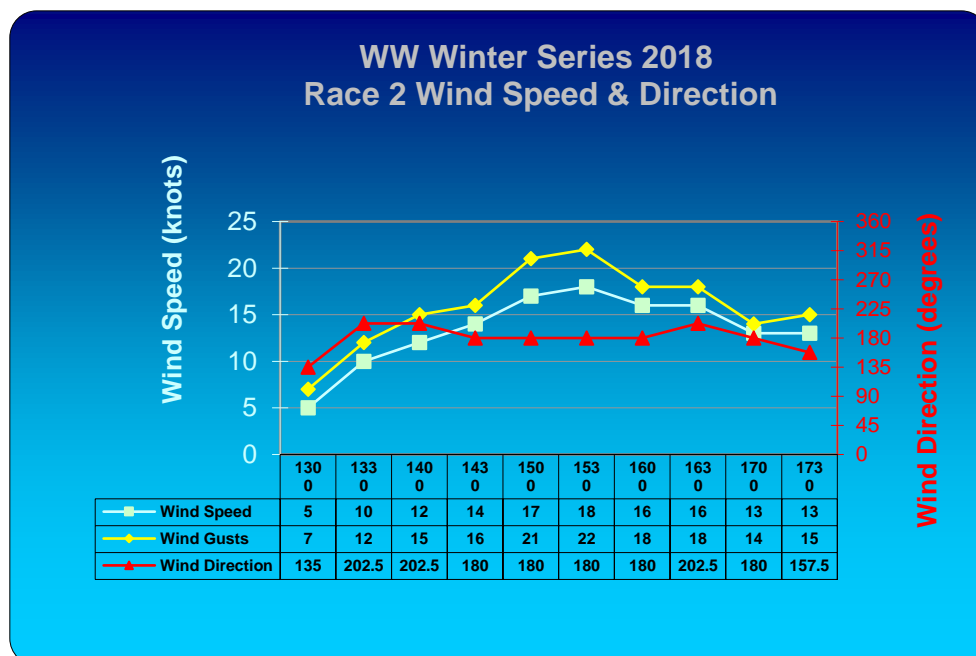


## It's Curry in a Hurry WW Winter Series 2018 Race 2 (11Apr 2018)



For the second time in 3 races VINDALOO (John Taylor) ran through the fleet to record yet another win. Hot stuff indeed particularly as she not only won the race but also won Start of the Day. She was joined on the podium in 2<sup>nd</sup> place by last week's 5<sup>th</sup> place getter PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg). VANTAGE (Darren Hunter) recorded her second podium finish in 2 races when she crossed the finish line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. All three yachts did very well especially after each received increases to their previous week's handicaps.



Fawkner Beacon recorded a breeze of only 5 knots 30 minutes before the start. This increased to 18 knots by 1530. The average for the afternoon was about 14 knots. These conditions seemed to favour the later starters with only 1 yacht of the fifteen early starters finishing among the early finishers.

The race took another large fleet, this time 44 yachts, around the 9.8 nautical mile, 6 leg course 13. This course was selected four times in the summer series resulting in an average sail time of 126.19 minutes. This race had a faster time averaging 110.98 minutes. Of the 44 starters 43 completed the race with one retirement. The fleet began the race 53 minutes 6 seconds apart by the first rounding of number 4 they were 12 minutes 48 seconds apart. However the gap had widened by the end of the race with the fleet 17 minutes 16 seconds apart. The fastest yacht around the course was STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) in a time of 1:31:44.



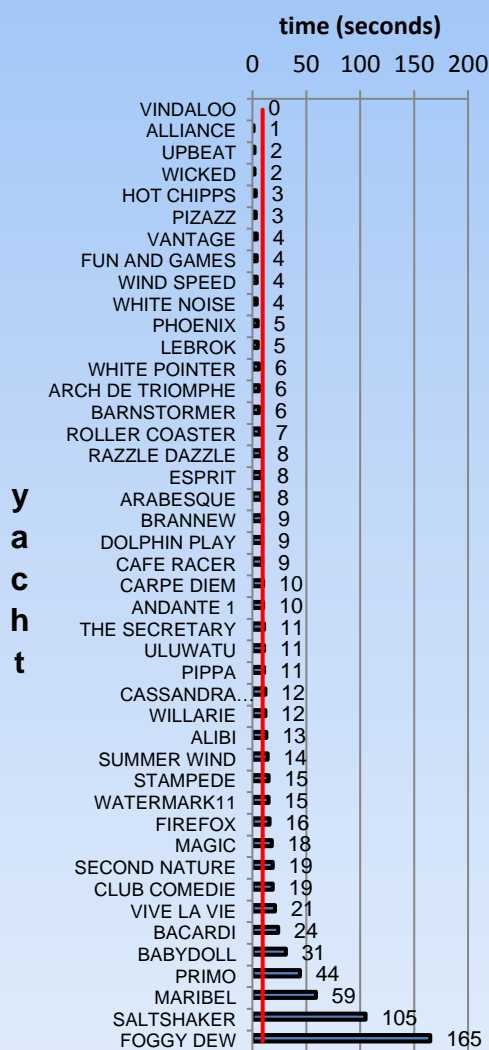
With 2 minutes added to her previous week's handicap VINDALOO started race 2 from 23<sup>rd</sup> place exactly on time at 1403. After completing the first 3 legs of the course she was in 15<sup>th</sup> place still 4 minutes 30 seconds behind the leader – VIVE LA VIE (Mark Sutherland). VINDALOO sailed the last 3 legs of the race in 38 minutes 20 seconds; and, overtook 14 yachts to cross the finish line at 15:50:26 after sailing the entire course in 1:45:26. She was one of 4 yachts with a 35 minute handicap but was able to sail the course 2 minutes 44 seconds faster than the quickest of them. With an 8<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> place already to her name VINDALOO has made a good start to the winter series.

Finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place 52 seconds behind VINDALOO was the Armitage 30 PHOENIX. She has also made a good start to the series with a 5<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 2 races. PHOENIX had 2 minutes added to her race 1 handicap and started from 17<sup>th</sup> place only 5 seconds late for her 31 minute start time. Her closest rival was RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp) who started only 3 seconds later. However by the time RAZZLE DAZZLE reached number 4 for the first time, PHOENIX had established a 1 minute 3 second lead and was 6 places ahead. PHOENIX maintained her good form for the remainder of the race sailing the course in 1:50:18 and crossing the finish line at 15:51:18.



Making what is arguably the best start to the winter series is the Bavaria 40 VANTAGE. She is the only yacht to have recorded 2 podium finishes in her first 2 races. VANTAGE started the race with a 4 minute increase to her handicap – the second highest for the race. She started from 20<sup>th</sup> place 4 seconds late for her 33 minute handicap. She sailed the first 3 legs of the course in 1:07:49 rounding number 4 for the first time in 9<sup>th</sup> place. By this time VANTAGE was 19 places ahead of ARABESQUE (Milton Green) and 12 places ahead of SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay) both of whom started from a 33 minute handicap. VANTAGE sailed the whole course in 1:49:34 finishing at 15:52:34 – a mere 10 seconds ahead of THE SECRETARY (George Shaw).

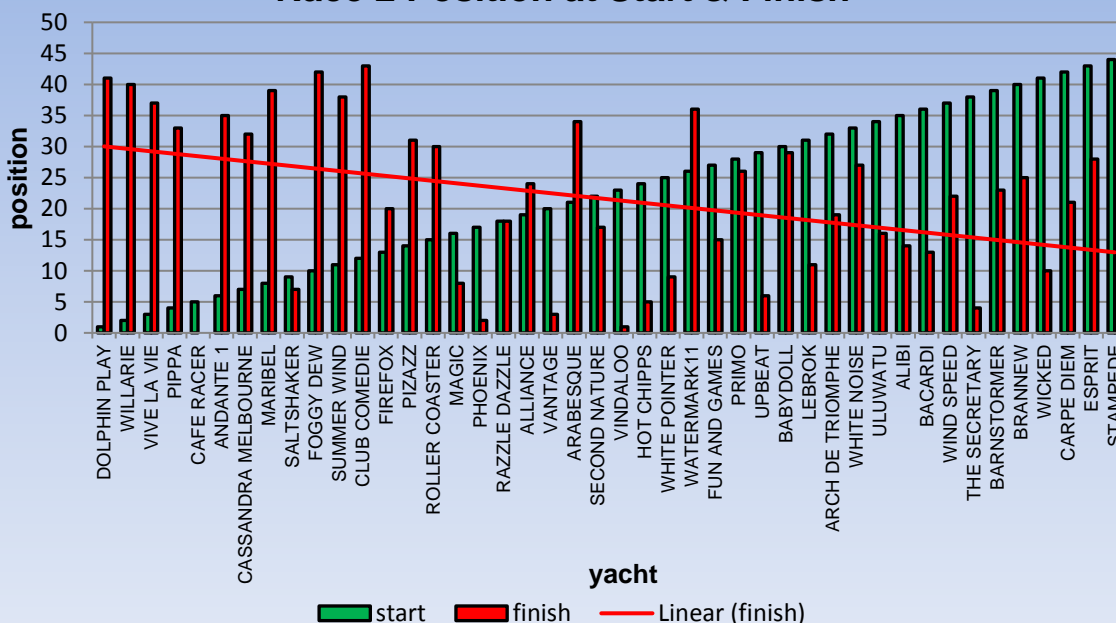
## WW Winter Series 2018 Race 2 Start of the Day



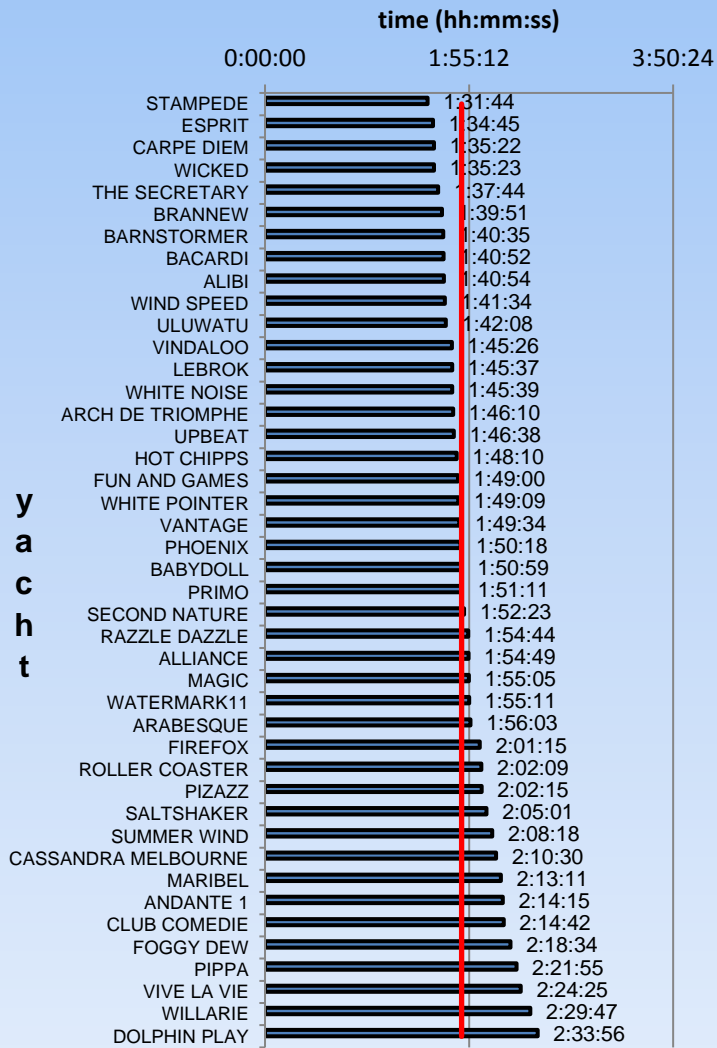
The precision starting that was characteristic of the summer series has continued into winter. Race 1 had a median start of 12 seconds and this race was better with a median start of 9.5 seconds (red line). Only 2 of the 44 starters were more than a minute late for their start whilst 24 yachts started within 10 seconds or less of their handicap. VINDALOO recorded the first perfect start of the series in what could turn into a close fought contest for the Misty Blue Trophy.

Race 2 proved difficult for the early starters with only 1 yacht finishing in a better position than the one in which she started. Eight of the 15 early starters were from mid fleet whilst 6 of the late starters found their way into the first 15. The best improver of the race was THE SECRETARY who started 38<sup>th</sup> and finished 4<sup>th</sup>.

## WW Winter Series 2018 Race 2 Position at Start & Finish



## WW Winter Series 2018 Race 2 Elapsed Time



The median elapsed time (red line) was 1:50:59 - the time recorded by BABYDOLL (Brendan Kruger), with a range of 1:02:12. CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) sailed the course a mere 1 second faster than WICKED (Mike Welsh). They had handicaps of 51 and 49 minutes respectively. There was only 2 seconds difference in the time recorded by BACARDI (Martin Power) and ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) and the same difference separated LEBROK (Theo Korbel) from WHITE NOISE (Daniel Edwards).



*By The Way*

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Some yachts have a large following



HOT CHIPPS (John Chipp) started 24<sup>th</sup>  
finished 5<sup>th</sup>.

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