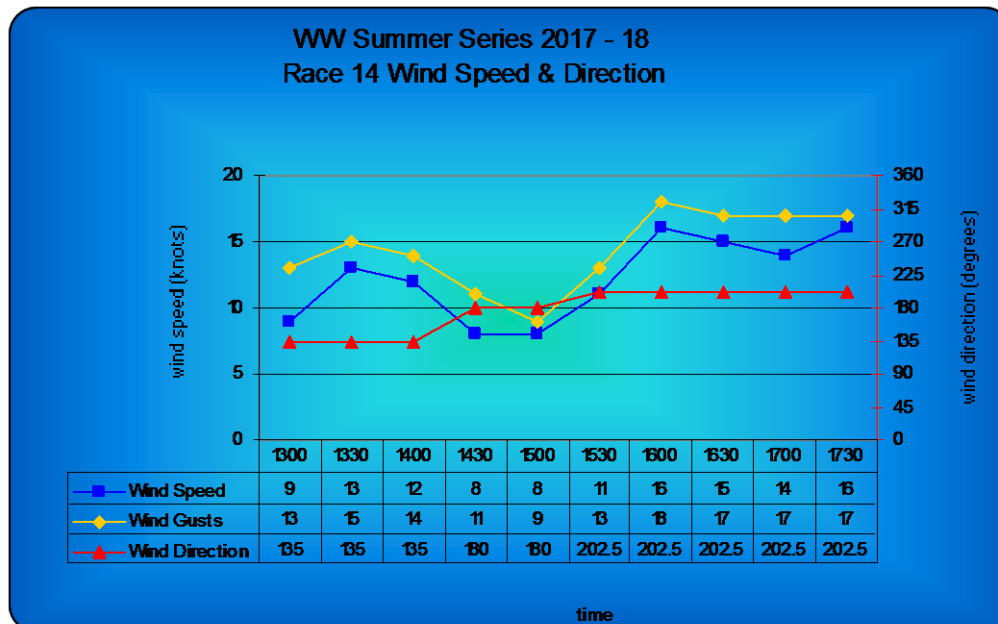


Wonderful Wednesday WW Summer Series 2017-18 Race 14



Flat seas, 12 knots of breeze and a temperature in the mid 20's combined for a good afternoons sail. The race was around the 6 leg 9.8 nautical mile course 25. The breeze, which shifted from the south east to the south south west and varied in strength during the afternoon, meant a downwind start and offered the option of going out or staying closer inshore for the early part of the windward legs. About 48% of the total course length was to windward. It was one of the closer races of the series with all 32 starters finishing within 18 minutes 25 seconds of each other.



- 13 yachts had handicap increases, 13 had decreases;
- Both the Farr 1020 ARABESQUE and the Armitage 30 PHOENIX made their series debut;
- WHITE POINTER won her first start for the series with a perfect start – 4th of the series;
- 10 yachts started within 9 seconds or less of their handicap, one yacht started too soon and the median start time was 16.5 seconds;

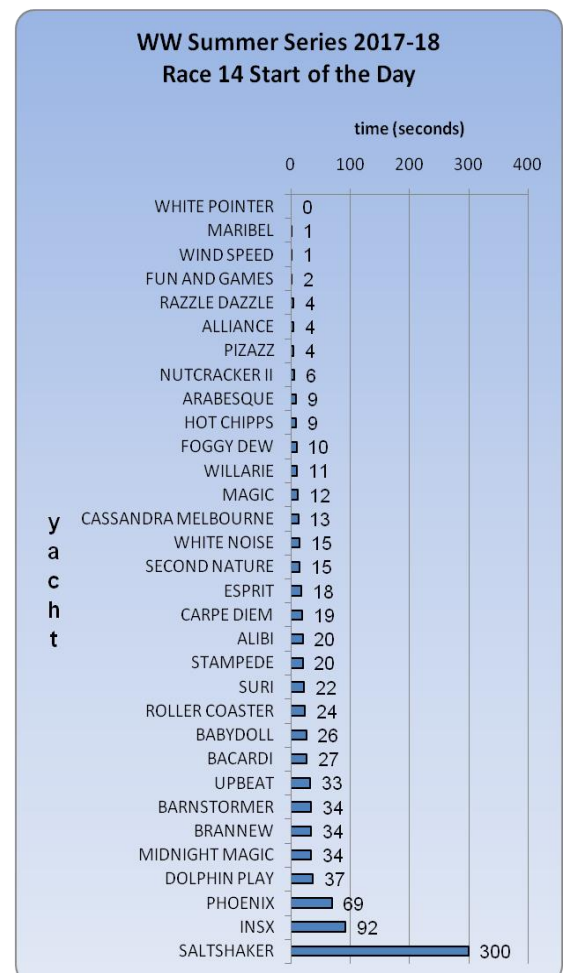
- First 5 yachts across the finish line – MAGIC (1st), ROLLER COASTER (2nd), BACARDI (3rd) FUN & GAMES (4th) and WHITE NOISE (5th) recorded their best or equaled their best result for the series;
- MAGIC became the first yacht to record 2 wins in the series;
- HOT CHIPPS and ARABESQUE tied for 20th place;
- The average elapsed time for the race was 2:11:28;
- NUTCRACKER II recorded the fastest elapsed time (1:43:31) for the 10th time this series;
- 8 yachts crossed the finish line within 45 seconds of each other;
- The fleet started 56 minutes 44 seconds apart, and was 22 minutes 46 seconds apart at first rounding of number 4, and finished 18 minutes 25 seconds apart;
- WHITE POINTER continues to lead the aggregate for the 7th successive week;
- MAGIC, BARNSTORMER and BACARDI move into the aggregate top ten replacing PIZAZZ, BON VIVANT & CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE;



Both ARABESQUE (Milton Green) and PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg) have sailed in previous series. ARABESQUE used to be sailed by Albert Doggett. This was their first race in this series. They finished 20th and 14th respectively.



WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft) became the 10th Start of the day winner and the 4th with a perfect start. This is the 13th start for WHITE POINTER and her starts average 10.8 seconds with 6 start under 10 seconds.



The S&S 39 MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) won the race by 15 seconds – the second closest finish of the series. She now has 2 podium finishes this series – both wins.



WW Summer Series 2017-18 Magic Race Record									
RACE	POSN	Nos of YACHT	ELAPSED	FINISH	H CAP	Start	COURSE	DISTANCE	MEAN Wind Speed
1	21	37	3:07:09	17:04:09	0:27:00	14	12	9.8	9
3	20	44	1:53:59	15:51:59	0:28:00	35	26	9.9	18
4	15	41	2:07:20	16:23:20	0:26:00	19	59	10.2	12
5	31	34	2:34:56	16:45:56	0:31:00	17	14	9.9	11
6	13	39	1:52:34	15:46:34	0:24:00	17	12	9.8	14
7	22	31	1:47:30	15:49:30	0:32:00	26	25	9.8	16
8	11	43	2:08:24	16:01:24	0:23:00	81	13	9.8	13
9	28	42	2:19:40	16:12:40	0:23:00	30	38	10.2	11
10	29	37	2:01:49	16:03:49	0:32:00	46	13	9.8	14
11	1	36	1:59:20	15:53:20	0:24:00	22	28	9.9	17
12	11	34	1:29:55	15:28:55	0:29:00	3	27	10.2	20
14	1	32	2:08:56	16:04:56	0:26:00	12	25	9.8	12

This was the first podium finish for ROLLER COASTER (Geoffrey Simpson) this series. She started from 5th place was 1st around number 4 on the first rounding and finished 2nd.

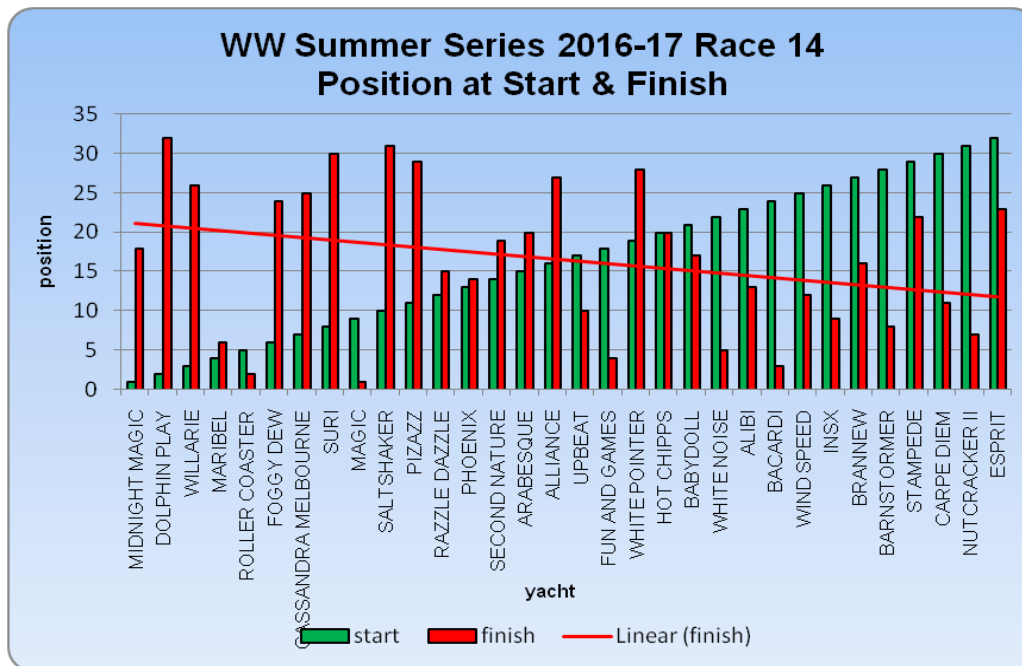
WW Summer Series 2017-18 Roller Coaster Race Record									
RACE	POSN	Nos of Yachts	ELAPSED	FINISH	H CAP	Start	COURSE	DISTANCE	MEAN Wind Speed
1	12	37	3:03:41	16:52:41	0:19:00	19	12	9.8	9
3	7	44	1:52:59	15:47:59	0:25:00	52	26	9.9	18
4	12	41	2:13:10	16:22:10	0:19:00	5	59	10.2	12
5	32	34	2:42:04	16:47:04	0:25:00	14	14	9.9	11
6	5	39	1:53:52	15:41:52	0:18:00	67	12	9.8	14
7	29	31	1:50:48	15:53:48	0:33:00	42	25	9.8	16
9	34	42	2:32:43	16:18:43	0:16:00	9	38	10.2	11
10	26	37	1:59:50	16:02:50	0:33:00	7	13	9.8	14
12	19	34	1:31:06	15:32:06	0:31:00	11	27	10.2	20
13	18	20	2:11:42	16:12:42	0:31:00	9	14	9.9	16
14	2	32	2:15:11	16:05:11	0:20:00	24	25	9.8	12



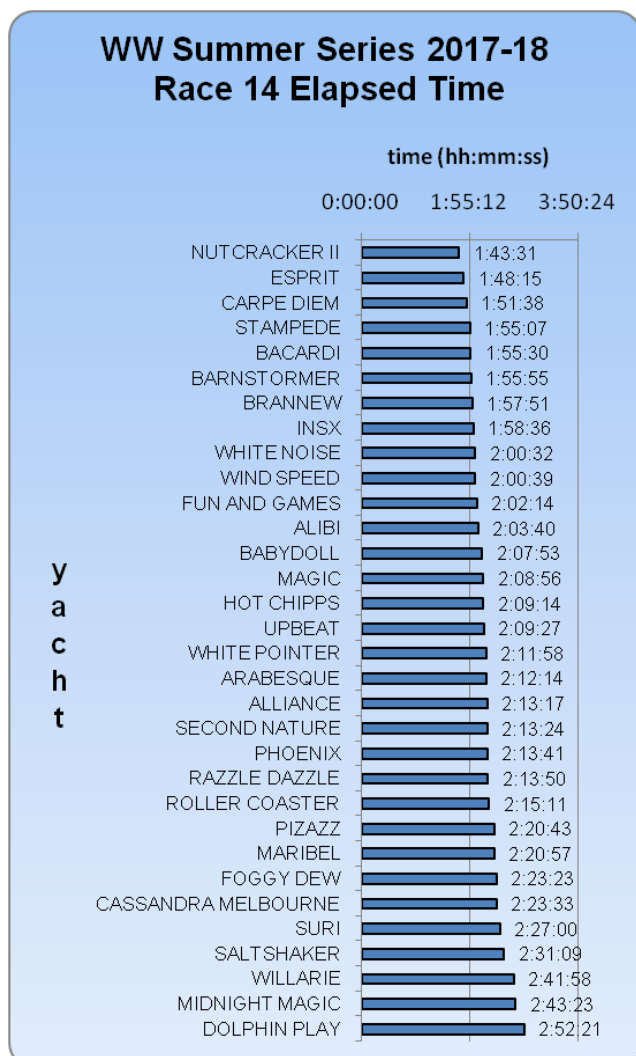
BACARDI (Martin Power) started from 24th place, was 5th at the first rounding of number 4 and finished 3rd only 19 seconds behind ROLLER COASTER. BACARDI recorded the 5th fastest elapsed time of the race.

WW Summer Series 2017-18 Bacardi Race Record									
RACE	POSN	Nos of yachts	ELAPSED	FINISH	H CAP	Start	COURSE	DISTANCE	MEAN Wind Speed
1	8	37	2:37:14	16:47:14	0:40:00	23	12	9.8	9
3	26	44	1:41:50	15:52:50	0:41:00	12	26	9.9	18
5	10	34	2:08:42	16:31:42	0:43:00	11	14	9.9	11
6	21	39	1:36:42	15:49:42	0:43:00	13	12	9.8	14
7	17	31	1:34:21	15:47:21	0:43:00	3	25	9.8	16
8	19	43	1:50:45	16:03:45	0:43:00	13	13	9.8	13
9	13	42	1:50:51	16:01:51	0:41:00	69	38	10.2	11
10	9	37	1:44:30	15:57:30	0:43:00	4	13	9.8	14
11	19	36	1:48:02	16:00:02	0:42:00	29	28	9.9	17
12	7	34	1:16:41	15:26:41	0:40:00	14	27	10.2	20
14	3	32	1:55:30	16:05:30	0:40:00	27	25	9.8	12

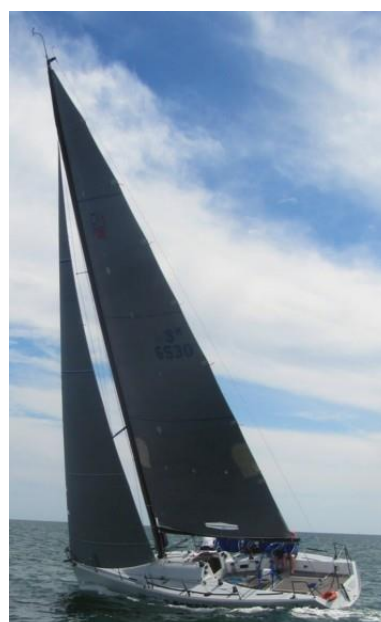




Of the first 11 yachts to finish, 6 were late starters. Three of the 11 early starters were among the first 11 to finish.



The last yacht crossed the finish line 16:23:21 after sailing the course in 2:52:21. This was more than an hour longer than the 3 fastest yachts.



Here's an idea - a photo of the skipper on the main. An example was spotted on Wednesday when the 16 metre Hong Kong registered Chinese yacht ARK 323 was on the water sailing among the WW fleet.



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