

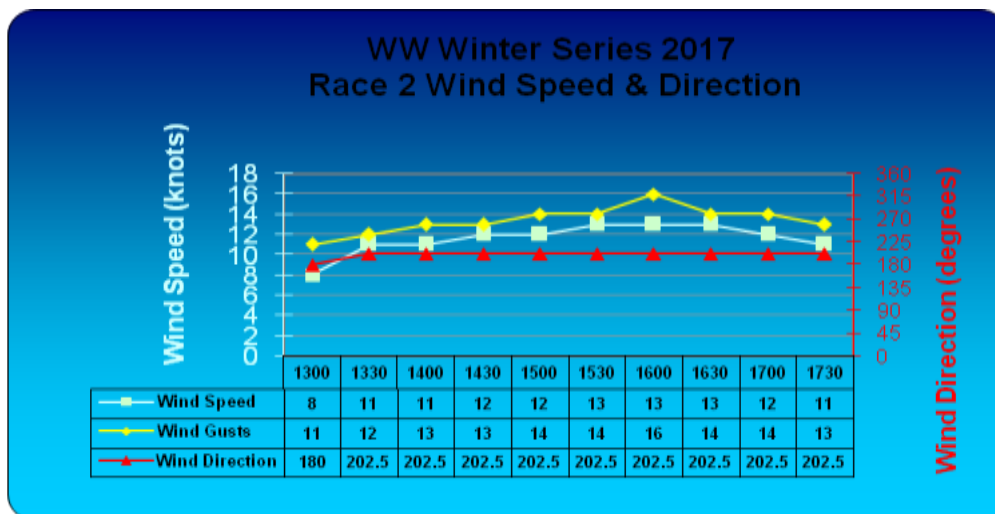
## Quickest Race for a Long Time

### Wednesday Wonders Race 2 Winter Series 2017

(12 Apr 2017)



There were some very unkind sailing conditions experienced both during the weekend and early part of the week. These were caused by a slow moving low pressure system. This had moved sufficiently east by Wednesday to provide another great sail. The breeze at Fawcner Beacon averaged almost 12 knots from the south west for the afternoon. This was enough to make this the fastest race around course 22 since it was introduced at the start of the previous summer series. The southwesterly breeze made only 1 of the 7 legs a beat with about 86% of the 9.1 nautical miles course a running and reaching race.



Most of the early starters recorded very good results with 10 out of 12 among the first 12 finishers. Most of the mid fleet starters were among the mid fleet finishers and most of the late starters were among the late finishers. WILLARIE (Graeme Kaufman) became the first race winner of the series leading the fleet from beginning to end. She won in dramatic fashion crossing the finishing line before NUTCRACKER II (Rob Davis & Andy Baker) rounded number 4 for the first time. FOGGY DEW (Joe O'Grady) started from 6<sup>th</sup> place and moved up 4 places to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> with MARIBEL (Graham Fraser) starting from 5<sup>th</sup> place finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch) won start of the day 3 seconds late for her 41 minute handicap. She won the start twice in the summer series and her first win was also in race 2. Despite being last to start and last to finish, NUTCRACKER II sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time of 1:14:36 – 1 minute 41 seconds faster than STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) and 5 minutes 10 seconds faster than WICKED (Mike Welsh).

There are 26 scheduled races in the series, which is set to finish on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017. As well as prizes being awarded for each race the MISTY BLUE TROPHY – for the best starter – will be awarded. The other perpetual trophy is the Shebassa Shield which is awarded to the yacht having the lowest combined score in both the winter and summer series. For those able to meet the exacting eligibility requirements there is the Century Class, comprising 6 races.



WILLARIE completed 15 races during the summer series without a podium finish. She started this winter series strongly leading the fleet from start to finish. She was 29 seconds late for her zero handicap and started 4 minutes 52 seconds ahead of PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) the other Triton 24 in the race. After sailing for 1:03:34 WILLARIE rounded number 4 for the first time in first place and 3 minutes 8 seconds ahead of PIPPA. WILLARIE completed the course in 1:47:32 and crossed the finish line at 15:17:32 that was 3 minutes 40 seconds ahead of PIPPA and it was to be another 2 minutes 42 seconds before NUTCRACKER rounded number 4 for the first time.

FOGGY DEW was one of only two yachts to sail all 23 races in the last series. She collected a total of 4 podium finishes including 2 firsts and 2 thirds. For her first race of the winter series she started from 6<sup>th</sup> place 8 seconds late for her 15 minutes handicap - the lowest handicap she has received since the start of the summer series. It took FOGGY DEW 56 minutes 41 seconds to complete the first 4 legs of the race and she rounded number 4 for the first time in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. She went on to sail the course in 1:32:47 crossing the finish line at 15:17:47 – only 15 seconds behind the winner.

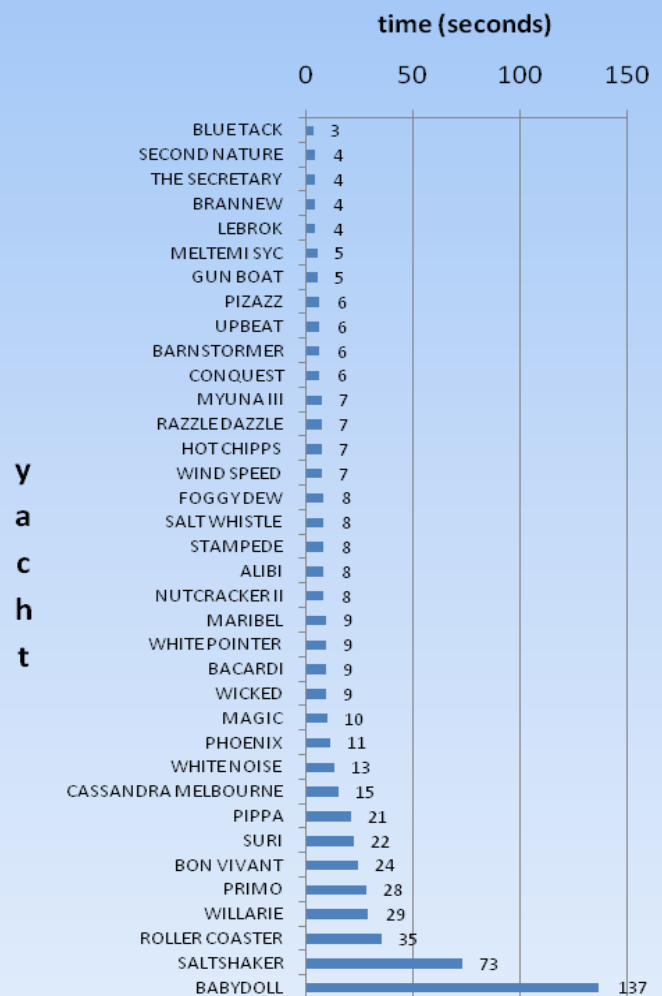




Starting the race only 59 seconds ahead of FOGGY DEW was the Jeanneau 349 MARIBEL. She completed 11 races in the summer series and registered 2 podium finishes – both 3<sup>rd</sup> places. She started this race from 5<sup>th</sup> place 9 seconds late for her 14 minute handicap. MARIBEL arrived at number 4 for the first time still in 5<sup>th</sup> place and now 1 minute 14 seconds behind FOGGY DEW. MARIBEL sailed the last three legs of the course in 36 minutes 54 seconds and crossed the finish line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 15:19:57 – 2 minutes 25 seconds behind the winner.

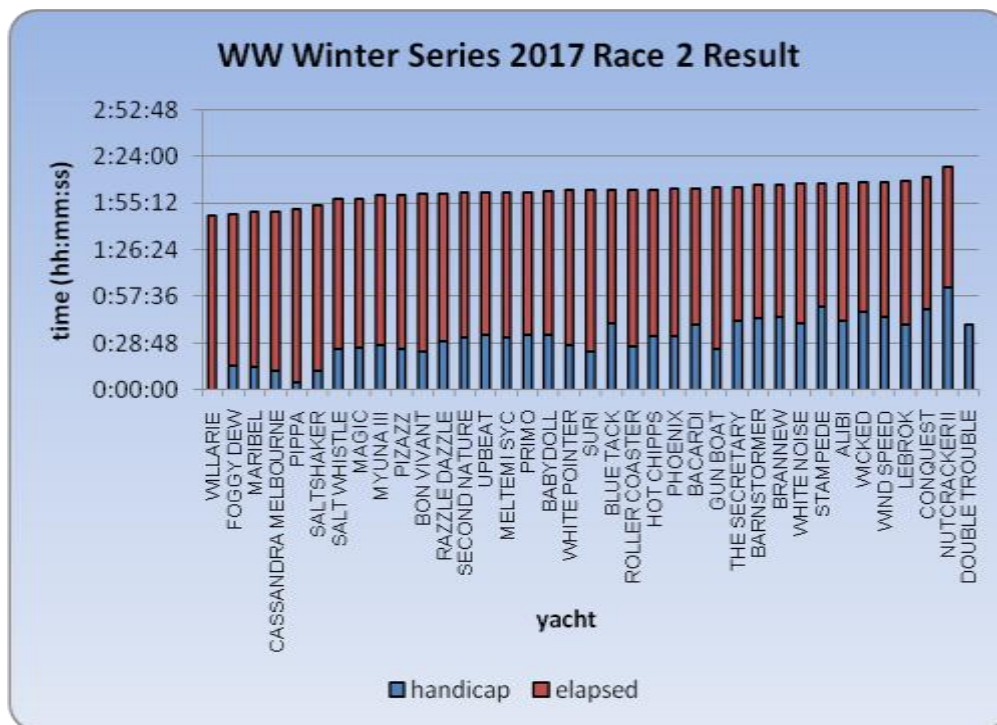
Twenty-five of the 37 yachts started within 10 seconds or less of their handicaps. BLUE TACK won the start with a time of 3 seconds but she had 4 other yachts close behind starting on 4 seconds. These were: SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay); THE SECRETARY (George Shaw); BRANNEW (Clive Sondheim) and LEBROK (Theo Korbel). Only 2 yachts started more than 60 seconds late and the median start time was 16 seconds.

### WW Winter Series 2017 Race 2 Start of the Day

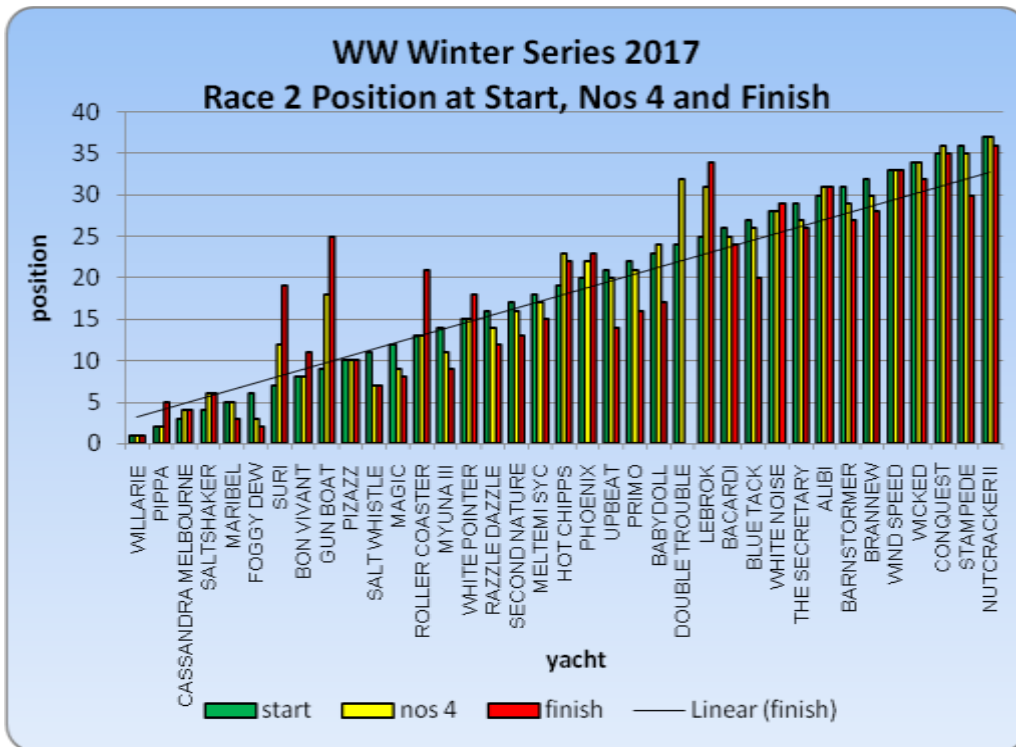




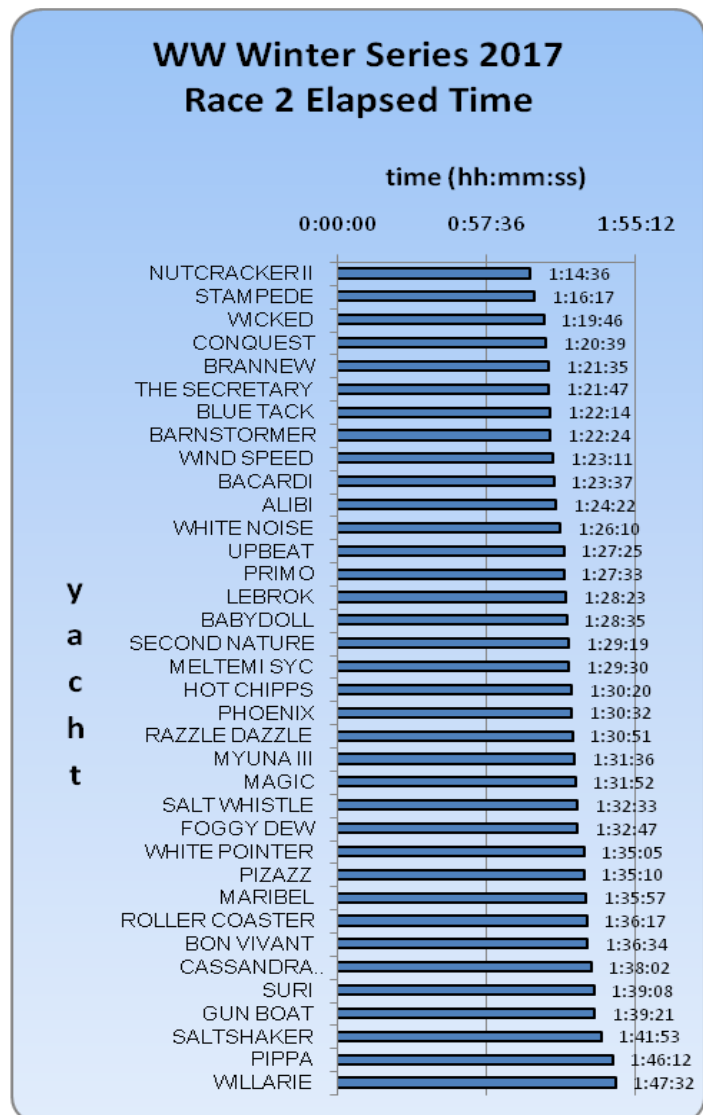
Andy & Karen will be married by the time you read this report. Apparently it was overheard on board someone saying.... "Never mind about getting to the church (or in their case SYC) on time... just get me to the line on time"... We wish them every good wish on what is believed to be the first Wednesday Wonders Wedding. MW



The fleet began the race 62 minutes 39 seconds apart and after completion of the first 4 legs of the race this gap had reduced to 43 minutes 8 seconds. By the end of the race the gap was 30 minutes and 4 seconds. Only 6 yachts finished within 10 minutes of the winner. The closest finish was 3 seconds between 4 different pairs of yachts. MELTEMI SYC (Ian Howarth) and PRIMO (Steve Copley); WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft) and SURI (Rick Blanck); BLUE TACK and ROLLER COASTER (Geoffrey Simpson) who finished 3 seconds ahead of HOT CHIPPS (John Chipp).



Although the late starters were in hot pursuit of the early starters they were unable to catch them. Of the 12 late starters BLUE TACK, who started 27<sup>th</sup> recorded the best finish position – 20<sup>th</sup>.



The result of the race showed WILLARIE first and NUTCRACKER II last. The comparison of elapsed times turns that order on its head with NUTCRACKER II first and WILLARIE last. The median elapsed time for the race was 1:29:55. This was faster than any time recorded in both the previous summer and winter series.

The table below shows the handicap adjustments made this series. Increases are highlighted in red, decreases in green.

Note there are some increases from last season to the new season, and between Race 1 and race 2. e.g. Nutcracker 6 minute increase. Magic, Myuna and White Noise reduced from the end of the summer series to Race 1, then increased for race 2. 6 yachts had increases to their handicaps from the summer to winter series, then received a handicap reduction between races 1 and 2.

WW Winter Series 2017 Handicap Adjustments			
Boat Name	25*	1	2
ALIBI	45	44	43
BABYDOLL	36	36	34
BACARDI	41	40	40
BARNSTORMER	45	44	44
BLUE TACK	41	41	41
BON VIVANT	24	24	24
BRANNEW	44	44	45
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	14	12	12
DOLPHIN PLAY	0	0	0
DOUBLE TROUBLE			40
ESPRIT	51	51	53
FOGGY DEW	16	17	15
FUN AND GAMES	39	37	37
GUN BOAT		28	25
HOT CHIPPS	34	35	33
LEBROK	39	42	40
MAGIC	26	25	26
MARIBEL	16	14	14
MELTEMI SYC	32	32	32
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	1		1
MYUNA III	26	25	28
NUTCRACKER	57	62	63
PHOENIX		29	33
PIPPA	6	5	5
PIAZZ	24	27	25
PRIMO	34	34	34
RAZZLE DAZZLE	31	30	30
ROLLER COASTER		28	27
SALT WHISTLE	24	24	25
SALTSHAKER	16	14	12
SECOND NATURE	34		32
STAMPEDE	51	52	51
SUMMER WIND	17	15	12
SURI	25		24
THE SECRETARY	44	43	43
UPBEAT	35		34
VANTAGE	30	30	30
WATERMARK11			39
WHITE NOISE	40	39	41
WHITE POINTER	30	32	28
WICKED	49		48
WILLARIE	0	0	0
WIND SPEED	46	45	45
YOUNG BEARS		34	

**Note:** 25\* was the final race of the 2016-17 Summer Series.

We wish Brendan a speedy recovery from his forthcoming operation, and hope the result makes his sailing more comfortable.



This is an example of a Row of Boats that happens with a Soldier's course.



It is great to see Geoffrey in a new sailing boat and part of WW. **Sm385 Roller Coaster** started after Magic on 27 mins in 13th place and held that position at the half way mark but dropped to 21<sup>st</sup> at the finish. Finishing at 1533 were 7 yachts. Given an allowance for a new yacht of 5 mins (or an aim to improve by) she would have finished 7<sup>th</sup>... She is Hans 385. To see Roller Coaster being launched at SYC [CLICK](#) to bring up the page and scroll to the bottom of the page.

## PAPPA ART SEA pics

Given the course it was a little difficult to photograph a range of yachts



**Gun Boat** is back for the winter. Bruce aims to defend his winning Winter title. It seems like the pirates have deserted the ship though!

### Watch Out for the Pappa Art Sea!

You can't even trust your absent crew. This photo taken from the SYC web cam illustrates you never know who is watching.. He wanted to know why we were back to the dock so early.



This photo could have been taken any time during the race. **Second Nature** and **Meltemi** SYC started 2 seconds apart, at No 4 were 7 seconds apart, and at the finish still in front was Second Nature by 11 seconds.





**Upbeat** did manage to squeeze in between Second Nature and Meltemi at the finish line. She started just 3 places behind Meltemi.

**Remember:**

to register for Century Class, if you are eligible.  
Forms are available at the Boating Office foyer.

the photos of all WW yachts are available if you ask the boating office and bring along a USB Memory stick to copy onto.

to make sure you have entered in the Winter Series.  
A total of 42 yachts are currently registered.

it is too late to try and book for Presentation Night - it is **TOTALLY** booked out.

to keep 26<sup>th</sup> April free for the Recreational Boating Speaker. A speaker chosen by Mark Windward.



**7.30pm Wednesday 26th APRIL Port Phillip Room**

**SANDY Mackinnon,**

Sailor and Writer, will share some tales of his Odyssey  
written in his book

**“The Unlikely Voyage of Jack de Crow”**

**“This will be the most humorous yachting speaker you are ever likely to hear.” *Mark Windward***

Thanks to the Pappa Art Sea, Windward Buoy. Send your photos, comments, feedback, to

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