

WW Winter Series 2014 Race 5: Course 62 ~ with *Optional Lasso*

Despite the benign sailing conditions race 5 produced some novel and entertaining episodes. Admittedly it was the first time course 62 had been sailed and it was an unusual northerly start in a southerly breeze but; the course wasn't all that extraordinary. As is the case with northerly starts, yachts sail the course in an anti clockwise direction leaving marks to port. It's not clear whether a flash from a camera close to number 5 temporarily blinded the skipper and crew of the Mottle 33 CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) or whether some other momentary event occurred but she somehow CASSANDRA passed the mark to starboard rather than port – she was recorded as DNF. CASSANDRA, skipper and crew are understood to be in a stable condition and improving by the hour.

There are probably numerous unintended or embarrassing events that occur on every yacht on every Wednesday that go unnoticed. That is providing they do not occur in the vicinity of the start/finish line, which has the undivided attention of race management as well as any passing traffic. Race management staff are trained to know that a vertical fixed mark does not become horizontal in less than 10 knots of breeze. For this to happen some other external forces are at work. It seems the Cavalier 37 TRESOR (Andrew Stopp) mistook number 4 for some horned beast and lassoed it. It took some time to calm the troubled beast and the event attracted bystanders. Fortunately there was no damage to either the lassoee or lassoer but unfortunately there are photos.





Race 5 proved to be a successful day for yachts with higher handicaps. Six of the last eleven yachts to start were amongst the first eleven yachts to finish. On the other hand seven of the first eleven yachts to start were amongst the last eleven to finish. One of the eleven later starters, the Beneteau 367 LEBROK (Theo Korbel) started right on time from 23rd position and by the first rounding of number 4 had moved up 16 places into 6th. In the final 3 legs of course 62 she went further ahead to cross the line at 16:03:54 in first place. She had completed the 9.5 nautical mile course in 2:02:54 the 7th fastest sail time of the day. This topped off a winning week for LEBROK who took out the Misty Blue Trophy for the 2013-14 summer series, won Start of the Day for race 5 as well as race 5 itself. It is understood that

success in this race is to the credit of the crew of LEBROK minus Theo who is on holiday. They have considered suggesting Theo extends his time away. LEBROK is tied on 24 points in the aggregate along with MUSKETEER and AIRWAVES (Rob Fenton) in 4th place.

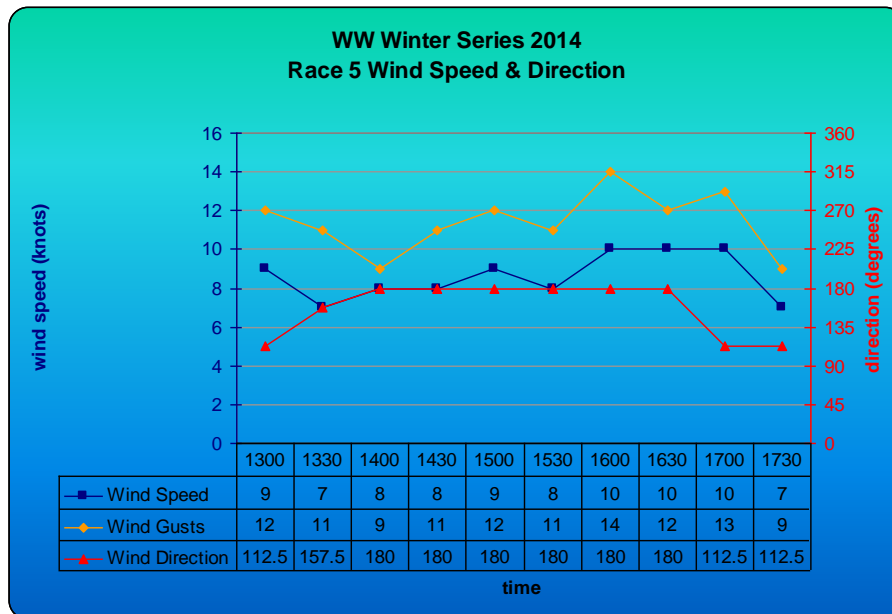
One of the mid fleet starters, the Farr 1020 TEQUILA (Alan Collins) found her way to the podium finishing in 2nd place. TEQUILA had an excellent start to her race only 1 second late for her 24 minute handicap. She started from 13th place and she was already in 2nd place at the first rounding of number 4. Tequila sailed the course in a total time of 2:11:30 crossing the finish line at 16:05:30. This was the second podium finish in 4 races for TEQUILA following a 3rd place in race 2 which puts her in 2nd position in the aggregate with 15 points.





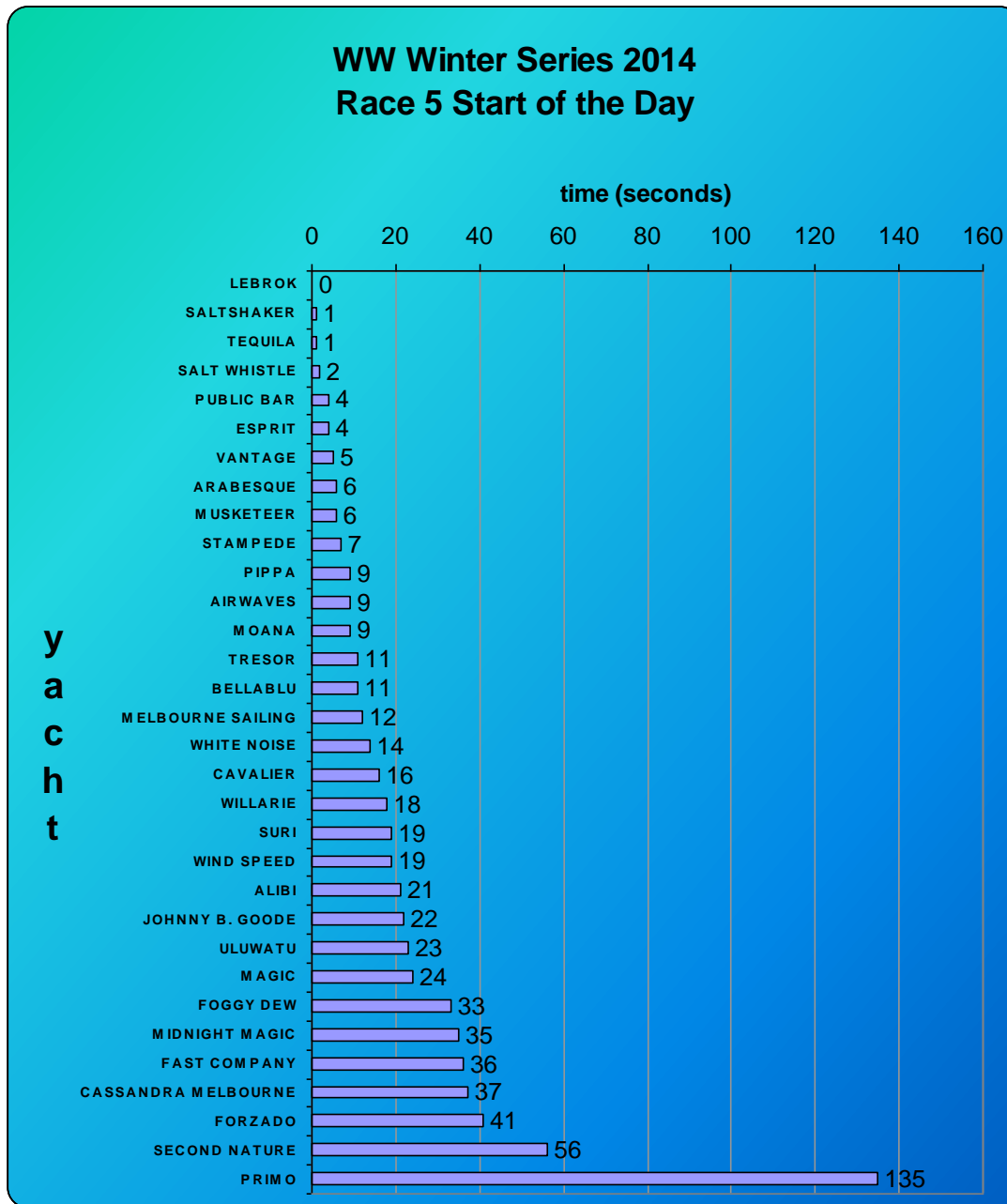
Another late starter, the Beneteau 447 MUSKETEER (Paul Jacka), finished race 5 in 3rd place. MUSKETEER was the 29th yacht to start the race only 6 seconds late for her 45-minute start. She had only moved up 4 places to 25th place at the first rounding of number 4 but took the fleet by storm on the last 3 legs moving up a further 22 places. MUSKETEER recorded the fastest sail time of the race in 1:51:09 and crossed the finish line at 16:06:09. Even more remarked was a crewmember who had success with his raffle ticket twice and went home with 3 bottles! Winner are winners

The forecast for Port Philip on Wednesday was for 10 to 15 knots, which never really eventuated. Although there were gusts above 10 knots the average wind speed recorded at Fawkner Beacon never exceeded 10 knots during the time of the race.



There was a noticeable wind shift from ESE to SSE at the start of the race, which moved further round to the south within the half hour. There was enough wind to produce another close contest for Start of the Day. As mentioned LEBROK was the winner getting away right on time.

She was closely challenged by the Jarken 925 SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) and TEQUILA both starting within 1 second of their respective start times. The median start time was 14 seconds with only one yacht more than a minute outside their start and no yachts started too soon.



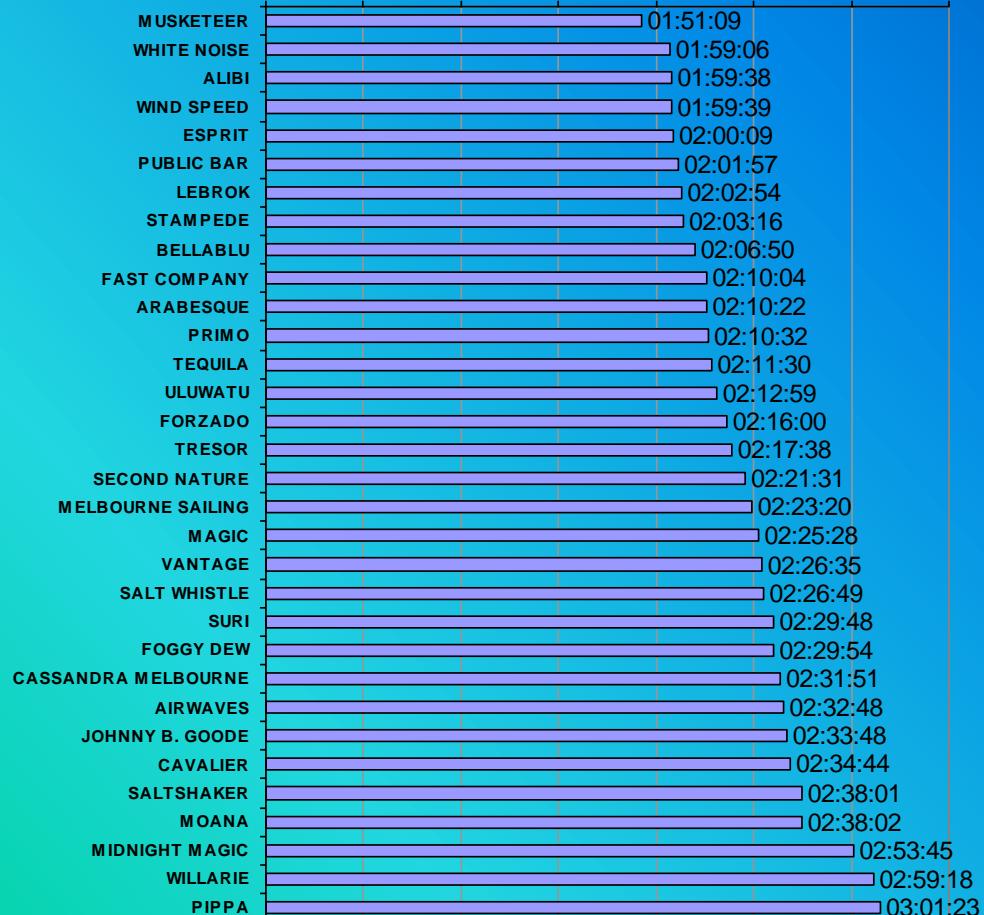
The average sail time for race 5 was 2:20:39 with only 4 yachts sailing the course in less than 2 hours. MUSKETEER recorded the fastest time of 1:51:09 almost 8 minutes faster than second fastest the Beneteau First 35 WHITE NOISE (Jason Close). A large gap of 1:10:14 separated the fastest from the slowest yacht.

WW Winter Series 2014 Race 5 Sail Time

time (hh:mm:ss)

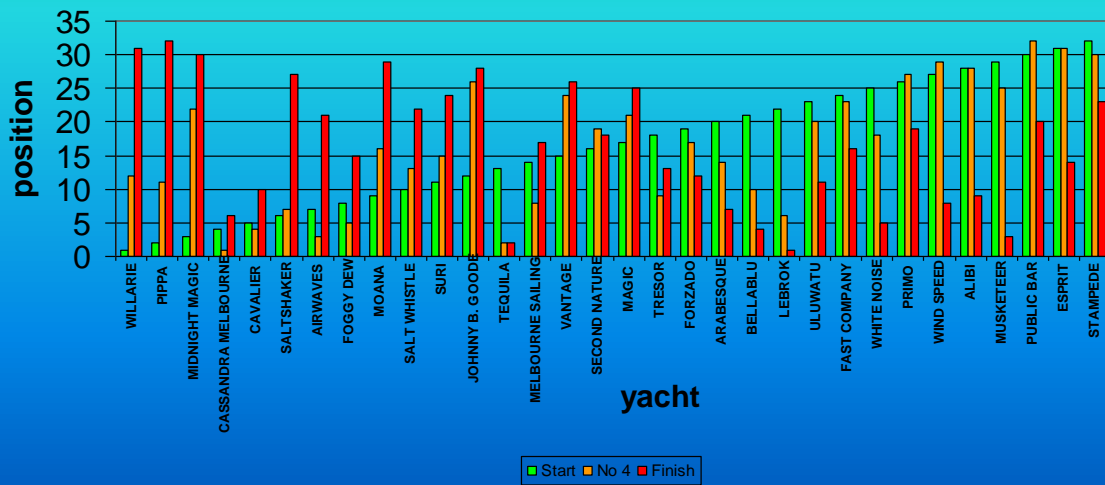
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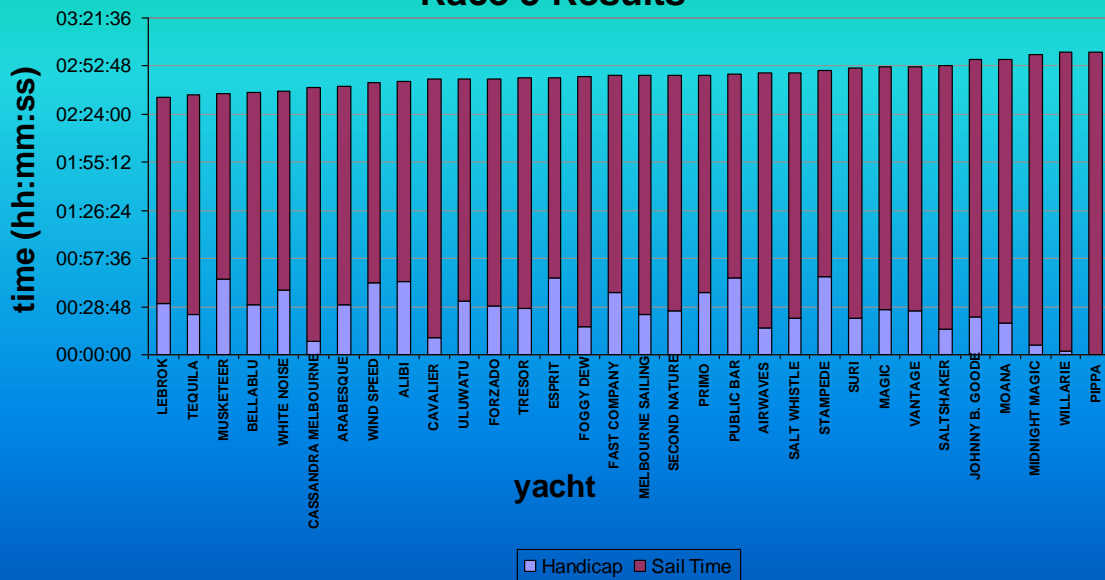


The difference between the start times of yachts was **45 minutes** at the first rounding of number 4 this difference had reduced to **18 minutes 37 seconds**. By the end of the race the difference between the first and last yacht to cross the line had increased to **31 minutes 29 seconds**. It was a big course *the small yachts sailed 15 nautical miles in their 3 hours of sailing. But everyone did finish with 30 mins to spare!*

WW Winter Series 2014 Race 5 Position at Start, No 4 & Finish



WW Winter Series 2014 Race 5 Results



The idea behind pursuit racing is to get all the yachts that start at different times to cross the finish line at the same time – everyone's a winner. Although this is a good idea on paper it seldom if ever happens in practice. By evening out the differences and giving every entrant in the race an equal chance of success handicaps play a significant role in any attempt to achieve the ideal pursuit race. To have all yachts crossing the finish line at the same time in race 5 the handicaps would have to have been as shown below. (Count to ten before reading on)

A SUGGESTED handicap for Course 62 in 10 knts of wind from the South

YACHT	HANDICAP (hh:mm)
MUSKETEER	01:10
WHITE NOISE	01:02
ALIBI	01:01
WIND SPEED	01:01
ESPRIT	01:01
PUBLIC BAR	00:59
LEBROK	00:58
STAMPEDE	00:58
BELLABLU	00:54
FAST COMPANY	00:51
ARABESQUE	00:51
PRIMO	00:50
TEQUILA	00:49
ULUWATU	00:48
FORZADO	00:45
TRESOR	00:43
SECOND NATURE	00:39
MELBOURNE SAILING	00:38
MAGIC	00:35
VANTAGE	00:34
SALT WHISTLE	00:34
SURI	00:31
FOGGY DEW	00:31
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	00:29
AIRWAVES	00:28
JOHNNY B. GOODE	00:27
CAVALIER	00:26
SALTSHAKER	00:23
MOANA	00:23
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	00:07
WILLARIE	00:02
PIPPA	00:00

*Windward
Buoy*

Mark Matters

Send your suggestions to [Mark](#) for titles for the photos in this report.

Title for the Photo: No 1

This one could be??? For example
"You Have to believe its....."

Can you suggest a better title?



Ian Chequemate did not have enough crew so he was sailing around outside the course, confusing some yachts with the pretense of taking photos. Is this what caused Cassandra to go the wrong way? If you are going to the first mark remember it is always safer to let the little red yacht go first! Chequemate has been soldsurvey done ... just waiting for Cheque...mate, and it will depart for Sydney.

Some of Ian's photos are shown below. Can you improve on the captions given?



Name the Photo: No 2

Is this what is called Pole Dancing?

Send your suggestion to [Mark](#)

Budget Matters

The new budget is being announced with new measures in place to ensure the budget stays in the black. This comment has nothing to do with what is or is not happening in Canberra. It is to do with the length of race time and the shortening of the time available to sell raffle tickets.

New budget measures will ensure that the drinking money is still available at presentation night, which we need to preserve for future generations. Remember that it is only those who buy tickets and do not win, who pay for the drinking money. It is just like a tax, or a debt surcharge or some similar name.

You may soon be able to put in a season order for your tickets in case you do not finish a race in sufficient time to buy your tickets before the draw. This will ensure that there is no loss in revenue as occurred last Wednesday, when some yachts did not have time to buy tickets.

More courses may have to be shortened but the result in income will benefit the WW. An extra handicap allowance may have to be considered for yachts that are moored further out than C row to allow them time to get to the bar.

Handicaps for sale

Partly related to Budget matters I was given a sheet that said '**Handi Caps are now for sale**'. I am not certain if this was referring to the Presentation night WW special Handi Caps that are for sale, for \$5, or some bribery and corruption taking place with handicaps. I suggest you take your \$5 and ask Margaret, or you could offer it to Paul!

Changes to retirement Age There has been real concern about this matter. A deputation has been sent to Canberra about the changes to raise the retirement age and the effect this will have on the economy. It has been pointed out that this will reduce the opportunity to sail regularly on Wednesdays, and has a number of disadvantages. It shortens life expectancy. It does not help keep your body in a healthy state. It also has a very negative influence on the economy of the state.

Any boat owner knows that sailing encourages a great amount of spending in the economy, and vastly increases the number of employment opportunities in the marine industry. The slogan for this lobby has been suggested as... 'Work Hard, Live Long, and Sail Often'.

A New Award for *Towing the Line*

It has been floated by WW sailors that there should be a competition for the skipper who tows No 4 the greatest distance.

I think Paul on 'Carp' Diem is still the record holder but there is some dispute about how the handicaps and criteria are being determined for this event.

It is proposed the Lloyds factor be used.

That is: distance X time X $\sqrt{\text{of the length of the waterline}}$.

Tresor's performance in this race did not score very well on distance but like diving and gymnastics, it did score highly on creativity and artistic merit.

This has caused the criteria to come under review.

Results and Presentation Night awards ...just for the record

A special Wednesday Wonders news release now appears in the WW section of the website, thanks to Windward Buoy. We want to be sure that the achievements of Wednesday Wonders are acknowledged and recorded for future generations.

There are also photos of Presentation Night on the website, thanks to Margaret and Di.

Le Brok-en Handicap

Le Brock's 'fill-in skipper' may be in trouble when Theo returns and finds his handicap has been adjusted for winning. A few sailors will be aware that this, in some peoples beliefs, is sacrilege. They quote the good book when Jesus said to Peter the sailor "Go fourth". ... but he came in first and mucked up his handicap and lost the series.

An Error? It is difficult to believe that anything in these reports is anything but true. If further evidence is forthcoming, it is our policy to keep you the Wednesday sailors fully informed. So we have published the correspondence below from Mr. P C Geary. (I think he is a PC as his note sounded like a police report!)

ww race 5 winter & Presentation Uluwatu has two joint owners and one of them did brilliantly last week to start +1 second! As you can probably guess, the

*person named wasn't skippering and all he had to do all afternoon was crew and push the electric winch button.
Unfortunately we started better than we finished.'*

I think for joint owners a skipper's flag is required to be flown from the mast so handicaps can be adjusted. Check the sailing instructions. Please advise Mark when or if, you find it.

One elderly skipper, who will remain unnamed, was having trouble with his GPS navigation system. So he called to the yacht moored next to him whose skipper's teenage daughter, was on board. She has the full kit of computer stuff – iPod, iPad & I imagine etc. and he asked her to come over and help him. She came on to his yacht, clicked a couple of buttons, turned the unit on and off, and solved the problem.

As she was walking away, he called after her, "So, what was wrong?" She replied, "It was an ID ten T error."

What's that? In case I need to fix it again."

She just smiled "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?"

"No," he replied.

"Write it down," she said, "and I think you'll figure it out."

So he wrote it down.

(If you cant get the answer tune in next week)

Other matters

ORCV - A link for **Beyond The Bay** course Starting 12th May 2014 at Bells Hotel Sth Melbourne. It is already booked out so do not just turn up with contacting ORCV [Click here for details](#)

Boat Books – our past long time supporter of SYC Trivia Nights, have on special - 50% off a 2014 Beken Calendar with great action photos of Ocean races & Classic Yachts

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Photo No 3: Can you give Mark a title?



A yacht with an obvious handicaperr!

Photo No 4: Can you give Mark a title?



Your fish and chips are ready sir!

Answers to Race 4 questions next week.

Send your photo title, comments, poems, advice or stories. Remember there will be a prize for the best crew contribution to these race reports. Think how proud you would be to win this prize!

Thanks to Ian, Anon, Graham, the PM, Gai, Sue, Peter G, Margaret and Alma

Email to Mark Windward [Click here](#)