

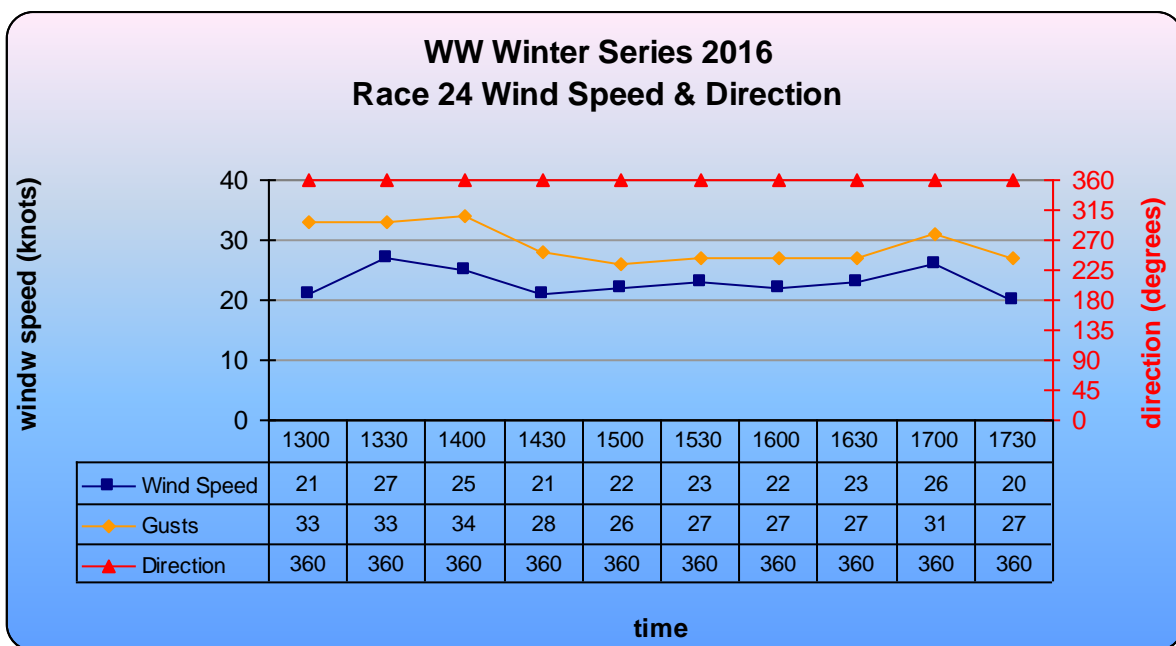
A Breezy One

Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2016 Race 24

(14 Sep 2016)



This race was around the same course (61) with a northerly breeze as race 23. Observations at Fawkner Beacon indicated the breeze for the afternoon averaged 23 knots compared with 18 knots for race 23. Surprisingly the averaged elapsed time for the 12 yachts that contested both races was 8 minutes 53 seconds more in this race than the previous less breezy one. Only half (16) the number of yachts started the race with 14 crossing the finish line. There was added interest at the start, when “gremlins” caused the race to be re started at 1400 rather than the usual 1330. Despite the late start there was enough time to finish the race when the first yacht across the line triggered the 30 minute extension to the finish time.



It proved to be a good day for the yachts with higher handicaps with 4 of them among the first 5 yachts across the finish line. STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) won her second race of the series in the fastest elapsed time. This put her back in the aggregate top ten after an absence of 12 weeks. She was followed by ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) in the second fastest time then BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes) in the 4th fastest time. Although she did not finish the race, BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch) found her way to the trophies, winning Start of the Day in only her second race of the series. She beat MYUNA III by 1 second.

GUN BOAT (Bruce Alexander) retains top spot in the aggregate (37 points) for the 5th successive week. She is followed by PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) (42 points) then CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) (55 Points).

With 17 races completed and a further 2 scheduled races to go, the end of the series is fast approaching. It looks as though the best 10 races will count towards the aggregate result. At present 24 yachts have already completed 10 races and another 12 could make that number by competing in the final 2 races of the series.



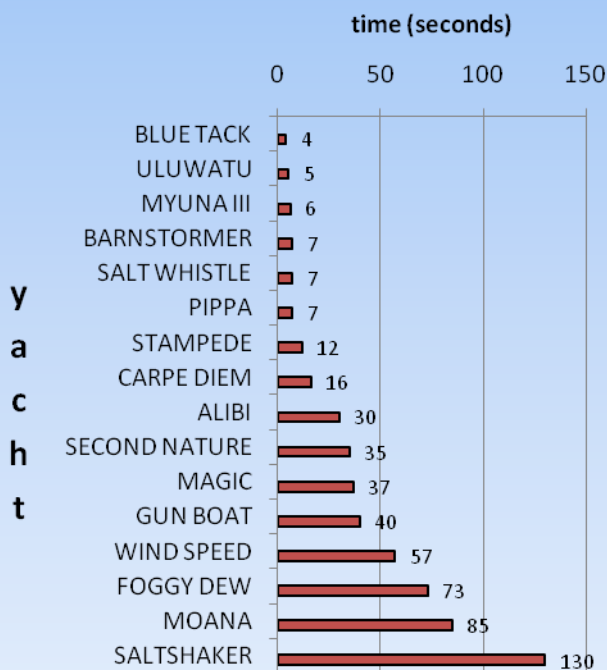
STAMPEDE started her 12th race of the series from 15th place 12 seconds late for a 51 minute handicap. By the first rounding of number 4 she had moved into 6th place after sailing the 3 legs in 56 minutes 31 seconds. STAMPEDE moved into the lead shortly after rounding number 1 and went on to sail the last 3 legs of the course in 30 minutes and 3 seconds. She crossed the finish line at 16:15:46 and recorded the fastest elapsed time of the race – 1:24:46. STAMPEDE started the race 3 minutes 42 seconds behind ALIBI but finished 2 minutes 38 seconds ahead. This was the 2nd win for STAMPEDE and put her in 9th place in the aggregate.

In her 13 completed races ALIBI has accumulated 5 top ten finishes including two 2nd places. She started from 14th place 30 seconds late for her 47 minute handicap. She sailed the first 3 legs of the course in 59 minutes 11 seconds and rounded number 4 for the first time in 8th place. During the last 3 legs of the race ALIBI moved up another 6 places and crossed the finish line at 16:18:24 after sailing the course in 1:31:24 – the 2nd fastest time of the day. Following race 23 ALIBI was 6th in the aggregate 6 points and 1 place behind her sister ship WINDSPEED (Les Browne). This 2nd place means ALIBI retains her 6th place and moves to within 3 points of WINDSPEED.



Five points and 1 place behind ALIBI in the aggregate is the Bavaria Match 42 BARNSTORMER. She has completed 12 races this series and recorded 6 top ten finishes including 3 podium finishes. BARNSTORMER had a good start only 7 seconds late for her 46 minute handicap from 12th place. At the first rounding of number 4 she was in 10th place after sailing for 1:01:37. She sailed the last 3 legs of course 61 in 32 minutes 59 seconds and crossed the finish line in 3rd place at 16:20:43. She had sailed the course in the 4th fastest time of the race.

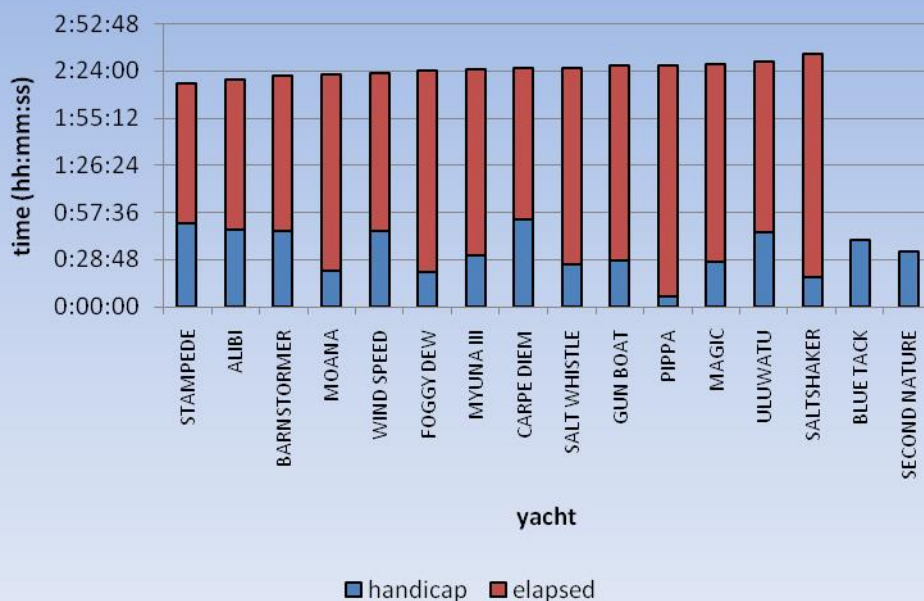
WW Winter Series 2016 Race 24 Start of the Day



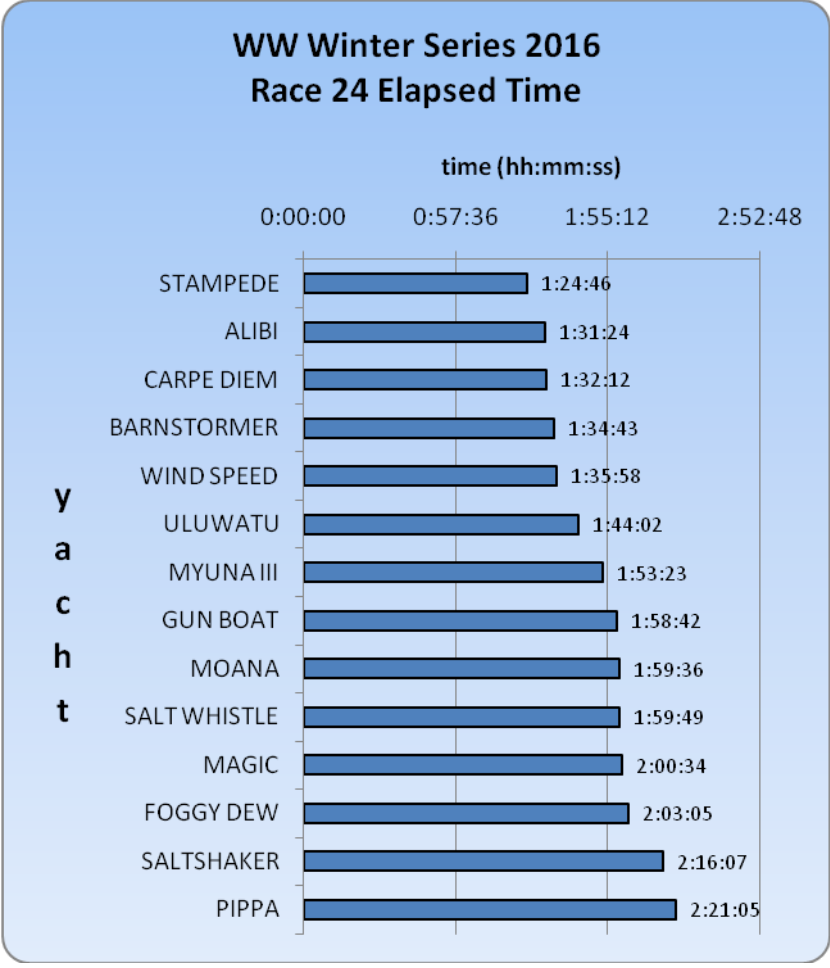
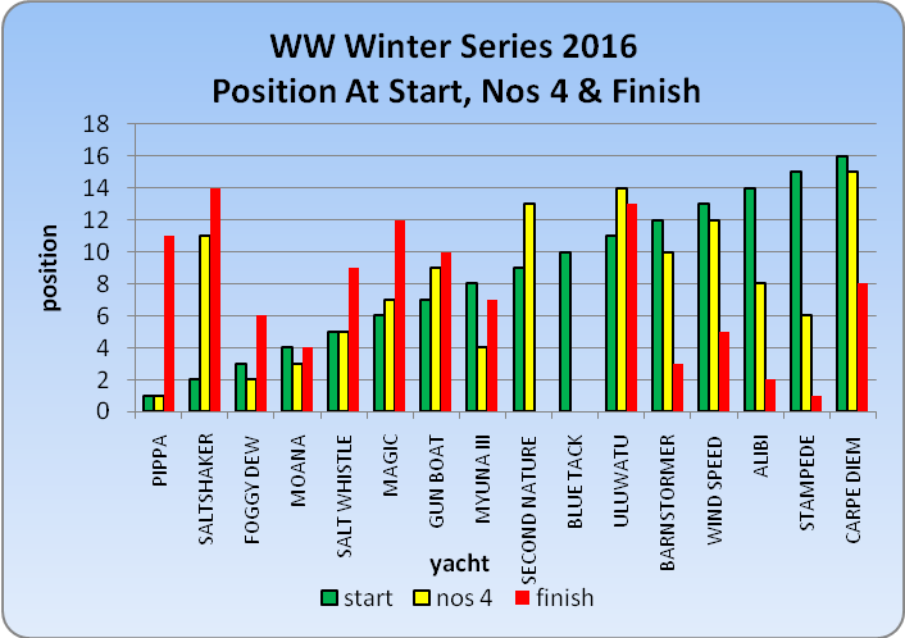
The median start time for this race was 16 seconds above the average of 14.4 for the series. BLUE TACK made the best start with ULUWATU (Mal Billings) and MYUNA III in close pursuit. Six yachts had starts better than 10 seconds with 3 yachts starting more than 60 seconds late.

The 16 yachts started the race 47 minutes 9 seconds apart and at the first rounding of number 4 this gap was down to 17 minutes 41 seconds. By the completion of the race there had been a small increase with 18 minutes 21 separating the first from last finisher. BARNSTORMER and WINDSPEED were the only yachts allocated the same handicap – both off 46 minutes. They actually started 50 seconds apart. After the first 3 legs the gap had grown to 2 minutes 42 seconds but WINDSPEED reduced this difference to finish 1 minute 15 seconds behind BARNSTORMER.

WW Winter Series 2016 Race 24 RESULT



Of the first 8 yachts to start the race only one – MYUNA III – improved upon her start position. In contrast, 6 of the last 8 yachts to start finished in better positions than when they started.



STAMPEDE is certainly one of the faster yachts in WW having recorded the fastest elapsed time 7 times in 12 races. In this race she was 6 minutes 38 seconds faster than her closest rival, ALIBI. ALIBI has also known some success having recorded the fastest time on 1 occasion and 2nd fastest on 2 other occasions. The average elapsed time for the race was 1:51:06 with 56 minutes 19 seconds separating the fastest from the slowest yacht.

WW WINTER SERIES 2016 HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS

YACHT NAME	RACE NUMBER																	
	1	2	3	5	7	9	12	13	14	16	17	18	20	21	22	23	24	
ALIBI	45	45	45	45	45	45	44	44	44	45	45	45	45	45	47	47		
BABYDOLL			39	39	39	38	38	37	37	37	36	36	38	38	38	37		
BARNSTORMER	45	45	45	45	45	45	44	43	44	44	43	45	45	47	47	46		
BELLABLU	35	35	35	35	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36		
BLU-TACK															42	41		
BON VIVANT		23	23	23	23	24	24	24	24	24	23	23	23	25	25	24	24	
CARPE DIEM	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	51	51	51	54	53	
CARRERA			20			20										20		
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	18	18	17	15	15	18	
CAVALIER	18	20	20	20	21	21	21	21	21	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	
CONQUEST			50	52	52	52	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	50	50	
DAYDREAMER						31	33											
DOLPHIN PLAY															7	1		
ESPRIT	52	52	52	52	52	52	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	
FAST COMPANY	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	34	34	34	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	
FIREFOX			24	24	24	24	24	24						24	25	25		
FOGGY DEW	23	23	23	21	22	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	23	22	22	21	21	
FUN AND GAMES		42	42	42	42	42	42	42	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
GUN BOAT	23	23	23	23	23	23	24	25	25	27	28	28	29	30	30	29	28	
INSX	46	46	46	46	46	46	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	44	
JOHNNY B. GOODE	27	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	
LEBROK	37	37	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	40	40	40	40	40	40	39	
MAGIC	30	30	30	30	30	29	28	29	30	30	30	30	29	29	29	29	27	
MARIBEL						24												
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	
MOANA	23	23	23	23	24	24	24	25	25	25	25	25	24	22	22	21	22	
MORE NOISE	41	41	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	
MY WAY	34	34	37	37	36	36	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	34	31	31	31	
MYUNA III	33	33	33	33	33	32	32	32	32	32	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	
NUTCRACKER II													53		56	60		
PHOENIX	37	37	37	34	34	31	29	32	32	32	32	32	31	31	30	32		
PIPPA	4	4	4	4	7	10	10	10	10	10	11	13	10	8	8	7	6	
PIAZZ	26	27	27	27	27	28	28	28	28	28	28	27	26	26	26	25	25	
PP1										43								
PRIMO	39	39	39	39	38	38	38	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	
PUBLIC BAR	44	44	44	44	44	44	43	42	42	42	45	44	44	44	44	44	44	
SALT WHISTLE								26						23	26		26	
SALTSHAKER	20	20	20	20	22	22	22	22	22	22	24	23	22	20	20	20	18	
SECOND NATURE	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	33	33	33	33	34	
SHIMMER		42	42															
STAMPEDE	50	50	50	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	52	52	52	50	50	51	51	
SURI	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	29	29	29	27	27	26	
THE SECRETARY	46	46	46	46	47	47	47	44	44	44	44	44	44	45	45	45	45	
TRUE COLOURS		30	30	30	30	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	32	32	32	
ULUWATU																45	45	
UPBEAT		38	38	37	37	39	36	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	
VANTAGE	33	33	33	33	34	34	34	34	36	36	36	36	36	36	35	35	35	
VINDALOO										42								
WHITE NOISE		41	41	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	
WHITE POINTER	33	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	38	38	38	38	37	37	37	36	36	
WICKED	50	50	50	50	50	50	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	
WILLARIE	4	4	4	4	4	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	7	6	6	
WIND SPEED	45	45	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	46	45	45	45	46	46	46	46	

Windward Quay

FARCENET SERIES 2016 Result Race 5				
POSITION	YACHT	SKIPPER	DESIGN	FINISH
1	STAMPEDE	Christopher Gendala	Elliott 15.50	16:15:46
2	ALIBI	Dennis Hambleton	Sydney 36cr	16:18:24
3	BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	Bavaria Match 42	16:20:43
4	WIND SPEED	Les Browne	Sydney 36cr	16:21:58
5	CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	Beneteau First 50	16:25:12

FARCENET SERIES 2016 AGGREGATE										
POSITION	YACHT	SKIPPER	RACE NUMBER							TOTAL
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	STAMPEDE	Christopher Gendala	6	2	3	1	1			13
2	WIND SPEED	Les Browne	2	3	5	2	4			16
3	CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	4	5	1	5	5			20
4	BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	1	9	6	3	3			22
5	ALIBI	Denis Hambleton	9	4	2	9	2			26
6	THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	3	1	9	9	9			31
7	PUBLIC BAR	Clive Sondheim	9	9	4	4	9			35
8	CONQUEST	Paul Jacka	5	9	7	9	9			39

In answer to some skippers questions The SYC Safety Manual 2015 Keel boat racing

3.2 Shortening Course

It is the decision of the RO to shorten the course. This decision should be based on existing and forecast weather conditions, with due regard to time limits on races where time limits are specified in the NOR. The RO must also take into account the Race Safety Category under which the event is being conducted.

3.3 Race Abandonment

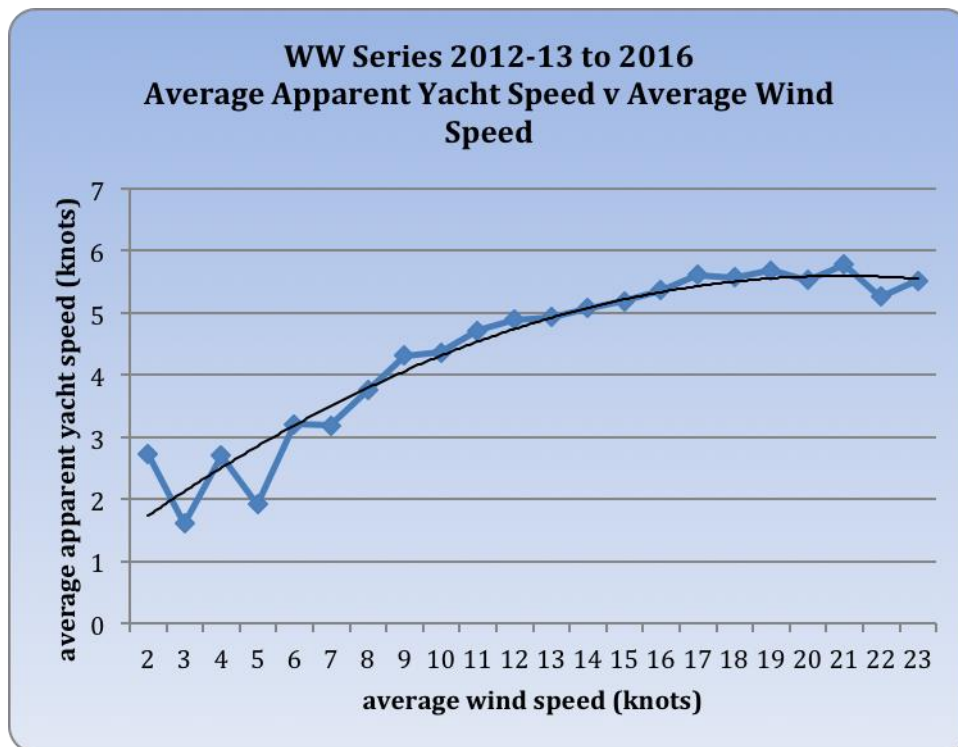
It is the decision of the RO to abandon a race or event. This decision should be based on existing and forecast weather conditions. Race abandonment may be decided prior to the start of a race, or when necessary, be decided during the race.

Sea state is also taken into account when making an assessment whether to abandon a race.

WIND SPEED v YACHT SPEED

Since the start of the 2012-13 summer series until race 24 of the current winter series there have been 167 WW races. A number of different yachts have contested each race ranging from a low of 12 to a maximum of 44. The average fleet has been 33 yachts per race and the average rhumb line length has been 8.9 nautical miles. On average each race has taken 1:56:34 to complete with an average finish time of 15:59:32. The average wind speed per race has been 12.9 knots but has varied from a low of 2 knots to a maximum of 12 knots.

The average apparent yacht speed (rhumb line distance ÷ average elapsed time) over the 167 races has been 4.7 knots but this varies with wind speed. The chart below indicates the change in average apparent yacht speed against the change in wind speed. Indications are that below 5 knots of wind speed, yacht speed is variable. Yacht speed appears to increase at a uniform rate until the wind speed reaches 20 knots then yacht speed begins to ease.



To enable a WW race to be completed in a “reasonable time” (1600) the figures collected over the past 8 series suggest that the course length is commensurate with wind speed as shown in the following table.

WIND SPEED (knots)	COURSE LENGTH (nautical miles)
0 to 5	5
5 to 10	7.5
10 to 15	9.5
Over 15	10

A Knowledge test for Race 24

Choose one answer for each of the following questions:

The wind limit for Wednesday Wonders Races is?:

1. Over 30 knots
2. Gusting to over 30knt
3. Consistently over 25knts
4. There is no limit

When code flag N is flown it means:

1. All yachts return to shore
2. Race ABN and no further racing will take place
3. This particular race that has been started has been abandoned
4. This race has stopped just for now but may start again sometime

Smart buoys are:

1. Buoys that light up with a red light when hit
2. Buoys that photograph yachts as they pass.
3. Buoys that can relocate themselves to a true windward point from the start line

With the new equipment to be installed in the tower, skippers will be able to:

1. Request two video replays per season of the their start time
2. Request a review of a finishing position.
3. Request a protest committee to view the video replay as acceptable evidence

Yachts that do not have any life lines will have to:

1. Ensure that PFD's are worn by all crew at all times.
2. Not be permitted to sail in wind exceeding 30knts
3. Not be allowed to compete when a yellow flag is flown

The wind strength at Fawkner at 1400 for the start of race 24 was?:

1. 15 knots
2. 10knts (as forecast)
3. 25 gusting to 34knts

The wind strength at Fawkner as the first yacht passed no 4 for the first time was:

1. Below 25 knts
2. 23 knts gusting 27 knts
3. 15 knts

The lights in the tower have:

1. Never failed before
2. Was not an uncommon event 10 years ago
3. Have failed at least 4 times in the last 12 years

The wind strength at Fawkner at 1330 for the first start of Race 24 was:

1. 27knts gusting to 33 knts
2. 25 knts gusting 27knt
3. 25knts gusting 20knts

Reefing:

1. All yachts in WW can reef their sails
2. Some classes of Yachts cannot reef their main
3. Some yachts cannot reef their jibs

The length of time the early starting yachts left the marina to returning after the race was:

1. 2.5hours
2. 3 hours (ie Twice the time it took the winning yacht to sail the course)
3. 3 hours 36mins

Gusts recorded at Fawkner between 13.00 and 14:04 were:

1. All under 25 knts
2. All under 30 knts
3. All over 33knt
4. Averaged 33.5 knts

Jacqueline Hope: Check the update of Shanti's Blog for her latest Ruminations

<http://shantiatsea.blogspot.com.au/>

Video clips of the week :

Off Centre Harbour Video of "Sleepless in Port Townsend"

Short clip of the Wooden Boat festival [CLICK](#)

A New Yacht for WW This possible entry for WWs could test the handicappers. To View [CLICK](#)

See you at the AGM Tuesday 20th September

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