Wednesday Wonders - different Winter Winners, Different course
Series 2014 Race 20

Written by Windward Buoy in the UK, with a few comments by Mark in italics

It was the first time this series that a Wednesday fleet has sailed the 7 leg, 8.2 nautical mile course 32. With a southerly start the course comprises a quadrangle of about 4.9 nautical miles followed by a triangle about 3.3 nautical miles. Taking full advantage of this course was the Sydney 38, 38 DEGREES SOUTH (Kate Mitchell & John Chatham) who completed the course in the 2nd fastest time of the day in1:40:55 to record her first win of the series.
It is difficult to know who to give the credit to when there are two skippers. The comments that reached Mark were that Kate who was on the helm for the first leg set the yacht up very well for the rest of the race with John's help. Passing 17 boats and being ninth to go past No 4 tends to support this.

RACE RECORD 38 DEGREES SOUTH									
RACE	**DATE**	**POSN**	**ELAPSED**	**FINISH**	**HCAP**	**SOD**	**COURSE**	**DISTANCE**	**WIND SPEED**
6	14/05/2014	13	01:35:14	15:51:14	00:46:00	7	61	9.8	16
7	21/05/2014					32	6	4.6	5
8	28/05/2014	25	01:22:52	15:38:52	00:46:00	13	31	8.8	15
9	4/06/2014	9	01:37:06	15:51:06	00:44:00	13	6	8.4	9
10	11/06/2014	4	01:28:37	15:43:37	00:45:00	15	61	9.8	18
11	18/06/2014					24	63	9.4	5
13	2/07/2014	5	01:46:41	16:02:41	00:46:00	6	16	6.1	8
14	9/07/2014	12	01:17:56	15:33:56	00:46:00	57	13	8.5	14
19	13/08/2014	6	01:46:22	16:01:22	00:45:00	17	14	9.8	7
20	20/08/2014	1	01:40:55	15:56:55	00:46:00	14	32	8.2	9

Getting underway within 14 seconds of her 46-minute handicap gave 38 DEGREES SOUTH a good start to the race. By the first rounding of number she had moved from 25th at the start to 9th place. The last 3 legs of the course saw 38 DEGREES SOUTH make further gains crossing the finish line in 1st place at 15:56:55. This gives her 5 top ten finishes from 8 completed races and puts her 24th in the aggregate after being 29th following race 19.

Crossing the finish line in second place 1 minute 23 seconds behind 38 DEGREES SOUTH was another Sydney yacht the 36 foot ALIBI (Denis Hambleton). ALIBI also had a good start 6 seconds late for her 41 minute handicap from 21st position. The 41-minute start was the lowest handicap starts for ALIBI this series and gave her the best result so far. By the first rounding of number 4 at 15:16:06 she was in 5th place and sailed the last 3 legs of the race in 42 minutes 12 seconds to cross the finish line at 15:58:18. She sailed the entire course in 1:47:18 – the 5th fastest time of the day. ALIBI has completed 13 races this series but this was her first podium finish. She is 21st in the aggregate.

Mark was asked to explain why Alibi was pointing as she approached No 3 mark. We know Dennis often likes to come along the shore, but it did seem excessive. Dennis did admit that the reason was confusion between the shore limit markers and the actual No 3. Who knows if that error cost him first place? He was only 1.13mins from first

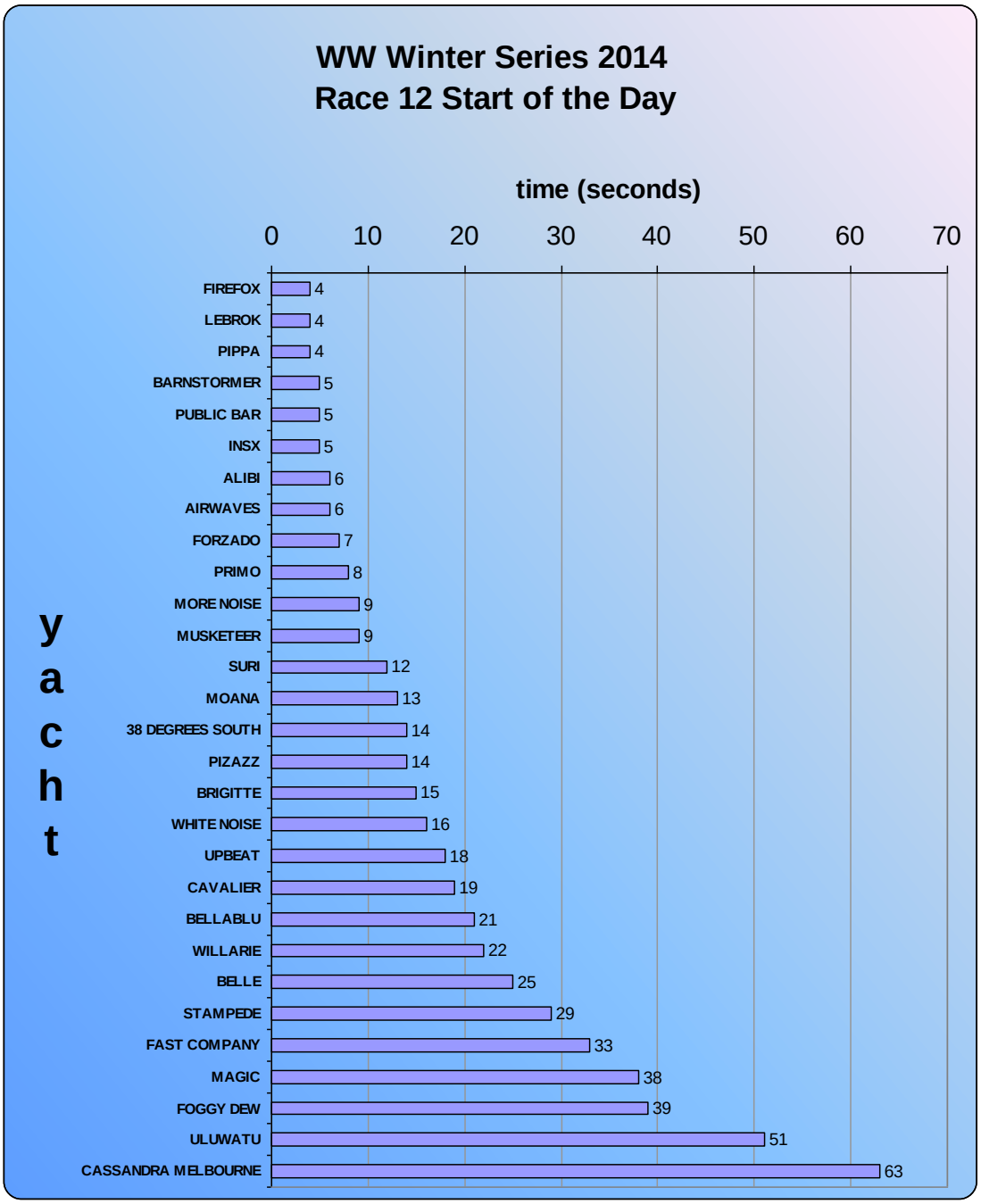
RACE RECORD - ALIBI									
RACE	**DATE**	**POSN**	**ELAPSED**	**FINISH**	**HCAP**	**SOD**	**COURSE**	**DISTANCE**	**WIND SPEED**
1	9/04/2014	16	01:26:27	15:42:27	00:46:00	23	6	8.4	8
2	16/04/2014	33	01:50:19	16:06:19	00:46:00	17	65	8.6	8
3	23/04/2014	12	02:13:26	16:27:26	00:44:00	169	63	6	4
4	30/04/2014	20	01:41:26	15:55:26	00:44:00	13	14	9.8	15
5	7/05/2014	8	01:59:38	16:13:38	00:44:00	21	62	9.5	9
6	14/05/2014	25	01:42:00	15:57:00	00:45:00	13	61	9.8	16
11	18/06/2014					5	63	9.4	5
12	25/06/2014	17	01:19:34	15:32:34	00:43:00	5	31	8.8	18
13	2/07/2014	12	01:53:24	16:05:24	00:42:00	17	16	6.1	8
14	9/07/2014	7	01:20:20	15:32:20	00:42:00	3	13	8.5	14
15	16/07/2014	15	01:30:58	15:42:58	00:42:00	21	61	9.8	20
17	30/07/2014	24	01:21:05	15:33:05	00:42:00	14	62	9.5	21
19	13/08/2014	10	01:54:20	16:05:20	00:41:00	3	14	9.8	7
20	20/08/2014	2	01:47:18	15:58:18	00:41:00	6	32	8.2	9

After completing 6 races this series the Achambault MORE NOISE (Jason Close) had something to cheer about recording her first podium finish in race 20 when she crossed the line in 3rd place at 15:58:55. She finished 37 seconds behind ALIBI after sailing the course in 1:52:55. MORE NOISE started 9 seconds late for her 36-minute handicap from 18th place. She was in 7th place at the first rounding of number 4 and improved her position by a further 4 places during the last 3 legs of the race.

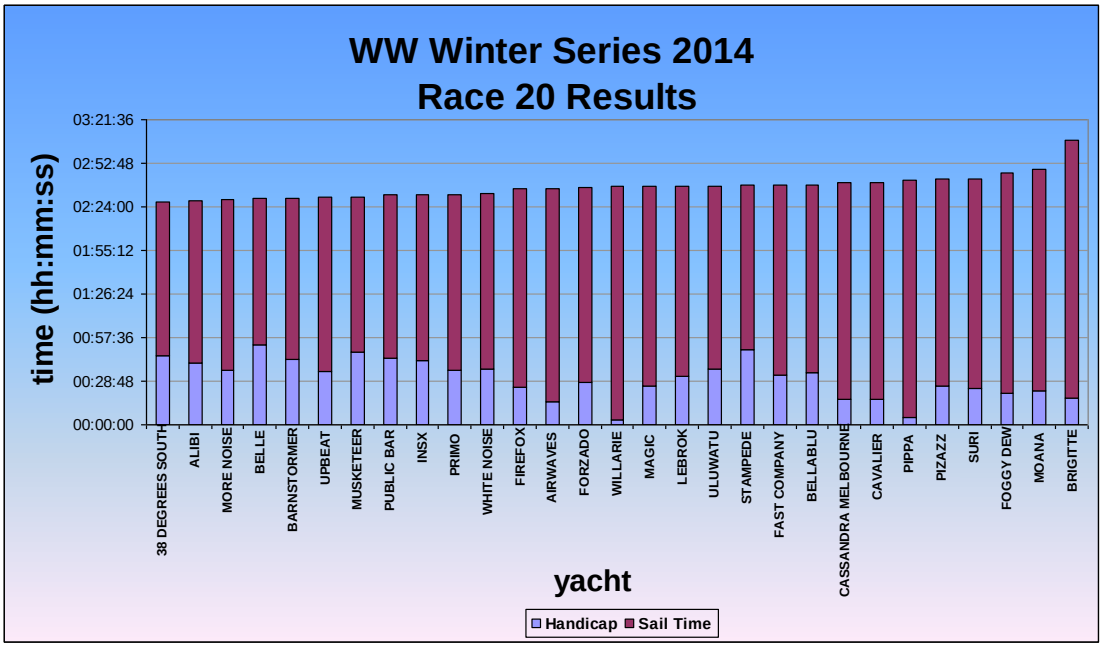
RACE RECORD – MORE NOISE									
RACE	**DATE**	**POSN**	**ELAPSED**	**FINISH**	**HCAP**	**SOD**	**COURSE**	**DISTANCE**	**WIND SPEED**
7	21/05/2014					300	6	4.6	5
9	4/06/2014	20	01:44:53	15:54:53	00:40:00	36	6	8.4	9
10	11/06/2014	16	01:41:33	15:49:33	00:38:00	30	61	9.8	18
11	18/06/2014					3	63	9.4	5
13	2/07/2014	13	01:58:40	16:05:40	00:37:00	12	16	6.1	8
14	9/07/2014	11	01:26:05	15:33:05	00:37:00	10	13	8.5	14
18	6/08/2014	27	01:38:46	15:45:46	00:37:00	300	64	10.1	16
20	20/08/2014	3	01:52:55	15:58:55	00:36:00	9	32	8.2	9

Despite the good result MORE NOISE moved up only 1 place in the aggregate from 39th to 38th.

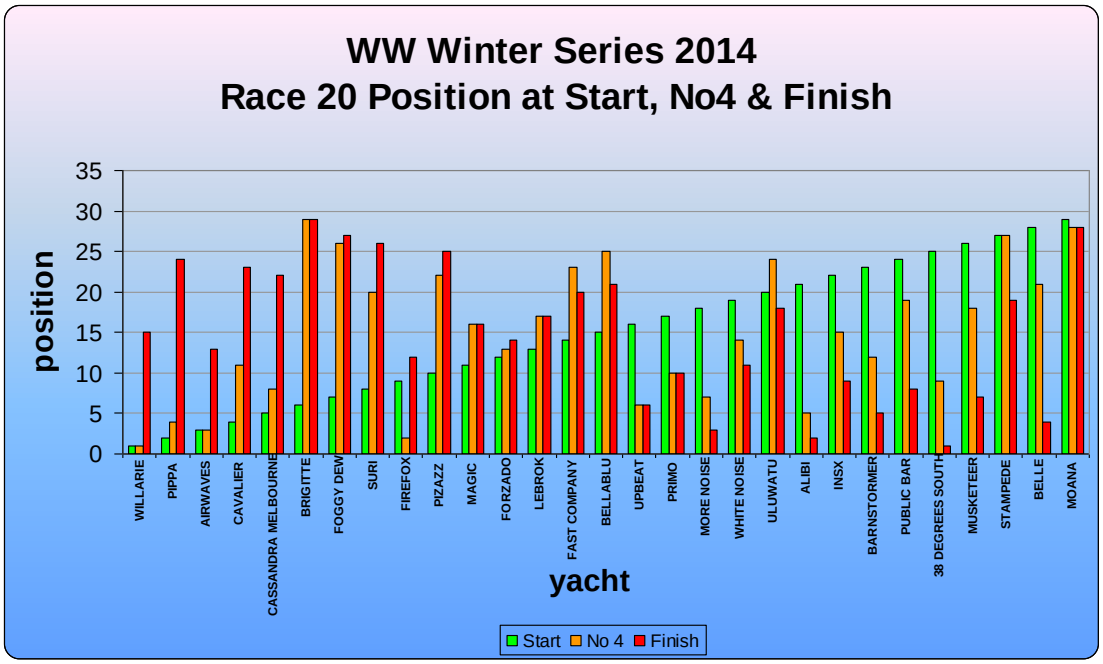
It was a 3-way battle for Start of the day with FIREFOX (Kim Beveridge Howard), LEBROK (Theo Korbel) and PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) all starting within 4 seconds of their respective start times. There were another 3 yachts – BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes), PUBLIC BAR (Clive Sondheim) and INSX (Rob Sills) that were 5 seconds late for their handicap starts. All but one yacht started the race within 39 seconds of their start and the median start time was 14 seconds.



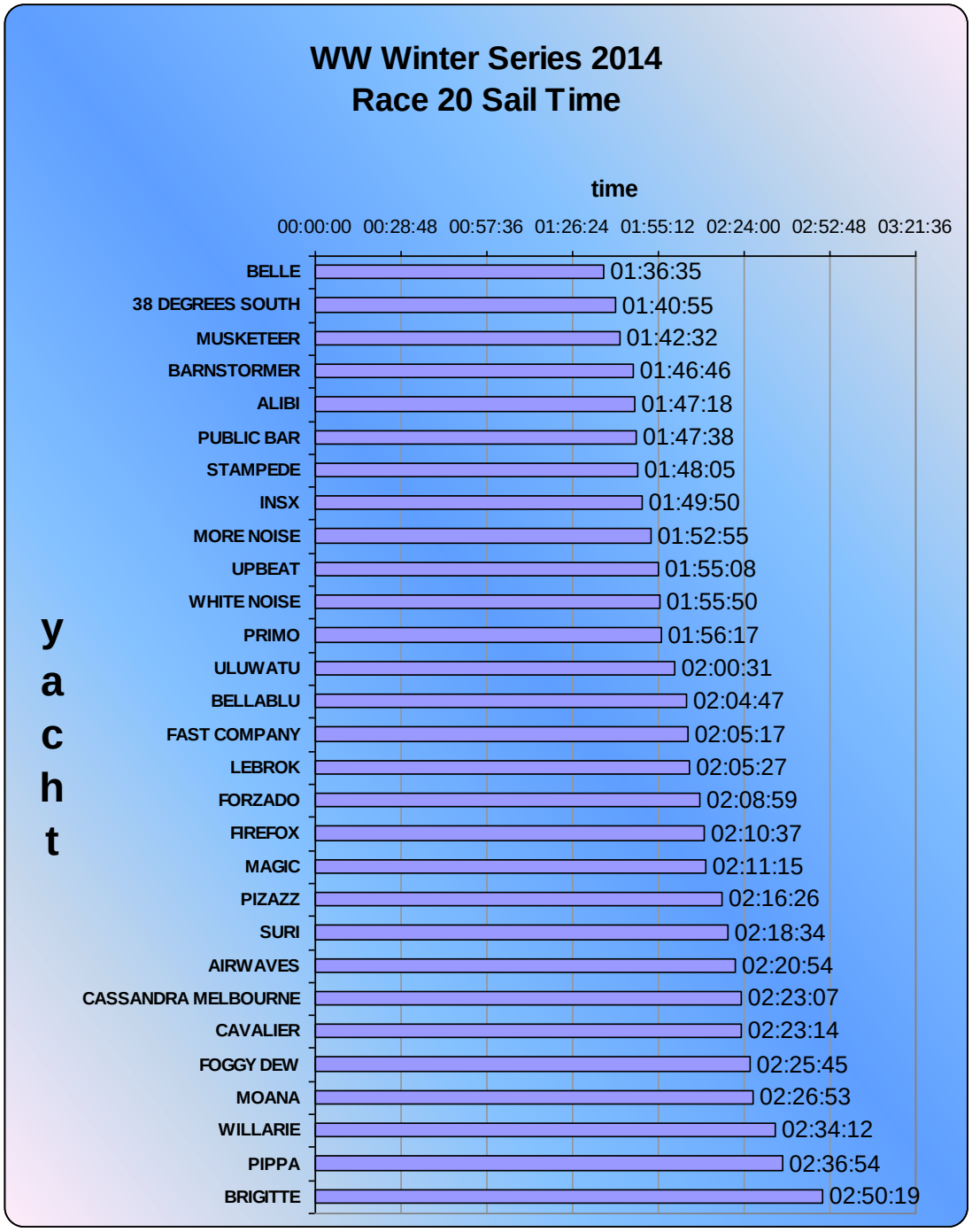
At the start of the race there was a 50-minute difference between the handicap of the first and last yacht. By the first rounding of number this gap had been reduced to 24 minutes 34 seconds. At the end of the race the gap between the first and last yacht had increased to 41 minutes 24 seconds.



Of the 10 early starters seven yachts found themselves amongst the last 10 yachts to finish whilst seven of the last 10 yachts to start were amongst the first 10 yachts to finish.

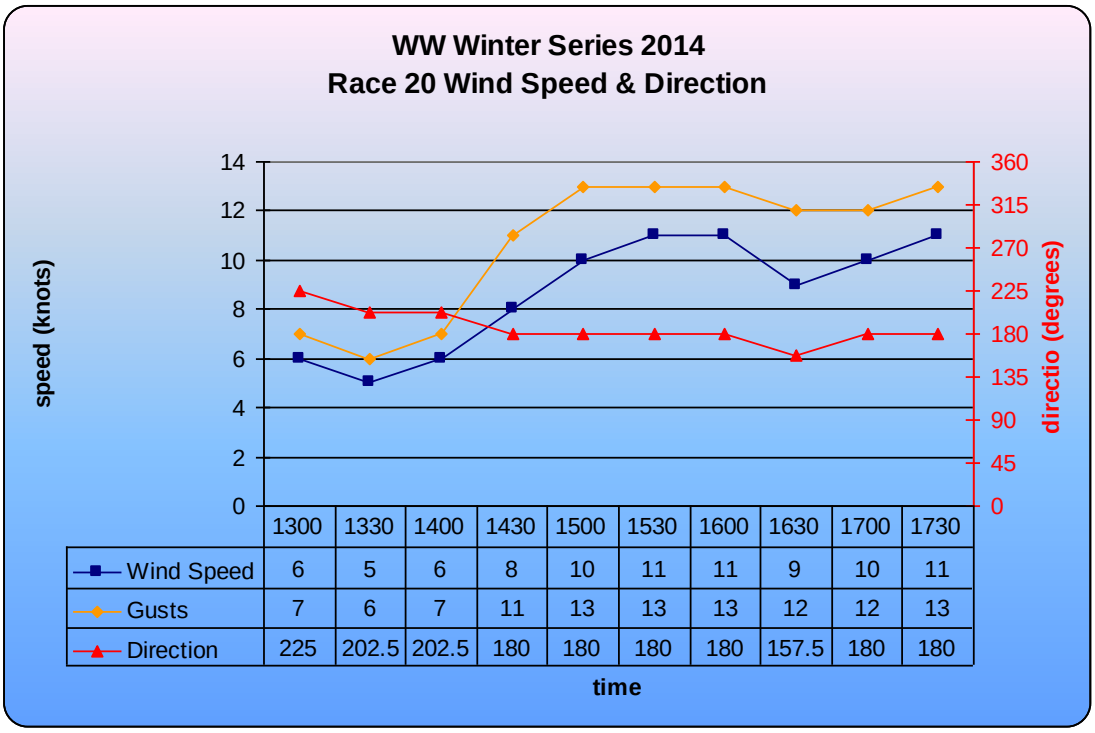


On average it took 2:06:19 to sail the course with 17 of the 29 yachts sailing for more than 2 hours. The fastest time was recorded by a yacht making her debut in Wednesday Wonders. This was BELLE (Doug Painter) who recorded a blistering 1:36:55 that was 4 minutes 20 seconds quicker than her closest rival. It was fast enough for BELLE to finish in 4th place after starting from last place 25 seconds late for her 53-minute handicap.



The forecast for Port Philip was for a south-to-south easterly breeze of about 10 knots. Observations at Fawkner Beacon showed an average breeze of around 9 knots from the forecast direction. At the start of the race the breeze was around 5 knots but and increased steadily to be around 11 knots at 1600. The early starters had to contend with the gentler breeze for the first part of the race and the later starters got the stronger breeze as it increased.

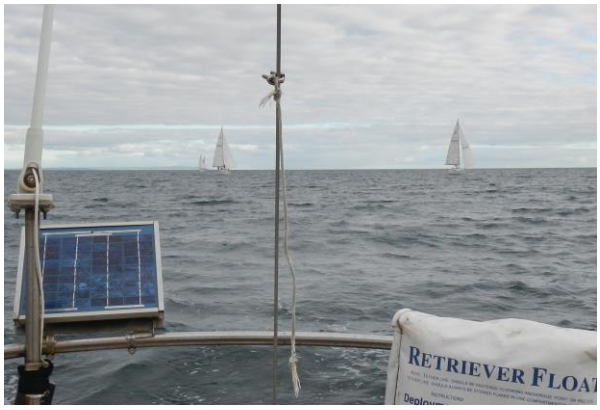
It always seems a great sailing day when the predicted wind of light breezes turn out not to be a drifter and there is enough breeze to fill your sails.



	1300	1330	1400	1430	1500	1530	1600	1630	1700	1730
Wind Speed	6	5	6	8	10	11	11	9	10	11
Gusts	7	6	7	11	13	13	13	12	12	13
Direction	225	202.5	202.5	180	180	180	180	157.5	180	180

Six points separate 6 yachts in the aggregate (chart on next page) as the end of the series gets closer. CASSANDRA (Bob Reeves) leads the table for the 4th consecutive week with a 2-point lead over SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler). *Ken missed this race so did not gain on his position.* Only a single point separates the next 4 yachts.

Starting 2 minutes apart 3434 Pizazz and 344 Suri coming together at the finish line just 8 seconds apart.



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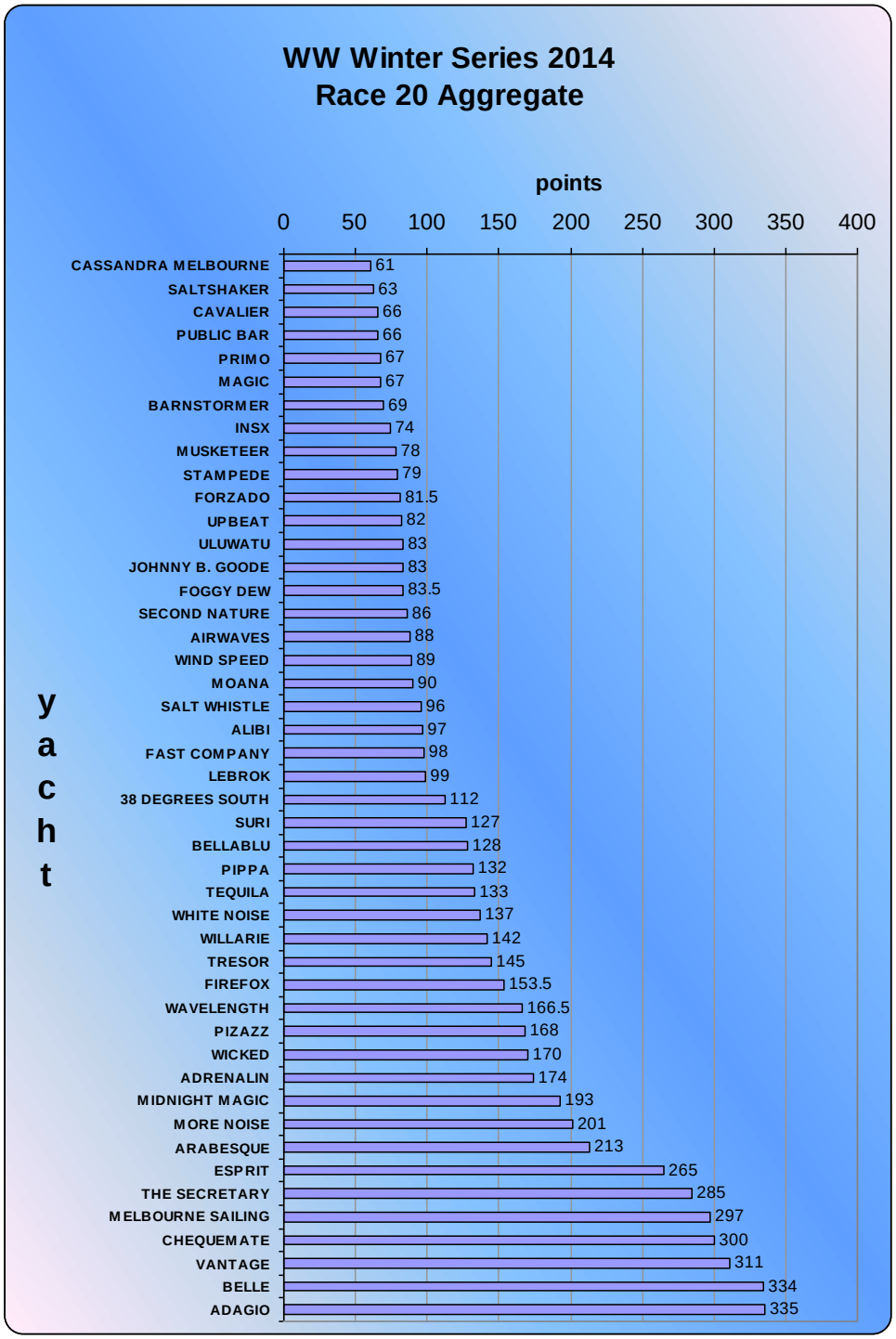
WW Winter Series 2014
Race 20 Aggregate
points
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yacht
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE 61
SALTSHAKER 63
CAVALIER 66
PUBLIC BAR 66
PRIMO 67
MAGIC 67
BARNSTORMER 69
INSX 74
MUSKETEER 78
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FORZADO 81.5
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ALIBI 97
FAST COMPANY 98
LEBROK 99
38 DEGREES SOUTH 112
SURI 127
BELLABLU 128
PIPPA 132
TEQUILA 133
WHITE NOISE 137
WILLARIE 142
TRESOR 145
FIREFOX 153.5
WAVELENGTH 166.5
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MELBOURNE SAILING 297
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Dennis from Alibi has sent some of his holiday pics to share with WW Sailors.

The first photo was taken in a market at Kusadasi (port for Ephesus) in Turkey. What hope have you got of actually buying the real thing?

The second and third photos were taken in the Straits of Messina between Italy and Sicily (only a couple of kilometers wide). A great bowsprit setup guaranteed to get an overlap at a mark and a couple of observers from the mast top, to call buoy room.

The third photo goes to prove that 4 pairs of eyes are so much better than two pairs! Look closely – there are 4 people at the top of the mast! *(Perhaps Dennis should have used a similar rig and more eyes in Race 20 to round No3?)*

Race 19 Question about crews and which yacht they sail on.

Mr P S Bailey writes : Obviously the question asking about crews and yachts is a question for the younger members with good eyesight and good memories. My excuse for my poor attempt is that once when we all lived in a village we would associate with our fellow villagers who numbered about 150 and our brain became programmed to retain 150 names and faces. Today it is estimated we will associate with over two and a half thousand people and our brain is yet to catch up. I don't think I ever got to 100. *Phil*

Barnstormer	Margie, Judy
Air Waves	Mike
Foggy Dew	Graham
Forzado	Bruce, Jacqui, Alan
The Secretary	Noel, John D., Julie
Magic	Sue, Graham, Reg
Pippa	Gai, Ian
Lebrok	Harvey
Vantage	Geoff
Public Bar	
Cavalier	Drew
Salt Shaker	Ian
Uluwatu	Peter

I think Phil gets a score of 18 (E&O). I question the answers in red, but someone might like to submit a correct response?

Mark would be pleased to be sent your yacht name and crew members.
Please send to MARK WINDWARD

Answer for Race 19 Question which was…….
In my life I sailed Wednesday Wonders for many years. Most of you have sailed against me, and quite a few with me. One of the yachts I owned is still sails regularly with Wednesday Wonders. I did not always sail single hulled vessels. One year I sailed a to represent Australia against a British Yacht. That was 50 years ago!

A response came from Mr Graham Kaufman (the first neatest correct entry).
The answer to your question Mark was Peter Bolton, the previous owner of Pippa who competed in the Little America's Cup along with Ted.
The previous owner of Pippa (before Peter) named the boat with a sarcastic name connected with his divorce. I have forgotten the name.

Can anyone help with Pippa's previous boat name. It might explain the purple cushions and the previous green hull?

"Willarie" was previously named "Rebecca", which may have been named after John Batman's second boat, as there is picture of it in the cabin (still there), but my wife Jan thinks in must have been named after a woman.

A report of the little America's cup below names Peter Bolton as the skipper of Quest. The crew was not, on this occasion, Ted Kaine who sailed nearly every other race with "Pete" for over 50 years.

1967 – Thorpe Bay, UK – Lady Helmsman (UK) def Quest III (AUS) 4-1

After the heartbreak of '65 Lindsay Cunningham returned to England in 1967, this time with Quest III, sailed by Peter Bolton Skipper and Lindsay Reese and featuring a sock sleeved una-rig. Despite showing serious potential she proved no match for Lady Helmsman, this time sailed by Peter Schneidau and Bob Fisher. The British staked their claim to another victory, this time by a score of 4-2, and had at this point successfully defended six challenges in six years.

Peter was a member of SYC for 49 years. See report on KLINGER: CLICK on SYC Web.

Advice for Rounding the windward mark.

It is a waste of time and energy to shout out loud requests to yachts that are on Starboard for buoy (or girl room) when you are approaching on Port tack. It does make you seem more ignorant if you do not realize that there is not one, but two international yachting judges on board the Starboard tack yacht

Three basic rules from Mark ~ (not quite phrased in international judging terms as in the Blue book)

1. Be pleasant to all other yachts
   Refer Basic Principle of Rules 7, Sportsmanship & Rule 2 Fair Sailing
2. Do not hit any one *Rule 14 Avoid contact*
3. Port gives way to starboard *Rule 10* ***On Opposite Tacks***

When boats are on opposite tack, a port-tack boat shall keep clear of a starboard-tack boat.

The lack of understanding of this basic rule and the number of exemptions skippers seem to think might apply at the marks is amazing!

Century Class races Summer 2014/5

Have you had a birthday this year? Is your yacht a year older? Have you bought an older yacht?

The WW Century Class races will be held on the last race in each month. If the race is cancelled, the next race held will count. If you have **not registered** and you believe you qualify please send to Mark Windward your details: Age (kept private) and the Age of your yacht. These two figures must add up to 100 years or more.

Questions Race 20 Predict the finishing top ten

With the count down for Winter 2014 season at just 5 races to go, it is time to predict the top ten. A serious prize is up for grabs for the best prediction. Send your predictions to Mark before the **September 3rd**

Who is F Montgomery? He is a SYC member. He was involved in Race 20, and many others WW races?

Pippa was pleased that she was not close enough to **B2700 Belle** to be able to take a photo. Does the B stand for BEWARE. She started on 53 mins (29th) and finished 4th about 2 ½ mins away from first place. Do we need to make some legs of the race longer for big yachts? It could reduce the starting time, which may soon be over an hour?

Two examples follow of how much room to leave small yachts when passing wind or going down wind. Cavalier and Stampede passing Pippa.

Missing Links from Race 19
The web links 'for further information' in the Race 19 report did not work very well, if at all. So try again…see links below…your efforts will be rewarded !

Re the **Hougomont** and The **Fenian** and the tale of their escape from Australia to the USA click
Sailng film of the **Grace Harwar** CLICK Good viewing if you like big swells and old ships.

To Ponder….

With two Jacquie's on Forzado, how does Bruce call out to each one. Is Forzado the only yacht in the fleet with two crew with the same names?

The best comment made to cheer a small yacht owner up was made by a larger yacht owner*: " I thought you were sailing a Triton 27 not a Triton 24 you were going so fast!"*

Under the proposed changes to the use of marihuana will all joint owners of yachts have to register with the Department of Health if they use their yacht for stimulation and improving their health?

Thanks for the contributions to this report. All comments and responses are always very welcome, please send to mark-windward@live.com.au