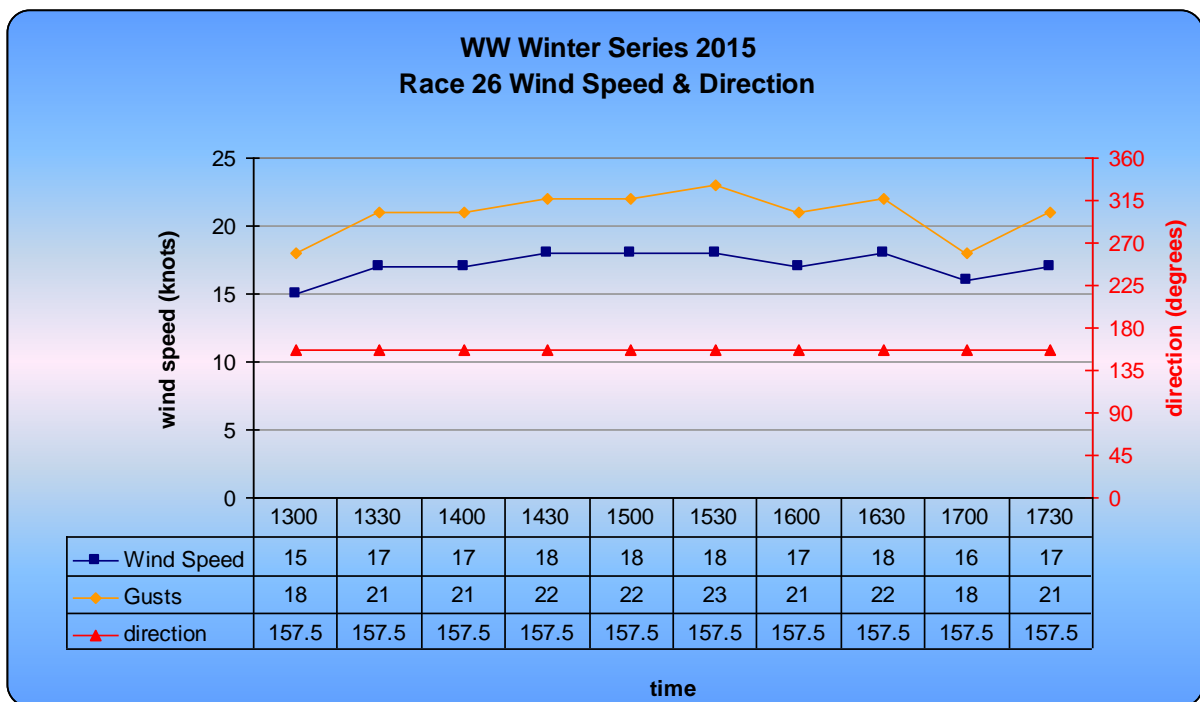


## A Successful Series Comes to a Close WW Winter Series 2015 Race 26 (23 Sep 2015)



There was no need to look for the breeze, shorten the course or bring out those big sails because race 26 was the first since race 18 were the breeze averaged over 15 knots. Fawkner Beacon recorded a fairly steady 17 knots from the south-southeast for the entire race.



In lumpy seas 30 yachts started and 29 finished the race around the 6 leg, 9.8 nautical mile course 14. With a good steady breeze this was one of the faster races with the last race of the series coming to an end at 16:04:47. It was a great result for the Mottle 33; CASSANDRA OF MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) who won the race to become the 18<sup>th</sup> different winner in 23 races. The early starters did well with 6 out of 10 finishing amongst the first 10 and the result had an effect on the aggregate. The Bavaria 32 FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard) came back into the top ten from occupying 11<sup>th</sup> place at the end of race 25. The remaining 9 yachts in the aggregate top ten did shuffle around resulting in a tie not only for 3<sup>rd</sup> but also 8<sup>th</sup> position.



This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> podium finish for CASSANDRA OF MELBOURNE who is one of three yachts to have completed 16 races this series. She started from 2<sup>nd</sup> place 10 seconds late for an 11 minute handicap a place she retained at the first rounding of number 4. After sailing the course in 2:01:10 CASSANDRA was first across the finish line at 15:42:10. CASSANDRA finished 20<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate with a total of 134 points.

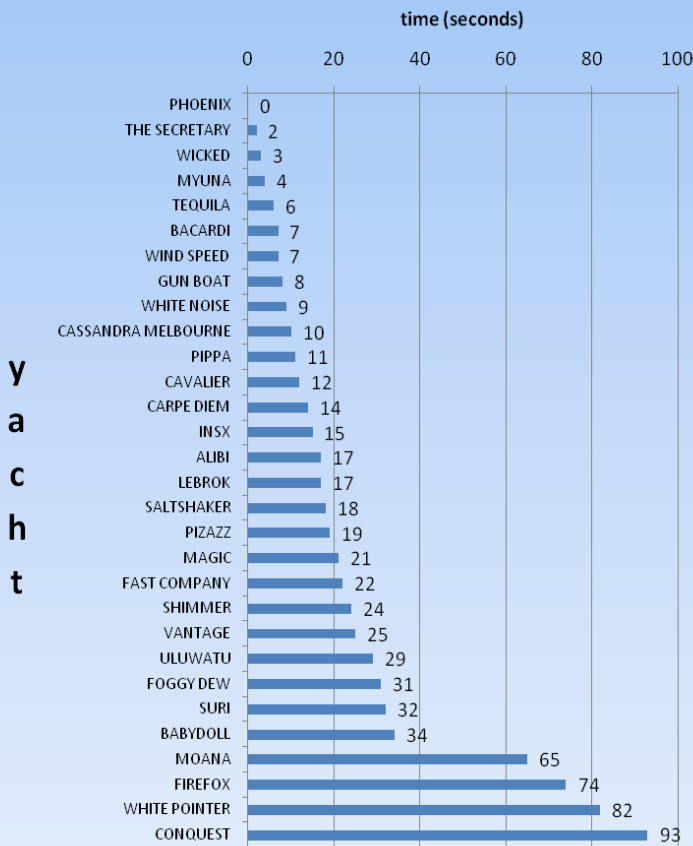
Finishing 1 minute 37 seconds after CASSANDRA was the strong breeze specialist MOANA (Stan Rankin). MOANA started from 3<sup>rd</sup> place 65 seconds late for her 13 minute handicap. It took her 1:17:35 to round number 4 for the first time still in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. She sailed the 6 legs of the course in 2:00:47 – 23 seconds faster than CASSANDRA but finished 1 minute 37 seconds later when she crossed the finish line at 15:43:47. MOANA has completed 19 races this series and finished 17<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate with 128 points.



The Bavaria 40 VANTAGE (Darren Hunter) won the first race of this series and equalled her next best result finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the last race. VANTAGE was the 12<sup>th</sup> yacht to start the race 25 seconds late for her 28 minute handicap. By the first rounding of number 4 she had progressed into 5<sup>th</sup> position. She crossed the finish line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 15:44:50 after sailing the course in 1:46:50. VANTAGE has completed 15 races and recorded 3 podium finishes this series as well as finishing 24<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.

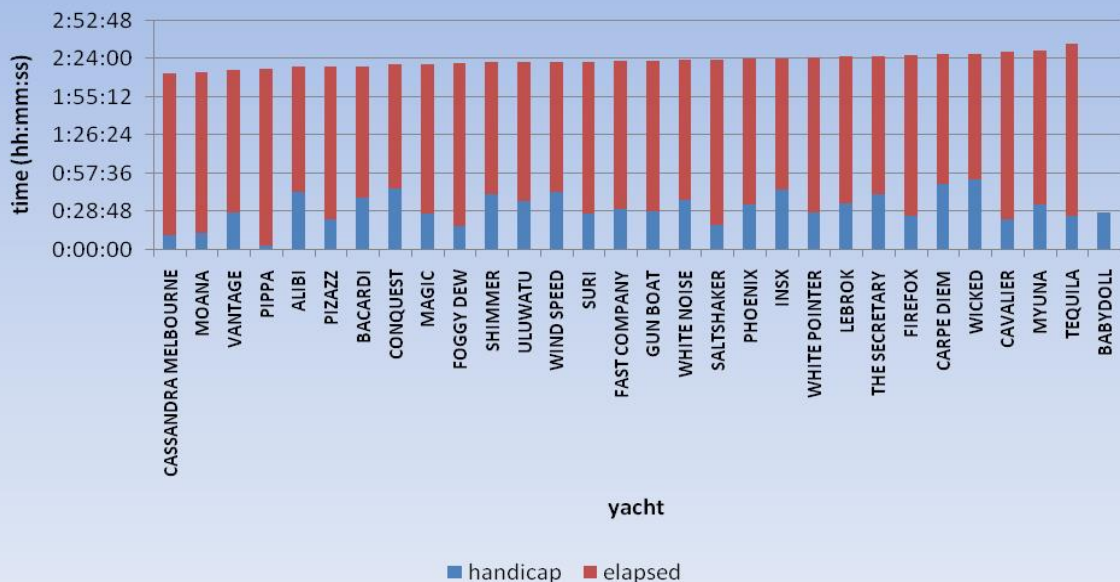
It was a good end to the series for PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg) who is the winner of the 2015 Winter Series and won Start of the Day with a perfect start. The next best start was recorded by THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) only 2 seconds late for her 42-minute handicap. Of the 30 yachts, 23 started within 30 seconds or less of their handicap. The median start time was 17 seconds –almost the average for the series.

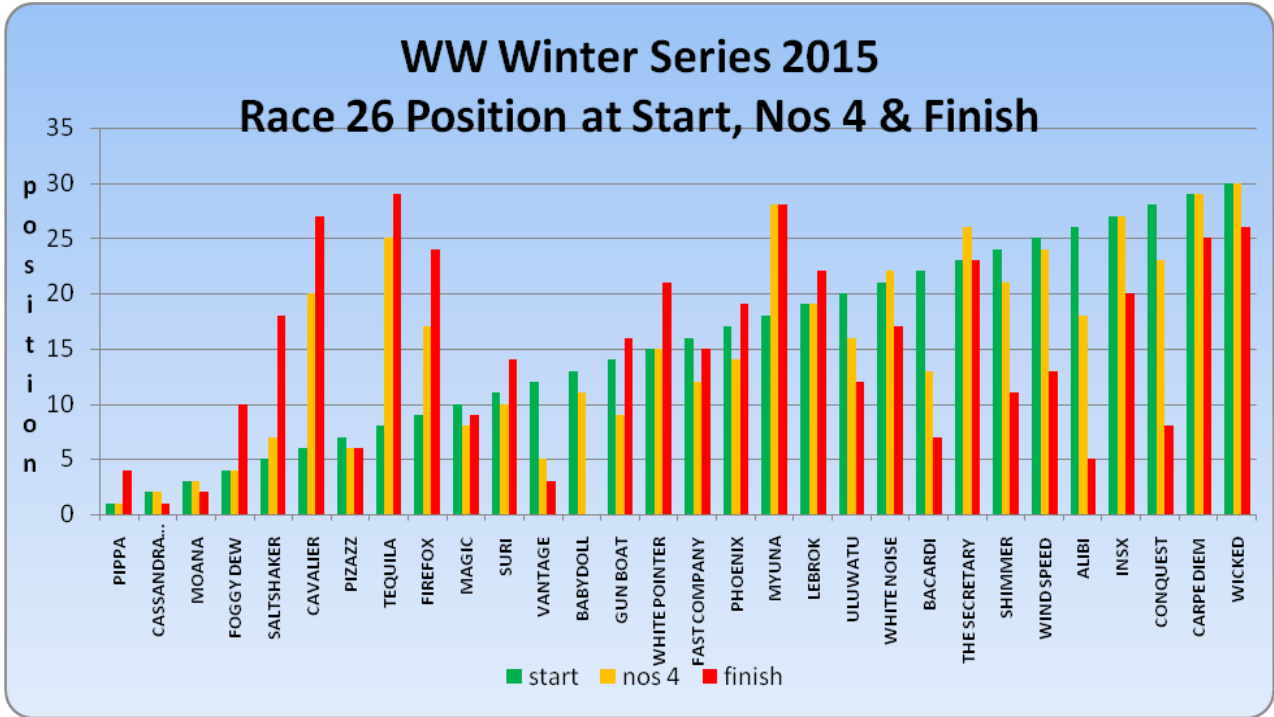
## WW Winter Series 2015 Race 26 Start of the Day



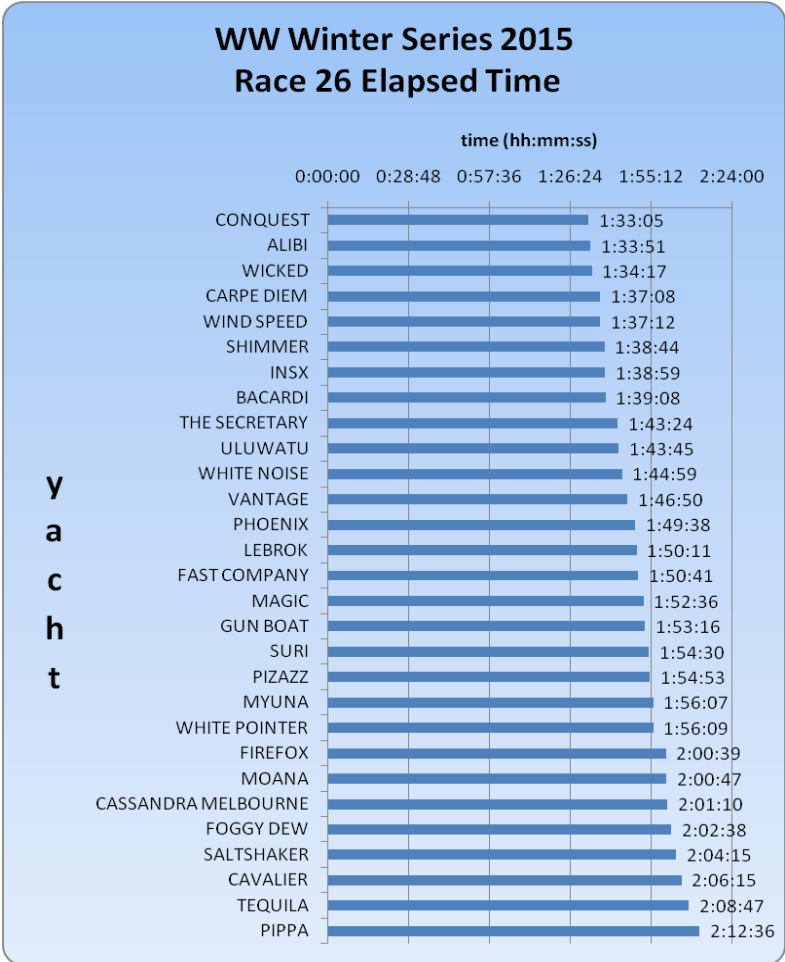
With only 22 minutes 37 seconds separating all 29 finishers this was one of the closer finishes of the series. Two of the larger yachts in the race, the Bavaria 49 ULUWATU (M Billings & P Geary) and the 51-foot Hanse SHIMMER (Steve & Jac Twentyman) finished within 1 second of each other. Whilst earlier in the race the Sydney 36 ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) crossed the finish line 2 seconds ahead of the Oceanis 34 PIAZZ (P Martyn & R Kemp). Fifteen yachts crossed the finish line within 10 minutes of the winner.

## WW Winter Series 2015 Race 26 Result





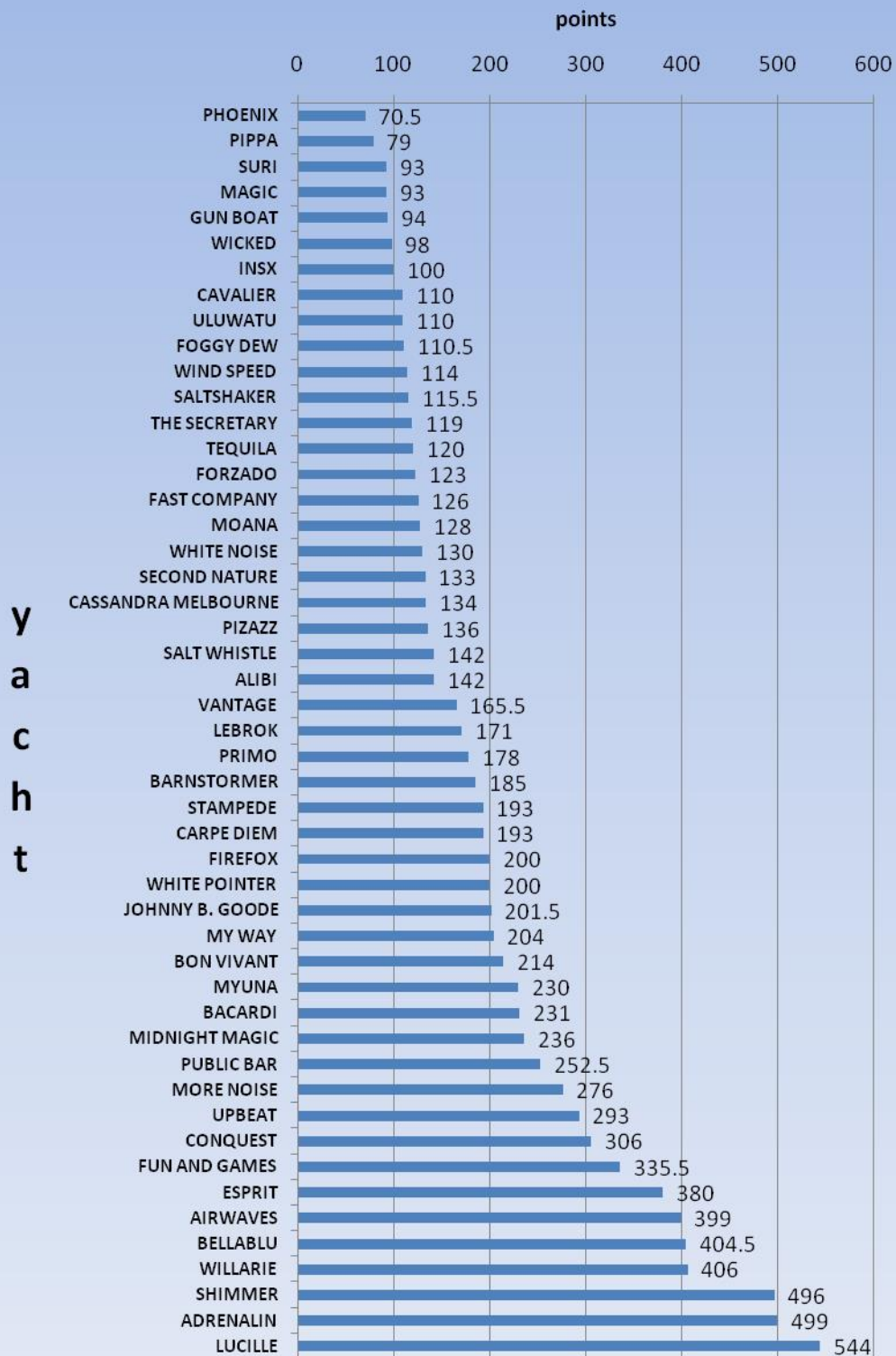
As mentioned earlier 6 amongst the first 10 yachts to start were amongst the first ten to finish with the first 3 starters being amongst the first 4 to finish. Only 1 mid fleet and 3 late starters were amongst the first 10 yachts to complete the race.



The average elapsed time to complete the race was 1:50:34 with 39 minutes 31 seconds separating the fastest from the slowest. The fastest was the Beneteau First 45 CONQUEST (Paul Jacka) who was only 46 seconds faster than ALIBI. Further down the table the Cavalier 37 MYUNA (Geoffrey Nixon) was 2 seconds faster than the Oceanis 43 WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft).

The shortest elapsed time of the series was recorded by the Beneteau First 50 CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) in race 12 – around a shortened course 32 with an average wind speed of 9 knots. (The breeze stayed below 6 knots until after 1500).

# WW Winter Series 2015 AGGREGATE



Many thanks to Andrew Lynch Cavalier, for the photos of the three podium finishers.  
**Entries for the WW summer series are already open and the series is set to commence 7 October 2015.**  
**Don't forget your MOB & Safety check.**



## Photos from the Pappa-art-ze

Can you pick the reason someone might protest against this WW yacht? I understand a warning was given and a promise of a protest if it happens again. The offending yacht did offer to retire but no-one lodged a protest to the sailing office, so there seemed no reason existed why he should withdraw.



Mark thought he would draw on the expertise of two of WW expert sailors thinking that their tactics employed in passing might assist the quality of racing on Wednesday.



One skipper replied with just one word..bug#!\*

The other answer came directed in a writing style unexpected.....

*Thanks Mark for the pics.*

*As I recall we caught up to ALIBI at the No 2 mark but had to give way as they had rights. We sailed in close company and slowly caught up alongside as we neared the No 3 mark.*

*It was at this time that Dennis starting telling me how good the West Coast played the week before against Hawthorn. We continued the conversation at close quarters and I believe he lost concentration thinking about how the W.C. was going to win the G/F. The next minute he had a problem with his spinnaker pole and that let us sail through to weather and around the No 3 mark in front. We then made sure we kept good boat speed and raced for the finish line, as we knew the course had been shortened.*

*Go Hawks.*

*Rob Sill.*

### **Racing tip 25**

Try to keep your yacht above the water.

This yacht is trying too hard to keep its second place in the series and appears to be a little over powered. This can easily happen when a strong wind follows on a race day after two races with very light breezes.



**CENTURY CLASS** Have you had a birthday this year? Is your yacht another year older? Do the results of these two events make the total number of years equal to 100 years or more? If so you can apply to Mark Windward with a declaration. As every race counts and there are no drops for this class, apply now to ensure the first summer season Century Class race counts. The first race will be the last Wednesday in the month, which is OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup> 2015

Please phone 0438 288 821 or 9889 2773 if you have any questions, or email.

Looking forward to the fun 'Pairs Race' this Wednesday. I hope the wind picks up by 13:30 as forecast.

[MARK WINDWARD](#)

## Wednesday Wonders Pairs Race number 26A Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

For this race we have paired your yacht with another WW.  
The two yachts will share their handicap and share their finishing times.

The pairing of the yachts have been randomly selected based on their handicap times.

**Group One** yachts with low handicaps have been paired with **Group Two** yachts that are on higher handicaps. The dividing point was in the middle of the fleet.

(Due to late entries by large yachts this selection process has been modified.)

The two-paired yacht's handicaps have been added together.

The skippers of the paired yachts could have adjusted their handicaps by agreement as they wished, provided that they did not exceed the total, and advised Mark in time.

If handicaps alterations are not adjusted by the skippers or not submitted **the default formula** will come into play.

**Start** of the day will be awarded thanks to BLAIR Shipwrights to one yacht, as per the starting handicaps listed for the day.

**Results** The scores of the two-paired yachts will be added together at the conclusion of the race. Prizes may be awarded for good results and good behavior.

It is hoped that this race will provide a little bit of diversity and help you get to know another crew and skipper. There could even be prizes for paired yachts sitting together at the same table during presentation.

It is not a race to take too seriously but to enjoy. [Mark Windward](#)

»	BOAT ONE		BOAT TWO	
YACHT	HANDICAP FIRST	Paired with	HANDICAP TWO	TOTAL HANDICAP
SECOND NATURE	29	PIZAZZ	23	52
BELLABLU	30	FIRE FOX	26	56
MYUNA	34	Johnny b Goode	17	51
LEBROK	28	PIPPA	10	38
MORE NOISE	37	FOGGY DEW	19	56
ULUWATU	38	CAVALIER	23	61
PRIMO	40	SALTSHAKER	18	58
THE SECRETARY	42	WHITE POINTER	28	70
BARNSTORMER	39	MOANA	19	58
WIND SPEED	44	SALT WHISTLE	24	68
INSX	46	BABYDOLL	27	73
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	16	FORZARDO	27	43
ALIBI	45	VANTAGE	29	74
PUBLIC BAR	40	WICKED	56	96
CARPE DIEM	41	CONQUEST	55	96