

The Jaffa Trophy Race
WW Summer Series 2017-18 Race 23
(14 Mar 2018)

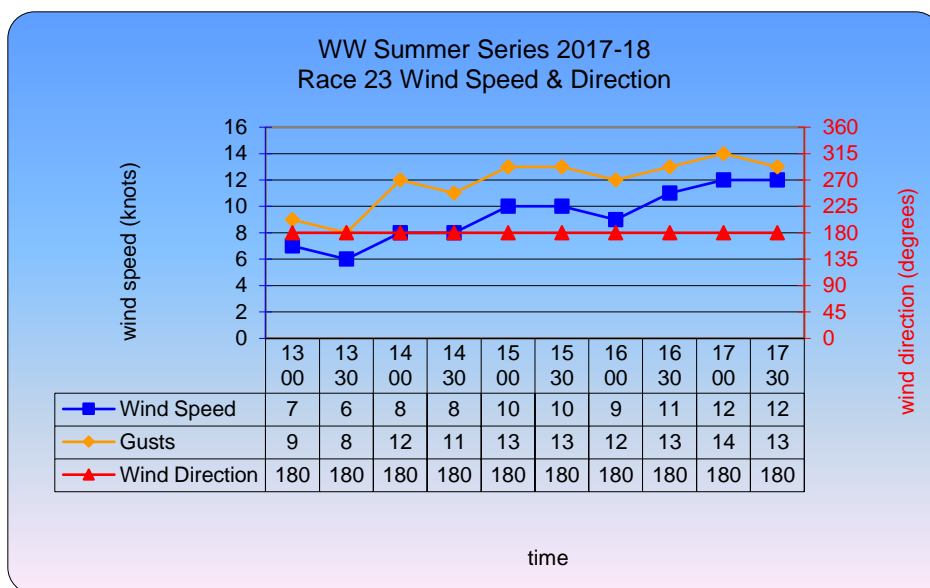
A Decisive Win for LEBROK



Photo by Ian Whitbread



A large fleet of thirty nine yachts contested the only race in the Wednesday Wonders series that provides a trophy for winning a single race – the Jaffa Trophy. The race took place in excellent conditions around the 9.9 nautical mile course 26. The breeze for the afternoon averaged about 9 knots at Fawkner Beacon which was slightly below the 10 to 15 knot forecast.



LEBROK (Theo Korbel) found that “little extra something” to win the race and the Jaffa Trophy. She finished 3 minutes 6 seconds ahead of another Beneteau 367, UPBEAT (Peter Dunne), who crossed the finish line 10 seconds ahead of ARABESQUE (Milton Green). All three yachts had their best finish of the series. Earlier, ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) won start of the day when she started within 2 seconds of her start time. ALIBI upholds the series tradition of all winners of start of the day starting within 2 seconds or less of their start time. CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time of 1:58:35.

The fleet started 54 minutes 37 seconds apart, this gap narrowed to be 17 minutes 14 seconds apart at the first rounding of number 4 but extended to 32 minutes 51 seconds at the finish.

Despite finishing 30th and 13th respectively WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft) and BON VIVANT (Russell Keays) remain 1st and 2nd in the aggregate.

Unfortunately WICKED (Mike Welsh) discovered she was taking on water and retired from the race. The Boating Department was able to render valuable on water assistance to both ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) and BRANNEW (Clive Sondheim) after they had completed the race.



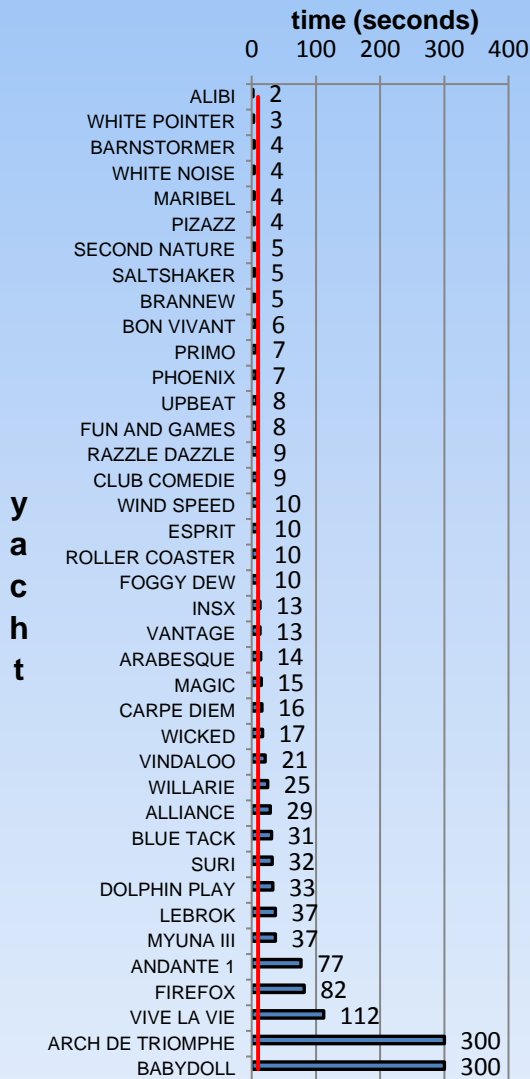
LEBROK has completed 17 races and accumulated 10 top ten positions. However, this was her first podium finish of the series. She started from 26th place 37 seconds later for her 37 minute handicap. She made considerable time and distance over those who started ahead and was in 5th place on completion of the first three legs. At that stage she was still 5 minutes 18 seconds behind the race leader. LEBROK overtook the rest of the fleet during the last 3 legs of the race and build a commanding lead to cross the finish line 3 minutes 6 seconds ahead of her closest rival. She had sailed the course in the 7th fastest time of the day crossing the finish line at 16:16:02. After spending 13 weeks outside the aggregate top ten she is back up there in 9th place.

UPBEAT has completed 16 races this series and this was her first podium finish and second top ten finish so far. She started the race from 23rd place only 8 seconds late for her 36 minute handicap. By the first rounding of number 4 UPBEAT was in 7th place. This was 2 minutes 5 seconds behind LEBROK. She sailed the last three legs of the race in 55 minutes 1 second. UPBEAT crossed the finish line in 2nd place at 16:19:08 after sailing the entire course in 2:13:08. She moved up the aggregate table from 35th into 28th place.



The Farr 1020 ARABESQUE has completed 6 races this series and this was her first podium finish. She started the race from 13th place 14 seconds late for her 29 minute handicap. She was still well ahead of both LEBROK and UPBEAT when she rounded number 4 for the first time in 3rd place. ARABESQUE still had some work to do in the last 3 legs of the race to hold onto 3rd place. She did this successfully by sailing the last 3 legs in 61 minutes 6 seconds. She sailed the entire course in the 16th fastest time of the race and finished at 16:19:18. ARABESQUE sailed well enough to move up from 47th to 43rd in the aggregate.

WW Summer Series 2017-18 Race 23 Start of the Day

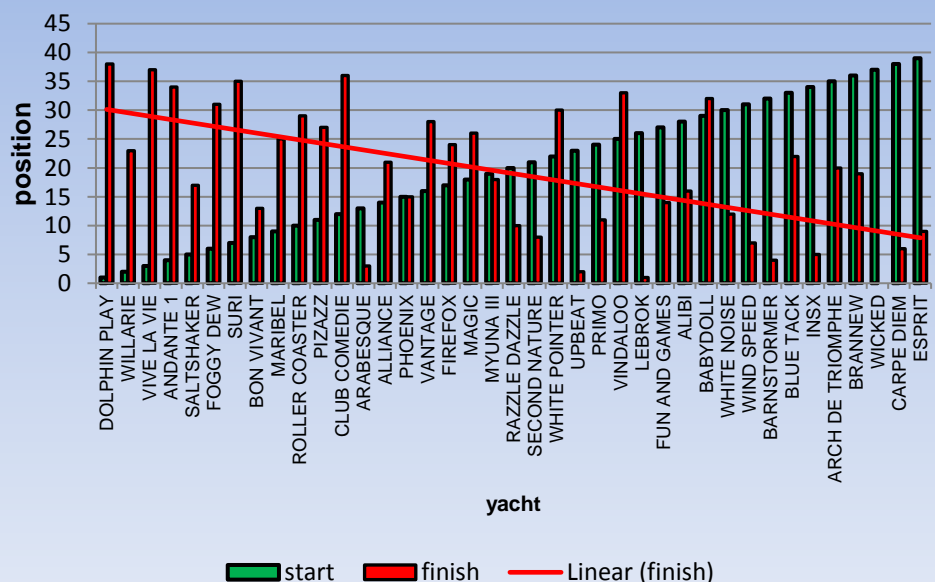


ALIBI became the 14th different yacht this series to win Start of the Day. Twenty yachts started within 10 seconds (red line on chart) or less of their handicap. Both ARCH DE TRIOMPHE (A. Murray & R. Davis) and BABYDOLL (Brendan Kruger) started too soon by the narrowest of margins – 1 second and were penalised 5 minutes. This penalty cost ARCH DE TRIOMPHE 15 places and BABYDOLL 6 places.



It was a more successful day for the late rather than the early starters. The last half of the fleet to start was, on average, better placed at the finish line than the first half of the fleet. Of the first 20 yachts to start only 2 were better placed at the finish.

WW Summer Series 2017-18 Race 23 Position at Start and Finish



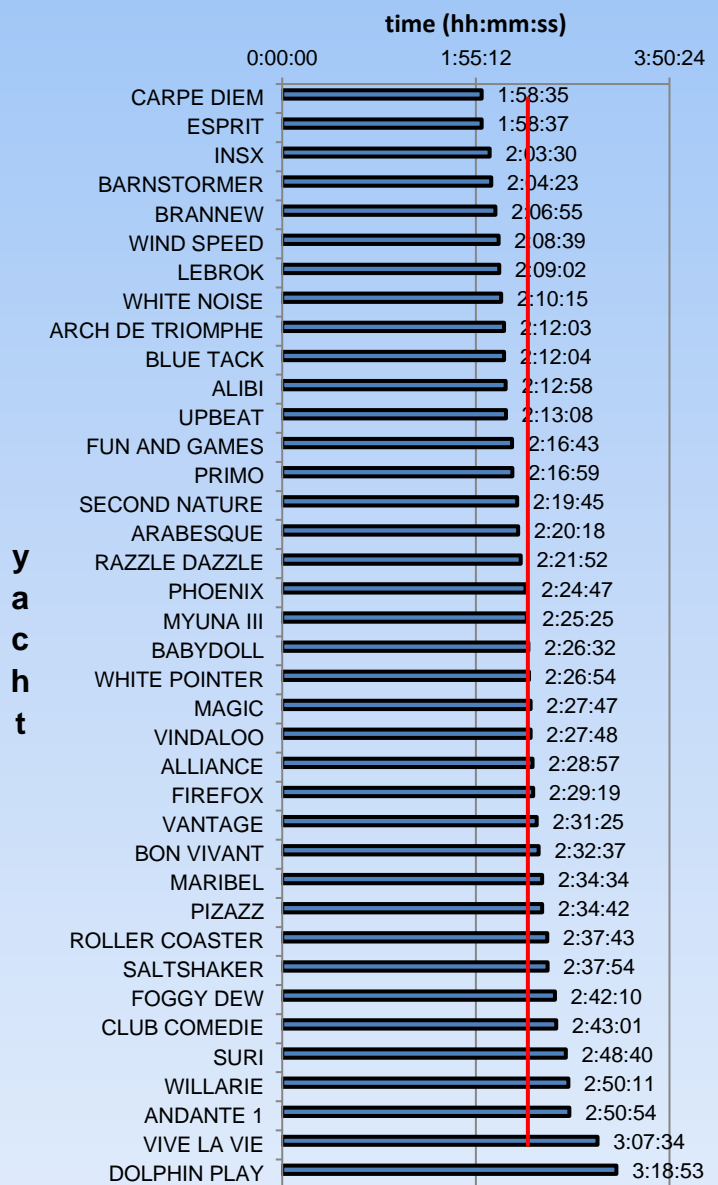


The median elapsed time of the race (red line on chart) was 2:26:09. CARPE DIEM was 2 seconds faster than ESPRIT around the course. Meanwhile ARCH DE TRIOMPHE was only 1 second faster than BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch) whilst 1 second was all that separated MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) from VINDALOO (John Taylor).



INSX looking very ship shape as she sails into 5th place and gathers her 5th top ten finish of the series.

WW Summer Series 2017-18 Race 23 Elapsed Time



With an elapsed time of 3:18:53 DOLPHIN PLAY (John Brennan) received good value for money.



SM 927 PHOENIX looked in good shape for the start of this race.



BON VIVANT is settling into 2nd place in the series aggregate and is a serious contender for the Shebassa Shield.



RAZZLE DAZZLE is in "the mix" for the Noelle Coram trophy

This Nankeen Night Heron keeps an eye on the marina at night. Occasionally it appears during the day.

