

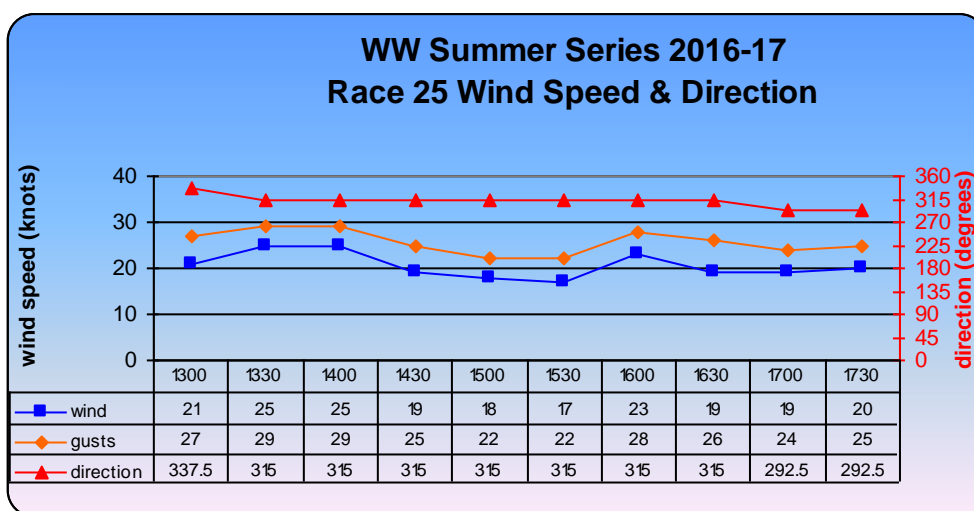
The Final Showdown - A Competitive End to the Series

Race 25 Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2016-17

(29 Mar 2017)



Although this was the last race in the summer series it was one of the more competitive with 27 of the 30 strong fleet finishing within 10 minutes of the winner. The race was around the 8 leg, 10.1 nautical mile course 28, the same as race 24, except the wind was not quite as strong and was a north westerly rather than a south easterly. An average wind speed of around 21 knots for the afternoon was recorded at Fawkner Beacon. This was enough to power the fleet around the course in an average time of 1:43:18 - the 4th fastest time of the series.



All four Oceanis yachts in the race revelled in the conditions. The Oceanis 34 PIZAZZ (Russell Kemp & Philip Martyn) was first across the line. The 43 footer WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft) was second. STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) prevented an Oceanis trifecta by finishing third. The 41-foot Oceanis HOT CHIPPS (John Chipp) finished fourth with the 4th Oceanis SURI (Rick Blanck) finished in 11th place and won Start of the Day. STAMPEDE also had a good start and she recorded the fastest elapsed time of 1:19:35 – 4 minutes 19 seconds faster than her closest rival.

It was this last race that decided the series aggregate and HOT CHIPPS finished at the top. This was the first complete WW series for HOT CHIPPS who could not have hoped for much more. In her final WW race with Peter Dransfield as skipper, DÉJÀ VU finished 2nd on 91 points in a tie with INSX (Rob Sill). On a count back DÉJÀ VU was awarded the second place. Also sailing her last WW race was MOANA (Stan Rankin) who finished 6th in the aggregate. ESPRIT and CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) have sailed a total of 44 races between them but neither have had a podium finish. This did not prevent either of them finishing in the aggregate top ten in positions 4th and 10th respectively. FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard) was 5th in the aggregate following a 5th place in this race. THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) spent only 1 week outside the aggregate top ten throughout the entire series and finished in 7th place. After slipping out of the top ten after race 24 PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) slipped back in to finish in 8th place and LEBROK (Theo Korbel), who spent only 1 week outside the aggregate top ten finished in 9th place.



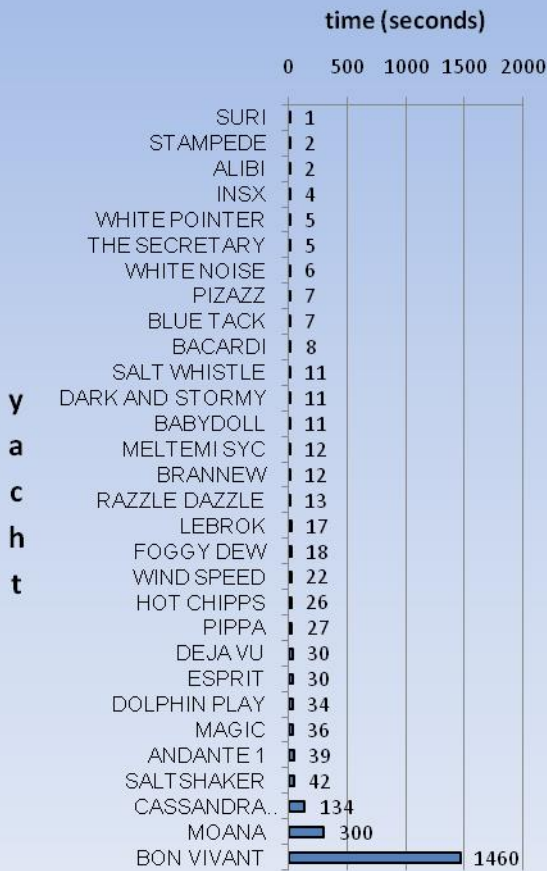
PIZAZZ completed 18 of the 23 races this series. She finished on high note with a 6th and 1st place in the final two races. She had a good start in this race only 7 seconds late for her 24-minute handicap from 7th place. On completion of the first 4 legs she had moved into 3rd place still 4 minutes 59 seconds behind the leader. PIZAZZ sailed the last 4 legs in 44 minutes 42 seconds and was first across the finish line, 55 seconds ahead of her closest rival. She sailed the course in 1:44:31 only 1 minute 13 seconds slower than the average elapsed time. PIZAZZ started 54 seconds ahead of SURI but sailed the course faster to finish 3 minutes 31 seconds ahead. Throughout the series she recorded 5 top ten positions including 2 podium finishes and finished 18th in the aggregate with a total of 135.5 points.

WHITE POINTER has recorded 8 top ten finishes but this was her only podium finish of the series. She had become something of an expert finishing in 8th place. She did this on 5 separate occasions in her 21 completed races. WHITE POINTER started this race from 13th place only 5 seconds late for her 30 minute handicap. She sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 56 minutes 43 seconds and rounded number 4 for the first time in 13th place still 7 minutes 58 seconds behind the race leader. She sailed the entire course in 1:39:26, in better than average time and crossed the finish line at 15:39:26 in 2nd place. WHITE POINTER had been in the aggregate top ten on several separate occasions during the series but finished in 13th place with a total of 123 points.



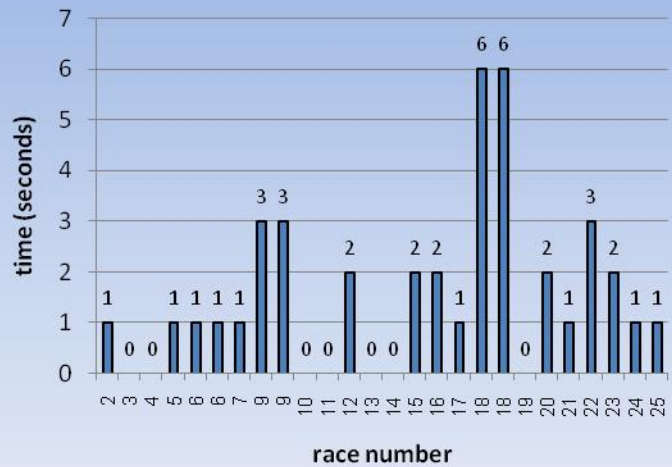
STAMPEDE registered her third podium finish in 17 races when she crossed the finish line at 15:40:35 in 3rd place. She has two previous wins in the series as well as one other podium finish. She had the second best start of the day when she was only 2 seconds late for her 51 minute handicap from 28th place. By the first rounding of number 4 she was in 22nd place even though she sailed the first 4 legs of the course in the fast time of 44 minutes 28 seconds. Her last 4 legs were quicker and she completed those in 35 minutes 5 seconds. She recorded the fastest elapsed time for this race, a feat she has achieved on 5 other occasions in her 17 races. This 3rd place helped lift STAMPEDE five places up in the aggregate. She finished the series in 26th place with a total of 153 points.

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 25 Start of the Day



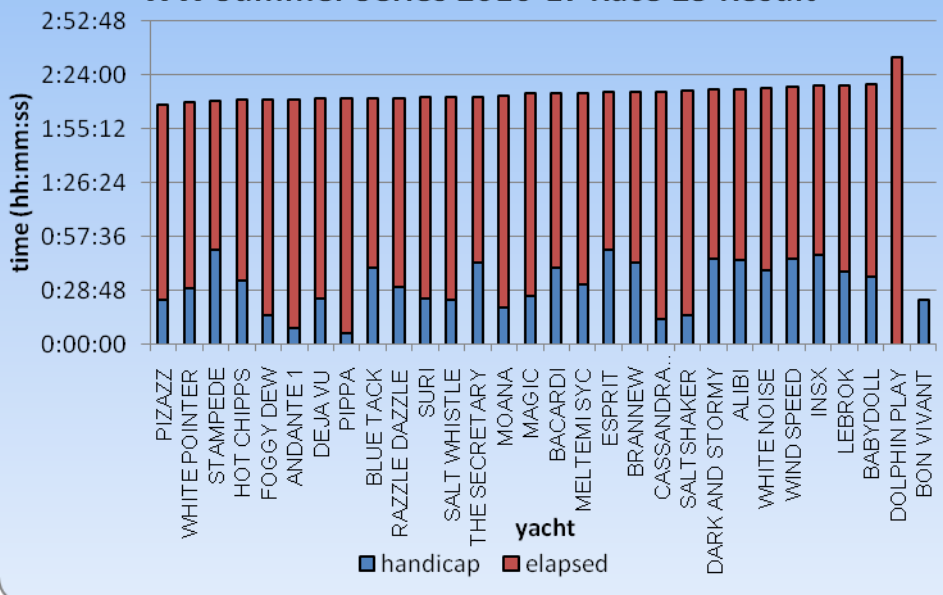
There have been 14 different winners of Start of the Day in the 23 races of the series. Competition has been strong with 1.5 seconds the average winning time. This was the second time that SURI has won the start 1 second late on both occasions. Ten yachts started within 8 seconds or less of their handicaps and 3 were more than 42 seconds late.

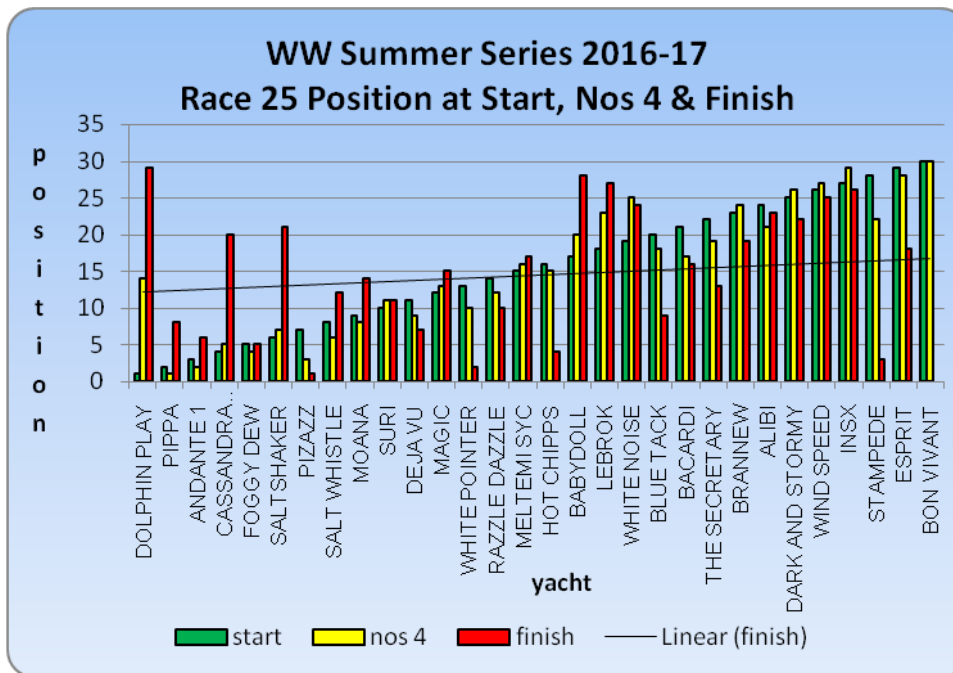
WW Summer Series 2016-17 Start Times



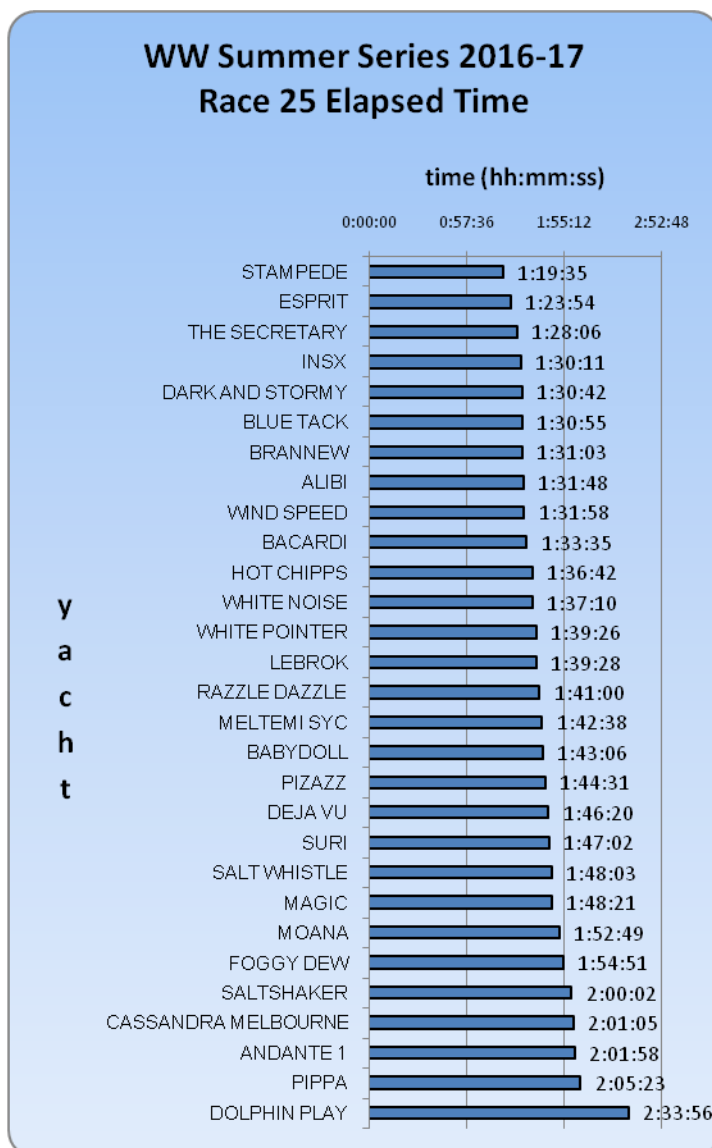
The 30 yacht fleet started the race 51 minutes 6 seconds apart. The gap was reduced to 36 minutes 34 seconds upon completion of the first 4 legs and 28 yachts finished 10 minutes 35 seconds apart. The closest finish was 1 second between SURI and SALT WHISTLE (Alex Hall) for 11th place.

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 25 Result





Nine early and mid fleet starters were among the first 10 yachts to finish the race. Only 1 of the late starters (STAMPEDE) was among the early finishers.



Even though the course for this race was the longest, the average elapsed time of 1:43:18 was below the series average of 1:53:54. The five fastest yachts this series have been NUTCRACKER II (Rob Davis / Andy Baker), ESPRIT (Garry Anderson), STAMPEDE, CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) and CONQUEST (Paul Jacka). The same five yachts have carried the highest handicaps throughout the summer.

This race saw the sixth and final race of the Century Class Summer Series. Seven yachts contested the race that was won by PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse); RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp) was 2nd and MOANA 3rd. Further details are in the table below:

CENTURY CLASS SUMMER SERIES 2016-17 RESULTS RACE 6						
POSITION	YACHT	MAKE	SKIPPER	ELAPSED	FINISH	H CAP
1	PIPPA	TRITON	Jeffrey Woolhouse	2:05:23	15:41:23	0:06:00
2	RAZZLE DAZZLE	SWARBRICK	Andrew Stopp	1:41:00	15:42:00	0:31:00
3	MOANA	BLUEWATER	Stan Rankin	1:52:49	15:42:49	0:20:00
4	MAGIC	S&S	Phil Spry-Bailey	1:48:21	15:44:21	0:26:00
5	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	MOTTLE	Bob Reeves	2:01:05	15:45:05	0:14:00
6	SALTSHAKER	JARKAN	Ken Gayler	2:00:02	15:46:02	0:16:00
DNF	BON VIVANT	S80	Russell Keays			

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Marking the end of the season; A Sum-mery

Don't forget

Enter for the Wednesday Wonders Winter Season Now! Only 14 yachts are currently entered. It maybe a great chance to gain a good result in the first race next Wednesday.

All eligible yachts for the Century Class are required to place an entry for Winter Season. Collect and return your form at the Boating Office no later than 24th April.

The first race to count will be Race 4, Wednesday 26th



Last weeks Triton photo had no crew; this week there is no Pippa skipper

Recreational Boating 2 GREAT events in April

5 April, 1930hrs The speaker will be SHANE FREEMAN

With nearly 6,000 Southern Ocean miles behind him and Cape Horn in sight, Shane's quest suddenly concluded on February 18 when *Mushka* was knocked down and dismasted by a rogue wave. The journey was over. With insight and humour, Shane joins us to tell about his 70-day solo journey, the challenges he faced and lessons learned from what he describes as an

"Adventure like no other"

.....And SYC members answered the call for help in the SYC lounge, including George Shaw.

Recreational Boating 7.30pm Wednesday 26th APRIL Port Phillip Room

SANDY Mackinnon, Sailor and Writer will share some tales from his Odyssey written in his book

“The Unlikely Voyage of Jack de Crow”

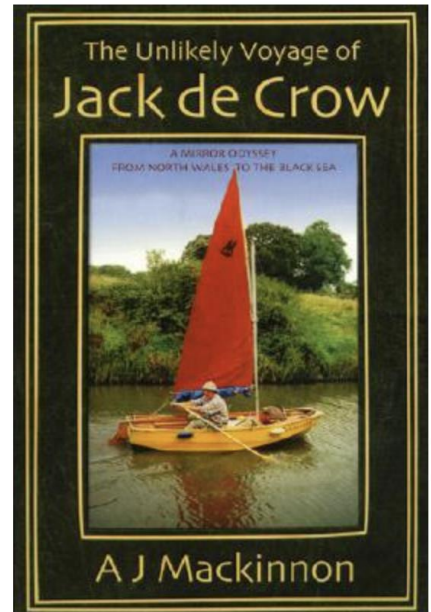
“This will be the most humorous yachting speaker you are ever likely to hear.”
Mark Windward

Sandy started sailing in a Mirror dinghy..., sleeping on board. First the plan was to go just 10km but he continued on from Nth Shropshire to London via the canals. He then decided as he was enjoying it so much to keep going and going. Across the Channel, through the river and canal system to the Black Sea.

All up a distance of 4,900 kilometres passing through 282 locks and 12 countries. He retells with great humour of his encounters with people he meets along the way.... some helpful, some threatening (like Balkan pirates), and some helped with his maintenance and lot provided cups of tea and a meal and a few drinks.

The story is based on real experiences sometimes only just believable that he survived.

Sandy was born in Australia and currently teaches at Geelong Grammar Timbertop campus



EXCLUSION ZONES

When Mark was in grade 6 he had the job of being Flag Monitor. It was a great task for a few reasons. Firstly you could not be kept in school after the bell and in fact got out a little early, and secondly you could arrive to class late. The school flags are nearly gone and are not manned by a Grade 6 child. Schools are now in a 40 km speed limit zone either side of times when students are about.

So what has this to do with Wednesday Wonders? Well there is a problem with school children, as part of SYC training, being on the water on weekends and Wednesdays.

If you start the race about Pippa time you miss the small yachts, but by the time the big yachts are heading out on the water an hour later, then you may encounter them. They are nearly always well out of the way during WW peak time when yachts are returning to their pens...in an orderly queue. There has been problem with the mix of large yachts demanding what they see as their rights, with small training yachts being in their way.

A solution that has been proposed and being trialled is the creation of an exclusion zone. This is on display in the bar and flyers have been circulated ...Ask at the boating office if you require further information. (See Map below)

Mark was unclear how this was intended to operate. In response to questions to the Sail Captain, this is Mark's understanding:

The Exclusion Zones:

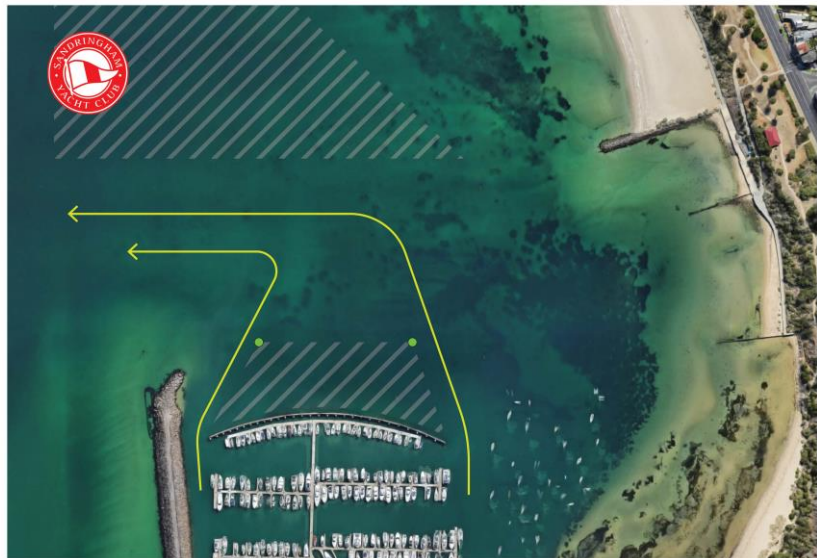
- 1 Are a trial solution.
 - 2 The sail committee are requesting your feedback of how well it is operating.
 - 3 The exclusion zone will only operate when the training fleet is on the water.
- This will be communicated to yachts by the two green buoys that will be marking the area. When there is no small yacht training in the area the buoys will be removed and the Exclusion Zone will not be in force (Just like flags at a school crossing).

Mark has some concerns that if the small training yachts are in the area and the buoys are in place when Wednesday Wonders finish their race, it could congest an already-crowded area. Smaller keelboats, for example, with outboard motors do need to keep up to a controlled speed to have effective steering. If there is a queue to go into the western entrance they need to be able to drop out of the queue and go to the end of the line until they can proceed with more control. This would mean turning into the exclusion area.

This Zoning is being trialled due to an incident that occurred, and to prevent it reoccurring some preventative action is required.

Please write to the Sailing Committee with your comments. Mark would also be interested in your feedback.

Detailed Maps are around the club or ask the Boating Office



QUOTATION

This Week's quote comes with the answer provided.

“I don't really care about the winning. It's the process of improvement I enjoy.”

It is a quote by Iain Percy, three-time Olympic medalist. It seems strange that such a born winner wouldn't be that bothered about winning. To read more of this short inspirational briefing [CLICK](#)

Thanks to Windward Buoy, David, Bruce and the Pappa Art Sea for their contributions.

Congratulations to the summer season winners, and remember that there are still some awards to be announced at Presentation Night. You had better book, just in case.

It is looking like it will be booked out so don't delay.

Special Thanks to the tower management and the ANDY Capper for facilitating a great season of yacht racing.

Best wishes for the Winter Season and remember to send any comments or information to *MARK WINDWARD*