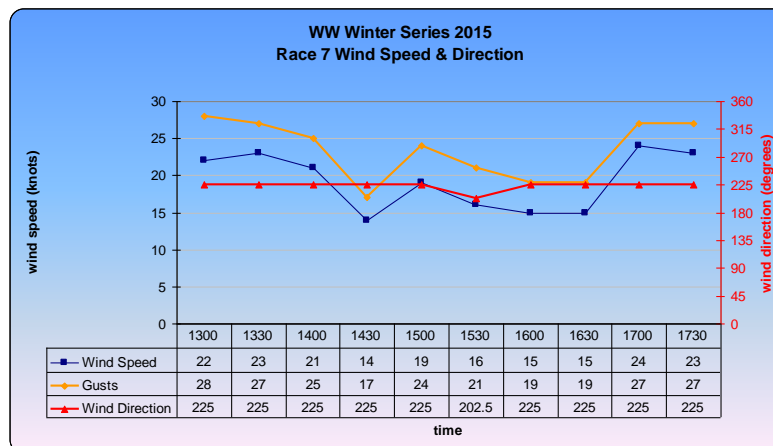


WW Winter Series 2015 (13 May 2015) RACE 7 ABANDONED



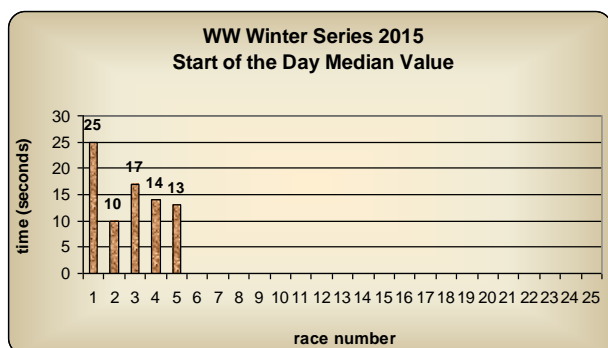
Prior to this race, it was October 2013 when successive Wednesday races were last abandoned. In that 2013-14 Summer Series the first three scheduled races were abandoned after a strong wind warning was issued for one and gale warnings issued for the other two. For race 7 BOM did not forecast the most pleasant sailing conditions for the bay. They issued a strong wind warning for Port Philip with 25 to 30 knot south westerlies, 1 to 2 metre seas along with the chance of 45 knot squalls. There was also the possibility of hail and a maximum temperature much less than the average for this time of year. The conditions caused the race to be abandoned. Observations indicate that the southern part of Port Philip experienced the forecast conditions but the breeze in the north part was not quite as strong. Fawkner Beacon observations showed the breeze averaging 19 knots from the south west for the afternoon, with a range of 14 to 24 knots with gusts of 28 knots. About 1.5 millimetres of rain was recorded at Moorabbin Airport which experienced a maximum temperature of 11.9° C.



A closely contested WW trophy is the MISTY BLUE Trophy, awarded to the boat having the lowest combined time closest to her start for the number of races scored in the Series. There is a long long way to go in this series before the winner of such a coveted trophy can be decided, but it is perhaps interesting to get a glimpse of progress to date. Currently leading the chase is BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes) followed by ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) and the winner of last series, INSX (Rob Sills). INSX won the trophy for the last summer series with an average start time of less than 4 seconds – a target that could be hard to beat. The following table shows the start times for all yachts in the current series.

WW WINTER SERIES 2015 – START TIME (seconds)							
YACHT	AVERAGE	RACE					NOS OF STARTS
		1	2	3	4	5	
BARNSTORMER	5.50	0	13	4	5		4
ALIBI	6.40	3	3	10	11	5	5
INSX	6.80	4	15	9	0	6	5
WICKED	7.00	1			14	6	3
SALT WHISTLE	8.25	6	4	9		14	4
ESPRIT	9.20	8	0	4	7	27	5
CARPE DIEM	9.25		8	9	10	10	4
STAMPEDE	9.50		13	11	3	11	4
LEBROK	9.50		5	2	25	6	4
ADRENALIN	10.50				16	5	2
THE SECRETARY	11.00		9	15	7	13	4
SECOND NATURE	11.40	10	5	24	7	11	5
MORE NOISE	11.67		19		7	9	3
SHIMMER	13.00				10	16	2
DEJA VU	14.00	13		15			2
MY WAY	15.60	6	3	55	9	5	5
WIND SPEED	16.20	30	26	19	1	5	5
WHITE NOISE	17.20	51	10	10	12	3	5
AIRWAVES	17.20	27	7	17	8	27	5
PIPPA	18.00	27	9	12	22	20	5
CAVALIER	18.50		5	31	32	6	4
MAGIC	18.60	24	5	26	22	16	5
SURI	19.00	11	31	10	20	23	5
FORZADO	19.00	43		17	11	5	4
DARK ENERGY	20.50				36	5	2
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	21.20	33	24	7	20	22	5
BELLABLU	21.50	35				8	2
PRIMO	22.00			41	19	6	3
FOGGY DEW	22.75	42		7	10	32	4
TEQUILA	24.00	32		18	22	24	4
BACARDI	25.00		39	17	20	24	4
JOHNNY B. GOODE	26.00		21	12	43	28	4
PHOENIX	30.00			23	41	26	3
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	30.25		12	57	30	22	4
LUCILLE	31.00	31					1
VANTAGE	32.00	46	7		53	22	4
BON VIVANT	33.50				32	35	2
TRUE COLOURS	34.00					34	1
WILLARIE	42.00				42		1
BABYDOLL	46.00			46			1
MOANA	48.00	54	21	144	11	10	5
GUN BOAT	48.40	13	86	43	2	98	5
FAST COMPANY	64.20	2	2	17	0	300*	5
PIAZZ	67.60	9	300*	12	5	12	5
FUN AND GAMES	74.20	26	300*	18	5	22	5
UPBEAT	77.40	25	300*	33	21	8	5
FIREFOX	102.50	7	90		300	13	4
ULUWATU	141.80	300*	3	28	78	300*	5
PUBLIC BAR	194.80	68	300*	6	300*	300*	5
SALTSHAKER	386.00	386					1

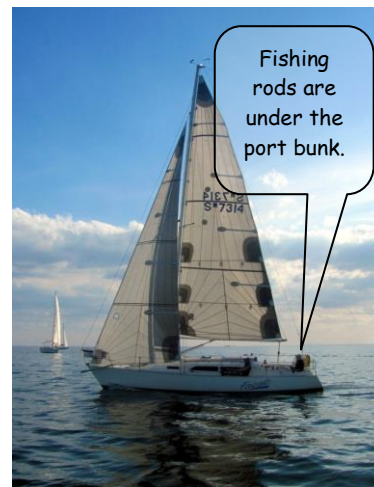
* Penalised for starting too soon



The Start of the day median values for each race are shown in the chart on the left. By comparison the Start of the day median value for the 2014-15 summer series was 17.8 seconds.

Windward Buoys

Mark Windward took last week off but "Somebody" latched on to the idea of placing speech bubbles on photographs in the hope they may raise a little smile.



[Mark](#) (click) looks forward to receiving any comments, photos etc about Wednesday Wonders.