

Has Wednesday Wonders Finally “Made It”?

WW Winter Series 2015 Race 23

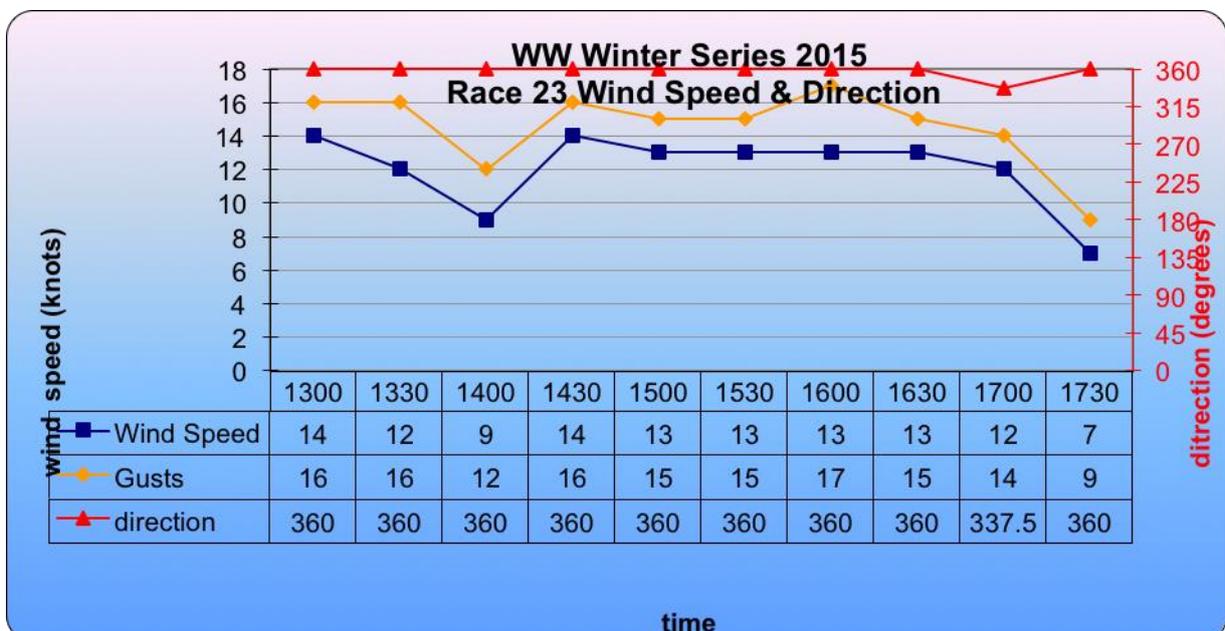
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An entertainer or pop star is fast approaching celebrity status when she or he has their own “Fan Club”. The fans gather together in what are sometimes appalling conditions just to catch the most fleeting glimpse of their idol. The equivalent in the sailing world is the spectator fleet where the fans gather on a posh boat to get a picture, make suitable hand gestures or simply get a close look at their idols. This is beginning to unfold on Wednesday afternoon where fans on a posh boat watched their “wonders” round the penultimate mark of the course on their way to the finish line.



They were lucky to see the fleet sail by in fine and mild conditions before the weather took a turn for the worse with the breeze easing and the rain commencing. The conditions for the afternoon helped produce a good race with a northerly averaging 12 knots that went below 10 knots around 1400 but had soon increased to 14 knots within half an hour.

The breeze was enough for 38 of the 39 starters to complete the 6 leg 9.8 nautical mile course 14. Dredging operations in the proximity of number 7 meant the relocation of that particular mark but it is doubtful if the relocation had an impact upon the race.





After a one-week absence it was the Armitage 30 PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg) that returned to top spot in the aggregate for the 2nd time this series. This followed her 4th win of the series, which is probably an all time WW record. Her winning margins have varied but average 3 minutes 58 seconds. Winning margins for all other yachts average 2 minutes 18 seconds. PHOENIX was away to a good start in race 23 only 2 seconds late for a 26-minute handicap. She was already leading the fleet at the first rounding of number 4 and held on to her lead for the remainder of the race. PHOENIX sailed the course in 1:51:49 - the 12th fastest time of the day and was first across the finish line at 15:47:49.

With three scheduled races to go she leads the aggregate by 8.5. Can PHOENIX rise even further from the ashes?

PRIMO (Steve Copley) performed the best of three Beneteau 367's competing in race 23. Not only did she have a better finish time than the other 2 but also a better elapsed time. In fact her elapsed time of 1:45:09 was the 4th fastest of the day.

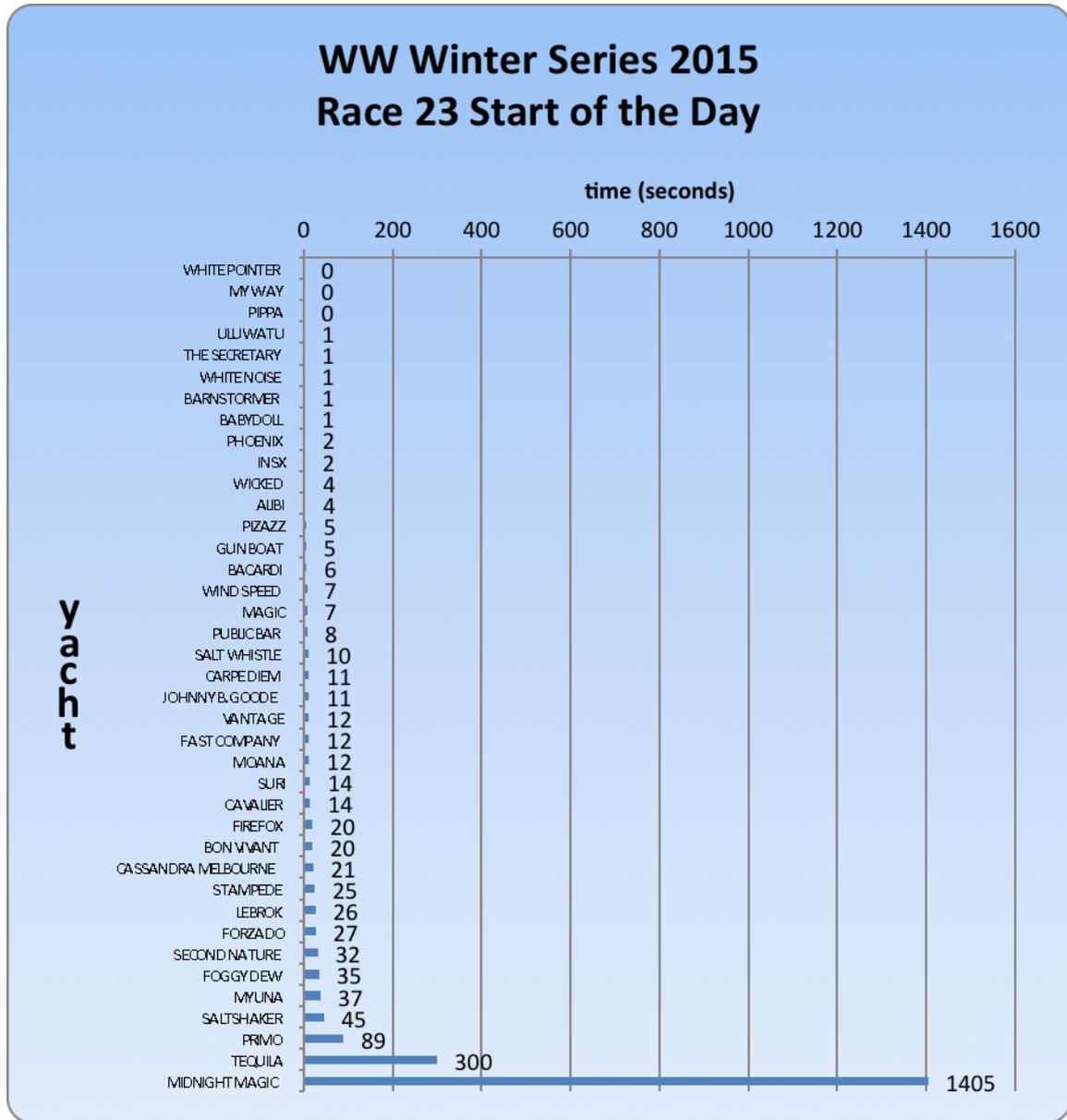
PRIMO started the race from 27th place 89 seconds late for her 35-minute start. She had a remarkable sail around the first 3 legs of the course to be 3rd at the first rounding of number 4. During the last 3 legs of the course she improved her position by a further position to finish 5 minutes 4 seconds ahead of the OCEANIS 34 SURI (Rick Blanck). PRIMO has completed 12 races this series and this was her 2nd podium finish. It helps her into 23rd place in the aggregate.



This was the 18th completed race and 3rd podium finish this series for SURI. She was one of 3 yachts to start race 23 from a handicap of 23 minutes for which she was 14 seconds late. By the first rounding of number 4 she had progressed from being 9th at the start to be 2nd. SURI was caught by PRIMO before the finish line but sailed the entire course in 2:02:13 to finish at 15:55:13.

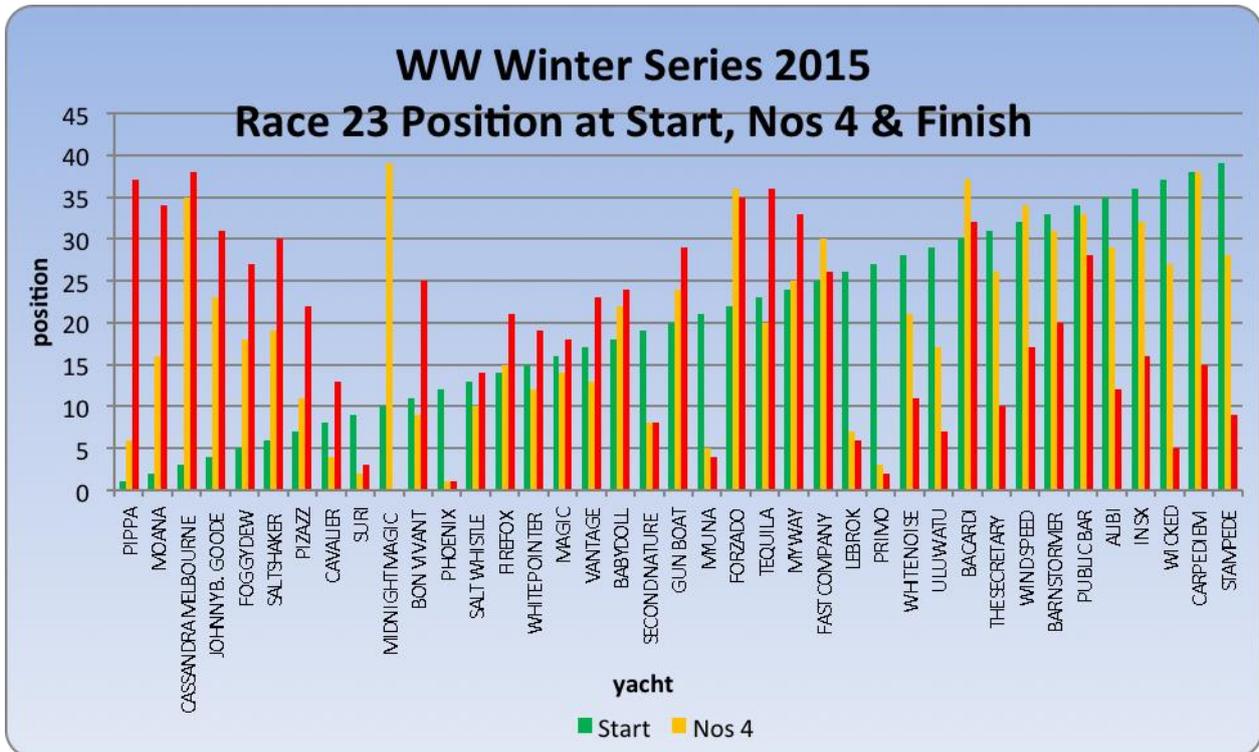
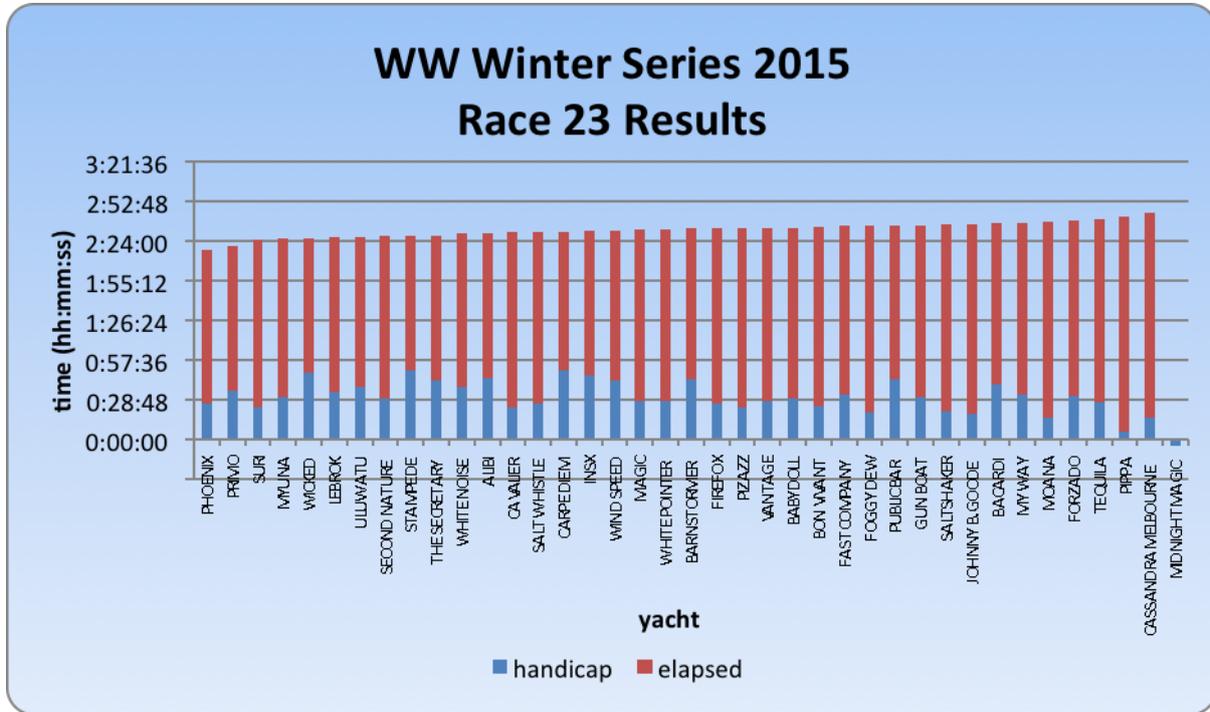
In addition to her 3 podium finishes SURI has managed 6 top ten finishes and this has helped put her 3rd in the aggregate on 65 points.

In Race 22 the Oceanis 43 WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft) started too soon and was penalised 5 minutes. In this last race WHITE POINTER started right on time in a three-way tie for Start of the Day. The two other yachts starting on time were the Triton 24 PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) and Beneteau 367 MY WAY (Magdy Iskander). It was a good start to the race with about half the fleet starting within 10 seconds (the median start time) or less of their handicaps.

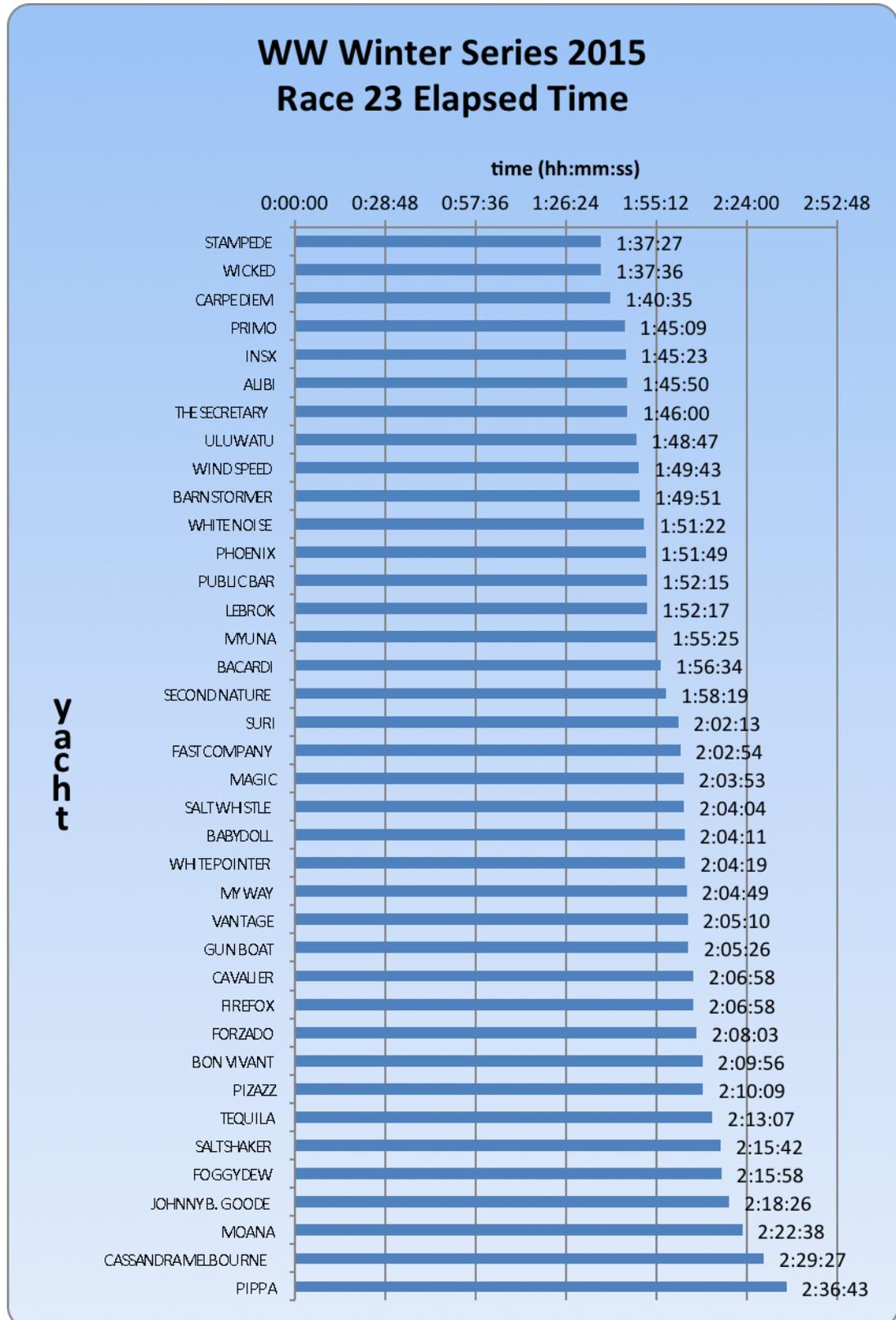


The 39-yacht fleet started 45 minutes 25 seconds apart. At the first rounding of number 4 the gap between the first and last yacht was 15 minutes. (There was a gap of 4 minutes 15 seconds between PHOENIX and SURI). By the end of the race the fleet had begun to separate with 38 yachts finishing 26 minutes 38 seconds apart.

Three yachts – PIZAZZ (P Martyn & R Kemp), VANTAGE (Darren Hunter) and BABYDOLL (Brenda Kruger) finished within 2 seconds of each other in positions 22, 23 and 24.



This was a race in which the later starters made their presence felt. Of the last 13 yachts to start the race, 7 were amongst the first 13 to finish. The average time to sail course 14 was 2:00:56. The fastest time was recorded by STAMPEDE (Christopher Glendale) who was 9 seconds faster than WICKED (Mike Welsh). The Cavalier 30 CAVALIER (David Lynch) and FIREFOX (Kim Beveridge & Howard Davis) both sailed the course in 2:06:58 whilst PUBLIC BAR (Clive Sondheim) was 2 seconds faster than LEBROK (Theo Korbel).



Windward Buoy

What happens to your handicap if you win?

This table show the Adjustments to the next race show for the winning yacht. What will Race 24 show?

Race Number	Winner	Handicap Adjustment
1	VANTAGE	+5
2	PIPPA	+5
4	SURI	+1
5	CAVALIER	+5
8	FIREFOX	+4
9	FOGGY DEW	+5
10	DK ENERGY	Last Race #
11	SALT SHAKER	+5
12	PHOENIX	0
13	FUN & GAMES	+3
14	PIPPA	+4
15	MYUNA	+5
16	GUN BOAT	+5
17	FORZADO	0
18	MOANA	+3
19	PHOENIX	+5
20	PHOENIX	0
21	CAVALIER	+5
22	INSX	+4
23	PHOENIX	

Race 10 Cavalier received 5 mins for coming second, as **Dark Energy** was a causal entry!

Web Sites for the WEEK

New Willy Weather site for WILLY WEATHER [CLICK](#) Note: Use Top Left Corner to change wind speed form kms. tot Knots <http://wind.willyweather.com.au/warnings/vic.html>

Marine Traffic [CLICK](#) <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/home/shipid:690278/zoom:>

Marine Traffic now has on record

76521	ships live now
595943	vessels in database
1928232	photographs uploaded

Marine Traffic News [CLICK](#)

<http://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/article/3338/:6b1bc3c0ec2b3b12999da576e4caeed810>

From the Marine traffic Newsletter **DIY AIS Receiver** A DVB-T Usb stick is something you would normally use to enhance your viewing experience for entertainment. But in our case we can use it as a low cost AIS Receiver. This means it is possible to set-up an AIS receiving station capable of decoding AIS-transmitted messages using a DVB-T stick instead of a dedicated AIS Receiver. [Click here for more.](#) .

Change of handicapper for the last 3 races. The wind sniffer on Insx is unavailable due to travelling commitments for the next 3 races so it will be back to Paul M to be handicapper. Being handicapper for Paul will just comes as a part of his Second nature.

Mark Laying with a GPS training course at **SYC**: Sunday 13 September.

Mark was going to go to this course but Mrs. Windward said she was not amused at the thought.

Handicaps Based on Maths

Pursuit racing is based on the idea that yachts set off at different times based upon a handicap that will have all yachts finishing at the same time.

All the 38 yachts in race 23 could have tied for first place and finished at the same time of 16:11:43 if they had the handicaps shown in red rather than the actual ones (blue).

Yacht	Skipper	HANDICAP		
		Actual	Theoretical	Difference
PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	5	0	-5
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	15	7	-8
MOANA	Stan Rankin	15	14	-1
JOHNNY B. GOODE	John Chipp	18	18	0
FOGGY DEW	Frank Hilliard	19	21	2
SALTSHAKER	Ken Gayler	20	21	1
TEQUILA	Alan Collins	27	24	-3
PIZAZZ	P Martyn & R Kemp	23	27	4
BON VIVANT	Russell Keays	24	27	3
FORZADO	Bruce Dobbie	31	29	-2
CAVALIER	David Lynch	23	30	7
FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge Howard	26	30	4
GUN BOAT	Bruce Alexander	30	31	1
VANTAGE	Darren Hunter	28	32	4
MY WAY	Magdy Iskander	32	32	0
WHITE POINTER	Tom Raft	28	32	4
BABYDOLL	Brendan Kruger	29	33	4
SALT WHISTLE	Alex Hall	26	33	7
MAGIC	Phil Spry-Bailey	28	33	5
FAST COMPANY	Albert Doggett	32	34	2
SURI	Rick Blanck	23	35	11
SECOND NATURE	Paul Mentiplay	29	38	9
BACARDI	Martin Power	40	40	0
MYUNA	Geoffrey Nixon	30	41	11
LEBROK	Theo Korbel	34	44	10
PUBLIC BAR	Clive Sondheim	43	44	1
PHOENIX	Alex Tseberg	26	45	19
WHITE NOISE	Daniel Edwards	38	45	7
BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	43	47	4
WIND SPEED	Les Browne	42	47	5
ULUWATU	M Billings / P Geary	38	48	10
THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	42	51	9
ALIBI	Dennis Hambleton	44	51	7
INSX	Robert Sill	46	51	5
PRIMO	Steve Copley	35	52	17
CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	50	56	6
WICKED	Mike Welsh	48	59	11

The painting/print of The Heads, from the response in race 18: In reply to a recent discussion with Harpo I quote to a response received from W Buoy *Writing about the picture of the heads Mark was puzzled why the High Light or Black Lighthouse was not included in the picture and offered 2 alternatives. Either artistic license or perspective. It is suggested that the latter is the more likely. Some years ago and in an effort to understand pilotage at the heads the undersigned made rather a crude model of the Low and High lights and the Murray and Hume towers on Shortland Bluff. This required a bit of research. The High light or Black Lighthouse is approximately 350 metres north of the low light and this can be best seen on the Mel ways map. Alternatively there is an excellent aerial view on the site [airviewonline photo ID#38640](http://airviewonline.com/photo/ID#38640). It shows that the picture could have been painted with the artist "loitering on the water" somewhere between the 2 lighthouses.*

Tower Watch Perspective. One of the The Tower Watcher's (No they are not necessarily Jehovah Witnesses even though there are usually two of them together) could not work out why yachts seemed from his perspective to be constantly sliding away from the rhumb line. Maybe it is not tide so much but the rainfall. The showers that fall into the Yarra increase the stream that flows past the area just outside the club. If you watched your course you maybe have thought that the wind shifts were a big factor but data from information at Fawkner do not entirely support his evidence. However the moon was moon and was also at a very close track to the earth.

Don't luff up smaller yachts. Don't push up smaller yachts when passing them to leeward. You are not supposed push up other yachts above their pointing ability (i.e. Luff them up) Even if you can point higher the rules do not allow it. As you get closer pushing up you also reduced the wind in their sails and leaves the yacht with little or no steering. Not a good position to be in when you are very close travelling at speed. Dropping down a little would enable you to pass legally and pass quicker and get rid of the little yacht that is causing you an obstacle.

Phoenix Mark reveals the secret to her Speed. Revealed.

Normal hid the underwater the friend of Phoenix is revealed. (There was another case of this occurring with Cavalier in an early race) During presentation time Paul mentioned a number of things that should be reported to the handicapper. New sails fitted, coaches and sail makers on board etc. that cause handicapper confusion and make them look bad, but no mention was made of assistance by Dolphins.

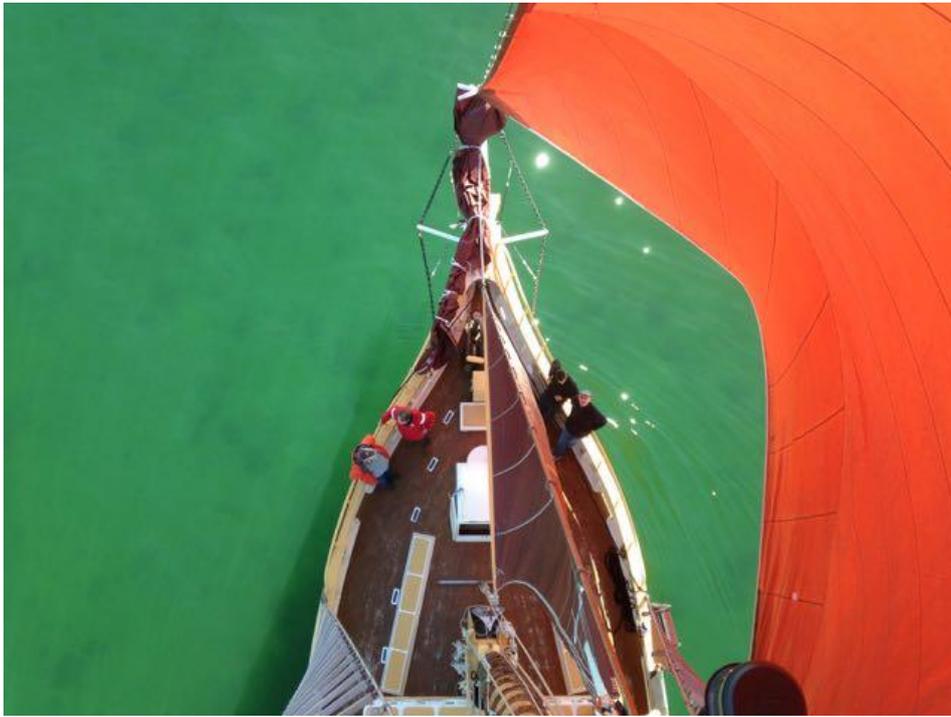
Sailing Lesson 40: Be kind to all sea life and you will be rewarded Photo taken from the bow of Phoenix

Andre has written a note to Mark; *just wanted to confirm there were no bridals or hitches attached to the dolphins!*



Sailing Lesson 41: Spend money out keeping your boat in order

It is a bit much to expect your crew to hold up your mast the whole of the race. If you are concerned about your rigging replace it.



Sailing Lesson 43: Gain experience on other Yachts

Photo taken by Pippa crew from the crow's nest of the *Alexander Stewart* a 60ft yacht last weekend

Not all skills on yacht are easily transferred between yachts. Thought should be given to this factor. Mark is not sure if the Pippa Skipper learnt much from being on the helm of the same craft for a couple of hours.

Sailing Lesson 44: Check for alterations to sailing instructions. Make sure you knew the difference between the flags for a change to sailing instructions and ABN. You could nearly miss a race like one WW yacht.



Sailing Lesson 45: People hanging over the side.

Having lots of people over the side may give the skipper more room in the cockpit but does not guarantee your boat being faster. For example in this race Carpe Diem finished 50 seconds in front of INSX. I am sure this was just the difference just due to the extra legs hanging over creating wind resistance

WW Winter Series 2015 NOS OF RACES- Race 23	
YACHT	Total Races
PIPPA	20
WIND SPEED	20
MAGIC	20
WHITE NOISE	19
SURI	18
SECOND NATURE	18
GUN BOAT	18
THE SECRETARY	18
CAVALIER	18
ULUWATU	18
FOGGY DEW	18
INSX	18
PHOENIX	16
PIZAZZ	16
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CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	14
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	14
SALTSHAKER	14
SALT WHISTLE	13
ALIBI	13
VANTAGE	13
PRIMO	12
BACARDI	11
WHITE POINTER	11
CARPE DIEM	11
FIREFOX	11
STAMPEDE	11
BABYDOLL	11
MYUNA	10
PUBLIC BAR	10
BARNSTORMER	10
CONQUEST	9
FUN AND GAMES	8
BON VIVANT	8
UPBEAT	8
MORE NOISE	8
ESPRIT	7
WILLARIE	5
BELLABLU	5
AIR WAVES	5
DARK ENERGY	3
ADRENALIN	3
SHIMMER	2
LUCILLE	1
TRUE COLOURS	1
HIGH HANDED	1
BANDIT	1
SHANTI	1
ADAGIO	1
DEJA VU	1

Which yacht has sailed the most races? Only three yachts have competed in all the winter races held. Their current positions in the series are Pippa 2nd, Magic 4th, and Wind Speed 21st

Thanks to Windward buoy for all his hard work despite his flue

Thanks for the photos to Graham' Andre & Gai

And to the anonymous editing team

Three races to go and the top ten is still fairly close even if the first place is pretty much decided. Mark thinks there are still about ten yachts that could make it just at present sitting outside the top ten.

Anyone prepared to make a forecast?

Your feedback and comments are welcome. Click to email [Mark WINDWARD](#)

A thanks to ??? From Mark Windward who could not get to the SYC ball to receive his award as SYC **Stirrers Trophy** of the year.

Jeffrey Woolhouse accepted the trophy in his absence



Sailing Lesson 45: if you are in front enjoy it while you can.

It might not last long (as below) With a “wind wall” approaching there is not much you can do about it.

