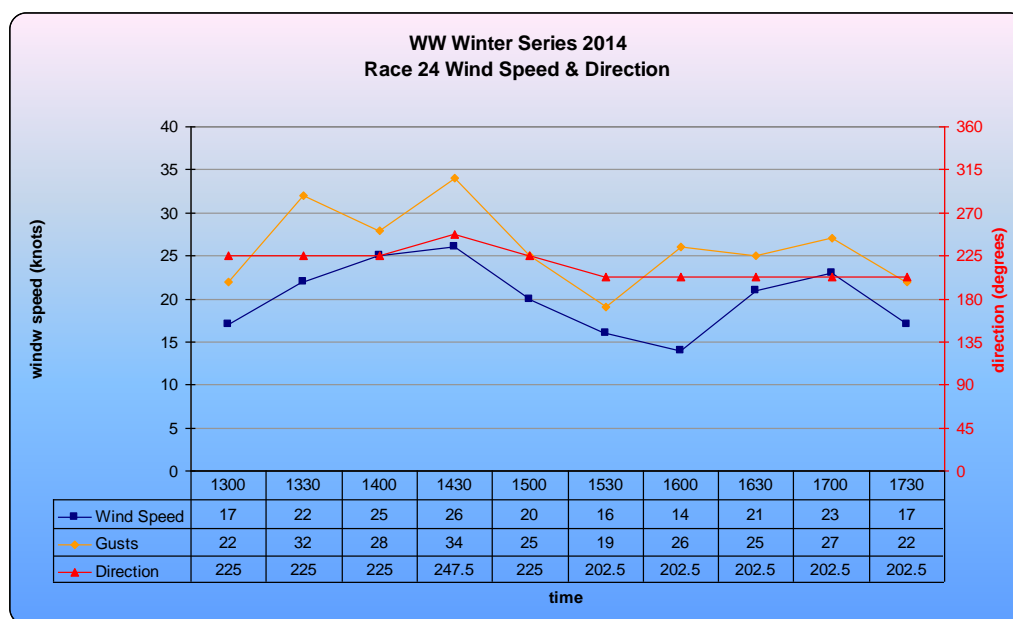


WW Winter Series 2014 Race 24 Race Abandoned. Good for Some Not Others?

With only 2 races abandoned before race 24, this series was looking exceptional especially after 5 races had been cancelled in the previous summer series. However, the weather intervened in race 24 causing a third abandoned race for the series. BOM had issued a strong wind warning in their forecast for Port Philip and although there were blue skies over the bay in the morning ominous dark clouds could be seen in the southwest. By the scheduled start time Fawkner Beacon recorded a gust of 32 knots and average wind speed was at least 25 knots by 1400. It did decrease after 1430 and averaged 20 knots for the afternoon. The average wind speed for all races this winter series is 11.9 knots compared with 14.4 in the 2013 winter series.



With only one race remaining the chance of losing or gaining a place in the aggregate is reduced. For those who saw an opportunity to improve their aggregate position in race 24, the abandonment was a disappointment but a benefit for those happy with the status quo.

As shown in the table below, a significant number of handicap changes were made between races 23 and 24. It is assumed the handicaps for race 25 will carry over from race 24. Check the latest handicap information before the next race on the Wailing Wall at the Ken King centre.

I think this table provides an appreciation of the fact that it is not just your handicap that gets altered but also that of many other yachts in the fleet. I think often we tend just to focus on our own yacht.

HANDICAPS

Sail No	Boat Name	First Name	Last Name	Race 23	Race 24	Diff
SM3800	38 DEGREES SOUTH	Jchatham	Kmitchell	49	48	-1
SM3455	ADAGIO	Michael	Leyden	18	16	-2
SM138	ADRENALIN	I.Beer	A.Molnar	44	45	1
SM189	AIRWAVES	Rob	Fenton	15	13	-2
SM178	ALIBI	Dennis	Hambleton	44	44	0
SM911	AQUA BELLA	Geoffrey	Simpson	19	18	-1
SM1023	ARABESQUE	Albert	Doggett	32	32	0
SM424	BARNSTORMER	Brian	Barnes	45	44	-1
SM4504	BELLABLU	John	Lake	33	33	0
SM700	BELLE	Doug	Painter	54	55	1
SM1147	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob	Reeves	18	17	-1
SM72	CAVALIER	David	Lynch	18	18	0
SM3540	CHEQUEMATE	Ian	Whitbread	14	14	0
SM477	ESPRIT	Garry	Anderson	46	46	0
SM1022	FAST COMPANY	Albert	Doggett	32	33	1
SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge	Howard Davis	27	26	-1
SM32	FOGGY DEW	Joe	Ogrady	17	16	-1
SM7314	FORZADO	Bruce	Dobbie	27	28	1
SM5985	INSX	Robert	Sill	43	42	-1
SM341	JOHNNY B. GOODE	John	Chipp	25	24	-1
SM367	LEBROK	Theo	Korbel	31	32	1
SM616	MAGIC	Phil	Spy-Bailey	24	25	1
AUS1316	MELBOURNE SAILING	Bruce	Alexander	19	19	0
SM1101	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	Bernadette	Moore	2	0	-2
SM246	MOANA	Stan	Rankin	16	14	-2
SM3131	MORE NOISE	Jason	Close	39	38	-1
SM4407	MUSKETEER	Paul	Jacka	49	48	-1
SM303	PIPPA	Jeffrey	Woolhouse	3	6	3
SM3434	PIZAZZ	Pmarty	Rkemp	23	21	-2
SM99	PRIMO	Steve	Copley	38	37	-1
SM573	PUBLIC BAR	Clive	Sondheim	45	45	0
SM340	SALT WHISTLE	Alex	Hall	20	21	1
SM1298	SALTSHAKER	Ken	Gayler	18	20	2
SM6161	SECOND NATURE	Paul	Mentiplay	29	30	1
SM6	STAMPEDE	Christopher	Gendala	47	46	-1
SM344	SURI	Rick	Blanck	24	23	-1
SM1020	TEQUILA	Alan	Collins	27	26	-1
6107	THE SECRETARY	George	Shaw	38	36	-2
SM280	TRESOR	Andrew	Stopp	28	28	0
SM6662	ULUWATU	P Geary	M Billings	34	34	0
SM88	UPBEAT	Peter	Dunne	38	36	-2
SM354	VANTAGE	Darren	Hunter	23	22	-1
SM220	WAVELENGTH	Brendan	Kruger	30	30	0
SM3535	WHITE NOISE	Daniel	Edwards	36	35	-1
SM4	WICKED	Mark	Welsh	49	48	-1
SM315	WILLARIE	Graeme	Kaufman	3	2	-1
SM3639	WIND SPEED	Les	Browne	41	41	0

Of the 47 yachts in the aggregate, 12 yachts retained their same handicap; 10 yachts had an increase to their handicap; and 25 yachts had a decrease. Current aggregate leader, SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) has a 20-minute handicap, her highest of the series. Second in the aggregate CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) starts one minute earlier (17 minutes) than her previous race whilst CAVALIER (David Lynch) in 3rd place retains the same handicap of 18 minutes.

Race 25 is not only the last race in the 2014 Winter Series but also the last race in the Century Class Series, any one of 5 of the 8 contestants could win the series. *Alterations to Handicaps could be a deciding factor!*

At the time of writing the weather for race 25 looks to be warm and sunny but the breeze could prove elusive.

*Windward
Suey*

Mark Windward Mentions



Customs between sailors are shared across international boundaries. One of our tower ladies and a WW crew will be able to identify with getting married on a yacht. No quite certain of the class of this yacht, could be a Beneteau as it is all white, but I cannot see a Sundance sticker it.

What to call out rounding a mark?

One suggestion received is for the skipper to call "Cat of Nine Tails" to his crew who call out make-believe rules more often than the skipper. MR Phil SB suggests that *It would add some "Class" if lady skippers approaching a mark called "Ladies before gentlemen". Clearly, any gentleman not responding appropriately to the call would be a "boy".*

Wot Yo Is this?

Alibi uses the cut of a yacht's sails to identify a yacht. These photos could be a challenge.

Can you name all three WW yachts?

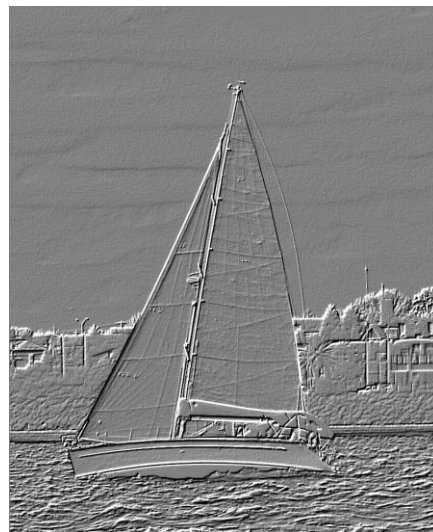
Yacht Number One



Yacht Number Two

Yacht Number Three

Send your answers to
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Snow Gum ~Now ~VAST OUTDOORS

Snow Gum at 880 Nepean Highway (Near South Road) who have offered SYC members a 10% discount on all the outdoor gear, have changed their name to VAST OUTDOORS. The discount for SYC members is still in place. The store is

also in the same place. I just bought "on special" some thermal gear for next winter. Just remember to take your SYC card and ask for your discount.

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, are donating this prize.

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?](#)

Answer: La Santa María de la Inmaculada Concepción (Spanish for The Holy Mary of the Immaculate Conception), or **La Santa María**. She was the largest of the three ships used by [Christopher Columbus](#) in his first voyage.

[How long was she?](#)

Length: est. hull length 19 m (62 ft.)

est. keel length 12.6 m (41 ft.)

[How heavy?](#)

Displacement est 150 Metric tons Tons burden 108 Bum

La Santa María was a three masted single deck ship and was the flagship for the expedition. She was also the slowest of the fleet (a bit like a Triton). But performed well in the [Atlantic](#) crossing. After engaging in festivities and drinking, Columbus ordered the crew to continue sailing to Cuba late into the night. One by one the crewmembers fell asleep until only a cabin boy was steering the ship, causing it to run aground off the present-day site of [Cap-Haïtien, Haiti](#), on 24 December 1492.

Mr Phil SB nearly scored full marks with his reply "*In his first voyage to the Americas, Christopher Columbus sailed the "Santa Maria" length 62 feet and weight 150 tonnes.*"

The SYC Square Rigged Ship. Is the ?

In the SYC library there is a model of a square-rigged ship we have all gazed at. What is the history of this ship? Is her name really Gladtidings or was that because it was a Christmas gift?

Mark could not find any record of a ship by that name. If you know anything about the model and the ship please send Mark the details. [Mark Windward](#)

There could be a solution to the issue of a lack of a young adult or children's area at SYC. Thanks to the web site forwarded by Peter Algie.

Check out the full web site [CLICK](#) Check out the video clip as well under images.

The "Benson Ford", below, originally transported iron and coal for the Ford Motor Company. The ship was decommissioned in 1981 after nearly 50 years of service. After being decommissioned it was left to rust for four years before the

front part of the ship was removed and perched on top of the 18-foot cliff, above Lake Erie, to serve as a vacation home.



Hope you enjoy the last of the 2014 Winter season. Summer is coming - Register now! See you on the water.

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed four gravediggers walking about with a coffin. Three hours later when I returned they were still walking about with it. I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!

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