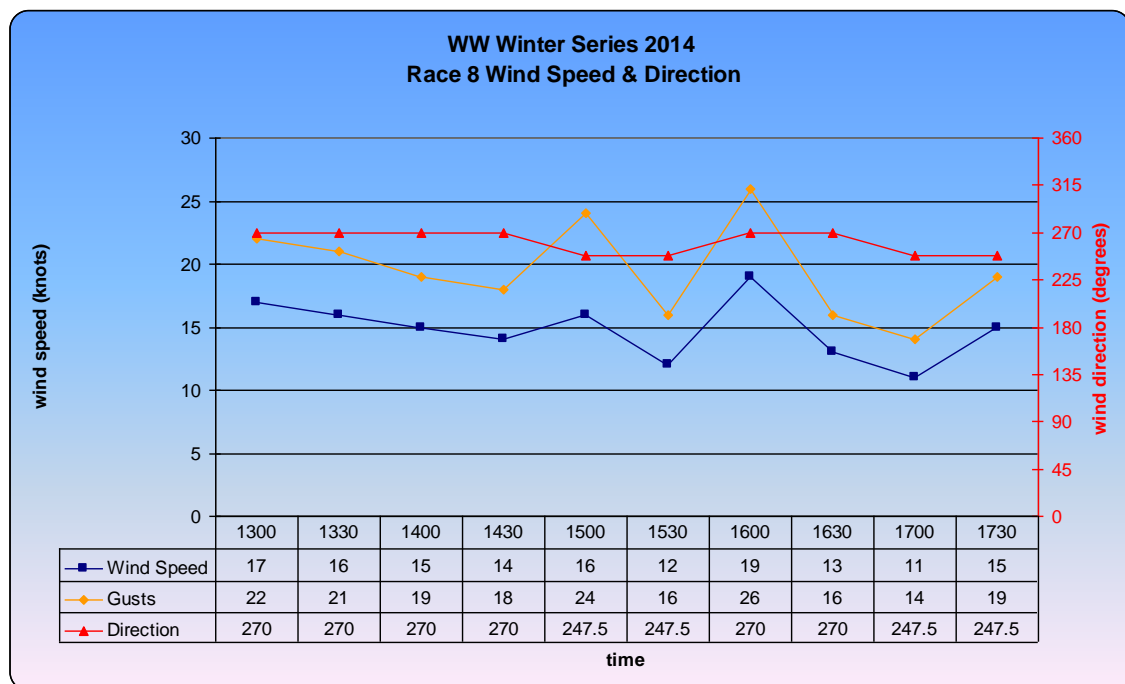


WW Winter Series 2014 Race 8 From The Longest to The Shortest Race.

One week after enduring the longest race of the series – it was abandoned without a yacht finishing within the 3 hour time limit, race 8 proved to be the shortest race of the series. The last of 31 yachts crossed the finish line at 15:44:04 after the fleet had sailed for an average of 1:35:43. The average sail time for the 7 races this series is over 24 minutes longer at 1:59:37. The weather was largely responsible for the change of fortunes. Race 7 was sailed in an average breeze of 5 knots including periods of no breeze compared with the 15-knot westerly experienced in race 8. The westerly did generate a bit of swell slowing progress along the windward legs.

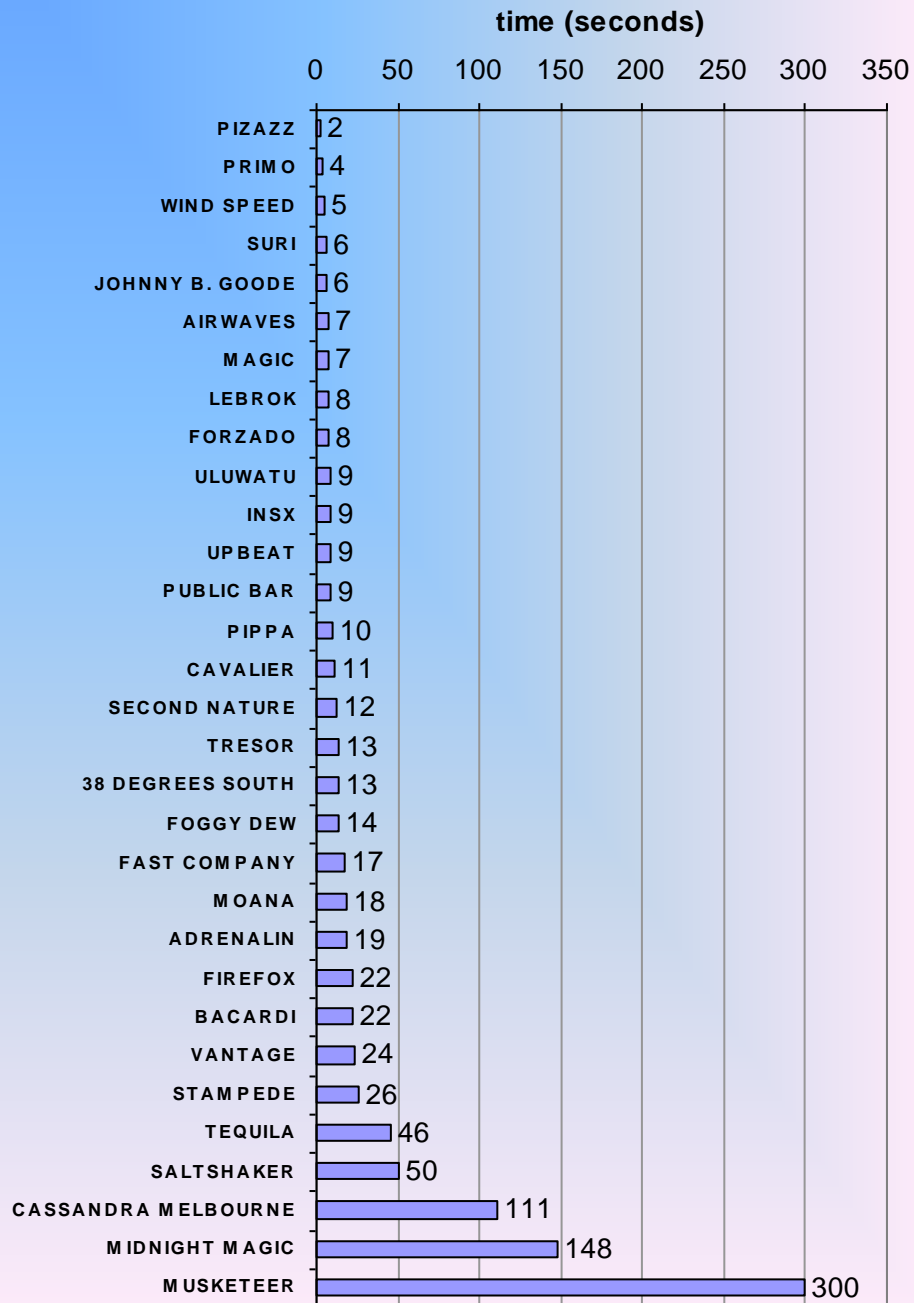


The forecast of 15-20 breezes meant consideration had to be given to sail selection. Whether to reef down main sails or select a smaller jib. As it turned out the actual breeze was at the lower end of the forecast range and generally decreased as the race progressed. Course 31 is not often used and at 8.8 nautical miles is one of the shorter courses. It was perhaps an unsuspected choice given the forecast for a good breeze, which would have sent the fleet around a longer course in plenty of time. Nevertheless course 31 is an interesting course with a total of 7 legs, starting in a clockwise direction and finishing anti clockwise with 4 marks left to port and 2 left to starboard.

It was a punctual start with 14 yachts getting away within 10 seconds or less of their respective starts. The median start time was 16 seconds. Winning Start of the Day was the Oceanis 34 PIAZZ (Philip Martyn and Russell Kemp) only 2 seconds late. Trying to get the very best from a 47 minute handicap was the Beneteau 447 MUSKETEER (Paul Jacka) in doing so she crossed the line 3 seconds early and received the 5 minute penalty.

WW Winter Series 2014 Race 8 Start of the Day

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PIAZZ – Start of the Day



Lonely PIPPA Runaway Winner of race 8

Getting a good start from 1st position only 10 seconds late for her 1330 start was the familiar red hulled Triton 24 PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse). PIPPA sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 1:05:22 rounding number 4 for the first time in 1st place at 14:35:32. She continued her impressive performance sailing the remaining 3 legs of the course well ahead of the rest of the fleet to cross the finish line at 15:74:24 after sailing for a total of 1:47:24. It was to be a further 7 minutes 37 seconds before the Jarkan 30 SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) crossed the line in 2nd place. This was a runaway win for PIPPA the like of which hasn't been seen for a long time certainly not this or the last series. No other yacht except SALTSHAKER finished within 10 minutes of PIPPA.

By some undisclosed means Mark Windward was able to extract the following comments on this amazing achievement from the skipper of PIPPA.

"Today started for Pippa with a phone call from a crew member to say he was still suffering from the flu, Gai offered to fill in on her day off, then on arrival at SYC another phone call to say someone had crashed into No2 crew on his way to SYC. Plan C No 2 sail and just Gai and Me...then to the rescue Brendon...Plan D No1 sail and to win!"

There is no doubt that Plan D was a triumph bringing PIPPA her first win of the series and catapulting her from 25th to 11th place in the aggregate. No doubt the handicapper will address this amazing triumph in a way that only he knows how. Repeat: No doubt the handicapper will address this amazing triumph in a way that only he knows how.

Crossing the finish line in 2nd place at 15:25:01 was SALTSHAKER. She started from 4th position 50 seconds late for her 12-minute start. She rounded number 4 for the first time already in 2nd place at 14:45:25 a little less than 10 minutes after PIPPA. After sailing the last three legs of the course in 39 minutes 36 seconds SALTSHAKER crossed the line at 15:25:01. SALTSHAKER has completed all 7 races in the series to date and this is her best result and second podium finish in the series so far. This lifted her from 12th to 3rd place in the aggregate.

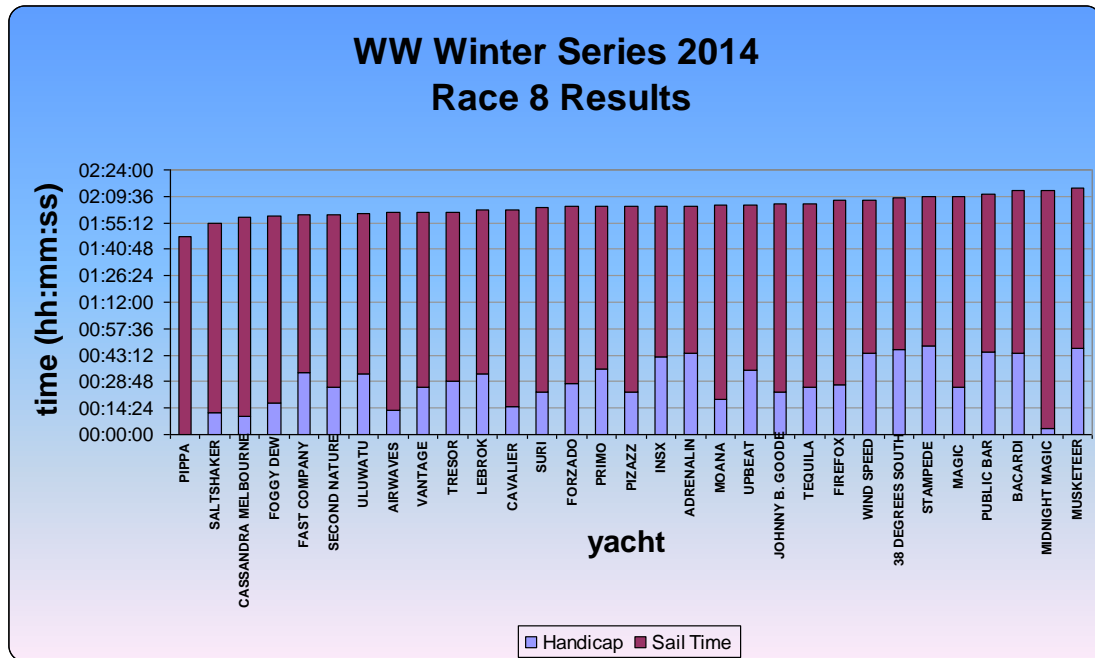


RACE RECORD - SALTSHAKER									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
1	9/04/2014	17	01:57:30	15:42:30	00:15:00	109	6	8.4	8
2	16/04/2014	9	02:14:41	15:59:41	00:15:00	3	65	8.6	8
3	23/04/2014	15	02:46:19	16:29:19	00:13:00	35	63	6	4
4	30/04/2014	3	02:07:27	15:50:27	00:13:00	9	14	9.8	15
5	7/05/2014	26	02:38:01	16:23:01	00:15:00	1	62	9.5	9
6	14/05/2014	22	02:11:31	15:54:31	00:13:00	66	61	9.8	16
8	28/05/2014	2	01:43:01	15:25:01	00:12:00	50	31	8.8	15

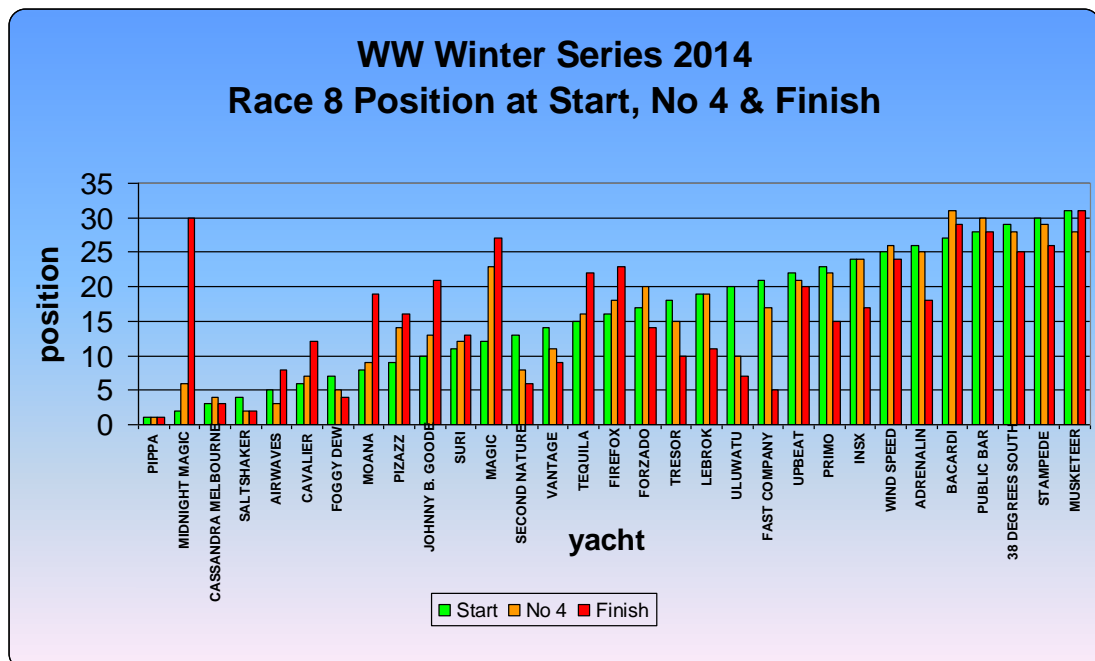


Starting and finishing in 3rd place was the Mottle 33 CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE. CASSANDRA was 1 minute 51 seconds late for her 10-minute start and by the first rounding of number 4 had slipped back by one position to lie in 4th place. The last three legs saw CASSANDRA regain her 3rd place and she crossed the line at 15:28:11 after sailing for 1:48:11. She has completed four of the races this series and this 3rd place lifted her from 34th to 28th in the aggregate.

There was a difference of 48 minutes separating the fleet at the start of the race. By the first rounding of number 4 this difference had been reduced to 34 minutes 23 seconds, which was again reduced to 24 minutes 21 seconds at the end of the race.

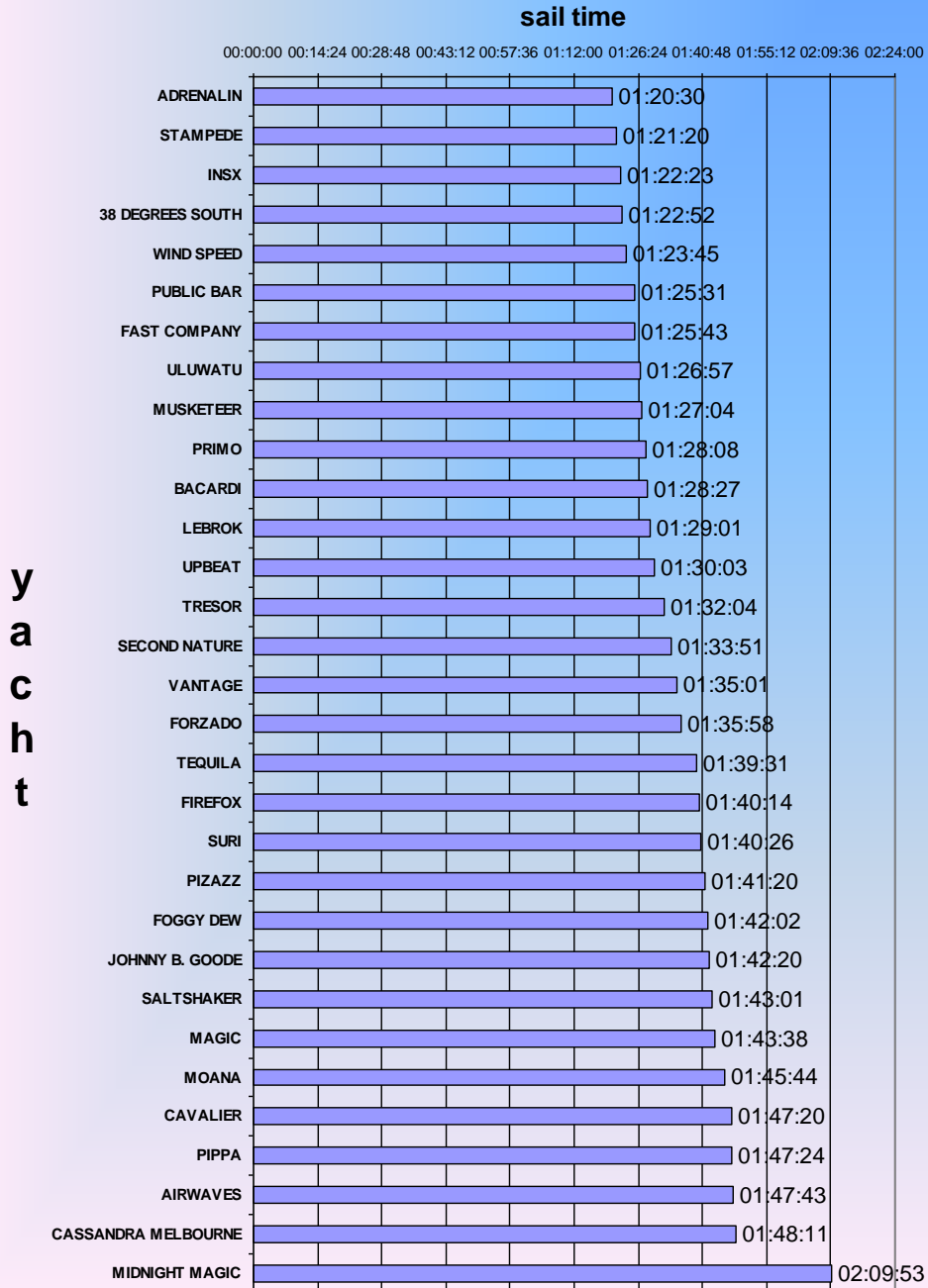


On average a yacht crossed the finish line every 52 seconds with the closest finish of 3 seconds separating PIZAZZ and INSX (Rob Sills) in 16 and 17th places respectively.



This was the quickest race of the series so far with an average sail time of 1:35:43 and 49 minutes 23 seconds separating the shortest from the longest.

WW Winter Series 2014 Race 8 Sail Time



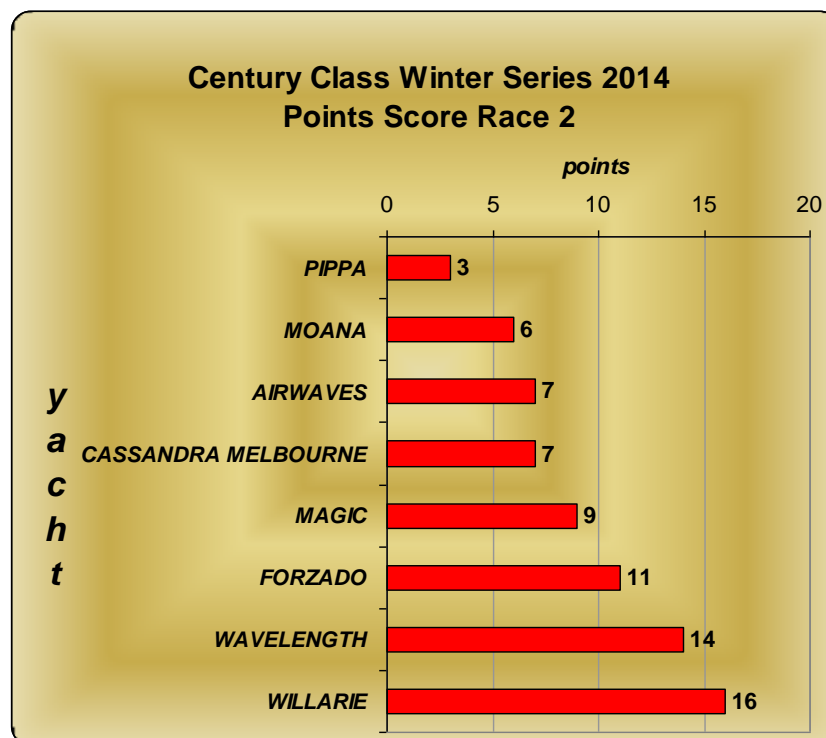
The Sydney 38 ADRENALIN (I.Beer, A.Molnar) recorded the shortest time and was the first of three Sydney yachts to finish with five shortest times. Fourth fastest was the Sydney 38, 38 DEGREES SOUTH (J Chatham K

Mitchell) with the Sydney 36 WINDSPEED in 5th place. The Elliot 51 STAMPEDE (Christopher Gandela) was second fastest with INSX 3rd fastest.

Six of the Century class fleet competed in the second race of their series with PIPPA the runaway winner of race 8 becoming the runaway winner of the Century Class. Second was CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE with AIRWAVES (Rob Fenton) in 3rd place

CENTURY CLASS RACE 2 RESULT		
YACHT	SKIPPER	POSITION
PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	1
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	2
AIRWAVES	Rob Fenton	3
FORZADO	Bruce Dobbie	4
MOANA	Stan Rankin	5
MAGIC	Phil Spry Bailey	6
WAVELENGTH	Brendan Kruger	8
WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	8

The win puts PIPPA on top of the aggregate with 3 points followed by MOANA on 6 and AIRWAVES on 7.



Wayward
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A Way-Ward Wind

Mark will be a way-ward wind for a while, after the next race. But Beware

the phantom scribbler may strike while Mark is absent and maybe a few messages from one or two of the four winds.

It would be great if you could assist Windward Buoy with stories, items of interest and occurrences in the races over the next couple of months.

Mark Windward's email address will still be monitored.... Just like the Phantom *The ghost that never dies!*

[Mark Windward](#)

Much can be learned when an experienced skipper comes on board to crew with you on your boat. A number of skippers have appreciated such contribution and evaluation of how you are sailing your yacht. Maybe at the end of the season in a non-aggregate race, we could have a 'swap the skipper' race? Having a visiting skipper on your boat may get a 5 minutes handicap bonus!

It is tricky being a handicapper. While the finishing time in this race was approximately 3.30 and was a fast race, the previous week's race was too long, with no boats finishing by 4.30. Consider the changes that would have occurred if the wind had dropped 30 minutes earlier.

As the Buoy has pointed out, if you forget about the first 2 boat's times, in the next 10 minutes 23 yachts crossed the line, and in another 4 minutes all yachts had finished.

The race did result in some very close finishes. What more can sailors ask for? Just check out the class inter-rivalry.

In this race the order of the:

1020's were

Fast Company 1:25:43. Daniel can't protest too much about his handicap with a 10min time gap to

Forzado 1:35:58

Tequila 1:39:31

Brendon's time was 1:47:24 but he was on a 24 ft. yacht.

The class of 34

All starting together, and just separated by 2mins at the finish

Suri 1:40:26

Pizazz 1:41:20

Johnny B Goode 1:42:20

The class of 36.7

Primo 1:28:08

Lebrok 1:29:01 (who finished ahead of Primo as she starts 2 mins earlier)

Upbeat 1:30:03`

The Sydney Yachts (Yes I know some are a little bit longer)

Adrenalin 1:20:30

38 Degrees South 1:22:52

Wind Speed 1:23:45

A New Rescue Boat

You may have noticed information about the new rescue boat for SYC. I guess it is in an effort to save the club money, that Foggy Dew is taking on this role. Race 7 she towed in Cassandra and this race it was Airwaves.

This time last winter, Race 8 2013

The winner was Stan Rankin in Moana, 4 mins ahead of Cassandra just in front of Vantage.

Question & Answers

Let me assure you Peter's answer last week was quite correct.

In 1880, the American passenger steamer *Columbia* became the first ship to utilize the [dynamo](#) and [incandescent light bulb](#). Furthermore, *Columbia* was the first structure besides [Thomas Edison's laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey](#) to use the incandescent light bulb.

Peter is once again correct in his response to Race 7 question.

On this date May 1877, Lord Thomas and Lady Annie Brassey's three masted top schooner *Sunbeam* arrived at Cowes, Isle of Wight, and England. It had just circumnavigated the globe in the fastest time to date.

How long did the *Sunbeam* take?

Lord and Lady Brassey took 325 days to circumnavigate in "Sunbeam".

Byrne designed a steam auxiliary barquette yacht for Thomas Brassey of composite construction named *Sunbeam*. It was 532 tons, 159 ft. in length, built by Bowler and Chaffer's in Seacombe and launched in 1874. *Sunbeam* would become one of the most famous private yachts of the period. Brassey took the yacht on a world cruise with his wife [Anna \(Allnutt\) Brassey](#) (1839-1887) and their children. Anna wrote a book "*A Voyage in the Sunbeam*" describing their travels and this became a best seller, reprinted many times and translated into many languages in 1915. She died four days out of Darwin and her last book "*The Last voyage to India and Australia in the Sunbeam*" was published posthumously in 1889.

Brassey sailed *Sunbeam* to Mudros Bay to act as a hospital ship during the Gallipoli campaign.

The *Sunbeam* is pictured here in Sydney Harbour July 1887
Aus. National Maritime Museum



Race 8 Questions

1. The merchant ship *Mary Celeste* was discovered in 1972 with no one on board?
True or False
2. According to Folk Tradition which of the following was doomed to sail forever
A The Mary Celeste
B Sappho
C The flying Dutchman
D None of the above
3. According to the story the entire crew of the Octavius was found dead, frozen and almost perfectly preserved
True or False

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How often is it that yachts are placed back in the pen the same way they finished the race?

Thanks to
Bruce Perry