

Half Way there ... and now the days get longer

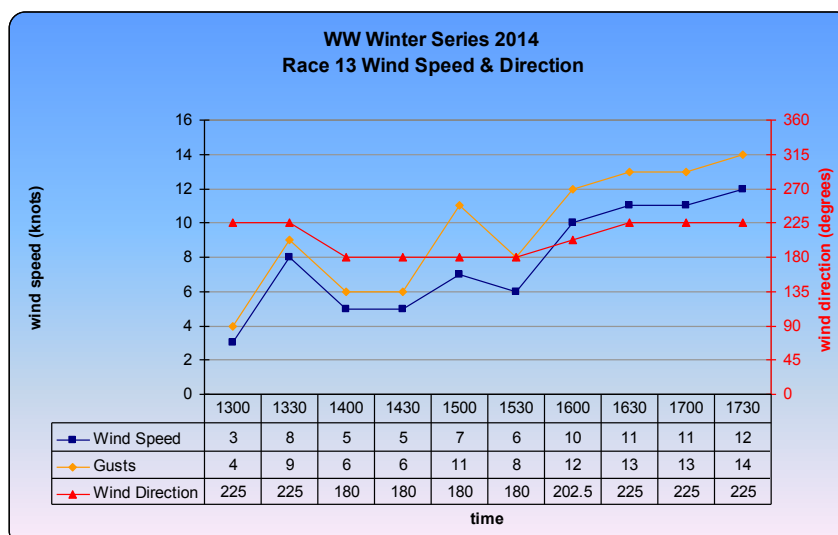
Race 13 Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2015

(24 Jun 2015)



*Number seven was voted the most popular buoy for Race 13
Only one yacht seemed to not understand the rules!*

With 13 races gone and a further 13 scheduled race 13 is the half way mark in the series. The 13 races so far, 10 have been completed with two of those being shortened. The prizes for the individual races have been widely distributed. On average 34 yachts contested each race and each race has had a different winner. From a possible 30 different podium finishers there have been 26 yachts represented. The average rhumb line distance for each race was about 8.5 miles with an average elapsed time of around 1:55:32. The average wind speed for the series so far has been a little under 15 knots. Wednesday Wonders has been running for many years but race 13 had something very unusual – a postponement. The breeze was very light at the scheduled start time (only 3 knots at Fawkner Beacon) but a dark line on the horizon signaled more breeze to come. After a fifteen minute delay the breeze had increased and consolidated. The race was underway with all 30 starters finishing the 8.2 nautical mile course 32 within 18 minutes and 1 second of each other. (31 yachts sailed the course including the club Beneteau Number 2 who was not an entrant). This was a close finish. Not as close as the assembly of yachts rounding number 7. Some estimates have the skippers and crews of as many as 12 yachts (72 voices?) chanting “Buoy Room” to safely round the mark. Without any reports of damage or injury it seemed to be successful. (Photo above).





The Lidgard 36 FUN AND GAMES (Alan Edwards) has participated in most of the recent Wednesday Wonders series but this was her first podium finish for quite a while. FUN AND GAMES started from 21st place only 3 seconds late for her 34-minute handicap. This was the second best start of the race. After sailing for 1:05:25 she arrived at the first rounding of number 4 already in 3rd place. FUN AND GAMES sailed the remaining 3 legs of the course in 39 minutes 24 seconds to be first across the finish line at 16:03:52. She beat the Beneteau 367 PRIMO (Steve Copley) by 1 minute 1 second. This was the 6th race FUN AND GAMES has completed this series and she is 35th in the aggregate – up from 37th following race 12.



PRIMO last appeared on the podium on 22 Oct 2014 when she collected 3rd place in race 4 of the summer series. PRIMO returned to the podium in great style not only 2nd in this race but also winning Start of the Day, right on time for her 35-minute handicap. She started one place behind FUN AND GAMES and at the first rounding of number 4 she had moved into 5th place. PRIMO sailed the last 3 legs of the course in 39 minutes 50 seconds crossing the finish line at 16:04:23. PRIMO has completed 7 races this series and is in 24th place in the aggregate.

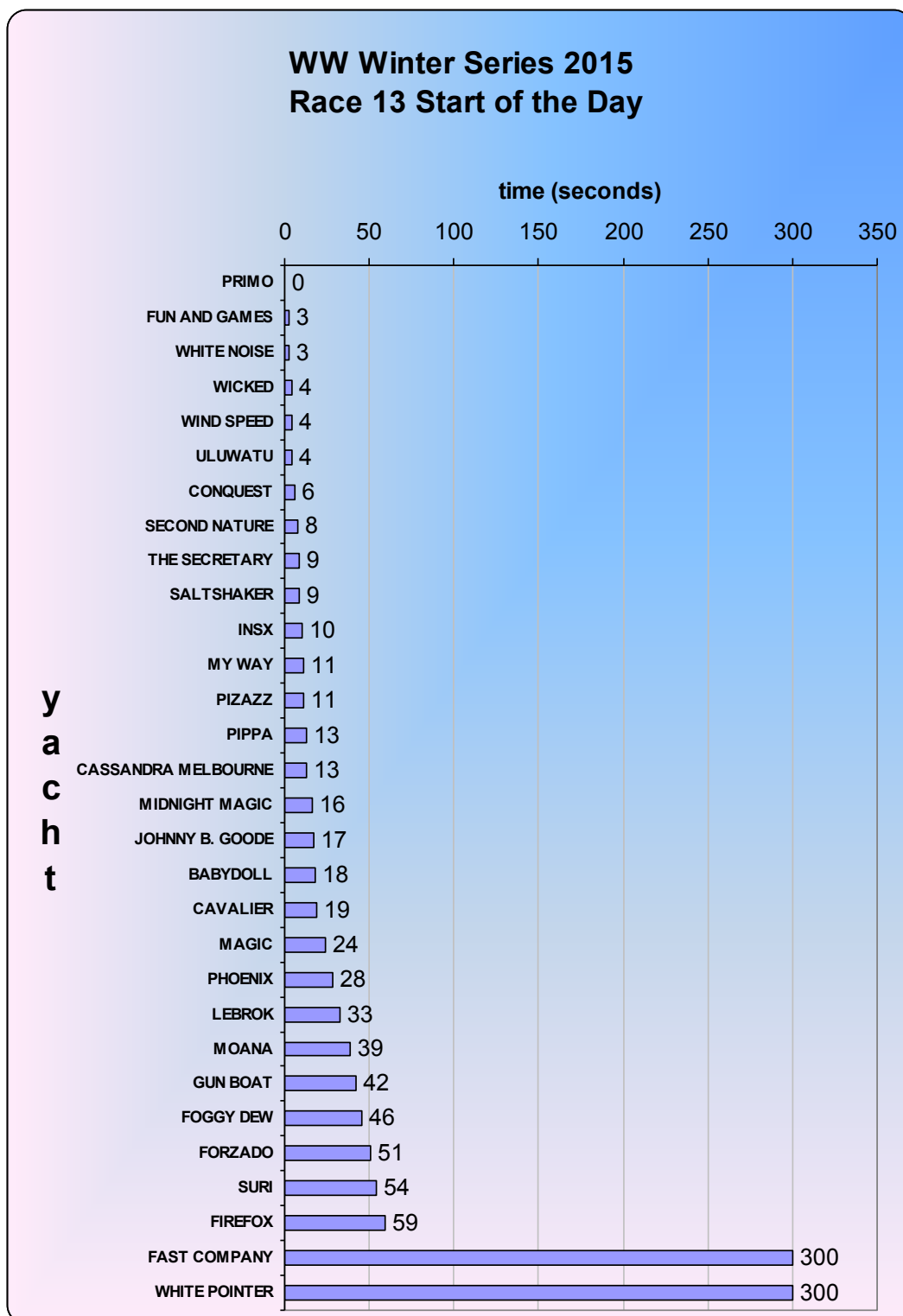
It was also last summer season when the J44 THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) had her last podium finish when she won race 7. THE SECRETARY was only 9 seconds late for her 43-minute handicap starting the race in 26th place. She had a good sail recording the 4th fastest time of the day – 1:37:08. By the time she rounded number 4 for the first time she was in 8th place and sailed the remaining 3 legs of the course in 37 minutes 26 seconds. THE SECRETARY crossed the finish line at 16:05:08 in 3rd place only 15 seconds behind PRIMO and 50 seconds ahead of INSX (Rob Sills).

THE SECRETARY has completed 9 races this series recording some very consistent results. She is 16th in the aggregate with a total of 47 points.

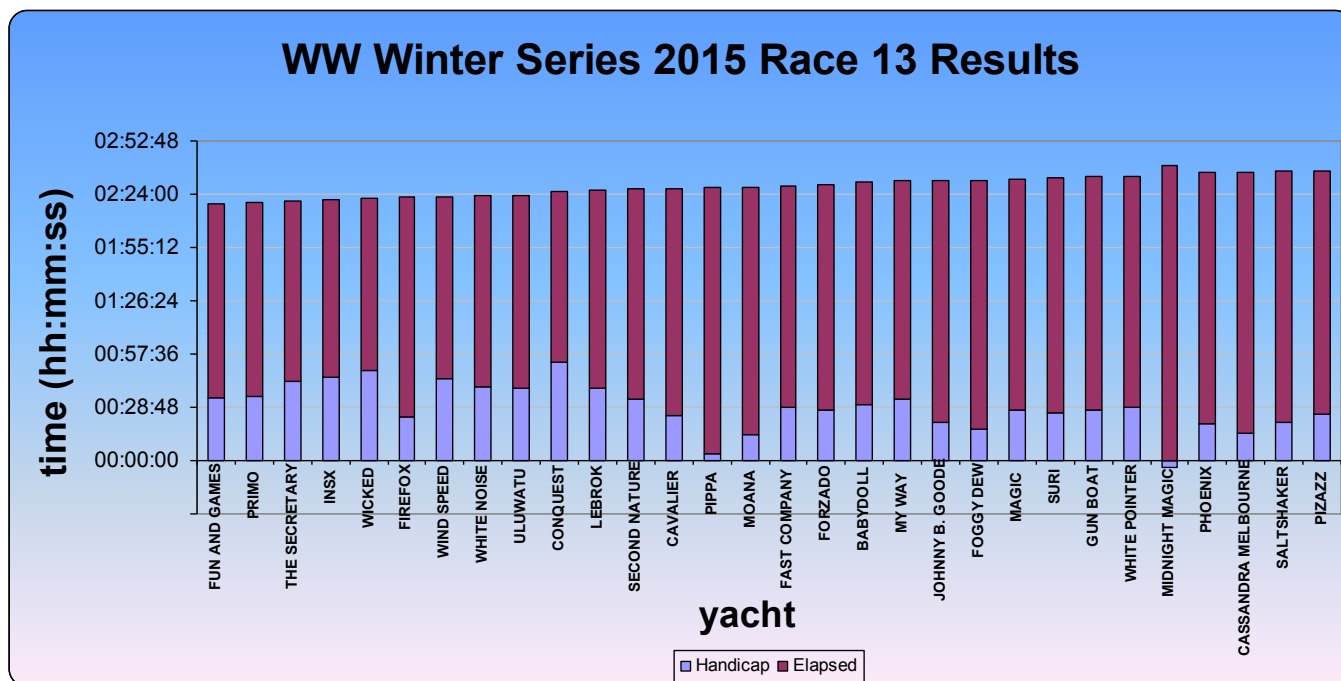


It was a close battle for Start of the Day with all but 2 yachts starting within 60 seconds of their handicaps. The 2 yachts concerned started too soon and were penalized 5 minutes. It was expensive for the Oceanis 43, WHITE POINTER (Tommy Raft) costing 9 places whilst the Farr 1020 FAST COMPANY (Albert Doggett) lost 6 places. *Mark notes that for the novice helmsman, under instructor Albert, this was a significant 54% improvement from race 12. Now, if we all improved that much each race ! (More information later in this report).*

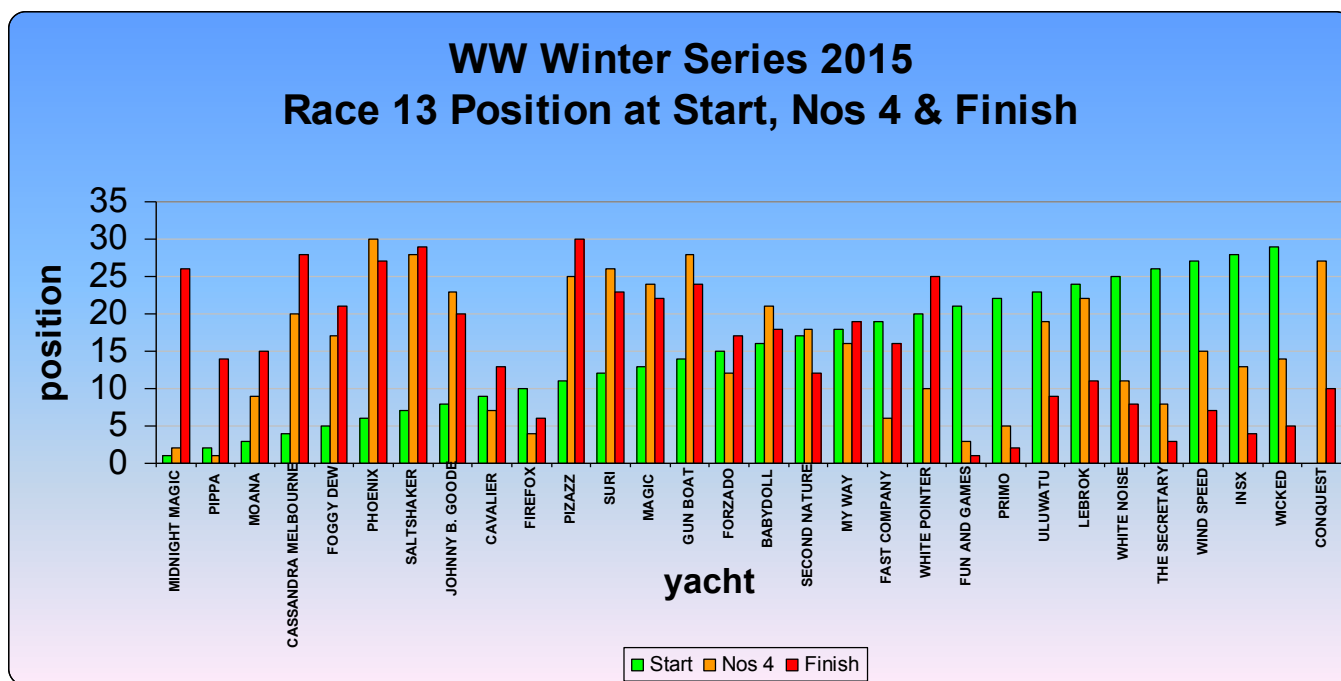
It was PRIMO who won the 'Owls Eyes' with a perfect Start of the Day.



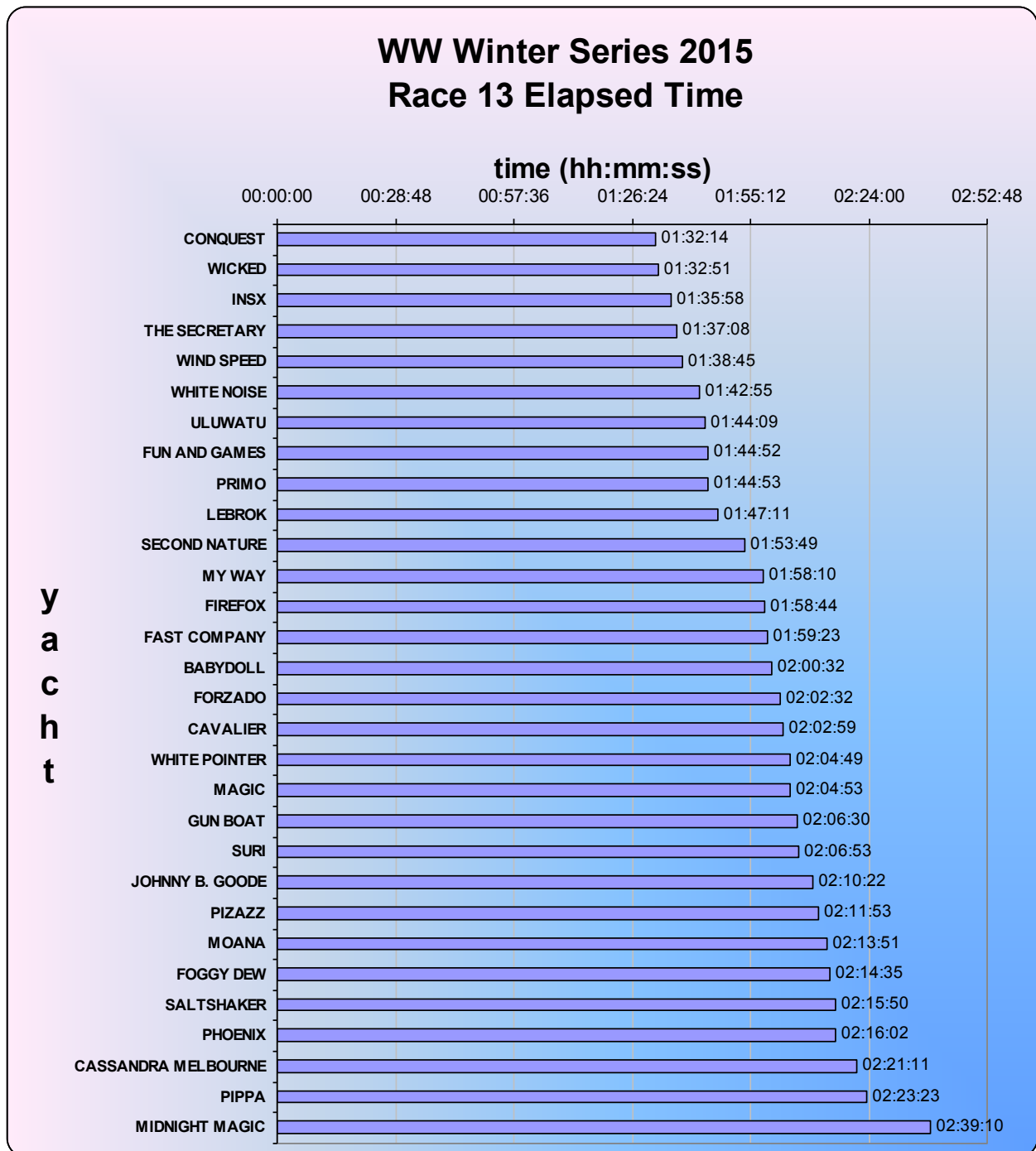
The fleet started this race 56 minutes 50 seconds apart. By the first rounding of number 4 the gap was 15 minutes 11 seconds that increased to 18 minutes and 1 second at the finish line.



This race was one for the late starters. Of the last 10 yachts to start the race, nine of them were amongst the first ten to finish. The remaining late starter finished mid fleet. In contrast only one of the first ten yachts to start was amongst the first ten to finish.



On her maiden Wednesday Wonders race and finishing in 10th place was the Beneteau First 45 CONQUEST (Paul Jacka) that recorded the fastest time 1:32:14. This was 37 seconds faster than the Beneteau First 40 WICKED (Mike Welsh). If there were an Elapsed Time Aggregate, WICKED would be in the lead the being placed 2nd on 7 occasions. The average elapsed time was 1:59:33 with a range of 1:06:46.



This table gives a brief summary of each yacht's performance in the series so far.

WW WINTER SERIES 2015 ELAPSED TIME											
YACHT	AVERAGE	RACE									
		1	2	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	13
CONQUEST	01:32:14										01:32:14
ALIBI	01:34:14	01:29:08	01:35:15	01:31:52	02:00:44	01:18:07	01:30:15				
BARNSTORMER	01:34:43	01:30:49	01:38:23	01:34:58							
CARPE DIEM	01:35:41		01:36:29	01:30:53	01:56:00	01:12:49		01:59:55	01:44:24	01:09:18	
STAMPEDE	01:36:05		01:28:25	01:26:08	02:00:51	01:14:01	01:23:42	02:03:23			
WICKED	01:36:11	01:27:02		01:30:27	01:55:53		01:27:20	01:56:17	01:45:45	01:13:51	01:32:51
ESPRIT	01:36:17	01:22:34	01:33:01	01:30:17	01:59:15						
INSX	01:38:38	01:33:52	01:38:26	01:34:13	02:01:05	01:20:39	01:33:58	02:02:27	01:47:13	01:18:29	01:35:58
WIND SPEED	01:40:02	01:34:37	01:38:45	01:32:52	02:02:23	01:19:55	01:33:38	02:08:12	01:48:58	01:22:16	01:38:45
THE SECRETARY	01:41:59		01:42:47	01:33:43	02:01:48	01:18:36	01:32:12	02:09:29	01:52:01	01:30:06	01:37:08
LUCILLE	01:43:46	01:43:46									
ADRENALIN	01:44:34			01:32:00	01:54:56				01:46:45		
PRIMO	01:45:38			01:42:36	02:09:32	01:26:26	01:41:50		01:58:50	01:35:21	01:44:53
BACARDI	01:46:42		01:42:30	01:38:20	02:06:29		01:32:57	02:08:31	01:51:01	01:27:04	
ULUWATU	01:46:49	01:40:46	01:43:46	01:39:22	02:21:41	01:22:09	01:33:54	02:23:38	01:58:00	01:20:42	01:44:09
LEBROK	01:47:03		01:45:21	01:43:08	02:08:30	01:24:17	01:39:52	02:05:27	02:00:30	01:29:12	01:47:11
WHITE NOISE	01:47:09	01:45:19	01:47:02	01:40:20	02:09:00	01:30:10	01:38:58	02:14:43	01:53:10	01:29:55	01:42:55
PUBLIC BAR	01:47:26	01:36:53	01:46:59	01:38:40	02:07:10						
DEJA VU	01:48:01	01:48:01									
FUN AND GAMES	01:50:10	01:48:53	01:53:24	01:41:02	02:16:01					01:36:49	01:44:52
DARK ENERGY	01:50:13			01:40:57	02:08:22			01:41:19			
UPBEAT	01:50:37	01:40:04	01:50:00	01:45:46	02:06:37						
SHIMMER	01:51:59			01:33:36	02:10:21						
MORE NOISE	01:52:10		01:46:07	01:41:16	02:06:06		01:37:43	02:04:37	01:57:12		
FORZADO	01:53:40	01:48:08		01:45:40	02:22:49	01:33:31				01:49:19	02:02:32
SECOND NATURE	01:54:08	01:43:42	01:54:32	01:43:32	02:19:48	01:30:40	01:37:50	02:42:10	02:04:18	01:31:01	01:53:49
BABYDOLL	01:55:00								02:05:30	01:38:57	02:00:32
MY WAY	01:55:13	01:50:01	01:53:45	01:52:10	02:21:23	01:38:44	01:43:56	02:11:51	02:09:14	01:32:59	01:58:10
VANTAGE	01:56:27	01:39:46	01:53:06	01:47:32	02:23:24	01:31:29	01:41:49	02:48:20	02:05:23	01:37:15	
FAST COMPANY	01:56:53	01:45:04	01:55:25	01:47:05	02:14:46	01:34:22		02:26:51	02:08:33	01:40:24	01:59:23
MAGIC	01:57:44	01:48:59	02:01:08	01:47:47	02:19:20	01:33:19	01:49:38	02:28:02	02:09:44	01:34:27	02:04:53
WHITE POINTER	01:57:56								02:07:12	01:41:48	02:04:49
FIREFOX	01:59:00	01:48:11	01:58:18	02:07:19	02:20:16	01:33:39			02:16:41	01:48:48	01:58:44
PIAZZ	02:00:47	01:48:41	02:02:10	01:49:25		01:33:30	01:46:04	02:54:53	02:12:00	01:48:27	02:11:53
GUN BOAT	02:01:26	01:52:12	01:59:10	01:57:39	02:19:00	01:39:02	01:53:16	02:18:44	02:07:17		02:06:30
SURI	02:01:45	01:49:25	02:02:02	01:49:34	02:32:33	01:36:25	01:47:23	02:49:59		01:41:27	02:06:53
CAVALIER	02:03:23		02:06:04	01:59:52	02:22:04	01:42:25	01:52:48	02:12:20	02:15:25	01:56:34	02:02:59
TEQUILA	02:03:24	01:52:18		01:50:54	02:23:47		01:49:07	02:39:14	02:09:23	01:39:02	
PHOENIX	02:03:50			01:55:08		01:45:03		02:34:42	02:12:51	01:39:12	02:16:02
BELLABLU	02:04:36	01:43:48			02:25:25						
SALTSHAKER	02:05:35	02:04:26				01:47:52	01:53:51	02:38:26	02:12:27	01:46:13	02:15:50
BON VIVANT	02:07:35			01:56:59	02:25:46				02:19:52	01:47:43	
SHANTI	02:07:51									02:07:51	
SALT WHISTLE	02:08:24	01:52:24	02:00:36		02:26:00		01:47:41	02:35:19			
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	02:08:31	02:03:06	02:11:55	02:03:37	02:40:16	01:48:14	01:55:30		02:22:32	01:50:17	02:21:11
MOANA	02:09:10	01:51:12	02:03:53	02:00:15	02:42:14		01:58:10			02:14:35	02:13:51
JOHNNY B. GOODE	02:11:29		01:54:54	01:52:53	02:39:51			02:40:27	02:14:22	01:47:35	02:10:22
FOGGY DEW	02:12:05	01:58:47		02:00:08	02:43:58	01:46:37	01:53:10	02:47:54	02:16:02	02:07:36	02:14:35
WILLARIE	02:14:51			02:14:51							
AIRWAVES	02:19:17	02:01:37	02:26:27	02:05:46	02:34:39				02:27:55		
MYUNA	02:21:06								02:21:06		
PIPPA	02:21:18	02:09:58	02:12:52	02:15:23	02:43:11	02:04:21	02:10:24	02:59:44	02:30:17	02:03:28	02:23:23
TRUE COLOURS	02:33:26				02:33:26						
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	02:38:41		02:25:38	02:17:02	02:45:59			03:00:14	02:55:14	02:27:28	02:39:10

The Fast Feet - (A competition for poor spillers)

A list of the fastest yachts round the course for Winter 2015.

Contest, with just one race has the fastest average speed 1:32:14

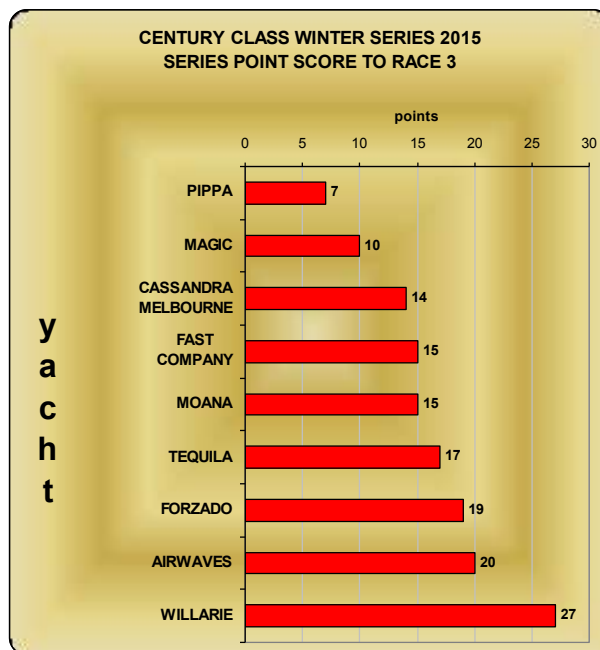
Abibye - average speed 1:34:14, **Barnastromer**, 1:34:43, **Carpe Dem dum die**, 1:35:41, **Stampeed** 1:36:05 **Woked** 1:36:11, **Espit** 1:36:17, **INSECTX** 1:38:38, **Wind up Speed** 1:40:02, **The Secretree** 1:41:59.

Maybe one of the fast yachts might like to put up a prize for the fastest yacht for the next ten races. Every race between race 14 and 24 to count and the winner is the fastest average speed. Contact [Mark Windward](#)

Century Class Series Race 13 hosted the third race in the Century Class series. Six yachts contested the race won by PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) with a margin of 28 seconds. MOANA (Stan Rankin) was 2nd with FAST COMPANY (Albert Doggett) in 3rd place.

PLACE	YACHT	SKIPPER	MAKE	FINISH	ELAPSED	HANDICAP
1	PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	Triton 24	16:12:23	2:23:23	4
2	MOANA	Stan Rankin	Bluewater 400	16:12:51	2:13:51	14
3	FAST COMPANY	Albert Doggett	Farr 1020	16:13:23	1:59:32	29
4	FORZADO	Bruce Dobie	Farr 1020	16:14:32	2:02:32	27
5	MAGIC	Phil Spry Bailey	S & S 39	16:16:53	2:04:53	27
6	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	Mottle 33	16:21:11	2:21:11	15
9	TEQUILA	Alan Collins	Farr1020			
9	AIRWAVES	Rob Fenton	Traditional 30			
9	WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	Triton 24			

After three completed races in the six race series, PIPPA leads the aggregate with 7 points ahead of MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) on 10 points. There are still another 3 races left in this series.



MARK'S MENTIONS

While Wednesday Wonders continues to be an incredible racing fleet and brings together the biggest collection of yachts around the bay, it is great to see that it is also trying out different things to improve our racing enjoyment.

This is the first time Mark has experienced an AP flag for a Wednesday Wonders race.

Regular readers of Mark and Windward Buoy's race reports had a brush up on starting flags in a recent quiz question, so would have been well prepared for knowing what flags and signals were being flown.

Mark considers it an excellent call as there was little wind and the wind could be seen approaching the race area.

With the assistance of Sulis, Mark has a few reminders to skippers.

If the AP is hoisted it means the race is postponed. If there is just the AP flag then there is NO prescribed time delay.

In the case of this race the wind could be seen coming in and there was no point in delaying the race further.

The timing is:

When the AP flag drops there is ONE minute until the Prep flag for the race is raised.

i.e. the P flag and 5 minutes count down to the "0" start time.

The flag signals are the official start, not other sound or audio information.

It is a benefit (and a requirement) that radios should be turned on for information.

A wise skipper would have their radio on as soon as they see an AP flag being flown, even if they are still in the marina.

The clock on the tower will count the time for the race as it normally does making it simple for every yacht to start on their allocated handicap time.

After the consideration of changing WW's summer start time, Mark's information is that instead of changing the NOR and every start time, what will become more common will be the use of postponed races when the wind is light. This will not require any new NOR. It will, Mark hopes, assist races not being lost in the first 30 or 40 mins, even before the first mark has been reached.

Mark's advice is:

Just remember that once the AP flag is dropped the start of the race is only one minute away.

The course maybe displayed later than normal in changing winds, so be careful you don't get caught on the "wrong side" of the starting line.

Now the days are getting longer...we will see the return of Brian and his Barnstormers. The boat should be in the water next Tuesday and racing, all being well, in Race 14. Mark does not quite understand why all the work was being done on **Barnstormer**. Someone said it was something to do with Chinese food called Jibe... When I eat Chinese I always order number 54 to be safe. Mark suspects it could be so she can compete better against Paul's **Conquest**, which displayed an impressive speed around the course.

The skipper of **Pippa** described the race as providing the opportunity to understand a little better what it is like in the *Tour de France* when the Peloton catches up with the breakaway. He is quoted as saying *a shortened course would have been quite a good idea, but it was a bit early*. Pippa was around No 4 first, and followed the **Secretary** around Number 1. Pippa crossed the finish line 14th 7:15 mins behind the boss.. He was very grateful to the consideration given by the fast moving large yachts not pinching his wind. stop. As the skipper of **Second Nature** said as he rapidly gained two places on the finish line passing Pippa to leeward "What's the point?"

Another new white yacht at SYC. . The learner helmsman on **Fast Company** is a recently converted Sailor. **Graham Frazer** with his knowledge of winds and flying, his tactics might be beneficial to watch. He was an air traffic controller. He has a brand new yacht arriving in two weeks. It is a Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 349 called **MARIBEL**. Graham may not jump straight into Wednesday Wonders but by next summer or winter, with a bit of encouragement I think we will see him. With just a 6 sec improvement in starting he will be winning start of the day. *Maribel* even has its own web site. To take a peek [CLICK](#).



Make him feel welcome. Mark thinks that Albert should get a sail training award as he always seems to have novice sailors on board.

I have worked out why Russel Keays in **Bon Vivant** starts in the middle of the fleet. My French translator explained, with a yacht named Bon Vivant (a person who devotes themselves to a sociable and luxurious lifestyle), it is only natural that they be surrounded by people.



WHAT NAME DO WE CALL THIS YACHT TO HAIL IT FOR ROOM?

I THINK YOU JUST CALL OUT "GO BACK TO SHORE NUMBER 2 YOUR TIME IS UP"

What do you think? You might like to give some feedback to the Sail Committee and question if it is appropriate that the SYC Club Beneteau Number 2 (who was not an entrant) sailed the WW course? As can be seen from the photo it was in close contact to WW competitors.

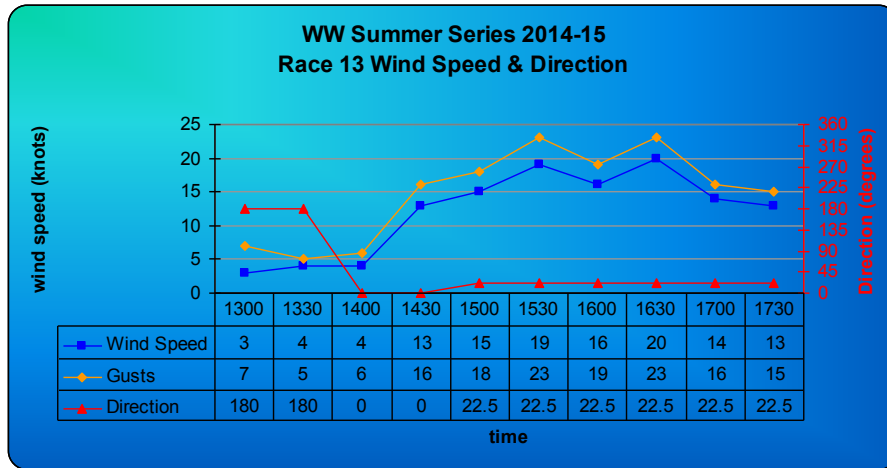


I HOPE THE HANDICAPPER HAS NOTICED HIS LAST FINISHES OF 4,7,3, & 6

I CAN'T SEE ANY HANDICAPPER JUST SOMEONE SNIFFING WIND!

I THOUGHT A WIND SNIFFER WAS ONLY ON STINK BOATS

The last 13th Race Summer 2014 ~15. *If only they had used an AP flag!*



...To Quote Windward Buoy's report... *Observations at Fawcner Beacon showed a breeze of about 4 knots at the start with a rapid increase somewhere between 1400 and 1430. The increase in breeze was probably a bit earlier in shore and was signaled by DÉJÀ VU (Peter Dransfield) when she was the first yacht to start within 17 seconds of her handicap. The average start time for the first 13 starters exceeded 7 minutes.*

RACE 12 Answers

The ship was the **HMAS Castlemaine** moored at Gem Pier Williamstown
 It was named for the city of Castlemaine, Victoria, and was one of 60 Bathurst-class corvettes constructed during World War II, and one of 36 initially manned and commissioned solely by the Royal Australian Navy. It is worth a visit. To view the web site [CLICK](#)

RACE 13 Quiz Question Where do you think this ship is moored?

What is the name of the ship?

The "title" underneath is a clue from the menu.



[MARK WINDWARD](#) *Thanks for the assistance from....*

Sulis Papantoniou SYC Boating manager, Russell Keays from Bon Vivant, Andy Lynch from Cavalier (Photos) Windward Buoy whom apart from-skippering Magic in this race still had time to do the report. Editors Sue Furness and Gai Woolhouse. Race "guru" Rob Ware. And not forgetting the tower management who apart from organizing racing help keep our records. (Expect for Margaret who was taking a very well earned rest...a rare occasion for race 13) and numerous other whispering sailors who relay information.

Answers, information, comments please send to [MARK WINDWARD](#)

He who laughs last, doesn't get the joke as quickly as everyone else.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization