

## WEATHER To RACE (or not)?

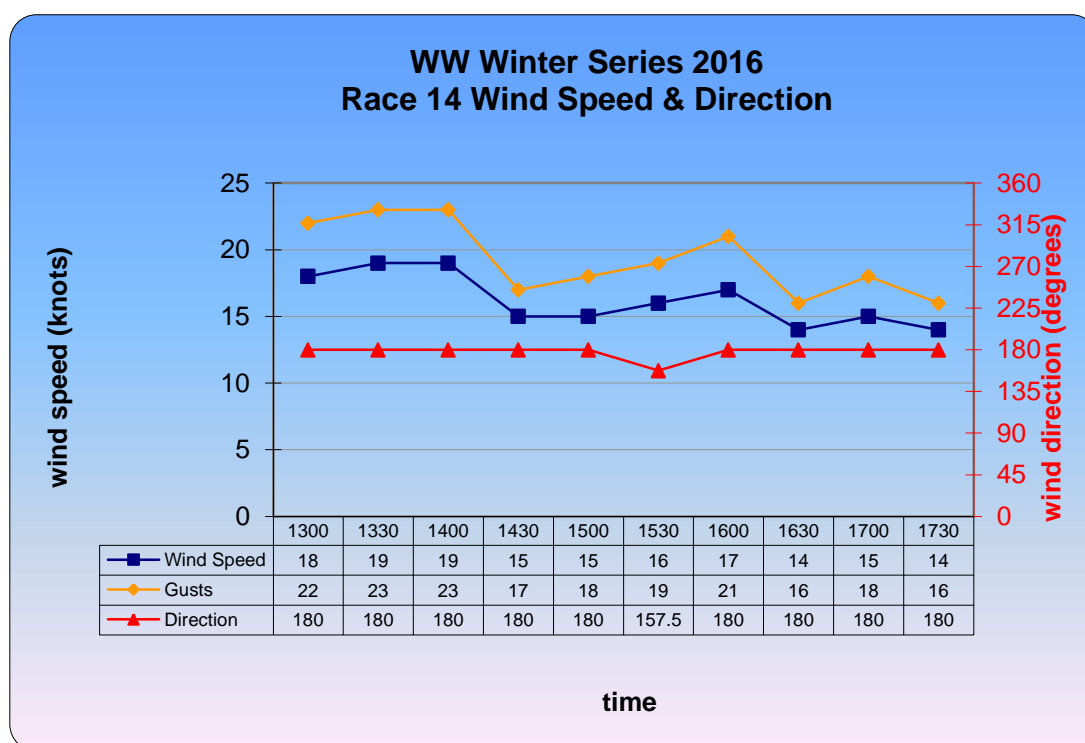
### WW Winter Series 2016 Race 14

(6 July 2016) full



With the early morning forecast of a strong wind, 95% chance of showers, top temperature of 12 degrees it was not too surprising that this was the smallest fleet for quite some time. Twelve yachts braved the elements in conditions that were not as bad as could have been expected. An amended forecast was issued at 1030 without the strong wind warning. The breeze at Fawkner averaged 16 knots for the afternoon; there was only 1.2 mm of rain in the city, and the temperature was marginally higher than the forecast 12 degrees. Of the twelve yachts that sailed, 10 of them improved their aggregate position. ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) recorded the best result with a 10 place improvement to her aggregate position compared to the average of a 3 place improvement.

For the second time this series the winner was GUN BOAT (Bruce Alexander) who crossed the finish line 1 minute 47 seconds ahead of the rest of the fleet. All but two yachts finished within 10 minutes of her crossing the line. The fastest elapsed time was recorded by the Sydney 36 ALIBI who was 4 seconds faster than Beneteau First 50 CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins). FOGGY DEW (Grahame Jones) became the 5<sup>th</sup> yacht this series with a start right on her handicap to win Start of the Day.



This was the 9<sup>th</sup> race to be completed this series and the 4<sup>th</sup> with a southerly start. The 7 leg 9.8 nautical mile course 16 is comprised of a quadrangle and a triangle and was selected for the first time this series.



The J24 GUN BOAT is one of 7 yachts to have completed all races and is 1 of 2 yachts to have won 2 races this series. She had the 3<sup>rd</sup> best start in this race being 7 seconds late for her 25 minute handicap from 5<sup>th</sup> place. She was in 1st place after sailing the first 4 legs in 1:10:58. GUN BOAT sailed the complete course in 1:54:06 – the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest time of the day. At the completion of race 13 she was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the aggregate, 12 points behind the leader. This win puts her into 2<sup>nd</sup> place only 4 points behind the leader. GUN BOAT has finished within 10 minutes of the winner in 8 of her 9 races.

This was by far the best result for ALIBI in 8 completed races. On average she had finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the first 7 races but this 2<sup>nd</sup> place lifted her from 20<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> place in the aggregate – 24 points behind the leader. ALIBI started from 9<sup>th</sup> place 12 seconds late for her 44 minute handicap. By the first rounding of number 4 she was in 7<sup>th</sup> place 7 minutes 16 seconds behind the leader. Alibi sailed the last 3 legs of the course in 31 minutes 29 seconds and crossed the line at 15:45:50 recording the fastest elapsed time of the race.

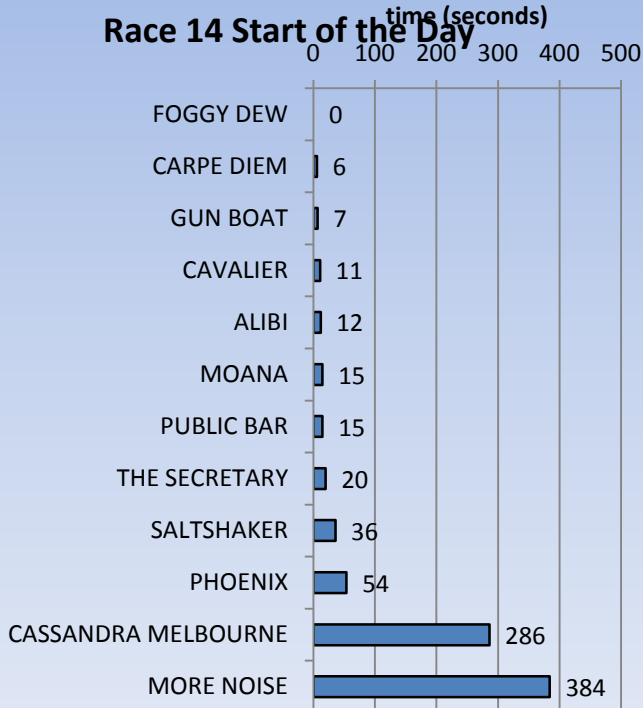


Finishing 2 minutes 11 seconds behind ALIBI was the Jarkan 925 SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler). She started the race from 2<sup>nd</sup> place 36 seconds late for her 22 minute handicap, which was 22 minutes 36 seconds before ALIBI. By the first rounding of number 4 SALTSHAKER was in 3<sup>rd</sup> place behind the Bavaria 32 FOGGY DEW. She went on to sail the course in 1:56:01 crossing the finish line at 15:48:01. SALTSHAKER has completed 8 of the 9 races and accumulated 2 podium plus a further 2 top ten finishes. This 3<sup>rd</sup> place helped her up the aggregate by 2 places from 6<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place, 9 points behind the leader.

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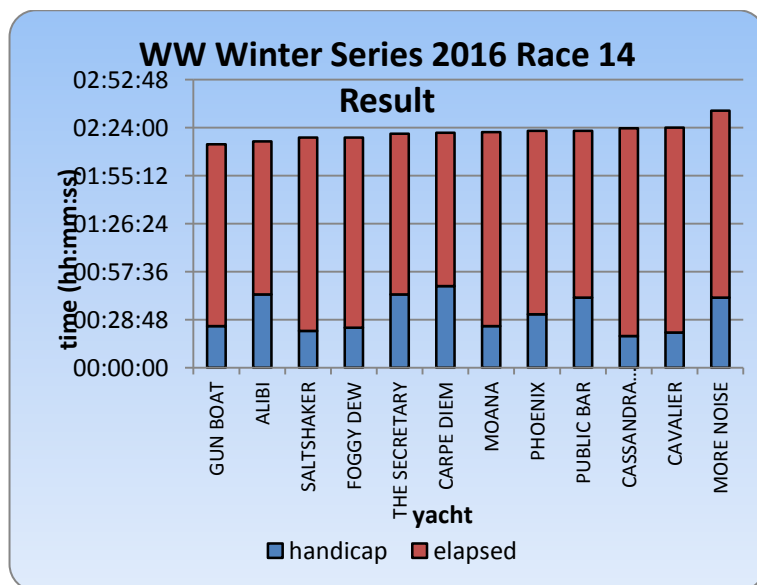
### WW Winter Series 2016

#### Race 14 Start of the Day

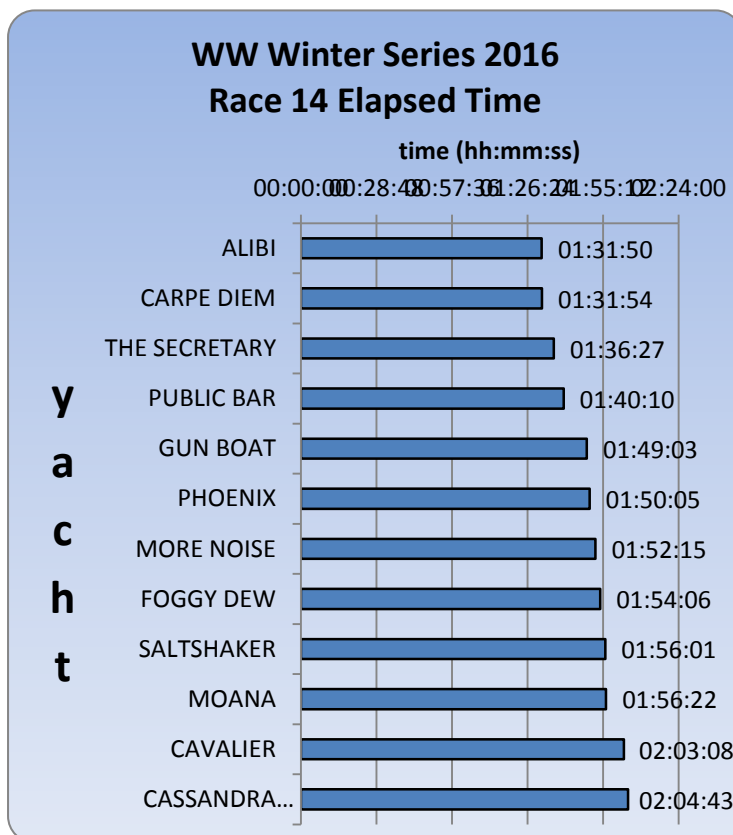
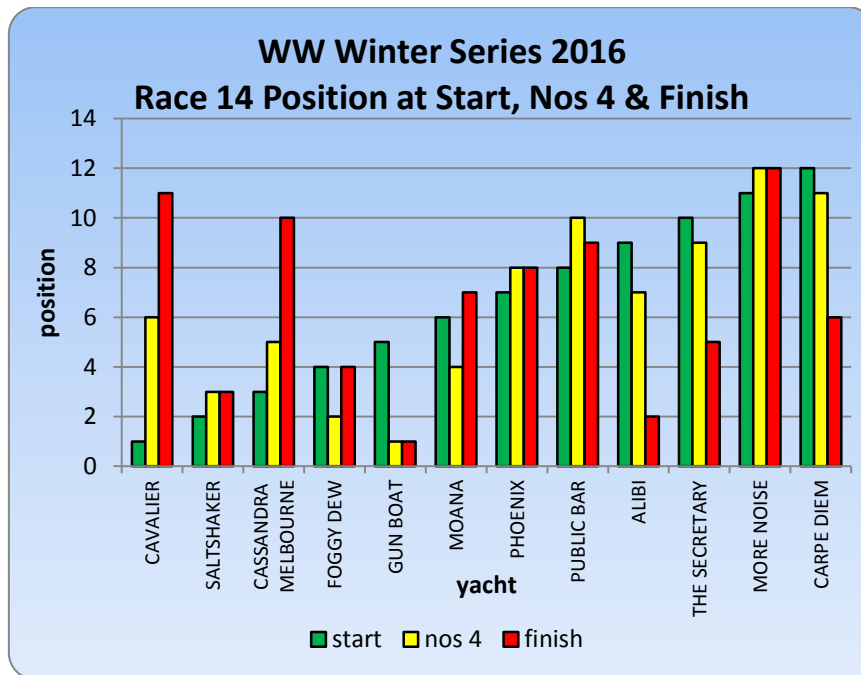


The start provided a varied result with FOGGY DEW having a perfect start and MORE NOISE (Jason Close) not doing quite so well. MORE NOISE was 6 minutes 24seconds late for the start, which is a larger penalty than that given for starting too soon. CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE was able to provide her with some company as she started 4 minutes 46 seconds too late. The remaining 10 yachts all started within 60 seconds of their handicaps and this gave a median start time of 15 seconds.

The 12 yacht fleet started the race only 27 minutes 55 seconds apart. The closest start for some time. By the first rounding of number 4 the gap was 20 minutes 30 seconds and the last 3 legs of the race saw the gap close a little further to 20 minutes 12 seconds. There was a tussle for 8<sup>th</sup> place between the Armitage 30 PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg) and the Elliot 46 PUBLIC BAR (Clive Sondheim) which Phoenix won by a 5 second margin.



Among the first 4 yachts (third of the fleet) to finish the race, 2 were among the first 4 to start with 1 starting mid fleet and the other among the last 4 yachts to start. Of the 12 yachts, 4 improved their positions during the race whilst 8 finished further back than when they started.



The average time to sail the entire course was 1:48:50. The first 4 legs of the course were sailed in an average time of 1:09:19 and the last 3 in 39 minutes 31 seconds. As already mentioned ALIBI was the fastest with CARPE DIEM 2<sup>nd</sup> and THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The table on the following page shows the handicap adjustments made so far in the series. From race 13 to 14 five yachts received increases whilst 1 yacht received a decrease to her handicap. None of the yachts in race 14 had received a handicap adjustment.

WW Winter Series 2016 Handicap Adjustment to Race 14									
YACHT NAME	RACE NUMBER								
	1	2	3	5	7	9	12	13	14
ALIBI	45	45	45	45	45	45	44	44	44
BABYDOLL			39	39	39	38	38	37	37
BARNSTORMER	45	45	45	45	45	45	44	43	44
BELLABLU	35	35	35	35	36	36	36	36	36
BON VIVANT		23	23	23	23	24	24	24	24
CARPE DIEM	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49
CARRERA			20			20			
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
CAVALIER	18	20	20	20	21	21	21	21	21
CONQUEST			50	52	52	52	51	51	51
DAYDREAMER						31	33		
ESPRIT	52	52	52	52	52	52	51	51	51
FAST COMPANY	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	34	34
FIREFOX			24	24	24	24	24	24	
FOGGY DEW	23	23	23	21	22	24	24	24	24
FUN AND GAMES		42	42	42	42	42	42	42	40
GUN BOAT	23	23	23	23	23	23	24	25	25
INSX	46	46	46	46	46	46	45	45	45
JOHNNY B. GOODE	27	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	29
LEBROK	37	37	39	39	39	39	39	39	39
MAGIC	30	30	30	30	30	29	28	29	30
MARIBEL						24			
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
MOANA	23	23	23	23	24	24	24	25	25
MORE NOISE	41	41	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
MY WAY	34	34	37	37	36	36	35	35	35
MYUNA III	33	33	33	33	33	32	32	32	32
PHOENIX	37	37	37	34	34	31	29	32	32
PIPPA	4	4	4	4	7	10	10	10	10
PIAZZ	26	27	27	27	27	28	28	28	28
PRIMO	39	39	39	39	38	38	38	37	37
PUBLIC BAR	44	44	44	44	44	44	43	42	42
SALT WHISTLE								26	
SALTSHAKER	20	20	20	20	22	22	22	22	22
SECOND NATURE	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
SHIMMER		42	42						
STAMPEDE	50	50	50	53	53	53	53	53	53
SURI	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
THE SECRETARY	46	46	46	46	47	47	47	44	44
TRUE COLOURS		30	30	30	30	33	33	33	33
UPBEAT		38	38	37	37	39	36	37	37
VANTAGE	33	33	33	33	34	34	34	34	36
WHITE NOISE		41	41	42	42	42	42	42	42
WHITE POINTER	33	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	38
WICKED	50	50	50	50	50	50	49	49	49
WILLARIE	4	4	4	4	4	5	6	6	6
WIND SPEED	45	45	47	47	47	47	47	47	47

## MARK WINDWARD - a race for just a few, so fewer words

Maybe other WW's were feeling 'under the weather' as Mark was, but hopefully we will have a bigger fleet this Wednesday - although the forecast does not look enticing.

**Web site for the week** For just around \$300 a night in South Korea you could stay in this excellent ship without fear of getting sea sick. This site is worth a look [CLICK](#) Scan through a few photos until you get to the ship.

### Answer to RACE 13 Question

"I really don't know why it is that all of us are so committed to the sea, except I think it's because in addition to the fact that the sea changes, and the light changes, and ships change, it's because we all came from the sea. And it is an interesting biological fact that all of us have in our veins the exact same percentage of salt in our blood that exists in the ocean, and, therefore, we have salt in our blood, in our sweat, in our tears. We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea - whether it is to sail or to watch it - we are going back from whence we came.

*Remarks at the Dinner for the America's Cup Crews, 14 Sept 1962 by John F. Kennedy*

Correct answer was sent to Mark from George Shaw

## Blue Book Online

If you have ever felt annoyed about having to pay for the Blue "Rules" book, you will not be able to complain in future. The release of the 2017 Racing Rules of Sailing will usher in the biggest change to the Blue Book since its first issue in 1969. The rules will be available **online free of charge** and will not be produced in a hard copy format.

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BASIC PRINCIPLES remain the same. SPORTSMANSHIP AND THE RULES competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.

Note SYC Committee is conducting a RULES INTERPRETATION TRIVIA NIGHT in the Training Auditorium 7.00pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016 with International Judge ROB WARE.

**Congratulations** to Gill Stubbs who is the Recreational Boating Club Person of the year 2016. Gill has made and continues to make a great contribution to the life of SYC, and to the quality of laughter in the bar.



A Jazz Fundraiser being held by Jeffrey's son [CLICK](#)

**Jeremy Woolhouse Trio: Gallery of Lives** with Jeremy Woolhouse: piano, Chris Broomhead: drums, Isaac Gunnoo: bass

A friend of Jeremy's is faced with treatment costing her about \$1000 per week, so a fundraising concert will be held at Richmond Uniting Church 2.00pm Saturday 23rd July 2016. All ticket sales and donations go directly to fund cancer treatment for Paulette Mifsud.

Up until illness prevented her, Paulette was helping musicians and athletes be at their best through her performance psychology practices. Her cancer is widespread including in the liver, brain and spine. Chemo and Radio therapy have failed to resolve the condition and Paulette has been advised a new drug, Keytruda, is the only option. Unfortunately Australia is yet to list this drug on the PBS, and treatment is costing about \$1000 per week. [jazzpiano.com](http://jazzpiano.com)

**Rec Boating talk** After this Wednesday's Race Rec Boating will have Peter Bland as a guest speaker - 7.30pm Wednesday 13 July 2016 Port Phillip Room

Peter is the first Australian to have adventured to both the North and South Magnetic Poles. He completed his expedition to the North Magnetic Pole, hauling a sled 700km across the frozen Arctic Sea, 12 months after undergoing his second bout of major heart surgery. He has survived being taken by an avalanche in Antarctica, falling the equivalent of 14 storeys of an office building where he lay for 3 days.

See news in Recreational Boating for details [CLICK](#)



**For Sale:** a regular WW yacht,

*My Way, Sm 200* Beneteau 2012 \$139,000

See details [CLICK](#) Sundance

This week's quote is also from a Politician. Do you know who?

*"To reach a port we must set sail –  
Sail, not tie at anchor  
Sail, not drift."*

At 12.00pm Monday Current wind at Fawkner North 32 knts Gusting 42 knts

*Mark Windward*