

Wednesday Wonders Race 18 Winter Series 2017 (2/8/2017)

A record race for female skippers. Race 18 will be remembered by at least 2 women for their best results. Sm214 BLUE TACK was first to cross the finish line at 16:23:40. This was just under 2 mins in front of second. She started 29th off 42mins and was 11 seconds late. By No 4 she was 19th and in the next 37 mins led the fleet across the line. Andrew will need to buy a wide angle (or is it angel?) lens if he is going to capture Karen's winning smile. I am not sure that the handicapper is pleased with Blue Tack's score of a 1st, 2nd and 3rd in this series...so I won't mention it. I think there should be a least one coloured yacht in the top ten just to prove the club does not discriminate against women coloured yachts.

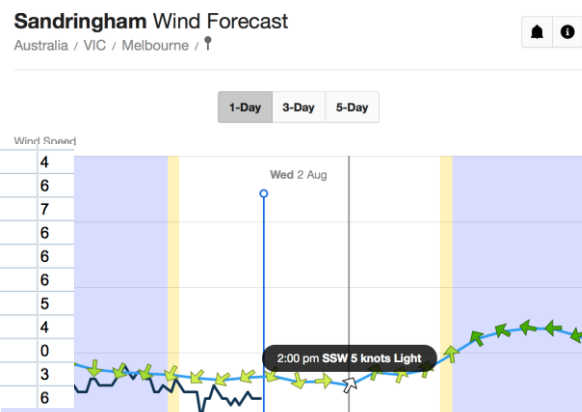


The forecast for Race 18 was:

Wednesday: Morning fog then mostly sunny.								
	1.00 AM	4.00 AM	7.00 AM	10.00 AM	1.00 PM	4.00 PM	7.00 PM	10.00 PM
Temperature (°C)	–	–	–	7	13	14	9	7
Wind direction	–	–	–	ENE ↙	W →	SSW ↗	SSE ↗	E →
Wind speed	-	-	-	6	6	7	12	14
○ km/h ● knots								



The actual wind recorded was:



										Wind Speed
02/05:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	S	6	7	3	4
02/05:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	S	9	11	5	6
02/04:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	11	13	6	7
02/04:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	WSW	9	11	5	6
02/03:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	W	9	11	5	6
02/03:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	WSW	9	11	5	6
02/02:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	WNW	7	9	4	5
02/02:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	WNW	6	7	3	4
02/01:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	CALM	0	0	0	0
02/01:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	ESE	4	6	2	3
02/12:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	NE	7	11	4	6

Second place for Sm367 LEBROK was a celebration for Theo Korbel, who returned to Wednesday Wonders after a short break. I think Theo's return also meant that Lebrok flew its newer sails.



Third, just over a minute later, was Sm701 SYC MELTEMI, her best place since a 4th in race 14. After starting 20th off 30mins, she lost 24 seconds at the start but she made her move early and was 7th around No 4 just 6 mins off first. At the shortened finish she had reduced this time to just 3:1mins

The second female skipper to score her best result since a first in Race 5 in the summer series, was MIDNIGHT MAGIC. She crossed the start line 20 seconds late after a 1 min handicap, and trying to sort out the AP flags and the revised timing. Midnight finished 11th just 8 ½ mins behind Blue Tack and 14 seconds behind FOGGY DEW. M&M is 37th in the winter series.



Some would have liked a 10 added to Course 8 to make Course 18 which has short legs. The race was a bit too close to not getting finished due to the time expiring, but thanks to 8 yachts who finished before 4:30, the whole fleet was able to cross the line and complete the race within the time limit.

Just one yacht did not score a result. BRANNEW misjudged her run along the start line and, avoiding other yachts who were starting, managed to score a record early start of 9:48mins which earned her a DNS.

Some of the early print outs from race 18 were not quite correct. BON VIVANT was recorded as a DNF. This may not seem a large error but adjusting Bon Vivant to the correct score meant that Russell Keays will fly the yellow flag for Race 19 as the leader of the series. She was equal 14th scoring 14.5. Russell has only had one podium but two 4th places. Mark suggests that being a smaller yacht, if she was painted a bright colour she would be more easily distinguished.



Second place in the series, just ½ a point behind, is WHITE NOISE who scored another 9th place, (ie two 9ths in a row). She has an average of finishing 8th. CASSANDRA has slipped into 3rd place just 5 points away from first with a 24th this race that contributed to her score.

Getting a mention by Mark in these reports does have one draw back as Mark was reminded by the handicapper that some yachts who are doing well are upsetting his aim that “every yacht should have a chance at finishing last.”

Half way through the race at No 4, the top ten yachts:

Position at 4	Sail No	Yacht	Finish Position
1	1101	M Magic	12
2	32	Foggy Due	11
3	354	Vantage	6
4	104	Café Racer	4
5	303	Pippa	22
6	616	Magic	7
7	701	Meltemi	3
8	3434	Pizazz	15
9	1298	Salt Shaker	21
10	385	Firefoxy	14

The figures above prove sailors’ theories about this race.

Mark would welcome what these figures prove.

Notes to help you: The first yacht passed No 4 at 15:19:56, and the 10th at 15:27:49.

At the start of the race the yachts were spread 1hr:01min

At Number 4 the spread was 28:50 mins.

At the finish line the fleet was spread over 31:19 mins (I think this figure in theory should be smaller)

Mark wonders:

- * Should late starts give the option to the Officer of the Day to adjust the finish time and provide a better chance to complete a race.
- * If the OD can change the start time why not the finish time? They have access to the BOM etc. to check if conditions are suitable.
- * Should short legs be used for light days. Not all sailors are tall!
- * Do WW really enjoy sailing long legs that do not require the crew to do much and reduce down the number of decisions skippers have to make about sailing?



In these conditions you should watch out for whirlwinds and whirl pools. Guess which boat had whirlpools?

The handicap changes are listed below. It is not an easy chart to fill in.
Check your handicaps at the Wailing Wall.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Boat Name	Race 14	15	16 ABN	Race 17	RACE 18	Increased
2	NUTCRACKER II	54	55		55	61	Increased
3	WICKED	44	46		44	43	Decreased
4	VINDALOO	45	45		41	39	Decreased
5	BARNSTORMER	40	40		40	40	
6	BRANNEW	40	43		41	41	
7	STAMPEDE	42	45		48	48	
8	BLUE TACK	40	41		40	42	Increased
9	CONQUEST	40	40		42	42	
10	ESPRIT	38	41		41	38	Decreased
11	WIND SPEED	38	38		40	44	Increased
12	THE SECRETARY	37	39		38	37	Decreased
13	WHITE NOISE	38	39		39	39	
14	ALIBI	37	39		38	42	Increased
15	BACARDI	38	39		39	35	Decreased
16	LEBROK	35	37		37	36	Decreased
17	UPBEAT	36	37		37	36	Decreased
18	MAVERICK	35	38		38	35	Decreased
19	PRIMO	33	34		33	34	Increased
20	BABYDOLL					29	
21	FUN AND GAMES	31	32		32	30	Decreased
22	MELTEMI SYC	28	30		30	30	
23	WATERMARK11	28	29		26	28	Increased
24	MYUNA III	27	28		24	24	
25	SECOND NATURE	26	27		26	26	
26	MAGIC	26	27		25	23	Decreased
27	RAZZLE DAZZLE	27	31		31	30	Decreased
28	CODE VIOLATION	23	23		23	23	
29	HOT CHIPPS	24	26		22	21	Decreased
30	PHOENIX	24	30		30	31	Increased
31	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	20	21		18	17	Decreased
32	GUN BOAT	21	23		23	22	Decreased
33	SALT WHISTLE	25	28		26	26	
34	VANTAGE	25	29		29	26	Decreased
35	BON VIVANT	21	20		23	23	
36	ROLLER COASTER	21	21		18	16	Decreased
37	SALTSHAKER	21	22		21	20	Decreased
38	ANDANTE 1	18	19		13	10	Decreased
39	PIAZZ	18	20		18	16	Decreased
40	SURI	17	19		18	15	Decreased
41	FOGGY DEW	17	19		15	15	
42	MARIBEL	18	19		14	14	
43	WHITE POINTER	18	23		18	12	Decreased
44	PIPPA	4	4		2	1	Decreased
45	SUMMER WIND	5	5		3	2	Decreased
46	DOLPHIN PLAY	2	3		1	1	
47	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	2	2		1	10	Increased
48	WILLARIE	4	4		0	0	

Video of the week

A short video of heritage wooden yachts starting a race in the USA [click](#) or paste the link below.
Thanks to Off Centre Harbour.com

http://www.offcenterharbor.com/videos/2012-eggemoggin-reach-regatta-aboard-vortex-steve-white/?awt_l=Bg3l.&awt_m=3iLIPZFF8mLII9k

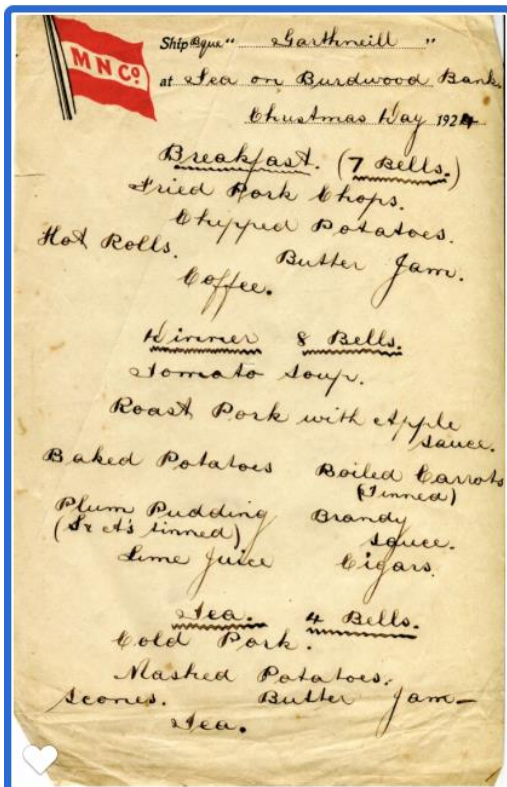
Do WW really enjoy sailing long legs that do not require the crew to do much and reduce down the number of decision skippers have to make about sailing? I think this photo supports the case for not opting for long legs?



Some words from the WATCH TOWER:

If a boat finish line is used in a race, before you jump up and down about presentation time being late remember that the race sheets etc. still have to be filled out in the tower, raffle tickets to be sold, and yachts have a chance to pack up and get up to the bar....It all takes time.

Food guide.. This week is a menu for Christmas Day 1924 on the bque GARTHNEILL



This week's quiz

Do you know the name of this yacht? It seemed like it was in race 18, but it could have been a Brighton yacht that got lost. Please advise Mark. We do know that it is not Firefox even though it has the same sail number.



Thanks to Bruce Parry and a few other Papa art seas for assistance this week and to the race Management, and the watch Tower people.

More tips on cooking at sea next week. Any comments or questions or answers please email

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You are advised not to read on...

Why does the Norwegian navy have bar codes on the side of their ships?

So that when the ships come back into port they can Scandinavian!