

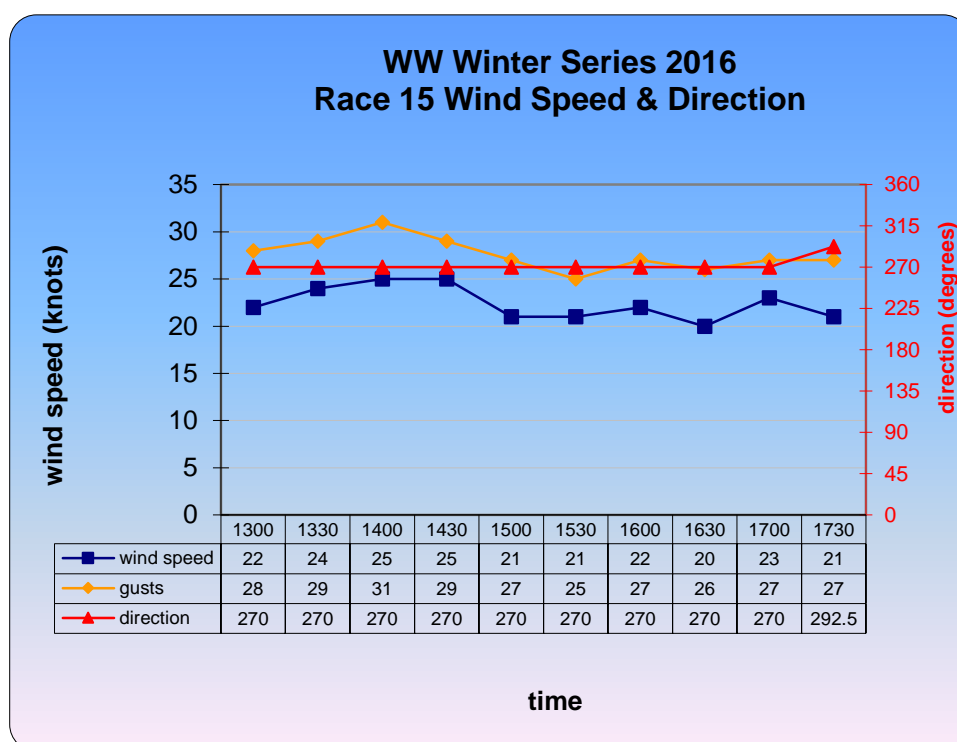
Calmer Inside the Breakwater than Out

Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2016 Race 15

13 July 2016



It was the Port Philip weather that came to the fore yet again as Race 15 became the 6th abandoned race this series. With only 9 of the fifteen complete, another race is necessary to properly constitute a series. BOM issued a gale warning on Wednesday morning and forecast that conditions would improve as the day progressed. Fawkner Beacon observations indicated a steady westerly breeze for the afternoon that average a little over 22 knots. There were regular gusts of over 30 knots which helped create significant waves.



Strong winds have been a characteristic of this series. The average wind speed for the series so far currently stands at 16.3 knots, compared with 14 knots for the winter 2015 series and 11 knots for the winter 2014 series. Both these 2 previous series had 3 races abandoned at the same stage, half as many as the current series. The average speed of the fleet for 2016 is 5.32 knots compared with 4.44 in winter 2015 and 4.79 in winter 2014.

Thirty five yachts have completed 4 or more races this winter with 7 yachts completing all nine. The following table shows the finish position in each race of the 35 yachts from the least to greatest standard deviation. That is, those at the top of the list finish more consistently than those further down.

WW Winter Series 2016 – Standard Deviation of Finish Position													
YACHT	AVERAGE FINISH POSITION	FINISH POSITION IN RACE NUMBER										STANDARD DEVIATION	NUMBER OF RACES
		1	2	3	5	7	9	12	13	14			
BARNSTORMER	13.50	11	17	13	8		18	14				3.73	6
PUBLIC BAR	17.11	22	14	20	13	15	16	20	25	9		5.01	9
SECOND NATURE	19.00		18	23	13	14	27					5.96	5
BABYDOLL	18.60			26		24	17	15	11			6.27	5
INSX	16.20	21	10	25	12	13						6.46	5
STAMPEDE	12.67	12	19	1	20	11			13			6.83	6
THE SECRETARY	11.78	13	13	7	7	8	22	24	7	5		6.94	9
ALIBI	13.75	17	12	12	17	27	11	12		2		7.09	8
MORE NOISE	9.75		4		19		4			12		7.23	4
WHITE NOISE	13.29		9	4	16	18	5	18	23			7.30	7
WIND SPEED	14.29	17	3	9	26	17	10		18			7.52	7
MYUNA III	19.43	7	23	15	28	23	13		27			7.87	7
CARPE DIEM	13.00		5	27	11	20	14	5	16	6		7.89	8
UPBEAT	18.50		20	24		6	24					8.54	4
GUN BOAT	11.67	14	6	18	22	19	1	4	20	1		8.62	9
LEBROK	14.50	15	2	22	10	30	6	16	15			8.85	8
MAGIC	14.50	23	15			22	20	3	4			8.96	6
CONQUEST	12.40			2	21		23	10	6			9.24	5
FAST COMPANY	21.60		24	6	31	28		19				9.81	5
PIZAZZ	16.00	3	26	16	15	7	29					10.20	6
SURI	16.71	5	31	29	18	9		8	17			10.24	7
PRIMO	20.00				33	25	9	23	10			10.30	5
BON VIVANT	16.00		28		25	3	12		12			10.32	5
PIPPA	10.00	8	29		1	1	3	9	19			10.47	7
CAVALIER	16.00	1	16	28	3	31	15	13	26	11		10.59	9
VANTAGE	15.00		25	11	27	10				2		10.65	5
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	16.86	10	7	33	30			7	21	10		11.10	7
FOGGY DEW	13.67	9	11	35	6	2	28	6	22	4		11.76	9
MY WAY	22.17	25	1	30	31	16	30					11.79	6
SALTSHAKER	13.88	16		34	2	29	7	11	9	3		11.81	8
PHOENIX	22.33	20	27	36	34	32	19	1	24	8		11.82	9
WILLARIE	18.33		20	32	23	5	2		28			12.24	6
WHITE POINTER	17.38	2	35	19	9	21	31	21	1			12.53	8
JOHNNY B. GOODE	21.43	4	32	31	29		32	17	5			12.69	7
MOANA	18.11	6	34	21	5	26	33	2	29	7		13.06	9



Mark Windward Windy Words

Mark gets a few comments from WW sailors who have trouble finding the Wednesday Wonders Race Reports. Sue Bowes has generously offered to show anyone having difficulty how to access the reports.

Thanks Sue for your offer. Contact Sue Bowes Boating [Department.Sue.Bowes@sydney.com.au](mailto:Sue.Bowes@sydney.com.au)

Like quite a few Wednesday Wonders sailors Mark has been tempted to go sailing in other places with warm water and great snorkelling. Like quite a few he has used the advice of Brook Felsenthal from Charter World. Brook is a long time member of SYC. Some of you will remember when Brook donated a week's yacht hire in the Whitsundays for the winner of Twilight racing, before sponsorship changed.

It is difficult to keep up to date with changes in other countries particularly about a not so news worthy topic of yacht Chartering. Brook still runs **Charter World** and publishes a newsletter (about monthly) with up to date news about chartering yachts locally and overseas.

All this is a lead up to draw attention to Brook's latest newsletter. It gives a great summary of chartering particularly in Europe. [CLICK](#). After reading it though I think I might opt for just a 4-hour flight to New Caledonia and the Isle of Pines.

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An Update On Shanti



[SHANTI](#) has arrived at port [ABBOT POINT ANCH](#) at 2016-07-14 00:35 UTC

On board Shanti Ronnie Blint *looks like* he is working hard and Jacquie is working hard



"Hi Jeffrey, Just left Jacquie's boat in Whitehaven Beach Whitsundays. Here's a photo of Jacquie cleaning a winch. That's what she does on her day off.

She is heading for Darwin before the cyclone season so she can set off for Africa before September

[SHANTI](#) departed from Port [TOWNSVILLE](#) at 2016-07-17 07:07 Local Time 2016-07-16 21:07 UTC)

Bernie Moore on *Blue Flyer* Rosslyn Bay Capricorn Coast.



It should be no surprise that a sailing report from Bernie would have a mention of food.

Just a few notes from her latest email:

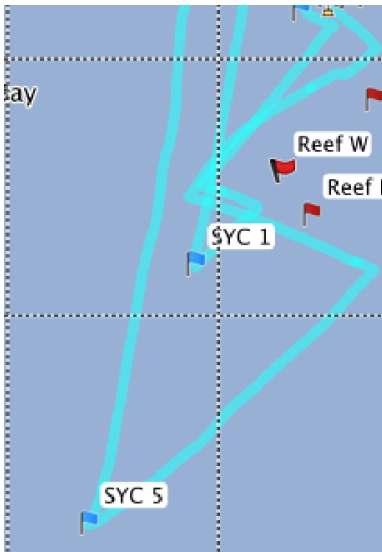
“A highlight of our voyage has been the local seafood all along the Qld coast.

Hugh and crew Peter Cheryl and I sailed Blue Flyer from Bundaberg Port

Marina 2 days ago to Rosslyn Bay, near Yeppoon and Rockhampton. We sailed 140nm that took 23 hours. Since yesterday afternoon it has been raining non-stop and is chilly for this area. Currently it is very windy. We have 150nm to get to Mackay. We are due there in 1 week.

Wind Effected Land

Have you tried to work out why in one race your tack towards the shore brings about different results? The land affects the wind. Mark thought there might be a simple answer to this question but should have known better.



To learn more about this effect:

Read the forthcoming article by the WIND SNIFFER

Or

Ian Whitbread suggests reading the following website [CLICK](#) but be aware that it is a Northern Hemisphere article so in the Southern the movement of the wind is in the opposite direction

Any other local advice would be very welcome. Please send to Mark

A fun Trivia Rules Night

Training Auditorium, Sandringham Yacht Club 7:00pm Tuesday 26 July 2016

Sail Committee invites you to test your rules knowledge at a fun and relaxed trivia night **with International Judge Rob Ware!** Questions aimed at the everyday sailor – you don't need to be on race management to know the answers! Being able to interpret the rules is important for all competitors.

Answer to Race 14 Question “To reach a port we must set sail – Sail, not tie at anchor
Sail, not drift.”The Quote was from another USA President **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

If you want to see the President JFK speech that was the question from Race 13 you can watch it [CLICK](#) *John F Kennedy addresses the 1962 America' Cup dinner Gretel 1962 (2 1/2 mins)*

Race 15 Question

I wonder if you can identify the yacht in the painting? Maybe not, but can you tell Mark where the painting was painted. To assist I will advise you that it was painted in 1890.



Forecast for Wednesday: “Variable winds below 10 knots.”

This sounds like Eceles from the Goon Show “Winds Light to variable” For the full script [CLICK](#)

Mark has just been revising Bill Gladstone’s Book *North U Trim* (from North Sails).

It has had 31 reprints since 1983..Particularly the section on light winds to make sure he has not forgotten.

Go for Speed, then point. Max power and maintain flow over sails. Don't over sheet or over steer, as it will stop the boat.

Thanks to Ronnie, Bernie, Ian W and Windward Buoy and other whisperers. Send your responses, comments and advice to WW sailors to [MARK Windward](#)

Why are seagulls in Port Phillip Bay, which is not an ocean, called seagulls?

Because if they were named after Port Phillip Bay, they'd be called 'bagels'!

Why do skeletons sail alone? Because they have no body.