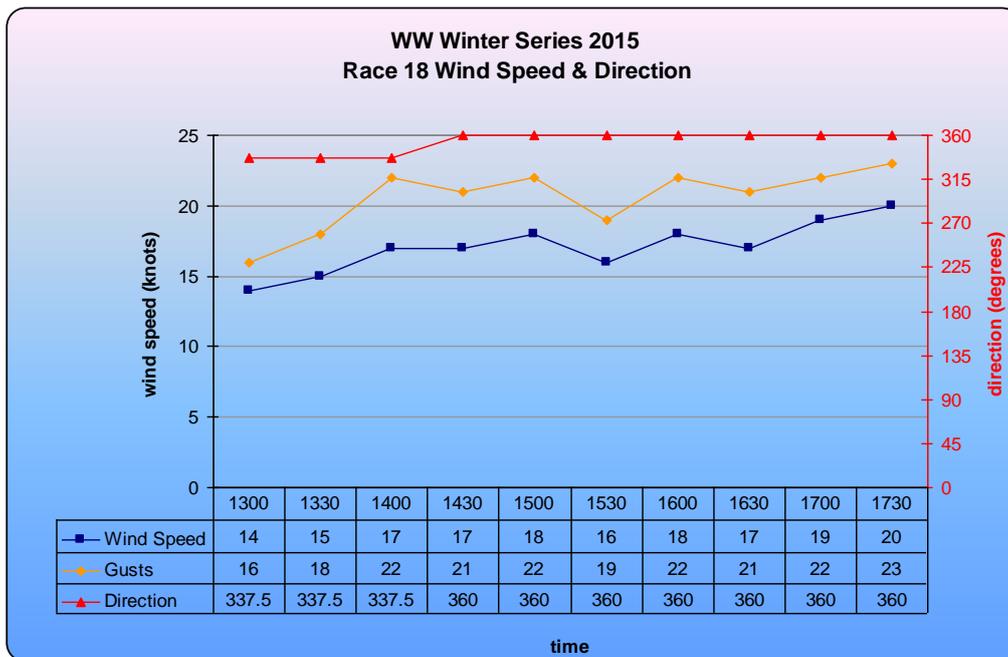


Plenty of Breeze for Plenty of Yachts
Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2015 Race 18
 29 July 2015



Wednesday Wonders continues to enjoy its run of good fortune with the successful completion of Race 18. This brings the total number of completed races to 15 with the last 11 being consecutive. Participation has been high with an average of 33 yachts in each race compared to 28 yachts per race in the winter 2014 series.

A good fleet of 37 yachts all started and completed race 18 around the 6 leg, 9.8 nautical mile course 61 in a northerly breeze that averaged about 17 knots for the afternoon. The breeze rose from around 15 knots at the start, to finish the afternoon at around 20 knots.



Probably to the dismay of some but delight of others handicaps for race 18 had not changed from those allocated in race 17. (Is this the first in the history of WW that handicaps have not been adjusted?). Nevertheless, the race produced a tie for 21st place between two Bavaria's – the 40-foot VANTAGE (Darren Hunter) and 49 foot ULUWATU (Mal Billings & Peter Geary). They started about 9 minutes apart. There was 1 second separating the Farr 1020, FORZADO (Bruce Dobbie) from the Oceanis 34 JOHNNY B. GOODE (John Chipp) who started about 10 minutes apart. At the other extreme the Triton 24 PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) appeared to go AWOL but re emerged to finish 22 minutes 54 seconds behind the rest of the fleet after starting from 2nd place. She was “out there” for 2:53:32.

(I think it was common not to adjust handicaps a few years back when it was considered that the race was not a fair test of skippers' or yachts' performance, mainly after very light winds MW)



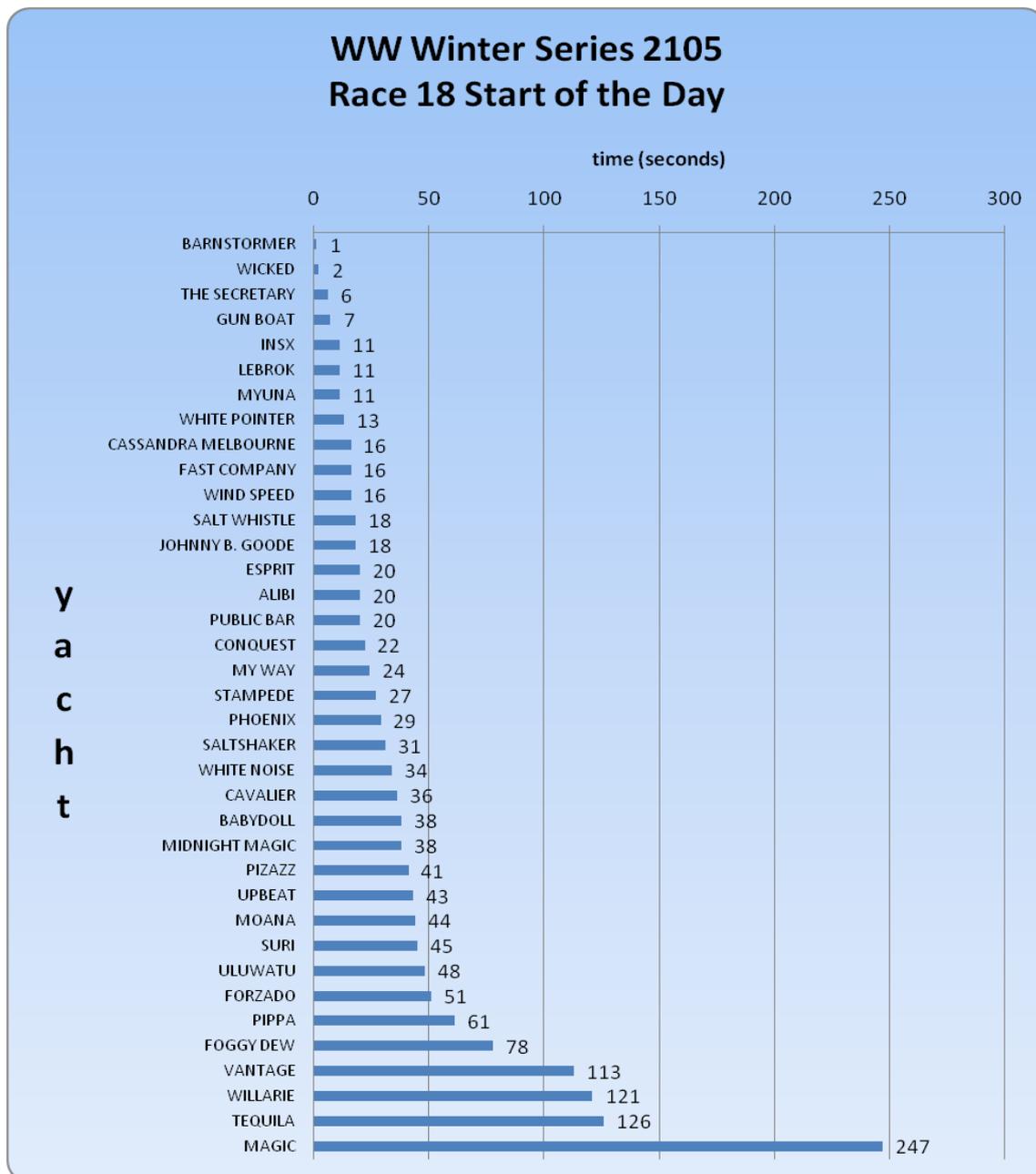
It was the Bluewater 400, MOANA (Stan Rankin) that won the race by a margin of 13 seconds. MOANA has a long history of saving her best for the stronger breeze and recorded another good result in 15+ knots. MOANA didn't have the best of starts being 44 seconds late for her 13-minute handicap from 5th place but, after sailing for 1:15:27 she was first yacht to round number 4 for the first time leading the Mottle 33 CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) by 5 minutes and 1 second. MOANA sailed the entire course in 1:59:23 and was first across the finish line at 15:42:23 to make her the 14th different yacht to win a race this series. MOANA has had 3 podium finishes from 12 completed races and is in 20th place in the aggregate.

After a 3rd place in race 17, the Oceanis 43 WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft) returned to go one better with a 2nd in race 18. By the first rounding of number 4 WHITE POINTER looked comfortably placed in 4th position after eating her way through 10 of the yachts that started ahead. WHITE POINTER started from 14th place 13 seconds late for a 27 minute handicap. WHITE POINTER was closing the gap between herself and MOANA when she crossed the line at 15:42:36 only 13 seconds behind MOANA. She sailed the course in 1:45:36 – the 11th fastest time of the day to make this her 2nd podium finish in 8 consecutive races. WHITE POINTER improved her aggregate position by 6 places by moving into 26th place.

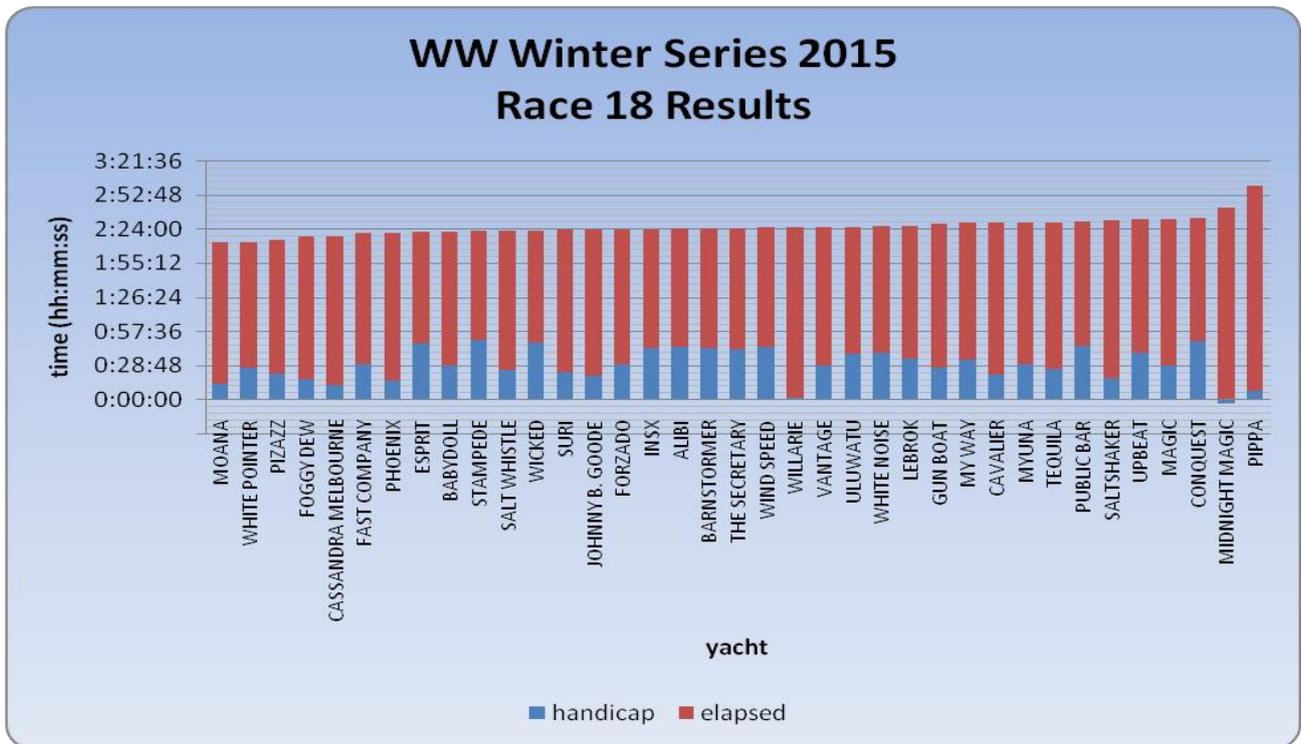


This series has been a mixed bag for the Oceanis 34 PIZAZZ (Philip Martyn & Russell Kemp) being placed 27th or more in 5 races whilst being 4th or better on 4 occasions. Race 18 saw PIZAZZ start 41 seconds late for her 22-minute handicap from 11th place. By the time she rounded number 4 for the first time at 15:07:05 she had moved into 5th place. She sailed the remaining 3 legs of the course in 37 minutes 46 seconds to cross the finish line at 15:44:51 in 3rd place, 2 minutes 15 seconds behind WHITE POINTER. PIZAZZ had sailed the entire course in 1:52:51 to record her 3rd podium finish of the series. She has completed 11 races and is 19th in the aggregate with a total of 93 points.

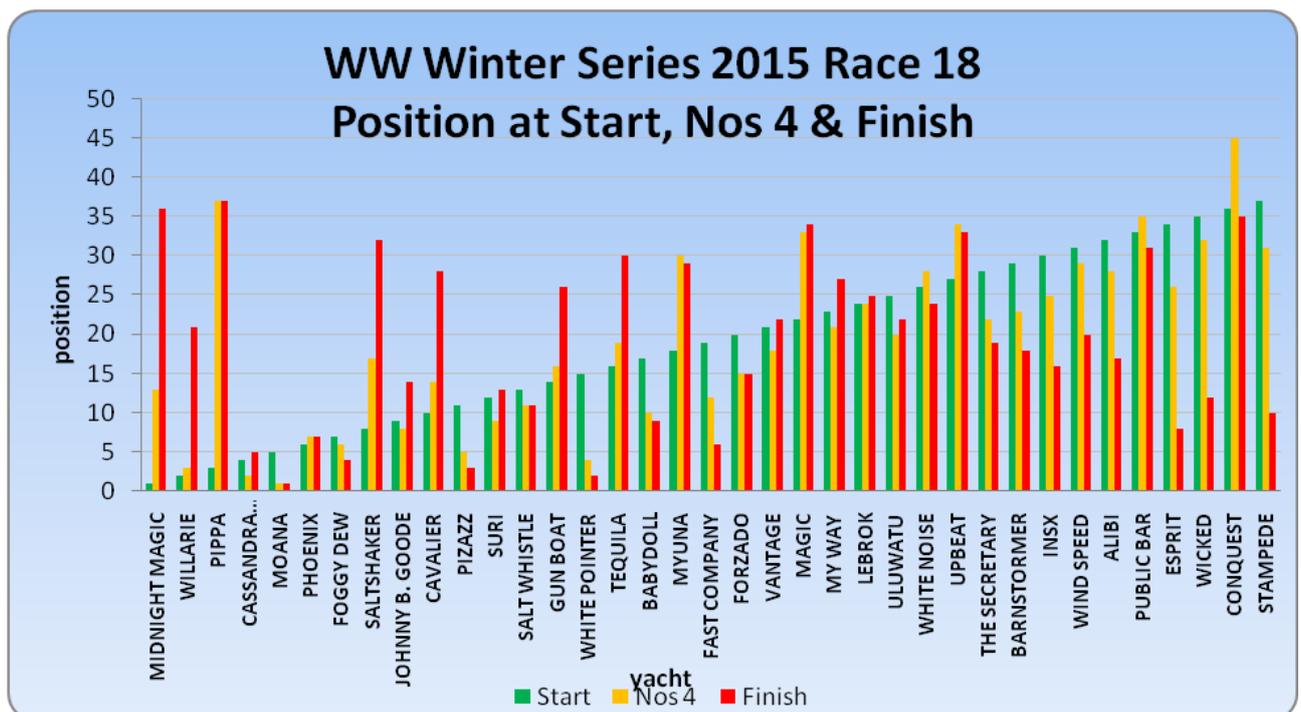
One of the main challengers for the Misty Blue Trophy (best Starter of the Day) has to be the winner of Start of the Day for race 18 the Bavaria Match 42 BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes). She was second in race 17 with a start of 1 second and won the start for this race again with a 1 second start. This is in addition to her starts of 0, 4 and 5 seconds in earlier races. The median start was 27 seconds with 31 yachts having a start of under 1 minute.



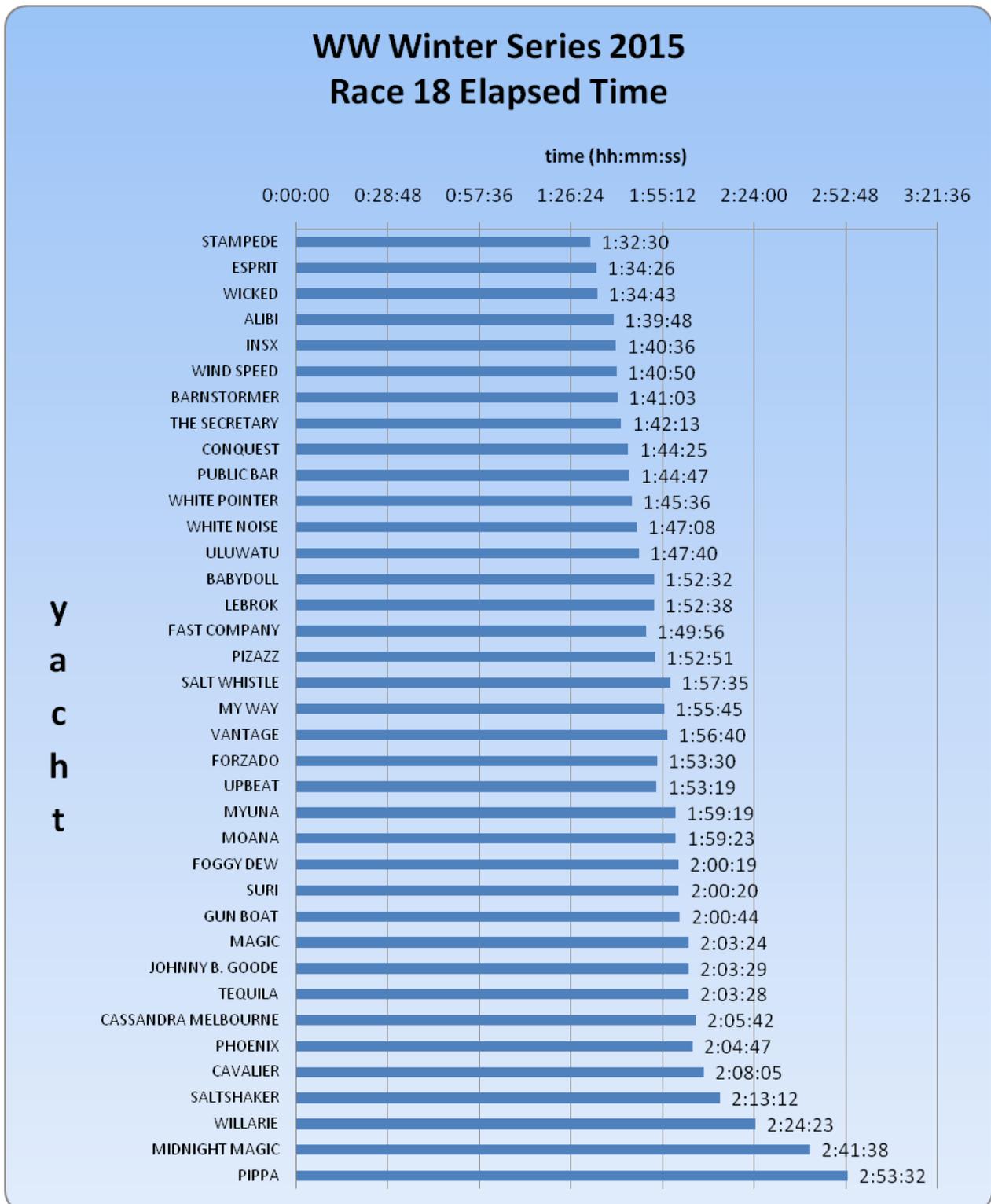
The 37-yacht fleet started 53 minutes 49 seconds apart and by the first rounding of number 4 that gap had reduced to 39 minutes 52 seconds. By the finish the gap between first and last had become 48 minutes 9 seconds. In this particular instance the gap between the first and 36th yacht to cross the line, 25 minutes 15 seconds, gives a more accurate view of the time between the yachts.



Five of the 12 early starters finished amongst the 12 early finishers with the remaining 7 early starters finishing mid fleet or in the last 12. Four mid fleet starters finished amongst the first 12 finishers as did 3 late starters.



For the second week in succession it was STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) that sailed the course in the shortest time of 1:32:30. The average time was 1:56:17 with about one third of the fleet sailing for over 2 hours.



Being the last Wednesday in July this race incorporated the fourth Century Class race. Eight yachts contested the race with MOANA the winner following her 2nd place in race 3. The placings are shown in the following table. The series is developing into a close contest with only 3 points separating 5 yachts.

YACHT	SKIPPER	DESIGN	HANDICAP	PLACE
MOANA	Stan Rankin	Bluewater 400	13	1
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	Mottle 33	12	2
FAST COMPANY	Albert Doggett	Farr 1020	30	3
FORZADO	Bruce Dobie	Farr 1020	30	4
WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	Triton 24	1	5
TEQUILA	Alan Collins	Farr1020	26	6
MAGIC	Phil Spry Bailey	S & S 39	29	7
PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	Triton 24	7	8
AIRWAVES	Rob Fenton	Traditional 30	DNC	9

MARK my WORDS

Wednesday Wonder Presentation Night: Note the date now - Friday 9th October 2015. Rumour has it that **Blair Shipwrights** 0422 209 756 is again donating a special Skippers surprise prize. One of the conditions is that the skipper must be in attendance to win the prize when it is drawn.

Until then Blair is hoping that a few of the smaller yachts will perform a bit better in the Start of the Day Award. He is spending so much time underwater giving free hull scrubs to very large yachts that there have been suggestions that he is having an affair with a mermaid. Blair does enjoy his association with Wednesday Wonders. Even though it has cost him this season, around \$1,700. Thanks Blair, we quite like you being around.



Ian Whitbread is still not far away from SYC.

This shot was taken through the glass of lovely warm car cabin! It is not touched up. Ian's title "Coming through"

I think the overtaking yacht has to give way. We look forward to seeing Ian around the club and in the bar again soon. MW

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

The elapsed time is that shown in the SYC results on the website.

A yacht not sailing is allocated a time equal to the slowest elapsed time + 1 minute.



An update from RHODES, GREECE from Jacquie Hope...

Kalimera,

I am now sitting in the early morning shade with fellow crew having fresh orange juice and English breakfast. Rhodes is an ancient town on the Greek island of Rhodes, still inhabited within the old castle and rock walls. The modern section is less inspiring but still actively vital. We sailed the 72 nautical miles across here from Turkey in very little wind the night before last. Unfortunately our boat was broken into the day before we left Turkey. Because of the current economic crisis in Greece I had withdrawn all my Euros off my travel card & was cashed up, so I lost it all, - €740 - as well as \$250 Australian cash I had for my return. So I am now thrown upon the mercy of my kind captain Jenny to feed me! Jenny lost €500 & \$100 Aus. so she was equally upset.

Apart from that souring of our experience, we thoroughly enjoyed Turkey, especially the ruins of the sunken city.

The Internet connection here is not easy. From here we will sail down to Crete via a few other small islands so life is still good & hopefully my trip will finish on a high note.

Warm hugs,

Jacquie Hope

Thursday 27 August 2015 Peter Dransfield

Sail Winter Information and Recreational Boating Guest Speaker: ~ Thursday 27 August
SYC member Peter Dransfield is a long time bayside resident with a passion for sailing. His annual trips to France and Croatia hold many amazing experiences, although he still describes his perfect day is sailing Déjà Vu in the Wednesday Wonders races. If you know Peter , as many WW Sailors do ,you know this will be worth coming to hear.



“Come on in number 573, your time is up”

In race 16 & 17 Public Bar was 6th in both races. It seems she had a time limit, and that the yacht had to be back in the pen by a set time. Evidence for this rumour is clearly seen in the photo here that came into Mark’s possession.



HOW THE HELL DID PIPPA GET SO FAR OUT IN FRONT? SHE CROSSED THE LINE ABOUT 10MINS IN FRONT OF MOANA

PIPPA STILL HAD ANOTHER LEG TO GO. SHE WAS 48 MINS OFF FIRST PLACE.

THANKS TO ALL THE CONCERNED WW SAILORS WHO ASKED ABOUT PIPPA THE SKIPPER THOUGHT THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THE RIGGING, DUE TO A NEW FITTING ON THE MAIN LOOKING DIFFERENT. AS A PRECAUTION SHE DID A PIT STOP. MACCA CHECKED HER AT THE JETTY AND SAID ALL WAS OK SO SHE WENT BACK INTO THE RACE.



ANSWER for Question for Race 16 This a print

Mark purchased a while ago. Where do you think it is?

It is taken from a steel engraving, hand painted by E Brandard. The print is taken from a painting about 1874 ‘after S Prout’ who came out from England and lived in Tasmania. A bottle of Red goes to Rob for the correct answer, which was **“Port Phillip Heads”** - Circa 1874

It is a slight puzzle to Mark why the black lighthouse is not visible. Artistic licence, or is it the angle of the perspective that means it cannot be seen?

Given that there are two lighthouses in Queenscliff - the Black Lighthouse and the White Lighthouse - which are situated just 500 metres from each other.

Unique, striking, and one of only a handful like it in the world, the **Black Lighthouse** at Fort Queenscliff is fashioned out of naturally black stone and is the only of its type in the Southern Hemisphere. The infamous Black Lighthouse was erected in 1843 and replaced a temporary sandstone lighthouse at the fort, which was built to protect the entrance to Port Phillip.

The **White Lighthouse** is flanked by two steel navigational towers that to this day help to steer ships through the dangers of The Rip and into Port Phillip. Built in 1862, it was constructed out of bluestone and sits at the tip of Shortlands Bluff.

ANSWER to Question for Race 17 - Which yacht is this photo taken from?

The only clue is that Mark thinks that there may be an adjustment to this boat's handicap as it is obviously taken from a well placed yacht.



The photo was taken from INXS not by the skipper R.SILL but crewmember Rowan at 15:25 July 22nd. As she finished at 15:47:10 she is 25 mins away from finishing when this photo was taken. Thanks Rowan for the photo, taken with only natural special effects.

Afloat follow up

If you read this months Afloat "Coming Clean" you will enjoy these u tubes:

Showing off the yacht **Maltese Falcon** U tube of the week [CLICK](#) and

ESHIP1 with its four large rotorsails that rise from its deck, and are rotated via a mechanical linkage to the ship's propellers [CLICK](#) and also [CLICK](#)

To view a more traditional yacht the 46.30 metre 1920 classic cutter rebuilt 2006

Lulworth [CLICK](#) (50 mins)

Question for RACE 18. Is this statement true?

Port Phillip Bay has remained largely unchanged since forming 10,000 years ago.

Who will the top ten yachts be? With only 8 races to go it is time to predict the final top ten yachts for Winter 2015. Predictions to win this top ten forecast award must be sent to Mark before RACE 20 i.e. by 11 August, the day prior to race 20.

Send your prediction to [MARK WINDWARD](#)

To Sulis: thanks, from all Wednesday Wonders

As Sulis will be departing from this shore before too long we thank him for his considerable efforts in assisting Wednesday Wonders to run smoothly, sometimes behind the scenes, sometimes from a rubber duck, and all times with a friendly greeting. I am sure the sailing events at the Olympics will be successful with his contribution, and we look forward to the European economic problems being solved when he returns to Greece.

Thanks also to The Windward Buoy, Rowan Simpson, Jacquie Hope, Ian Whitbread and the Tower Management for contributions to this race report.

Comments, photos, feedback, ideas and opinions, please write to [MARK WINDWARD](#)

If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?

Violence - A stringed instrument played with great passion.