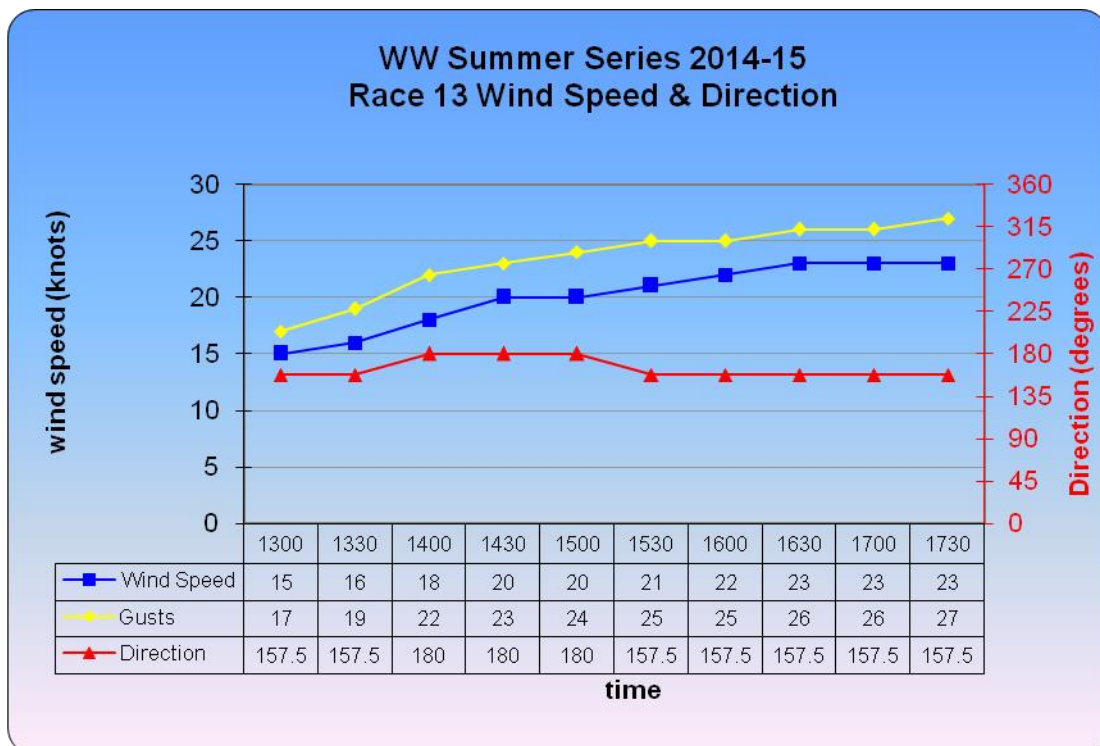


A Breezy Start to 2016
WW Summer Series 2015-16 Race 13
 (6 Jan 2016)



Race 13 marks the end of the first half and the start of the second half of the 25 Wednesday Summer series. Twelve of the 13 scheduled races have been completed with only one race, race 8, being abandoned. One of the defining characteristics of this series has been the relatively high wind speed. Eight races have been sailed in a breeze of 15 knots or more with only two races having an average wind speed of less than 10 knots. With an average wind speed of about 20 knots race 13 continued the trend with a competitive fleet of 28 yachts contesting a race around the 6 leg, 9.8 nautical mile course 61.



The race got off to a good downwind start with two yachts starting on their handicaps and none starting too soon. Despite sailing one of the longer courses this proved to be one of the faster races with the last yacht crossing the finish line at 15:57:49. With one of the smaller fleets of the series it was one of the closer finishes with 16 minutes 9 seconds separating first from last. It was the early starters that dominated the race with 5 of them among the first 9 yachts to finish.



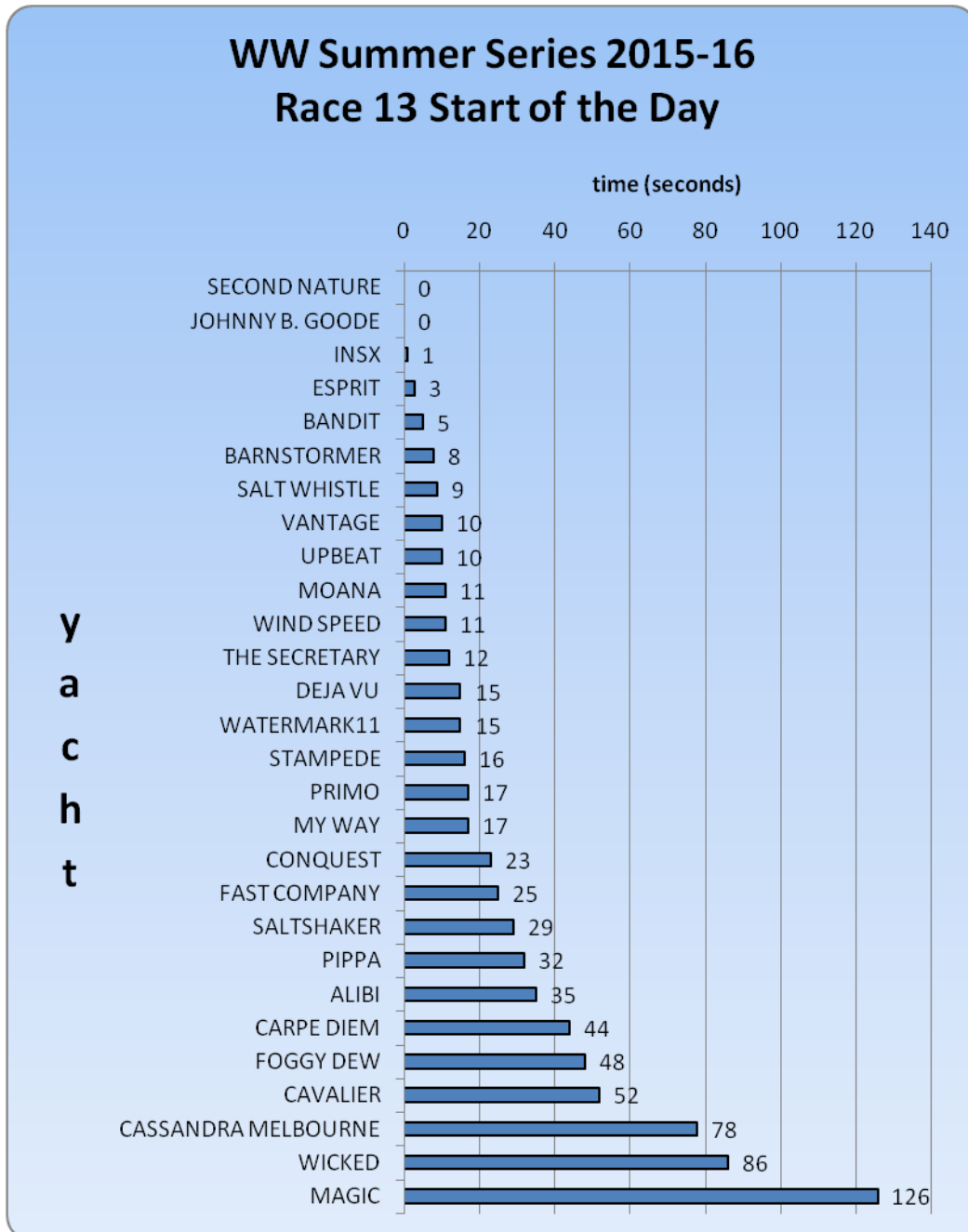
The first yacht across the finish line was the Mottle 33 CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves). She has completed all 12 races this series but this was her first win which lifted her from 14th to 5th in the aggregate. CASSANDRA was the second yacht to start, 78 seconds late for a 16 minute handicap. After sailing for 1:15:16 she rounded number 4 still in 2nd place. She sailed the remaining 3 legs of the course in 39 minutes and 6 seconds, moved to the front of the fleet and crossed the finish line at 15:41:40 CASSANDRA has a total of 41.5 points in the aggregate 31.5 points behind the leader – the Bluewater 400 MOANA (Stan Rankin)

MOANA recorded her 6th podium finish of the series when she crossed the line in 2nd place. She now has 3 wins, 2 seconds and a 3rd place. MOANA started the series with a handicap of 16 minutes which increased to 33 minutes for race 12. She started this race from 9th place 11 seconds late for a 31 minute handicap. She was already in 4th place at the first rounding of number 4 and after sailing for 1:42:06 she crossed the finish line at 15:43:06. MOANA has sailed all 12 races so far this series revelling in the breezy conditions. She leads the aggregate by a margin of 14.5 points. A position she has held for 8 of the 13 weeks this series. MOANA could expect a further increase to her handicap following her latest success.



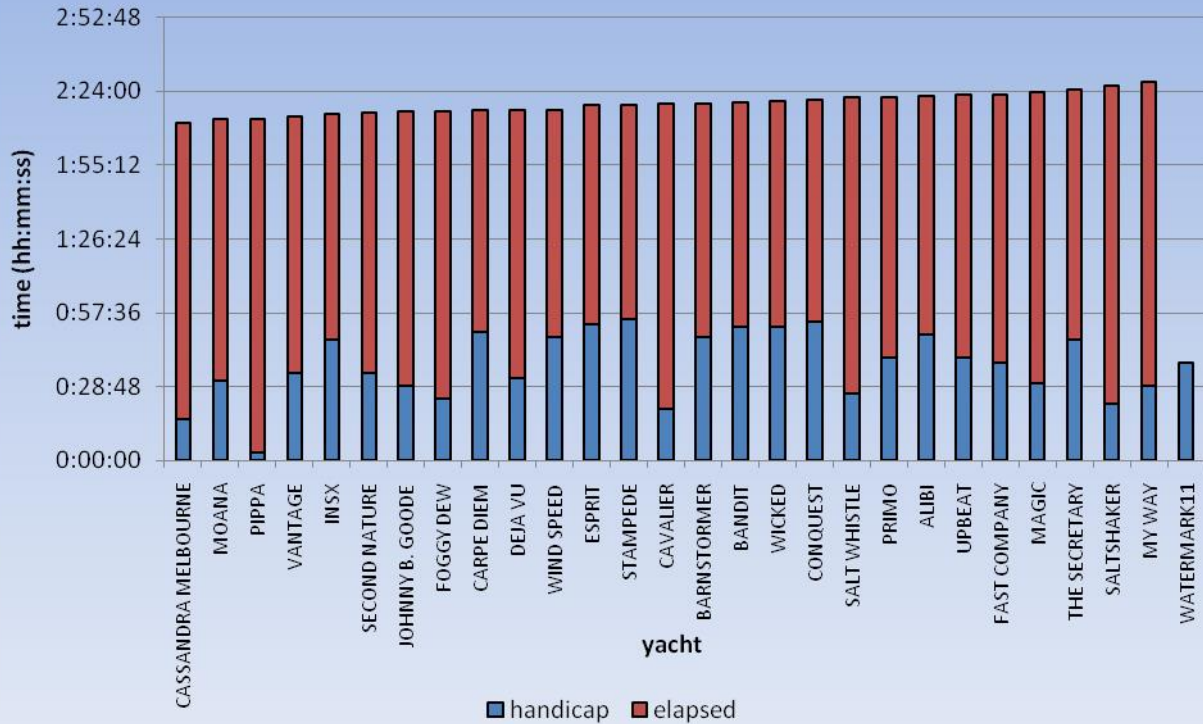
Finishing 12 seconds behind MOANA was the Triton 24 PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse). PIPPA had missed the last two races but was back to lead the fleet at the start, 32 seconds late for a 3 minute handicap. After sailing for 1:26:12 she was still ahead of the fleet at the first rounding of number 4. PIPPA sailed the course in 2:10:18 and was 4th across the finish at 15:43:18. PIPPA has completed 9 races this series and this was her first podium finish. After moving up 6 places she is 26th in the aggregate with a total of 84 points.

There was a tie for Start of the Day between the Oceanis 34 JOHNNY B. GOODE (John Chipp) and the Bavaria 38 SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay). Both had the perfect start. This was the third win for JOHNNY this series after having wins in races 4 and 5. It looks like a close contest for the Misty Blue Trophy with INSX (Rob Sill) maintaining a very consistant record with another good start this race. The median start time was 15 seconds with only three yachts starting more than a minute over their handicap.



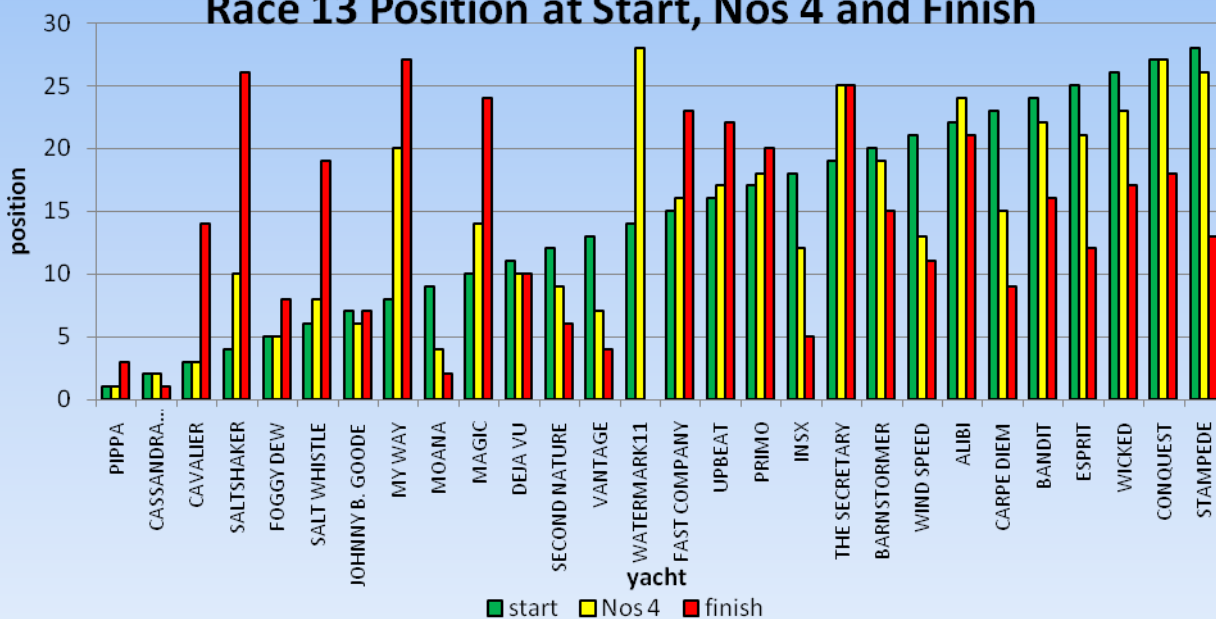
The 28 yacht fleet started the race 51 minutes 44 seconds apart and after the first three legs the gap had reduced to 26 minutes 25 seconds. When the last yacht crossed the line there was 16 minutes 9 seconds separating the 27 finishers. The closest finish was between UPBEAT (Petr Dunne) and FAST COMPANY (Albert Doggett) who crossed the line within 2 seconds of each other in 22nd and 23rd place respectively.

WW Summer Series 2015-16 Race 13 Result

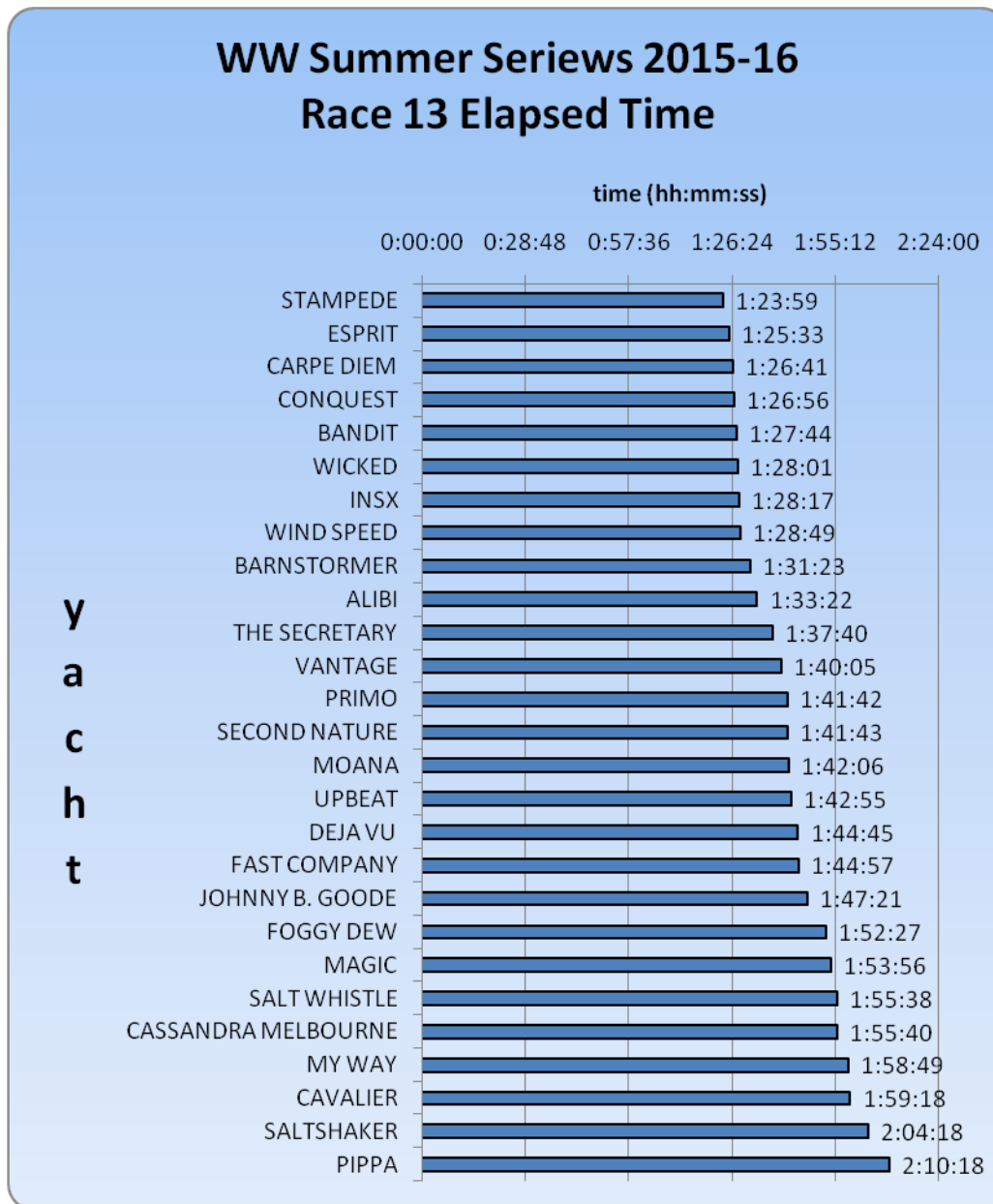


It proved difficult for the late starters to finish among the early finishers which was again dominated by the early starters. The Beneteau 50 CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) was the best of the nine late starters finishing in 9th place. Three of the mid fleet starters did well with VANTAGE (Darren Hunter), INSX and SECOND NATURE finishing 4th, 5th and 6th.

WW Summer Series 2015-16 Race 13 Position at Start, Nos 4 and Finish



With an average elapsed time of 1:42:01 and an average finish time of 15:49:10 this was one of the faster races around one of the longer courses this series. It was STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) that had the best elapsed time of 1:23:59 – 1 minute 34 seconds faster than ESPRIT (Garry Anderson). PRIMO (Steve Copley) sailed the course 1 second faster than SECOND NATURE whilst SALTWHISTLE (Ken Gayler) went around 2 seconds faster than race winner CASSANDRA.



From race 9 to race 13 seven yachts have seen net increases to their handicaps. (There was a fleet wide increase in handicaps of three minutes awarded for race 12 therefore the comparative increases are not as great as first appear). The seven yachts and their increases are shown below:

YACHT	INCREASE (Minutes)
MOANA	11:00
FOGGY DEW	09:00
FAST COMPANY	07:00
THE SECRETARY	06:00
VANTAGE	06:00
JOHNNY B. GOODE	06:00
DEJA VU	06:00

The following table provides the finish position and handicaps for races 9 to 13.

WW Summer Series 2015-16 Finish Position & Handicap Race 9 to 13										
YACHT	RACE 9		RACE 10		RACE 11		RACE 12		Race 13	
	FINISH	HANDICAP	FINISH	HANDICAP	FINISH	HANDICAP	FINISH	HANDICAP	FINISH	HANDICAP
	POSITION		POSITION		POSITION		POSITION		POSITION	
MOANA	1	20:00	8	25:00	1	25:00	30	33:00	2	31:00
FAST COMPANY	2	31:00	18	35:00	28	35:00	16	38:00	23	38:00
THE SECRETARY	3	41:00	16	44:00	23	44:00	9	47:00	25	47:00
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	4	14:00	29	16:00	8	15:00	31	18:00	1	16:00
INSX	5	44:00	21	45:00	20	45:00	24	48:00	5	47:00
BELLABLU	6	30:00	9	30:00	6	30:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
SURI	7	23:50	3	24:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
ULUWATU	8	39:00	26	39:00	13	39:00	18	42:00	DNC	DNC
MAGIC	9	27:00	13	27:00	18	27:00	11	30:00	24	30:00
ALIBI	10	46:00	21	46:00	14	46:00	17	49:00	21	49:00
DEJA VU	10	26:00	10	26:00	12	28:00	7	31:00	10	32:00
WHITE POINTER	12	26:00	11	26:00	7	27:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
VANTAGE	13	28:00	2	28:00	31	31:00	DNC	DNC	4	34:00
ESPRIT	14	50:00	15	50:00	16	50:00	29	53:00	12	53:00
CONQUEST	15	51:00	25	51:00	24	51:00	22	54:00	18	54:00
CARPE DIEM	16	47:00	20	47:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	9	50:00
BARNSTORMER	17	46:00	24	46:00	26	46:00	32	49:00	15	48:00
WHITE NOISE	18	39:00	17	39:00	27	39:00	10	42:00	DNC	DNC
BACARDI	19	41:00	DNC	DNC	15	41:00	12	44:00	DNC	DNC
WIND SPEED	20	47:00	23	47:00	35	47:00	27	49:00	11	48:00
CAVALIER	21	18:00	33	18:00	28	17:00	3	18:00	14	20:00
PUBLIC BAR	22	43:00	31	43:00	36	43:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
JOHNNY B. GOODE	23	23:00	4	23:00	4	24:00	25	30:00	7	29:00
LEBROK	24	38:00	30	37:00	34	37:00	28	38:00	DNC	DNC
SALTSHAKER	25	19:00	35	19:00	8	16:00	2	19:00	26	22:00
TEQUILA	26	25:00	28	25:00	30	24:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
SALT WHISTLE	27	23:00	12	23:00	22	23:00	8	26:00	19	26:00
MYUNA	28	29:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
PIAZZ	29	25:00	6	24:00	3	24:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
PIPPA	30	02:00	34	01:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	3	03:00
BON VIVANT	31	22:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
PRIMO	32	38:00	DNC	DNC	25	37:00	14	40:00	20	40:00
FOGGY DEW	33	15:00	4	14:00	2	15:00	4	22:00	8	24:00
MY WAY	34	29:00	DNC	DNC	33	28:00	DNC	DNC	27	29:00
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	35	minus 5	32	minus 2	5	minus 4	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	26	53:00	DNC	DNC
BANDIT	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	16	52:00
BABYDOLL	DNC	DNC	7	33:00	21	33:00	6	36:00	DNC	DNC
BLUE CHIP	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
CAFE RACER	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	1	20:00	DNC	DNC
CRACKERJACK	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	33	26:00	DNC	DNC
FIREFOX	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	8	23:00	19	26:00	DNC	DNC
FUN AND GAMES	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	38	39:00	23	39:00	DNC	DNC
LUCILLE	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	11	27:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
MORE NOISE	DNC	DNC	26	42:00	32	42:00	20	44:00	DNC	DNC
PACEMAKER	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	5	26:00	DNC	DNC
SECOND NATURE	DNC	DNC	1	28:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	6	34:00
STAMPEDE	DNC	DNC	14	52:00	17	52:00	13	55:00	13	55:00
TRUE COLOURS	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	19	27:00	21	30:00	DNC	DNC
UPBEAT	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	37	40:00	15	41:00	22	40:00
WATERMARK11	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNF	DNF
WICKED	DNC	DNC	19	49:00	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	17	52:00
WILLARIE	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC

Windward Buoy

MARK'S QUIZ

Although Mark managed a podium finish in race 13 he has again set off on his travels and should return in time for race 15. The vessel pictured on the following page was built on

the north coast of Tasmania. For most of her working life she was a fishing vessel but during WW2 was used as a cable ship in Bass Strait. She was restored and took part in the bi centennial celebrations in 1988. She fell into disrepair, was restored for a second time and is now currently available for public sailings on Sundays and Wednesdays. What is the name of the vessel and where is she located?

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