





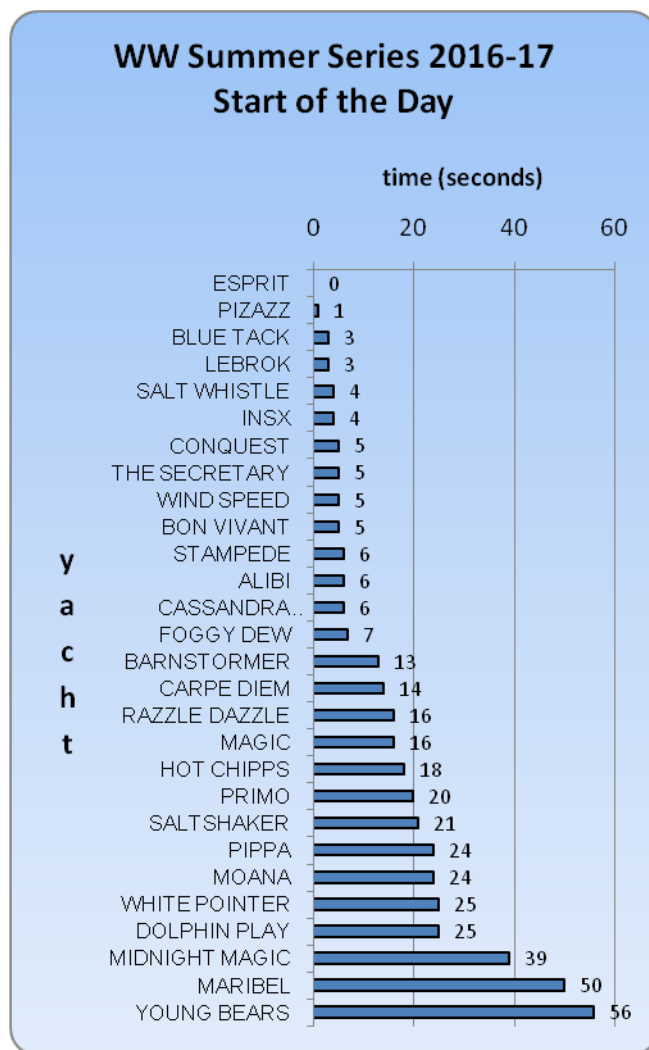
With two wins in her last two races PRIMO has shown the biggest improvement in her aggregate position of any yacht – up 10 places from 38<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. She started this race from 16<sup>th</sup> place, 20 seconds late for her 31 minute handicap – a handicap she first received for race 12. After sailing for 1:05:40 PRIMO rounded number 4 for the first time in 10<sup>th</sup> place. She had overtaken HOT CHIPPS and established a 56 second lead after crossing the start line 2 seconds behind. It was not until the last leg of the race that PRIMO led the fleet and crossed the finish line a mere 8 seconds ahead. She had sailed the entire course in 1:42:45 and crossed the finish line at 15:43:45. PRIMO has completed 9 races and becomes the second yacht to record 2 wins this series.

With a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place PIPPA is the first yacht to record 3 podium finishes for the series. She has also completed 9 races and seen her handicap increase from 6 to 8 minutes as the series progresses. She started this race from 2<sup>nd</sup> place 39 seconds late for her handicap. PIPPA was in 1<sup>st</sup> place at the first rounding of number 4 with a lead of 2 minutes 7 seconds. She had started the race 7 minutes 59 seconds behind DOLPHIN PLAY. PIPPA sailed the entire course in 2:05:53, her fastest time around course 12 in 3 attempts. This 2<sup>nd</sup> place was enough to take PIPPA from 2<sup>nd</sup> place to the top of the aggregate with a total of 29 points.

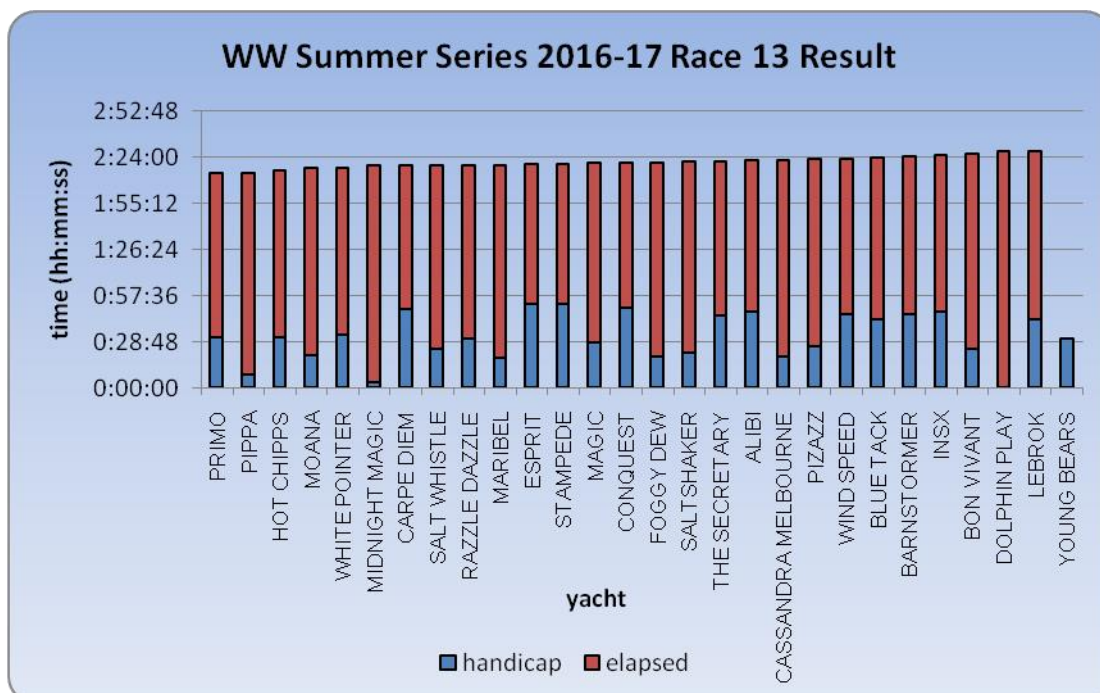


This was the eighth race completed by HOT CHIPPS this series and her second around course 12. Although her elapsed time was slower in this race, her finish position was much better. She started from 15<sup>th</sup> place 18 seconds late for her 31 minute handicap and after completing the first four legs of the course she was in 11<sup>th</sup> place. She sailed the last 3 legs of the course in 36 minutes 58 seconds to finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 15:44:54. HOT CHIPPS sailed the entire course in 1:43:54 just 15 seconds faster than the Oceanis 43 WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft). After finishing in 32<sup>nd</sup> place on 85 points following race 12, HOT CHIPPS has moved into 27<sup>th</sup> place with a total of 88 points.

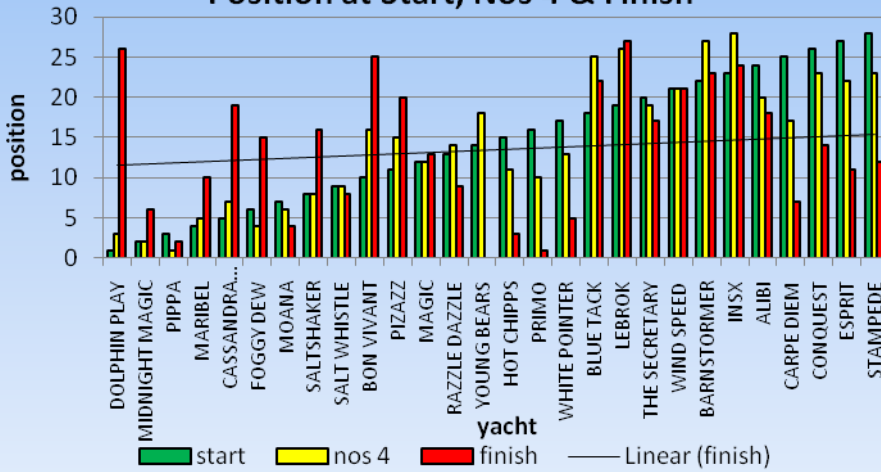
This was one of the better starts of the series. The median start time of 7 seconds equaled the lowest of the series; ESPRIT recorded another “perfect start” to win Start of the Day; and, all 28 yachts started within 56 seconds or less of their handicaps.



The fleet started the race 51 minutes 41 seconds apart but after the first 4 legs of the race this gap had reduced to become 21 minutes and 5 seconds. During the last 3 legs of the race it reduced further with 27 yachts crossing the finish line within 13 minutes 37 seconds of each other. There was a real contest for 16<sup>th</sup> place between SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) and THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) which SALTSHAKER won by 1 second. MARIBEL (Graham Frazer) had a 2 second win over ESPRIT for 10<sup>th</sup> place.



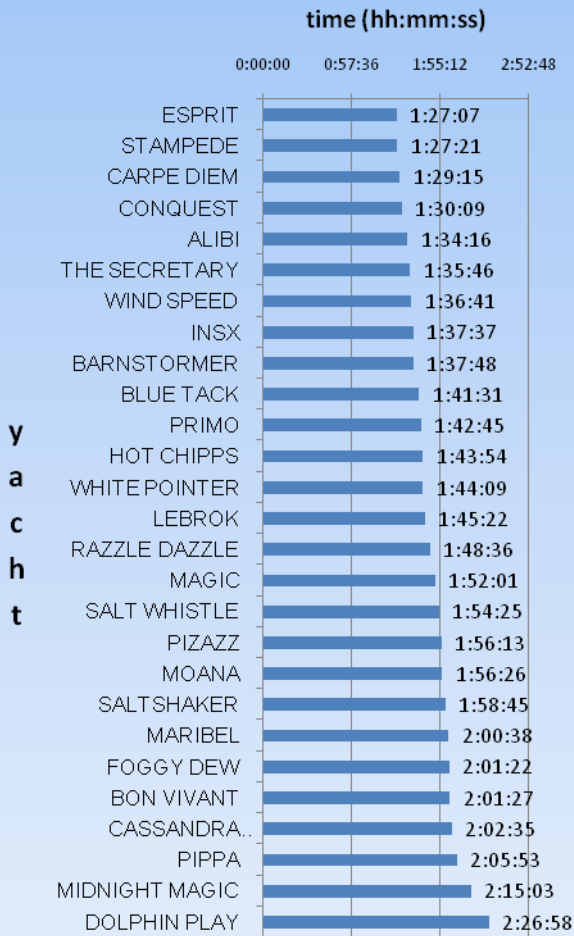
## WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 13 Position at Start, Nos 4 & Finish



As the black trendline approaches the horizontal it indicates a more even distribution of finish positions. Although a significant proportion of late starters finished mid fleet, it was the early and mid fleet starters that made up the majority of the early finishers.

The average elapsed time for the race was 1:48:40. For the second time this series ESPRIT recorded the fastest elapsed time – 14 seconds faster than STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala). It takes quite a while to be accepted into the Two Hour Club but 7 yachts (25%) became members this week.

## WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 13 Elapsed Time



The table below shows the ten yachts that have the fastest average elapsed times.

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Ten Fastest	
YACHT	AVERAGE ELAPSED TIME
NUTCRACKER II	1:27:43
CARPE DIEM	1:33:37
ESPRIT	1:33:50
CONQUEST	1:34:07
STAMPEDE	1:34:18
BRANNEW	1:36:09
ALIBI	1:37:27
THE SECRETARY	1:38:25
WIND SPEED	1:39:12
INSX	1:40:26

*Windward  
Buoy*



## *MARK'S NEWS for a New Year*

Lost assumed drowned? A timely note from Bob Reeves

Dear Mark,

As we were about to cross the line in Cassandra in a recent Wednesday Wonder race, one of the crew noticed that the life ring had come adrift. We went back looking for it, but were unable to find it.

My mobile phone had a few messages on it, which weren't very clear – and some had not come through properly at all. Eventually I received a phone call direct from the Water Police, who had had also left a message on my home phone.

Once they had established that I wasn't lost, or swimming around the bottom of Port Phillip they rapped my knuckles and severely reprimanded me for not advising them immediately that I had lost a life ring.

The ring had been picked up on Brighton beach and finished up at the Bayside Police Station, where I was able to retrieve it.

One of my crew is a member of the St. Kilda flotilla of the Coast Guard – he could have been called out.

To avoid the Coast Guard being called out unnecessarily for a search and rescue mission I should have report my lost Buoy.

### NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

- 1 All floating material such as life rings and cushions will be labelled.**
- 2 If I lose something overboard eg. a life ring or jacket, I will contact the police and advise them.**



Thanks for your Contribution Bob Reeves (*also know as BIG BOB*)

### **New Years Resolution 3:**

**I will keep clear of yachts that are starting their race while I still have 5mins to my start.**  
(A plea from an anon a mouse middle size yacht)

## FLARES AND ILLEGAL FIREWORKS.

A man was killed when he was hit in the head by a firework at Budgewoi Beach, on the NSW Central Coast.

At Hollands Landing an accident occurred and at Drouin, the Ambulance Victoria paramedics treated a man injured by fireworks for facial burns sustained from a firecracker.

Recent tragic events over the New Year with fireworks are a reminder that the New Year is a good time to remove out of date flares ('Fireworks') and check the expiry date of your current flares.

Quote from the police: "Hand them [illegal fireworks] in, or dob in someone who's got them."

## EXPIRED FLARES AND EPIRBS

*Approved smoke signals and distress flares, and some EPIRBS, have expiry dates clearly marked. Expired flares should not be carried on your vessel. Flares can become dangerous and unpredictable as they age.*

*Boat owners should dispose of their expired flares at selected police stations. Contact your local police station for specific locations.*

The closest Police Station to SYC is BAYSIDE POLICE STATION who will accept out of date Flares. Just bundle them up and hand them in at the police station where they can be disposed of safely.

**Open 24 Hours:** 25 Abbott Street Sandringham **Phone:** (03) 8530 5100

### **New Years Resolution 4:**

**I will check my flares and any that are out of date hand in to Bayside Police Station**

## TRAINING RACES

Some Wednesday Wonders yachts have been training for the rest of this season and have performed quite well in their training run. (Mentioned in detail elsewhere)

### **Melbourne to Devonport:**

**White Noise** – Daniel Edwards: 2nd place, Line Honours Monohull, 1st place IRC, 2nd place AMS

**More Noise** - Jason Close: 3rd place IRC

### **Cock of the Bay**

#### **Division 1:**

**Esprit** – Garry Anderson: 2nd place AMS and IRC

**Alibi** – Dennis Hambleton: 1st place Line Honours, AMS, IRC and PHS! (or should this be a PHD?)

### **Cruising:**

**Stampede** – Christopher Gendala: 1st Line Honours and PHS

**The Secretary** – George Shaw: 3rd Line Honours and PHS



A hard working crew

We found a way to straighten up this yacht so it doesn't heel as much.



If you spent time holidaying down the Peninsula in your childhood, you learnt that you had to queue up to order your fish and chips. Rosebud even had a special order window for locals only. Having been instilled with this correct behaviour one Wednesday Wonder yacht is exploiting this tendency to form a queue behind HOT CHIPS. This has been very noticeable in the last two races with Hot Chips getting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Maybe the reluctance to queue jump is not understood by those further behind or in the tower. Looking back as in this photo it becomes very clear...why yachts think they should line up behind to order their chips





Can you pick the difference in this yacht from last season?

Frazzle Dazzle doing a survey of bayside properties for the local Real Estate agent as she races.



Does Carpe Diem really sail 3 up during the holiday season?





With her extra training over the New Year, Esprit moves into 5<sup>th</sup> place. It is obvious that the crew have worked out their seating arrangements.

Thanks to Windward Buoy, Bruce Parry for pics, to Big Bob for his story, and a few other people for their feedback. If you would like to add your New Year's sailing resolutions please send them to Mark Windward. I hope you enjoy your sailing in 2017 just a little bit more than last year.

[MARK WINDWARD](#)



*Has anyone seen Sue lately?*