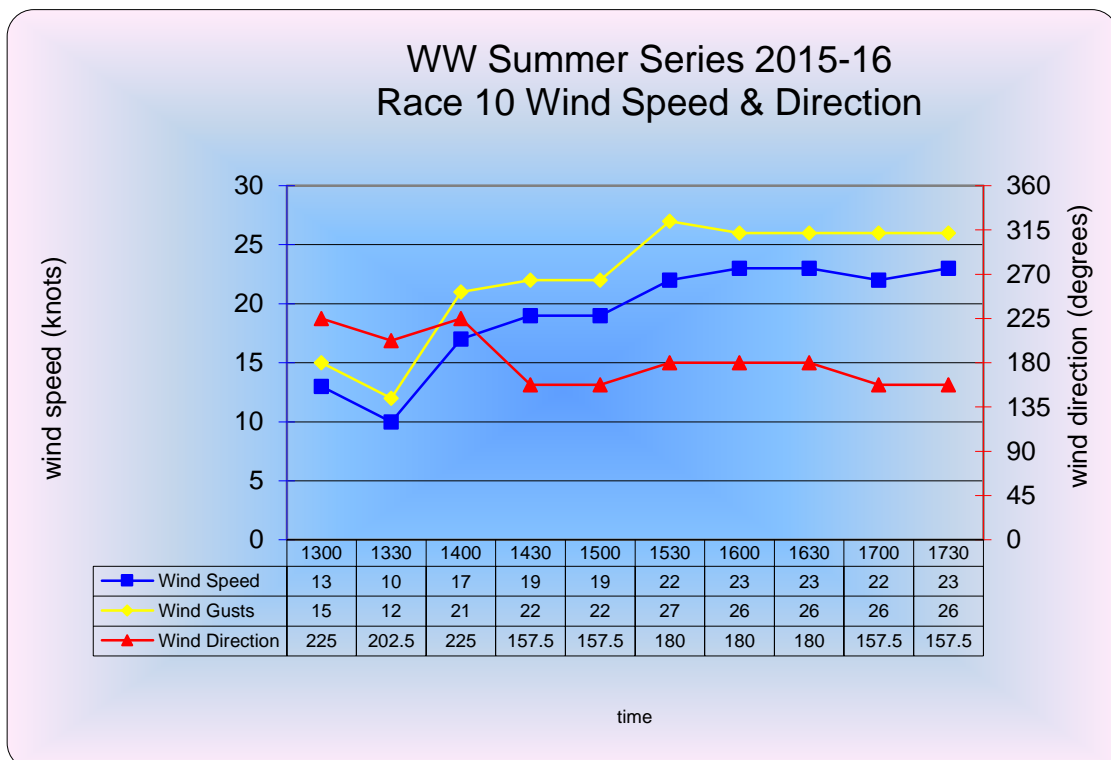


## Same Course Different Result WW Summer Series 2015-16 Race 10 (9 Dec 2015)

For the second week in succession it was the 7 leg, 9.8 nautical mile course 16 that was selected for a fleet of 36 yachts. However, the result was quite different for both races. Race 10 saw 3 yachts recording podium finishes for the first time this series. The median start time of 7 seconds is a record for this summer with the Beneteau 477 ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) having a perfect start, although 3 yachts started too soon. These three yachts crossed the finish line 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> but the 5 minute penalty placed them 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> respectively. The average speed for yachts in race 10 was half a knot faster than for race 9, with an average sail time of 1:42:02. There was only 17 minutes and 19 seconds separating the 35 finishers with a tie for places 4, 21 and 26. The best of the last 12 yachts to start the race finished in 14<sup>th</sup> place.



In the winter series the breeze averaged around 12 knots, so far it as averaged 16 knots for the 10 races this series. The breeze increased during race 10 from around 10 knots at the start to 23 knots at the finish. It shifted from south west through the south to finish in the south south east. As the race progressed the 'chop' increased and was particularly noticeable beating to windward on a port tack.





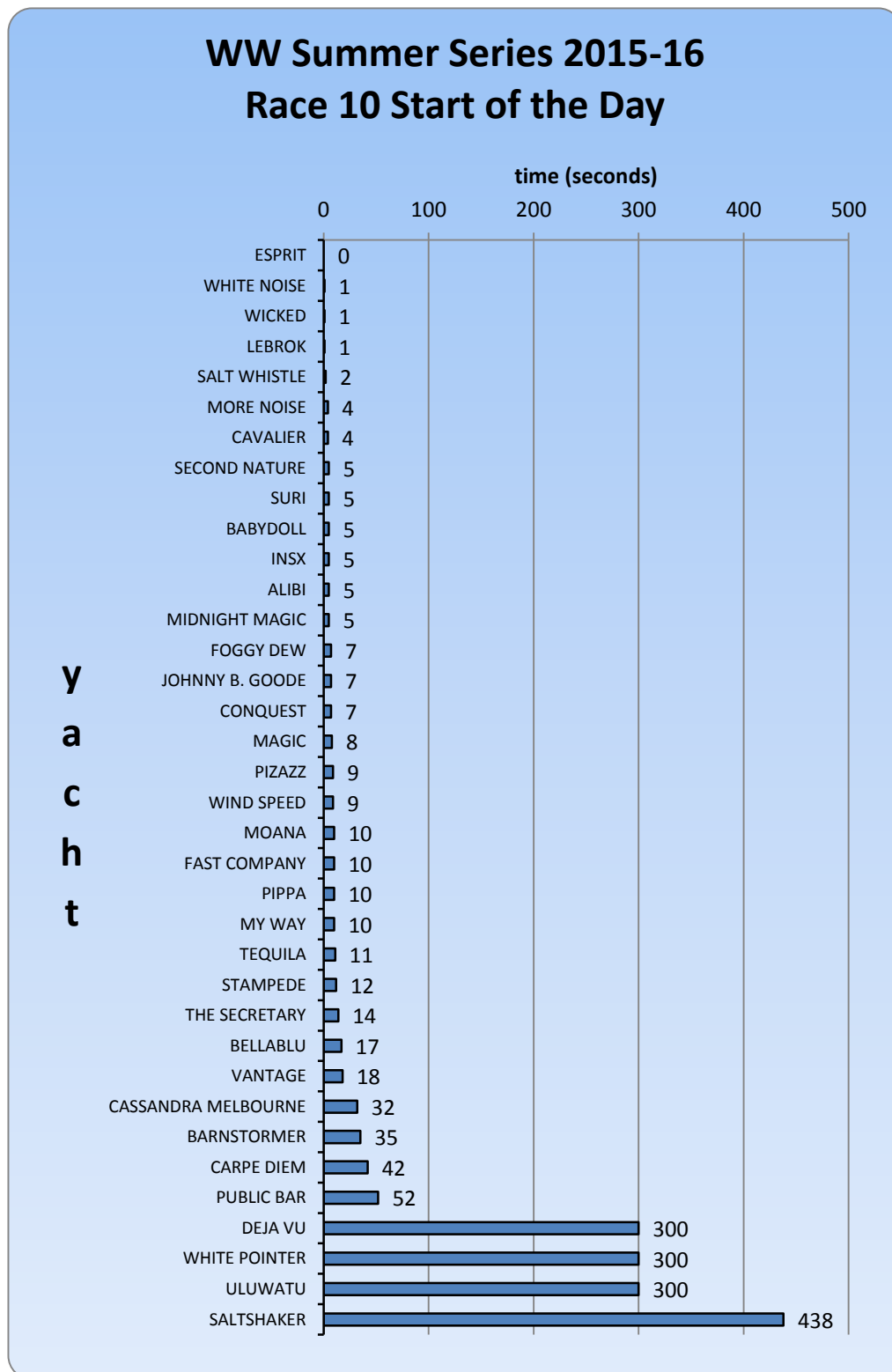
Winning her first race in 4 attempts was the Bavaria 38 SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay). She started only 5 seconds late for her 28 minute handicap from 14<sup>th</sup> place. She rounded number 4 for the first time at 15:00:24 in 5<sup>th</sup> place after sailing 4 legs of the course in 1:02:19. She sailed the last three legs of the course in 34 minutes 28 seconds becoming first across the finish line at 15:34:52. SECOND NATURE started 13 seconds and 2 places ahead of the Bavaria 40 VANTAGE (Darren Hunter). She managed to increase her lead by 4 seconds and finish 17 seconds ahead of VANTAGE after sailing for 1:36:52. SECOND NATURE moved up from 38<sup>th</sup> to 34<sup>th</sup> place in the aggregate following her win.

Although VANTAGE had the same 28 minute handicap as SECOND NATURE, she started 18 seconds late from 16<sup>th</sup> place. After sailing for 1:02:17 she was in 7<sup>th</sup> place at the first rounding of number 4, still 2 places behind SECOND NATURE. VANTAGE sailed the last 3 legs of the course in 34 minutes and 28 seconds to cross the finish line at 15:35:09 in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. VANTAGE has sailed 8 races in the series and recorded 4 top ten finishes. This 2<sup>nd</sup> place helped her gain 10 places in the aggregate moving from 15<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place with a total of 38 points. This is 23 points behind the aggregate leader.



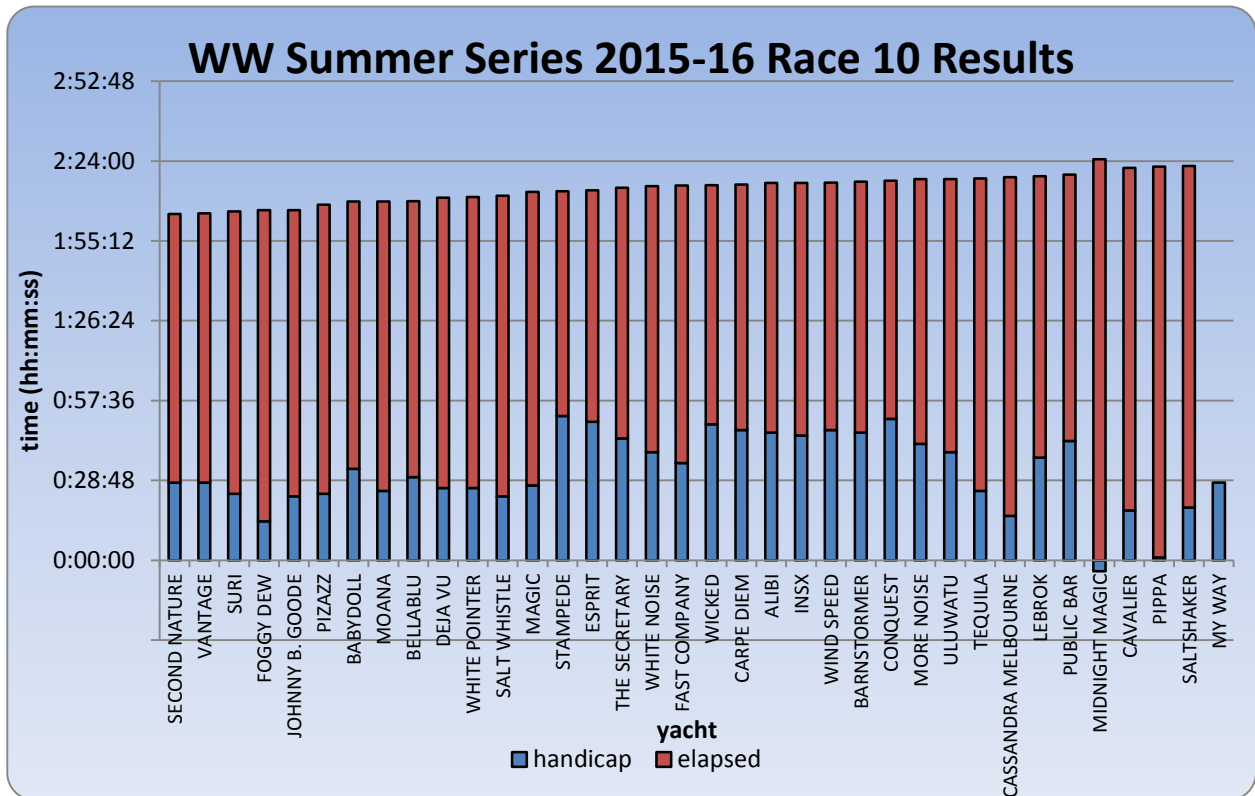
Finishing 41 seconds behind VANTAGE in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was the Oceanis 34 SURI (Rick Blanck). SURI had a good start to the race, 5 seconds late for her 24 minute handicap from 8<sup>th</sup> place. By 15:00:36 SURI was rounding number 4 for the first time 5 seconds ahead of VANTAGE. SURI completed the final three legs of the race in 35 minutes and 14 seconds to cross the finish line at 15:35:50. Her total elapsed time of 1:41:50 was the 21<sup>st</sup> fastest of the race. SURI has only completed 3 races this series but managed 2 top ten positions. She is 38<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate of 49 yachts.

There were 23 yachts that started the race within 10 seconds or less of their handicaps. As mentioned earlier, ESPRIT won Start of the Day with the perfect start. There were 3 yachts close behind starting within 1 second of their handicap with an additional yacht starting within 2 seconds.

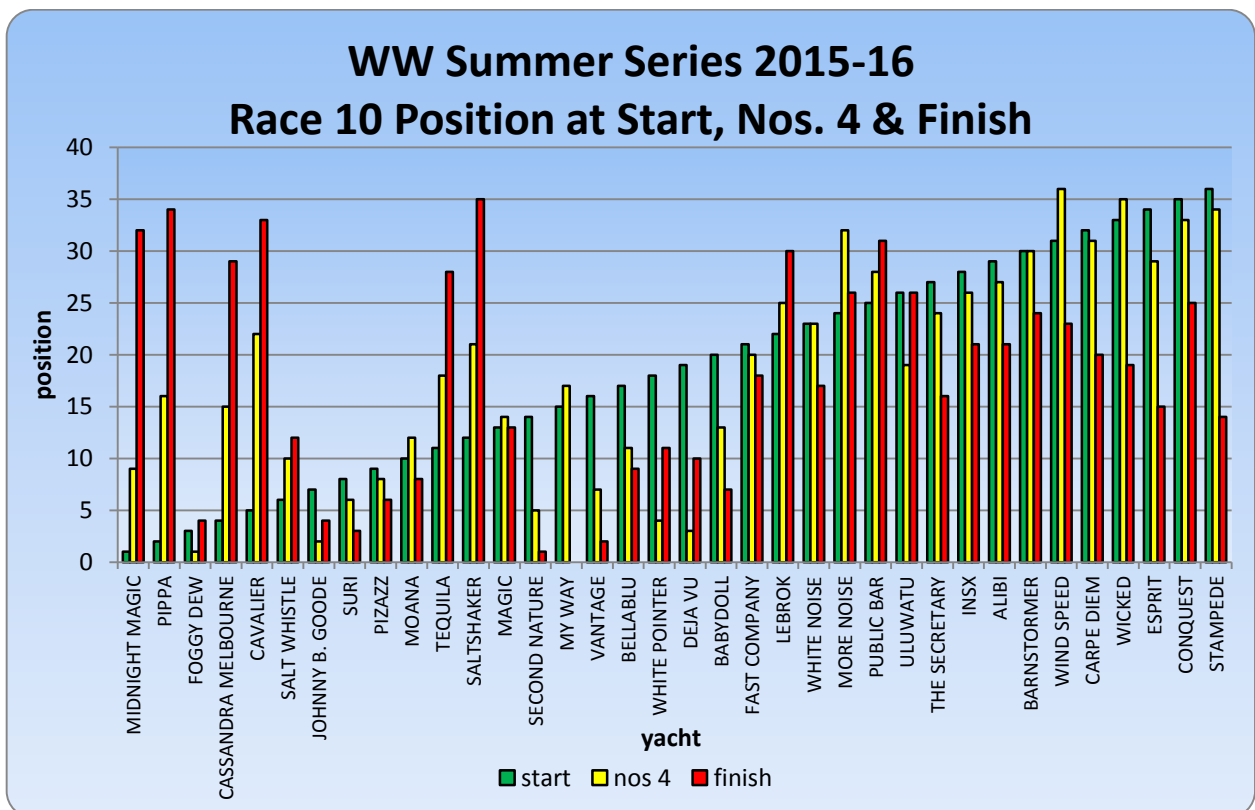


The fleet started the race 56 minutes 7 seconds apart. This gap was reduced to 19 minutes 40 seconds at the first rounding of number 4 and became 17 minutes 19 seconds at the finish line. Sixteen yachts finished within 10 minutes of the winner crossing the line. Of the first 6 yachts to

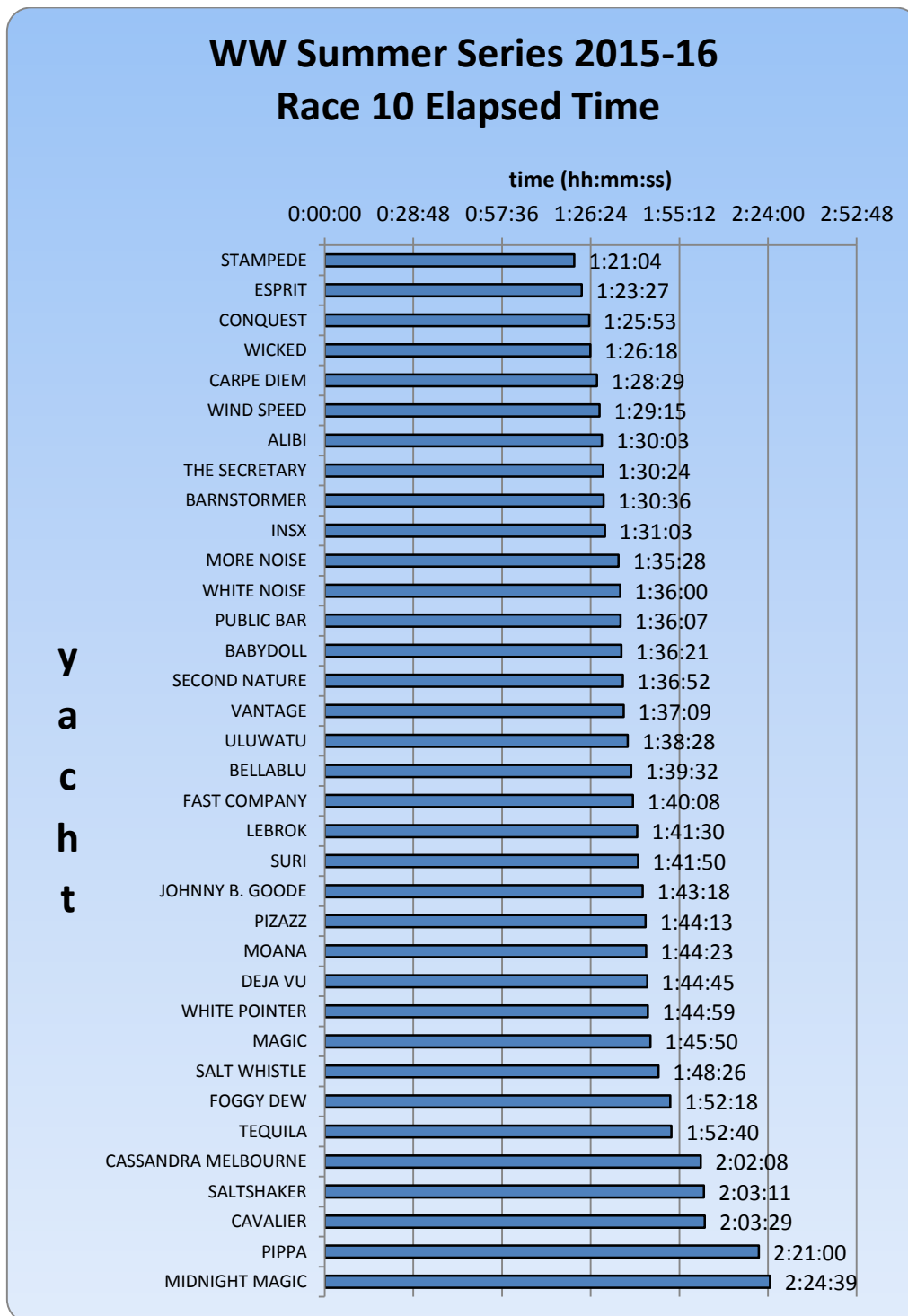
finish 3 were Bavarias, whilst the other 3 were Oceanis 34's. FOGGY DEW and JOHNNY B. GOODE tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place with ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) and INSX (Rob Sill) in a tie for 21<sup>st</sup> place. There was also a tie for 29<sup>th</sup> place between MORE NOISE (Jason Close) and ULUWATU (Mal Billings & Peter Geary).



None of the 12 late starters were among the first 12 yachts to finish. The first 12 yachts to finish were either early or mid fleet starters.



It was STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) completing her first race this series, that recorded the fastest elapsed time of the race in 1:21:04. She was the last yacht to start with a handicap of 52 minutes but finished 14<sup>th</sup> - the best of the late starters. The average elapsed time was 1:42:04 with 5 yachts sailing for more than 2 hours.



The table on the following page shows the finish position and handicaps of yachts in races 5 to 10.

## WW Summer Series 2015-16 Finish Position & Handicap Races 5 to 10

YACHT	RACE 5		RACE 6		RACE 7		RACE 9		RACE 10	
	FINISH	HANDICAP	FINISH	HANDICAP	FINISH	HANDICAP	FINISH	HANDICAP	FINISH	HANDICAP
	POSITION		POSITION		POSITION		POSITION		POSITION	
MOANA	1	19:00	30	22:00	37	21:00	1	20:00	8	25:00
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	2	13:00	34	15:00	18	14:00	4	14:00	29	16:00
JOHNNY B. GOODE	3	22:00	33	24:00	33	23:00	23	23:00	4	23:00
PIZAZZ	4	24:00	27	25:00	21	25:00	29	25:00	6	24:00
PIPPA	5	02:00	23	02:00	17	02:00	30	02:00	34	01:00
MYUNA	6	29:00	11	29:00	11	29:00	28	29:00	DNC	DNC
VANTAGE	7	30:00	32	30:00	34	28:00	13	28:00	2	28:00
BELLABLU	8	30:00	DNC	DNC	25	30:00	6	30:00	9	30:00
ULUWATU	9	40:00	28	40:00	31	39:00	8	39:00	26	39:00
BABYDOLL	10	34:00	19	34:00	23	34:00	DNC	DNC	7	33:00
BACARDI	11	41:00	6	41:00	8	41:00	19	41:00	DNC	DNC
DEJA VU	12	30:00	24	30:00	39	29:00	10	26:00	10	26:00
WIND SPEED	13	43:00	3	43:00	3	45:00	20	47:00	23	47:00
ESPRIT	14	50:00	13	50:00	15	50:00	14	50:00	15	50:00
CONQUEST	15	51:00	DNC	DNC	18	51:00	15	51:00	25	51:00
BARNSTORMER	16	46:00	10	46:00	13	46:00	17	46:00	24	46:00
MAGIC	17	28:00	22	28:00	27	28:00	9	27:00	13	27:00
TEQUILA	18	23:00	25	23:00	1	22:00	26	25:00	28	25:00
INSX	19	45:00	9	44:00	10	44:00	5	44:00	21	45:00
WHITE NOISE	20	39:00	DNC	DNC	7	39:00	18	39:00	17	39:00
CAVALIER	21	18:00	4	18:00	6	18:00	21	18:00	33	18:00
CARPE DIEM	22	49:00	26	48:00	12	47:00	16	47:00	20	47:00
SALTSHAKER	23	19:00	17	19:00	29	19:00	25	19:00	35	19:00
LEBROK	24	39:00	7	38:00	26	38:00	24	38:00	30	37:00
PRIMO	25	36:00	8	35:00	4	35:00	32	38:00	DNC	DNC
WICKED	26	52:00	18	50:00	22	50:00	DNC	DNC	19	49:00
PUBLIC BAR	27	45:00	12	43:00	24	43:00	22	43:00	31	43:00
FOGGY DEW	28	20:00	35	18:00	9	15:00	33	15:00	4	14:00
ALIBI	DNC	DNC	16	46:00	14	46:00	10	46:00	21	46:00
BLUE CHIP	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
BON VIVANT	DNC	DNC	5	22:00	DNC	DNC	31	22:00	DNC	DNC
FAST COMPANY	DNC	DNC	15	31:00	5	31:00	2	31:00	18	35:00
FIREFOX	DNC	DNC	14	23:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
FUN AND GAMES	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	28	40:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
LUCILLE	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	30	28:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	DNC	DNC	21	minus 5	2	minus 5	35	minus 2	32	minus 4
MORE NOISE	DNC	DNC	2	39:00	20	42:00	DNC	DNC	26	42:00
MY WAY	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	35	30:00	34	29:00	DNC	DNC
PACEMAKER	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
SALT WHISTLE	DNC	DNC	20	23:00	DNC	DNC	27	23:00	12	23:00
SECOND NATURE	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	1	28:00
STAMPEDE	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	14	52:00
SURI	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	36	26:00	7	24:00	3	24:00
THE SECRETARY	DNC	DNC	29	42:00	32	41:00	3	41:00	16	44:00
UPBEAT	DNC	DNC	1	36:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
WHITE POINTER	DNC	DNC	31	28:00	38	27:00	12	26:00	11	26:00
WILLARIE	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
TRUE COLOURS	DNS	DNS	DNC	DNC	16	27:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC

*Windward Buoys*

## Mark Windward

*Having sailed his final race for 2015 Mark is now on holiday. However, he left behind "something he'd prepared earlier".*



### **Video Clip of the week**

*His video clip of the week can be found on the following web site:*

[http://www.offcenterharbor.com/videos/the-closest-thing-to-magic-of-boats-and-boathouses/?awt\\_l=bvdMBI&awt\\_m=3](http://www.offcenterharbor.com/videos/the-closest-thing-to-magic-of-boats-and-boathouses/?awt_l=bvdMBI&awt_m=3)

*Thanks to Stephen Harper for sending Mark details of a short video on how not to enter the port of Wilhelmshaven. The clip shows the German Navy tall ship Gorch Fock coming to an abrupt halt.*

[https://gcaptain.com/watch-tall-ship-gorch-fock-shows-how-not-to-make-an-entrance/?utm\\_source=gCaptain+Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=63b4a09e47-Mailchimp\\_RSS\\_CAMPAIGN&utm\\_term=0\\_f50174ef03-63b4a09e47-139834625](https://gcaptain.com/watch-tall-ship-gorch-fock-shows-how-not-to-make-an-entrance/?utm_source=gCaptain+Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=63b4a09e47-Mailchimp_RSS_CAMPAIGN&utm_term=0_f50174ef03-63b4a09e47-139834625)



*Probably more interesting is a clip of the same ship setting her sails. You can see the sails being set on:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDSBcEOUE74>

### **Marks Wind Words - Some Definitions**

*With the breeze for WW races keeping skippers and crews on their toes, Mark went on a foray into the BOM web site in search of definitions of words and terms used in weather forecasts and observations. The following are some of his discoveries:*

Wind speed is the average speed of the wind over a 10-minute period at a height of 10 metres above the surface. As a guide, double the wind speed in knots to convert to kilometres per hour; for example 20 knots is approximately 40 km/h.

Gusts are increases in wind speed lasting for just a few seconds. The speeds are typically 30 to 40 per cent higher than the average wind speed, but stronger gusts are likely in the vicinity of showers, thunderstorms and frontal systems.

A *squall* is an abrupt and large increase in wind speed that usually only lasts for minutes then diminishes rather suddenly.

*Strong wind warning:* 26 to 33 knots.

*Gale warning:* 34 to 47 knots.

*Storm force wind warning:* 48 to 63 knots.

*Hurricane force wind warning:* 64 knots or more.

*Wind direction* is given in 8 compass points for forecasts and 16 for observations and is the direction the wind is coming from.

### ***New website for UKSailmakers***

*Sails have been around for thousands of years but more recent advances in science, technology and engineering have accelerated the introduction of new materials and processes. It's no longer a case of a single sail for all applications but different options are available largely dependent upon end use. Mark recently found this new website whilst sailing the internet.*

UK Sailmakers has just relaunched its website [www.UKSailmakers.com](http://www.UKSailmakers.com). For all intents and purposes this is a brand new website created to make it even easier for sailors to research their sail options and learn about the different sail construction alternatives available. The new site is, well, completely new: new content, new pictures, and new navigation. Designed from the ground up, UK's new site works as well on mobile devices as it does on desktop computers. Gone are the old drop-down menus that are hard to use on smart phones.

Sailors' responses to UK Sailmakers' new website are resounding. "UK's old site worked well but this one works even better," said one sailor, "and it's far better than UK's competitors'." By focusing on UK's core competencies and safeguarding sailors' web experience, visitors can easily browse through product offerings before contacting their local UK Sailmakers loft.

UK's new site "allows dreamers like me to dream, research, and quietly justify why we spend thousands on sails with so many other things competing for our money." That sailor said it all. Take the new UK Sailmakers website for a test sail right now. [www.UKSailmakers.com](http://www.UKSailmakers.com) To view a video previewing the new site, [click here](#).

### ***What Ship is this?***

*It was built between 1626 and 1628 but sank on its maiden voyage. It remained submerged for about 333 years before being raised, restored and put on display. A model of the ship is pictured to the right but there is a photo of the highly decorated stern castle and another taken below deck on the following page.*







*MARK WINDWARD*