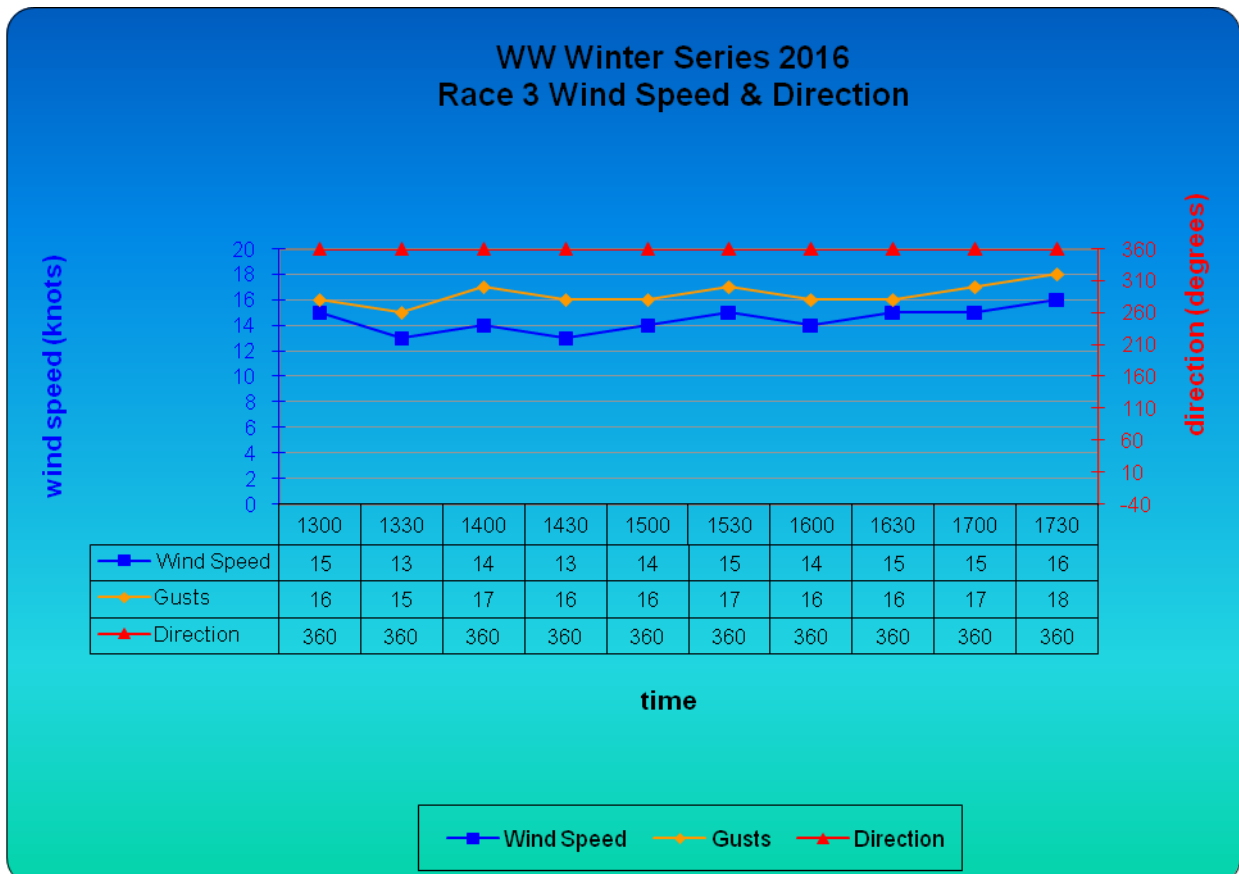


One for the (Well) Over 40's
 WW Winter Series 2016 Race 3
 (20 Apr 2016)



This was the same course sailed in race 2 but with a fleet of 36 rather than 35 yachts, and a stronger northerly rather than southerly breeze. The stronger breeze resulted in a faster race, with the average elapsed time for the 6 leg, 9.8 nautical mile course being 2:01:02, compared with 2:09:22 in race 2. Competition for Start of the Day was strong with 10 yachts starting within 9 seconds or less of their handicaps. The best start was made by VANTAGE (Darren Hunter) who was only 1 second late for her 33 minute handicap. With 8 of the last 12 yachts to start among the first 12 to finish, it was a good result for the larger yachts. The race was won by the Elliot 51 STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) with the best elapsed time of the day. This was her first podium finish since race 24 of the 2015 winter series. The Beneteau First 45 CONQUEST (Paul Jacka) finished in second place, with the Hanse 505 SHIMMER (Jac & Steve Twentyman) finishing third.

According to Fawkner Beacon observations the breeze was a consistent northerly averaging about 14 knots for the afternoon.





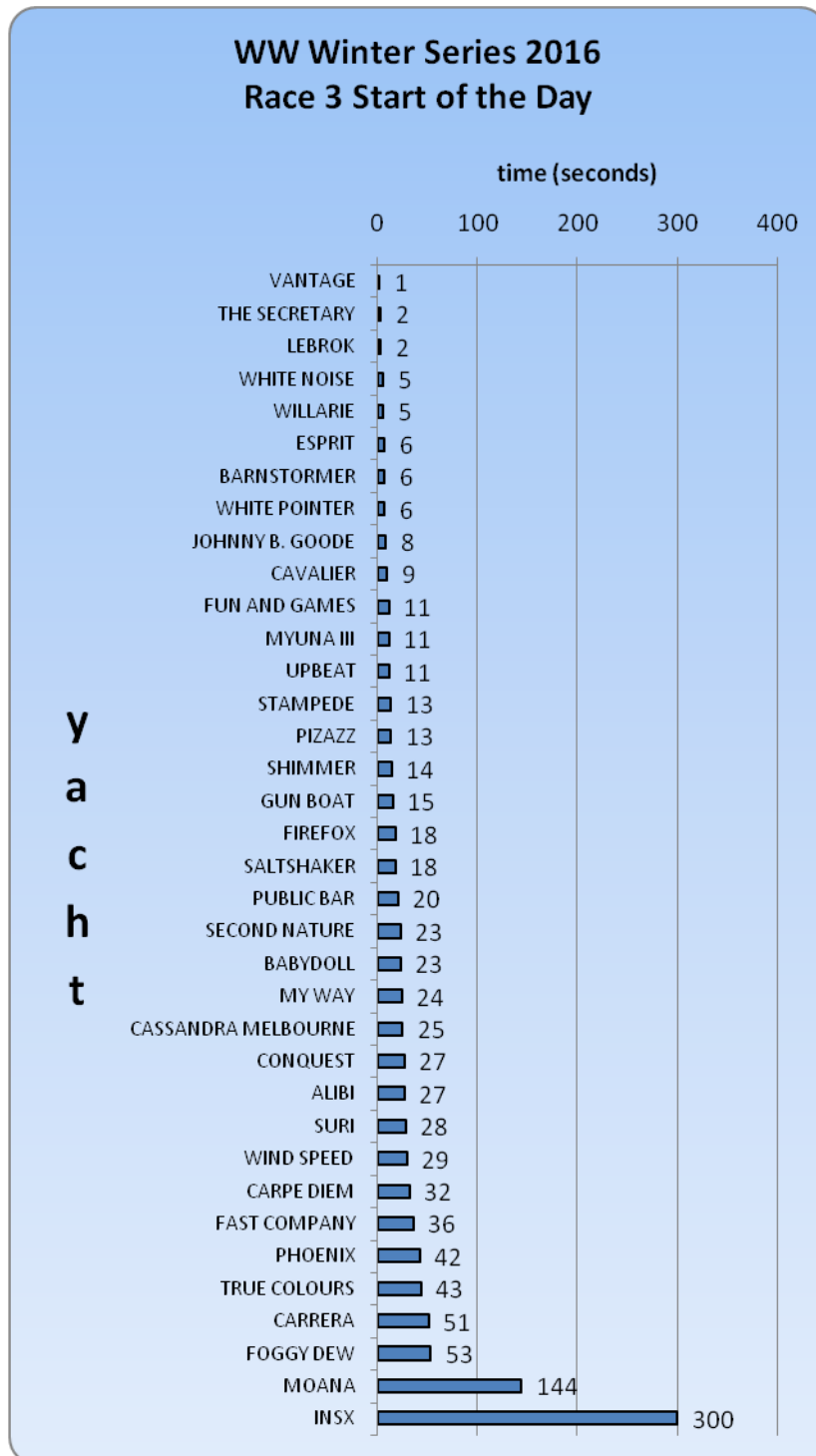
STAMPEDE sailed race 2 in 1:52:46 and finished in 19th place. In this race she sailed the same course off the same handicap but was 16 minutes 21 seconds faster, and first to finish. In both races she was only 13 seconds late for her 50 minute handicap starting from 33rd place in race 3. STAMPEDE sailed the first 3 legs of the course in a very impressive 1 hour and 45 seconds to round number 4 for the first time in 12th place, only 5 minutes 46 seconds behind the race leader. She sailed the second 3 leg in 27 minutes 29 seconds and was first across the finish line at 15:56:25 – 1 minute 48 seconds ahead of CONQUEST her closet rival. STAMPEDE has sailed all three races this series and is in 3rd place in the aggregate.

CONQUEST completed 18 races in the summer series and recorded 1 podium finish. This was her first race in the winter series and started from a handicap of 50 minutes – a handicap one minute less than she finished the summer series. CONQUEST started 27 seconds late for her handicap from 33rd place – one place and 14 seconds behind STAMPEDE. She rounded number 4 for the first time in 21st place after sailing for 1:02:56. At this stage of the race she was 2 minutes 25 seconds and 9 places behind STAMPEDE. However, CONQUEST had an impressive sail around the last 3 legs to finish in 2nd place. She crossed the finish line at 15:58:13 after sailing the entire course in 1:38:13 – the 3rd fastest elapsed time of the race. CONQUEST is 27th in the aggregate.



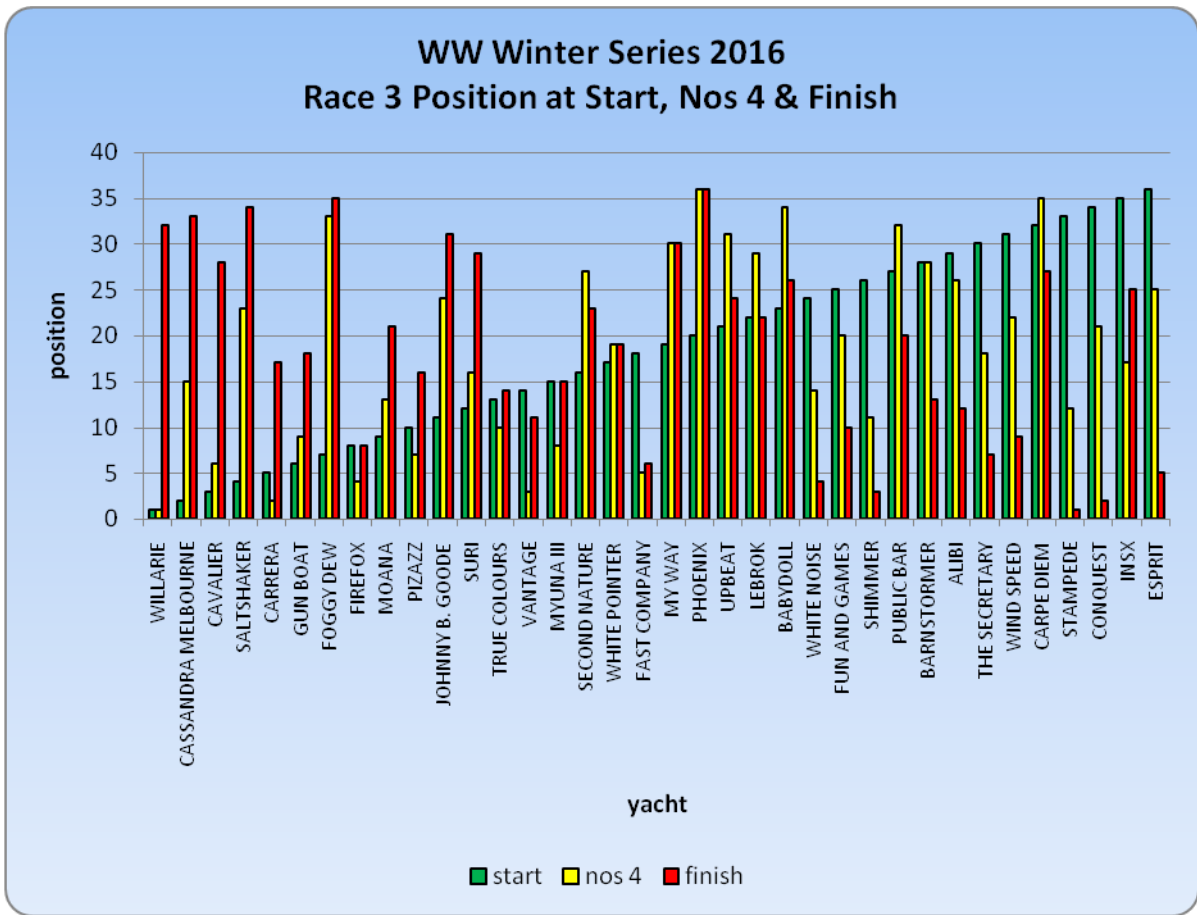
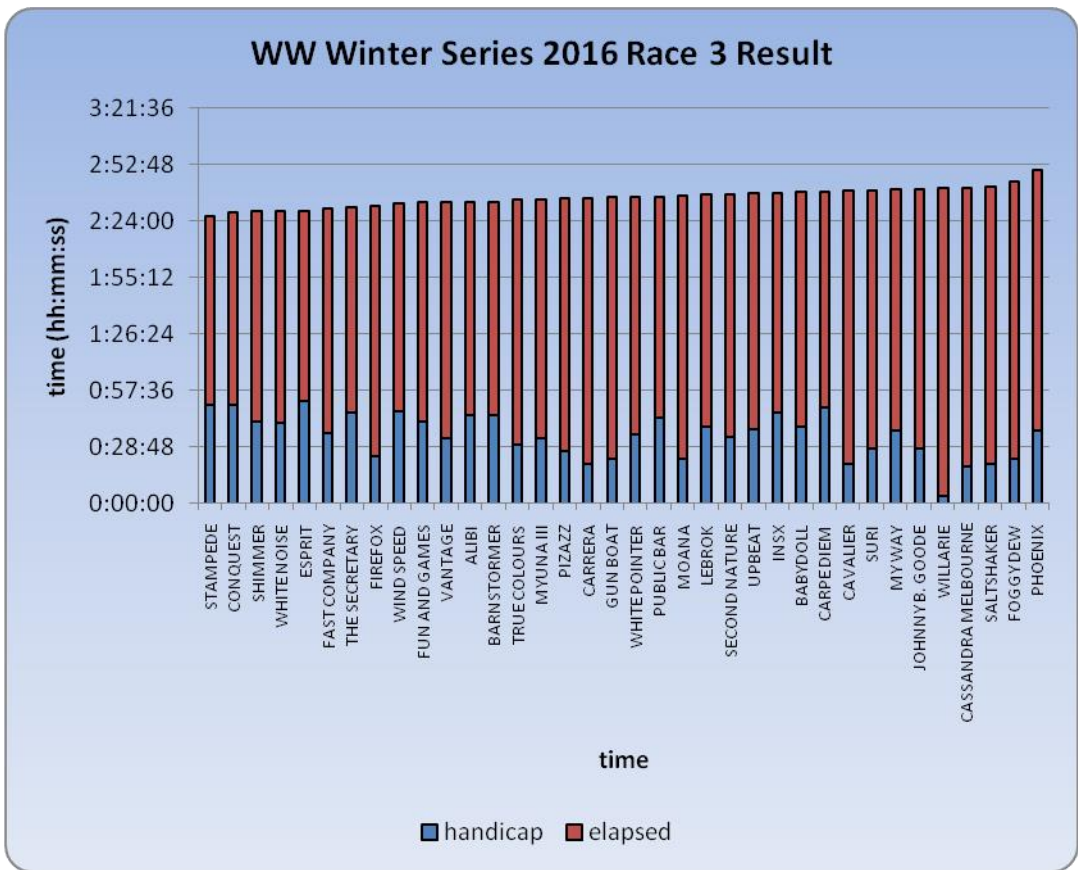
This was the second race of the series for the Hanse 505 SHIMMER. She followed up an 8th place in race 2 with a 3rd place in race 3. SHIMMER started this race from 26th place being 14 seconds late for her 42 minute handicap. She rounded number 4 on the first occasion in 11th place at 15:20:53. SHIMMER sailed the remaining 3 legs of the course in 37 minutes 32 seconds to cross the finish line at 15:58:35 only 22 seconds behind CONQUEST. SHIMMER sailed the entire course in the 6th fastest elapsed time of the race recording 1:46:35. She is currently entered in the series as a visitor so does not appear in the aggregate.

VANTAGE became the third different yacht to win start of the day this series, she was only 1 second late for her 33 minute handicap. She was challenged for the prize by THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) and the joint winner of the Misty Blue Trophy LEBROK (Theo Korbel) who were only 2 seconds late for their respective handicaps. The other joint winner of the Misty Blue Trophy, INSX (Rob Sill), started too soon and was penalized 5 minutes. Nevertheless, INSX has already recorded two good starts this series and could be in contention for the Misty Trophy at the end of the series. The median start time for race 3 was 18 seconds the highest of the series.



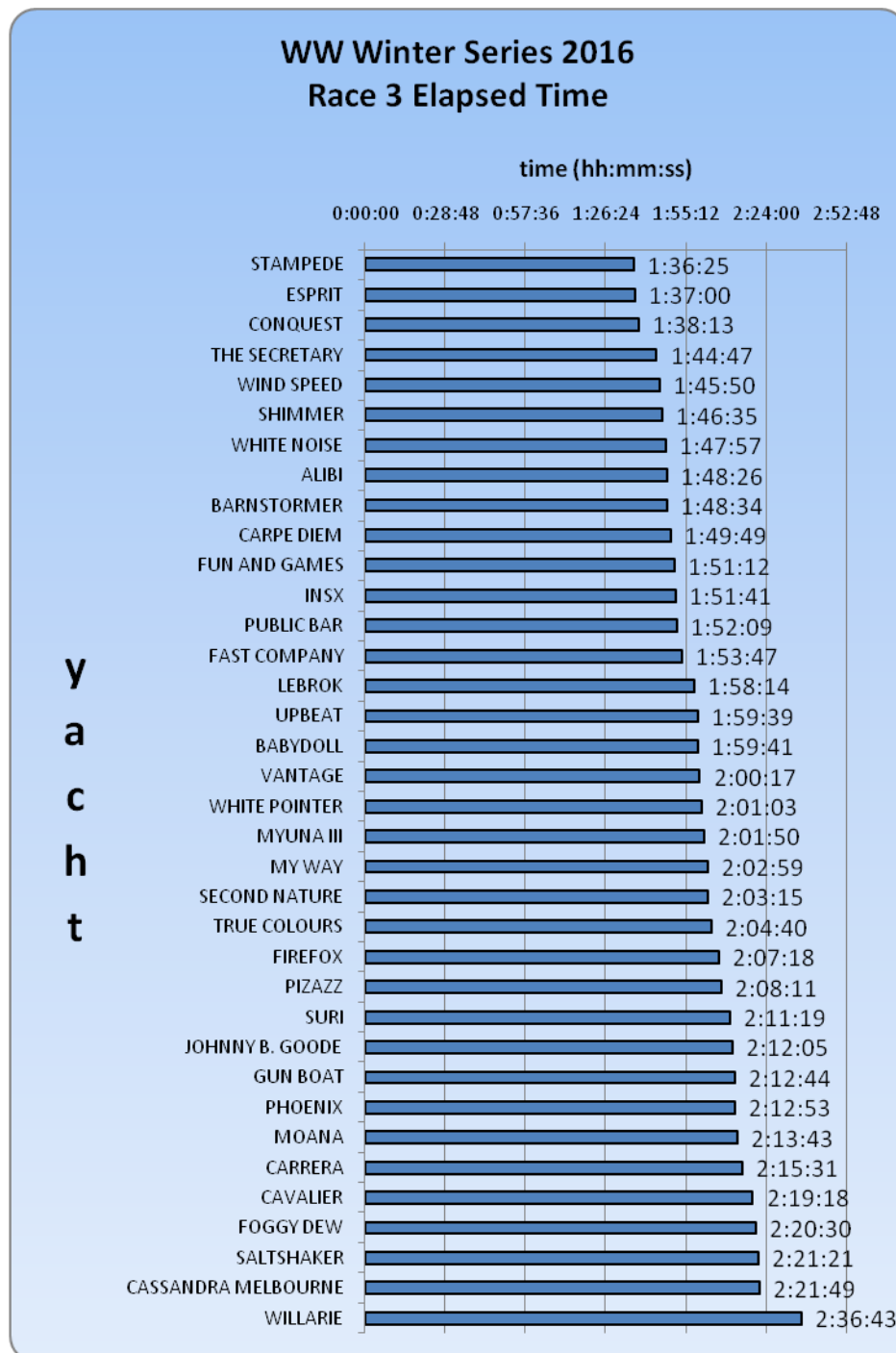
There wasn't a dead heat at the finish of this race but there were 2 very close finishes. One second separated LEBROK from SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay) in 22nd and 23rd place. The same margin separated CAVALIER (David Lynch) from SURI (Rick Blanck) in 28th and 29th

place. The margin between the actual start times of the fleet was 48 minutes and 1 second. At the first rounding of number 4 the margin had fallen to 18 minutes and 17 seconds. The fleet finished 23 minutes and 28 seconds apart.



As mentioned earlier the finish of this race was dominated by the late starters. Of the 12 early starters only was among the first 12 yachts to finish whilst the majority of the yachts that started mid fleet finished mid fleet.

The average elapsed time for this race was 2:01:02 with a little more than 60 minutes separating the fastest from the slowest time. The three fastest yachts, STAMPEDE, ESPRIT and CONQUEST were 6 minutes 34 seconds faster than any other yacht in the race. There was another significant time gap of 4 minutes 27 seconds between the 14 faster yachts and the remainder of the fleet.



The following table shows the handicaps for the three races in the series so far. An increase to a handicap is highlighted in red.

WW Winter Series 2016 Handicaps			
YACHT NAME	RACE NUMBER		
	1	2	3
ALIBI	45	45	45
BABYDOLL			39
BARNSTORMER	45	45	45
BELLABLU	35	35	35
BON VIVANT		23	23
CARPE DIEM	49	49	49
CARRERA			20
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	19	19	19
CAVALIER	18	20	20
CONQUEST			50
ESPRIT	52	52	52
FAST COMPANY	36	36	36
FIREFOX			24
FOGGY DEW	23	23	23
FUN AND GAMES		42	42
GUN BOAT	23	23	23
INSX	46	46	46
JOHNNY B. GOODE	27	28	28
LEBROK	37	37	39
MAGIC	30	30	30
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	1	1	1
MOANA	23	23	23
MORE NOISE	41	41	42
MY WAY	34	34	37
MYUNA III	33	33	33
PHOENIX	37	37	37
PIPPA	4	4	4
PIAZZ	26	27	27
PRIMO	39	39	39
PUBLIC BAR	44	44	44
SALTSHAKER	20	20	20
SECOND NATURE	34	34	34
SHIMMER		42	42
STAMPEDE	50	50	50
SURI	28	28	28
THE SECRETARY	46	46	46
TRUE COLOURS		30	30
UPBEAT		38	38
VANTAGE	33	33	33
WHITE NOISE		41	41
WHITE POINTER	33	35	35
WICKED	50	50	50
WILLARIE	4	4	4
WIND SPEED	45	45	47

Century Class Entry

There may be still a chance to enter the Century Class. An entry form (see below) is available at the boating Office for yachts wishing to enter. The first race in the series is scheduled for 27 April 2016.



Century Class Entry for Winter 2016 Wednesday Wonders

Eligibility:

- Skipper has a seasons block entry in Wednesday Wonders
- The age of the yacht and the age of the skipper must add up to be at least 100 years.

To enter please complete your details and confirm that you are racing in this class and you have a block entry for the Winter 2016 WW Series. This will avoid any confusion as to which yachts are entered in the Century Class. It is also requested that if you change your yacht to advise the Boating Office and reapply for the Class if you still qualify.

Century Class Dates for Winter 2016 Wednesday Wonders

The Century Class races will be held on the last Wednesday Wonders race of each month. This will be Race 4 April 27, Race 8 May 25, Race 13 June 29, Race 17 July 27, Race 22 August 24, Race 26 September 28.

There are no dropped races. Races that are not able to be held will be postponed until the next normal WW race in the series. If the last race of the series, Race 26, cannot be held the results from the last WW race will count.

Please return this entry form to the Boating Office or email it to boating@syc.com.au.

Name of Yacht

Sail Number

Type of Yacht

Age of Yacht

Skippers Name

Age of skipper

I confirm that I am entered in the Winter Series for 2016.

I understand that all the conditions in the WW Notice of Race apply to this class (except resails).

Signed Skipper

Email address

*Windward
Buoy*

As at 22 April SHANTI did not seem to be transmitting on AIS but whilst still in Sydney Jacqui Hope sent in the following:

The Scribe from S/V Shanti

Those of you following my AIS tracks have probably noticed I've slowed down a bit lately. The reason is because I've come to some beautiful parts of our own east coast that deserve a little time to enjoy...and when in Sydney going to the opera is a must: Puccini's "Turandot" I enjoyed with friend Helen Scott & her daughter & partner.

Below are a few recent pix - a glorious sunset at Jibbon beach in Port Hacking, the obvious from Sydney Harbour and where I am right now in Middle Harbour where friends on their boats shared some food, drinks & good times.

Been lapping up the peace of Sydney's Middle Harbour on my own again & will head up to do same in Pittwater shortly.

Warm hugs, Jacquie Hope

