulk while the tug prepared to tow. Left the Gellibrand Pier at 10.30AM, a seaman and myself stopping aboard the lighter, the idea being that we could get all the charges made up and ready on the way down to the heads. Arrived off Queenscliff at 3.30PM picking up the surveyor from a motor launch and proceeding to the Rip. Just out of the Rip we ran into a squall

This is part of a diary written by Harry Chadwick who for 20 years worked as a salvage diver <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~maav/diary2.htm>

You may enjoy also reading the description of the DUNLOE, which was planned to be towed from Sydney to Melbourne. Instead....

..... Captain James Wallace in charge of the DUNLOE, decided that the future coal hulk should show her paces and shame a common steamer for the last time. With a fresh NE wind blowing, he spread the DUNLOE's 'wings' and with everything drawing from the mainsail to the main royal, he flung the knots..... behind.

Captain Hartley Watson, who was the very famous skipper of Melbourne's gallant tug JAMES PATTERSON for forty years, was recalled from retirement to advise on taking the DUNLOE through the Heads. He said later that it was one of the most anxious and exciting experiences of his life.

Read full Article here [Click](http://www.ipernity.com/doc/373825/26158699)
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There is also another report of the Dunloe surviving a storm in The NEW YORK TIMES 21/11/1900 [CLICK to View](#)

Please send your feedback to [MARK](mailto:mark-windward@live.com.au) mark-windward@live.com.au

The photo from race 16 of windmills and yachts was taken in the Norfolk Broads. Phil Spry Bailey said it should have been easy to pick by the shape of the hull of the Norfolk yachts. It is still a popular cruising spot.

This week's question for race 18:

Get to know the Wednesday Wonder Crew members. Your task, if you accept it, is to match the crew member with their boat. You have 7 days to complete the task. But beware, this message may self-destruct in five days.

See the table on the next page.

Completed forms can be given to Mark at the conclusion of race 19 or copies emailed to Mark

We are hoping to get a better forecast for the bays from 774 Radio on Wednesday mornings....if the ABC take note of Mark's letter of request!

I am confused! My wife just had a laborastory operation but my dictionary tells me a laborastory is a place for testing words of fiction.

Windward Buoy managed to get his section in on time despite being overseas! Thanks to the crew of ? for the action photo. We would like to hear from more crew members as it is obvious they do most of the work.

[Mark Windward](#)

| Yacht Name | Crew | Crew | Crew |
|---------------|------|------|------|
| Barnstormer | | | |
| Air Waves | | | |
| Foggy Dew | | | |
| Forzado | | | |
| The Secretary | | | |
| Magic | | | |
| Pippa | | | |
| Lebrok | | | |
| Vantage | | | |
| Public Bar | | | |
| Cavalier | | | |
| Salt Shaker | | | |
| Uluwatu | | | |

| Names of some | crew members | | |
|---------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| Sue | John S | John D | Drew |
| Anne | Jo | Frank | Jacqui |
| Bob | Noel | Peter | Geoff |
| Margie | Chrissy | Graham | Mike |
| Judy | Bruce | Gai | Marty |
| Chris | Rob | Lee | Harvey |
| Reg | Alan | Ted | Ian |
| Julie | | Judy | |