

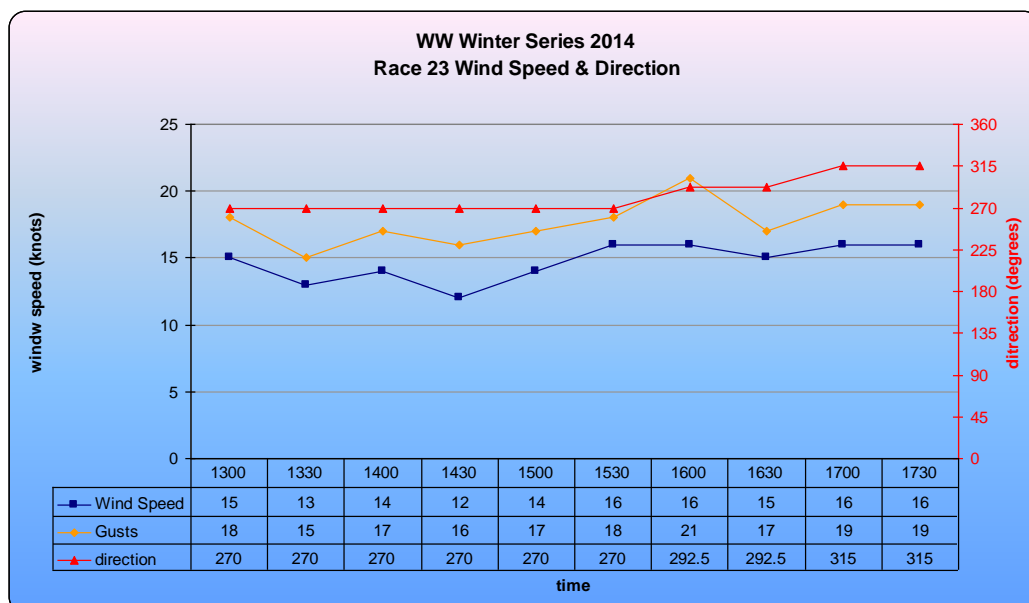
WW Winter Series 2014 Race 23

PIPPA LEADS HOME LARGEST FLEET OF THE SERIES.



The largest fleet of the series enjoyed excellent if overcast sailing conditions as all 41 yachts completed race 23. It was a race in the tradition of Wednesday Wonders with yachts ranging from 24 to 60 footers competing in a single pursuit race of 9.4 nautical miles on handicaps from 2 to 54 minutes. This was a closely contested race around a 7 leg course with 36 (88%) of the 41 yachts finishing within 10 minutes of the winner. The race was won with the slim margin of 10 seconds by the shortest yacht in the fleet and the only one with a red hull - Triton 24 PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse). PIPPA created a record becoming the first yacht to win two races in this series.

BOM predicted winds of “West to northwesterly 15 to 20 knots.” for Port Philip and observations at Fawkner Beacon were in line with the forecast. However, breezes could have been a little less inshore.





Whatever the conditions PIPPA handled them very well. Her handicap had been reduced by 2 minutes after race 22 but starting 56 seconds late for her 3 minute handicap didn't allow PIPPA to get best advantage from the adjustment. According to Skipper Jeffrey this was due to an ill timed lull in the breeze. After starting from 2nd position PIPPA led the fleet at the first rounding of number 4 and sailed the last 3 legs of the course in 42 minutes 14 seconds. She crossed the finish line at 15:50:12 ahead of 40 other competitors. PIPPA has completed 12 races this series accumulating 5 top ten finishes including 3 podium finishes. She is 25th in the aggregate.

RACE RECORD - PIPPA									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
2	16/04/2014	4	02:23:05	15:57:05	00:04:00	26	65	8.6	8
4	30/04/2014	4	02:18:42	15:50:42	00:02:00	14	14	9.8	15
5	7/05/2014	31	03:01:23	16:35:23	00:04:00	9	62	9.5	9
6	14/05/2014	28	02:26:18	15:58:18	00:02:00	47	61	9.8	16
7	21/05/2014					7	6	4.6	5
8	28/05/2014	1	01:47:24	15:17:24	00:00:00	10	31	8.8	15
17	30/07/2014	2	01:50:08	15:24:08	00:04:00	18	62	9.5	21
18	6/08/2014	12	02:08:09	15:44:09	00:06:00	1	64	10.1	16
19	13/08/2014	29	02:57:36	16:33:36	00:06:00	9	14	9.8	7
20	20/08/2014	24	02:36:54	16:11:54	00:05:00	4	32	8.2	9
21	27/08/2014	13	03:01:12	16:35:12	00:04:00		13	8.5	7
22	3/09/2014	36	02:24:36	15:59:36	00:05:00	5	14	9.8	11
23	10/09/2014	1	02:17:12	15:50:12	00:03:00	56	63	9.4	15

Crossing the line in 2nd place was the Bavaria TRUE COLOURS (P Akers & A West). She has sailed 4 races this series with varied results but on this occasion she really excelled herself. Not only was this her best result but she had a perfect Start of the Day. TRUE COLOURS started race 23 from 18th place right on time for her 26 minute handicap. By the first rounding of number 4 she was in 6th position and sailed the course in 1:54:22 crossing the finish line at 15:50:22. TRUE COLOURS sails as a visitor so is not part of the aggregate.

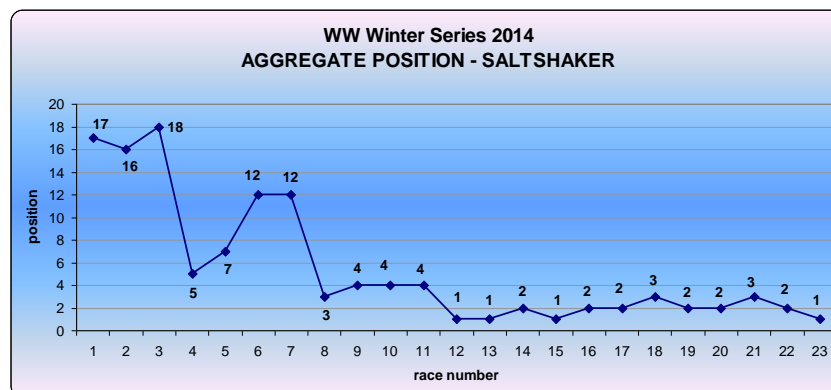


RACE RECORD – TRUE COLOURS									
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2	16/04/2014	38	02:18:07	16:10:07	00:22:00	30	65	8.6	8
21	27/08/2014	21	02:43:22	16:39:22	00:26:00		13	8.5	7
22	3/09/2014	19	01:53:09	15:51:09	00:28:00	22	14	9.8	11
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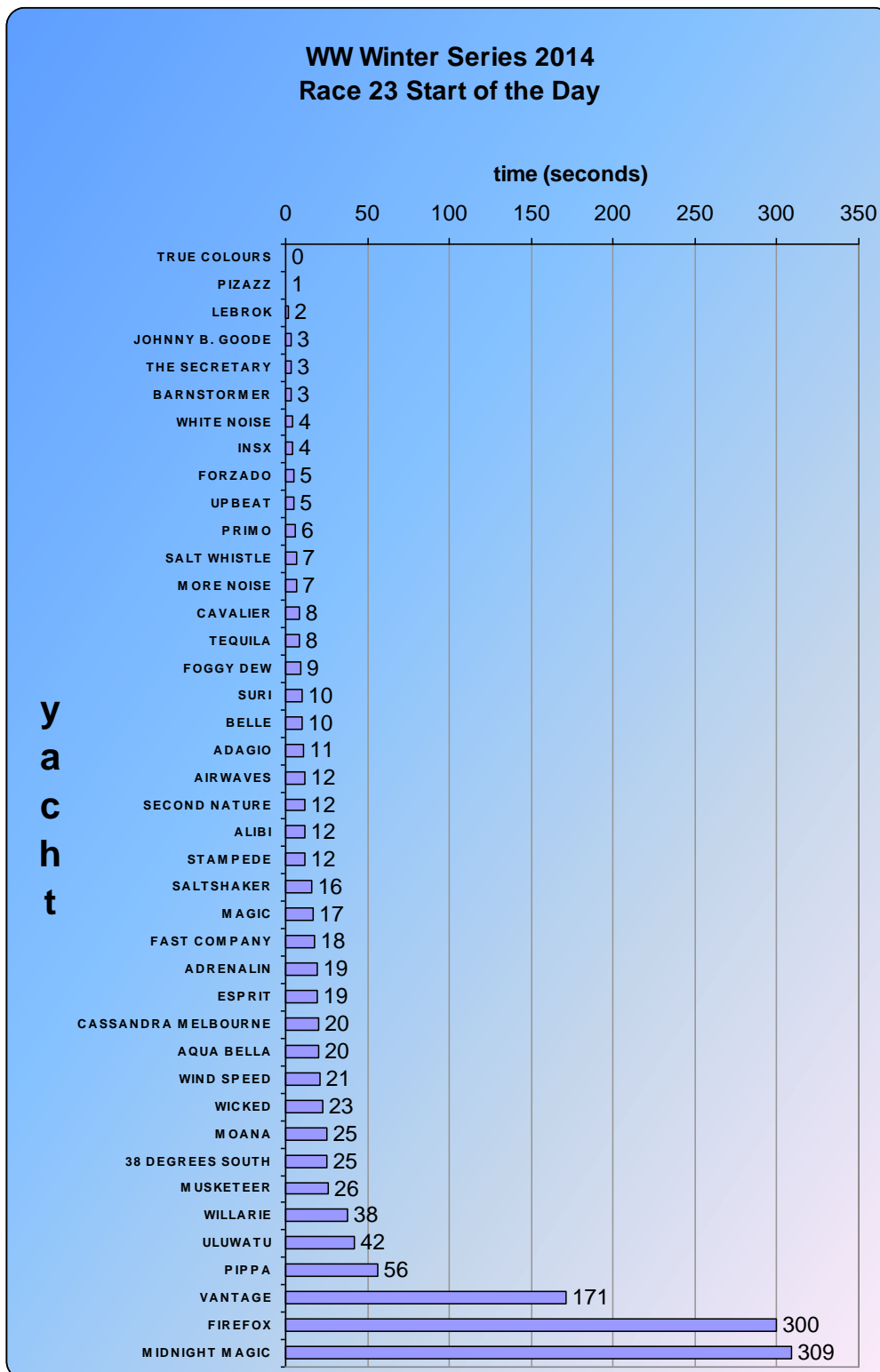


After finishing 3rd in race 22 the Jarkan 30 SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) received an extra 2 minutes to her handicap. This extra 2 minutes meant she had a handicap of 18 minutes starting from 9th rather than 5th place. SALTSHAKER was only 16 seconds late for her handicap start and by the first rounding of number 4 she was already in 3rd place. She sailed the course in 2:02:37 to cross the finish line again in 3rd place at 15:50:37 just 15 seconds behind TRUE COLOURS. Out of 19 completed races this was SALTSHAKER'S fourth 3rd place in a total of 8 top ten finishes. With only 2 scheduled races remaining SALTSHAKER has sailed an extremely good series and is

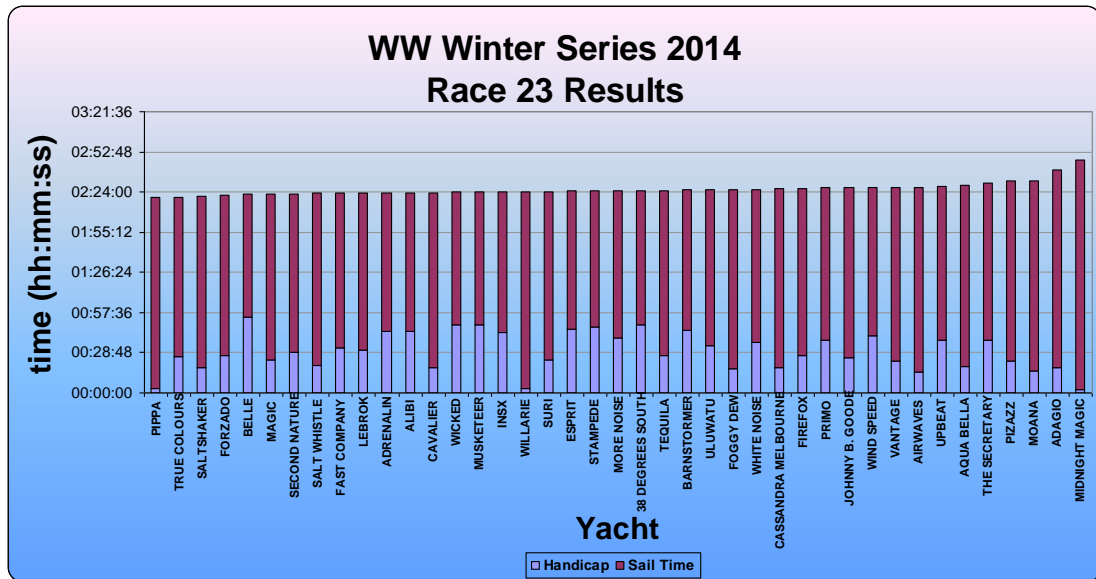
on top of the aggregate with 68 points, 14 ahead of closest rival CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves).



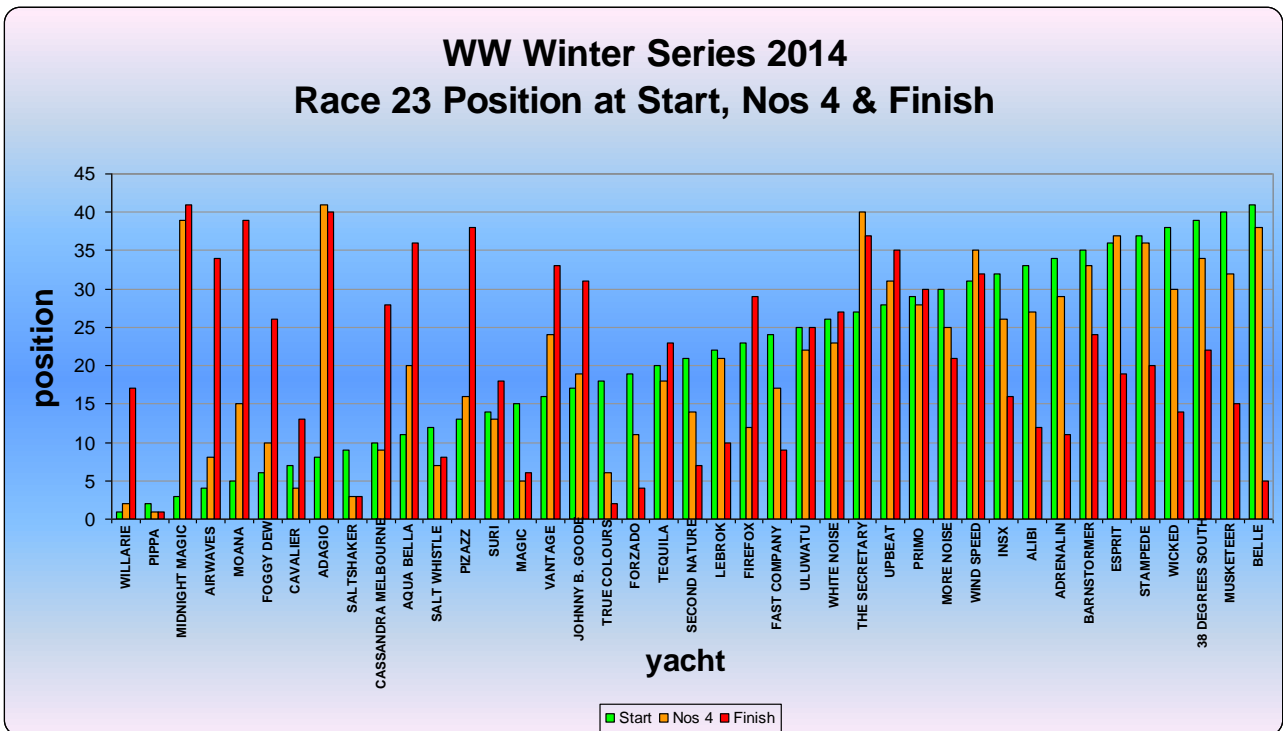
As mentioned earlier it was TRUE COLOURS who had the perfect start to win Start of the Day. A close 2nd was the Oceanis 34 PIZAZZ (P Martyn & R Kemp) one second late for a 23 minute start. The Beneteau 367 LEBROK (Theo Korbel) was 2 seconds late for a 31 minute start, followed by three yachts 3 seconds late for their respective handicaps. These three were JOHNNY B. GOODE (John Chipp), THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) and BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes). Awarded at the end of each series is the Misty Blue Trophy for the best starter of the day. It is not the most visually appealing trophy but winning it requires particularly high levels of skill, judgement and timing.



There was a gap of 51 minutes separating the 41 yacht fleet at the start of the race. This difference was 24 minutes 22 seconds at the first rounding of number 4 but had increased to 26 minutes 37 seconds by the end of the race.



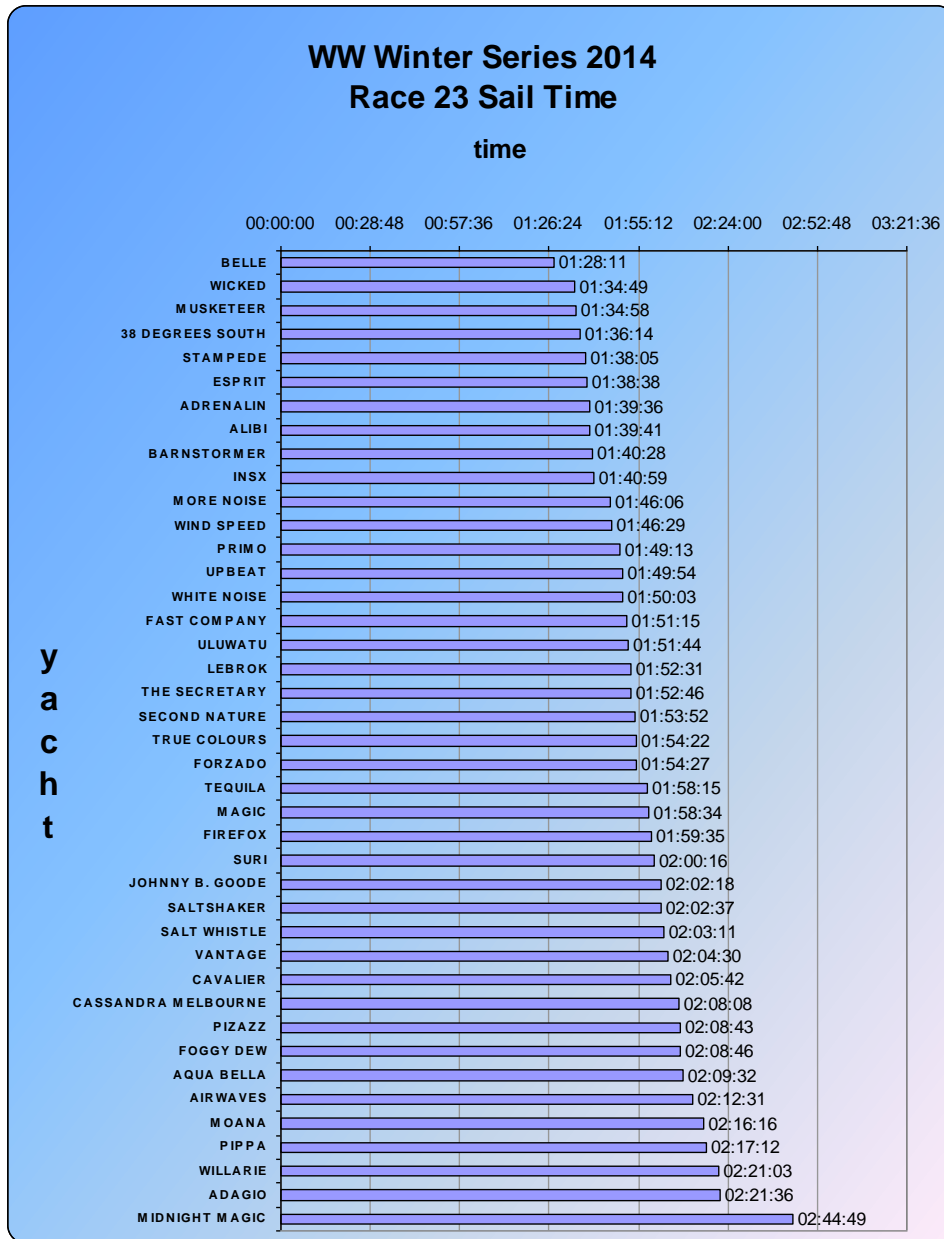
Of the first 14 yachts to finish the race, 4 were early starters, 3 were from the middle of the fleet and 7 were from the last 14 yachts to start the race.



The average sail time for the race was 1:56:17 with a range of 1:16:38. Twenty five yachts sailed the course in 2 hours or less with the fastest time being recorded by BELLE (Doug Painter) in 1:28:11 – 6 minutes 38 seconds faster than her nearest rival WICKED (Mike Welsh). This is the third race in the series sailed by BELLE recording the fastest sail time on 2 occasions.



BELLE Charging through the fleet to the finish



There are still 2 scheduled races left in the series and although SALTSHAKER currently has a handy 14 point lead at the top of the aggregate only 17.5 points separate the next 9 contenders.

Nearly all the yachts in the top ten have a finish of 13 points or more that they may be able to drop. This makes a prediction of the final ten a bit risky.

This race has seen FORZADO move into the top ten with “the double Jacquie power” on board. Maybe he will finish up with a ‘Jacquie-pot’!

YACHT	SKIPPER	POINTS
SALTSHAKER	Ken Gayler	68
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	82
CAVALIER	David Lynch	83
MAGIC	Phil Spry-Bailey	85
PRIMO	Steve Copley	90
INSX	Robert Sill	90
SECOND NATURE	Paul Mentiplay	94
BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	94
MUSKETEER	Paul Jacka	99
FORZADO	Bruce Dobbie	99.5



An exclusive item from our Fashion Report MS
Fickle Wind

There are definitely occasions when the sailing fraternity adorn themselves in all their finery looking absolutely splendid in smart, formal and colourful evening wear. However, sailors - those that sail on yachts - do not always pay the same amount of detailed attention to their dress when actually on the water. For example, the range of headwear on display every Wednesday would make any self-respecting milliner turn cartwheels in their grave. There are baseball caps in all colours advertising all manner of things; floppy hats of the “one size fits all” variety (except the wearer); a range of polar fleece hats that a breeze of 5 knots whistles through not to mention balaclavas. Who knows what they are hiding. Arguably the worst ones are those multi coloured beanies/bobble caps hand knitted by a loving relative with wool left over from WW 1, or “I wear it because my mother knitted it for me when she was in a home.”

However, there is hope with a new standard emerging. The crew of FOGGY DEW (below) has been captured wearing what seems to be matching headwear. Hats of the same colour, the same shape and made from the same materials. The question remains though, how do you get your head into that pointy shape to fit in the hats?



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A Wednesday Wonder Groupie

Every Wednesday a taxi arrives and delivers an 81 year old WW “Groupie” to SYC. She sits in the Lounge complete with her handicap list and checks off all the yachts, watches the race and the taxi calls and takes her home. Her name is Joy Dundas and she will be coming along to the WW Presentation night. So say hello to Joy on the tower Management table (I think).

The Secretary is still in Cruising mode, George explained, as a lot of his crew are on other yachts. I am pleased he pointed this out otherwise you could think he was just trying to start the season with a good handicap. With a good start and winning a free hull scrub he should be ready for the summer. I am not sure how a 12 day 12 hour handicap to Vanuatu relates to Wednesdays. Maybe “*Him belong big thing on water put up rag might quick and go with big splash*”.

Welcome back to Bernie. I think the phone call from her crew could have been made a bit earlier in the morning to get her to the yacht in time. She only flew in from Ireland Tuesday where she has been to top up her accent.

Race 23 was a fairly rough race for a few crew members. Be careful not only on the water but getting off your yacht after the race. Some yachts have discovered that Ice is good for other things than just cooling drinks. Calling crew a bloody nuisance does sometime have a literal meaning.

The disco man has returned...maybe needs another Red yacht to sail on now?

An official welcome home and celebration of Scarlet Runner’s success racing overseas, is being held in the SYC Bar this Friday 19th. Come dressed in RED.

Don't forget WW **Presentation night** 7.00pm Friday 10 October, \$47.

Book early to help planning - last chance is on 1 October 2014.

The Blair MYSTERY START OF THE DAY PRIZE for Race 25

The last winter race will have a Special Start of the Day prize!

Blair Shipwrights, who has been giving away free hull scrubs all season, will be giving away a special MYSTERY START OF THE DAY PRIZE.

Like arrangements with the government and the Casino, Mark is unable to provide any other information due to commercial confidentiality but it will be worth starting the last race even if you don't finish it!

Pippa gained 3 minutes on her handicap due to Blair's free hull scrub, not as accused by the handicapper of tanking. With a close finish, just winning by 10 seconds, a 3min handicap in this race would have dropped Pippa's first place to 9th.

Race 25 will also be the deciding race for the Century Class series for winter. Just a few points separating the leaders

Influence of Ice could be proved to have a negative result in sailing



Following an investigation into the use of drugs in sport, the influence of drugs in yachting could also be proven to have an adverse affect. The dumping of Ice over the handicapper may influence the performance and starting time of yachts. This has yet to be proven. Thanks to Amanda Thomson for the photo

Thanks to the generosity of WW sailors this action did raise over **\$1000** for

Motor Neuron Disease - a disease that two people every day die from.



Travel does broaden the mind ! Jeffrey with the skipper of the Russian yacht 'Rurik'.

Mark never realized that they had heard of Wednesday Wonders in Russia!

Question from Race 22 and the response:

The following question was posed in Race 22 report

In what situation at a mark does the port yacht not have to give way to the starboard yacht?

A response has been received from an International Sailing Judge. Another international judge was dismayed at the lack of knowledge about rules and rounding at marks. This point was made again by the handicapper in Race 22, which had some 'very friendly' encounters. Described by one observer, "It was more like a Sydney 38 race than what I would have expected in a Wednesday Wonders race." With 41 yachts on the same course you have to expect some close encounters.

The relevant rule is Rule 18 "MARK ROOM" and 18.1 sets out the exceptions when it does not apply:

- (a) between boats on opposite tacks on a beat to windward
- (b) Between boats on opposite tacks when the proper course at the mark for one but not both of them is to tack
- (c) between a boat approaching a mark and one leaving it, or
- (d) if the mark is a continuing obstruction, in which case rule 19 applies.

The incident you mentioned was at a windward mark with a boat on port tack failing to keep clear of a starboard boat fetching the mark, the starboard boat tacked to port to avoid a collision and in so doing the starboard boat clear astern also had to alter course to avoid contact with the boat that was forced to tack.

It has been suggested that as many yachties enjoy calling out at marks and generally making a noise, that a number of calls should be introduced such as: calling out "Dead Cat" or "Rough Dog" or "The three blind mice rule". These calls would have just as much impact, but would be less embarrassing to call out and display a skipper's lack of knowledge about rules at marks.

Any other suggested terms? "Mind my paintwork." "We are just good friends" (meaning don't get any closer!)

Send your ideas to Mark.

Question for Race 23

Which was the largest ship used by Christopher Columbus on his first voyage to the new world?

What was her full name?

How long was she?

How heavy?

Answers to MARK WINDWARD

I thought I would do some spring renovations on my yacht myself. So I went to the bookshop and asked where the books were on Do it your Self. She replied that if she had to tell me then it would defeat the purpose of that section.

Thanks to some new contributors to this report: MS Fickle, Amanda, and others. Please send any tit bits. (About racing) to [MARK WINDWARD](#)