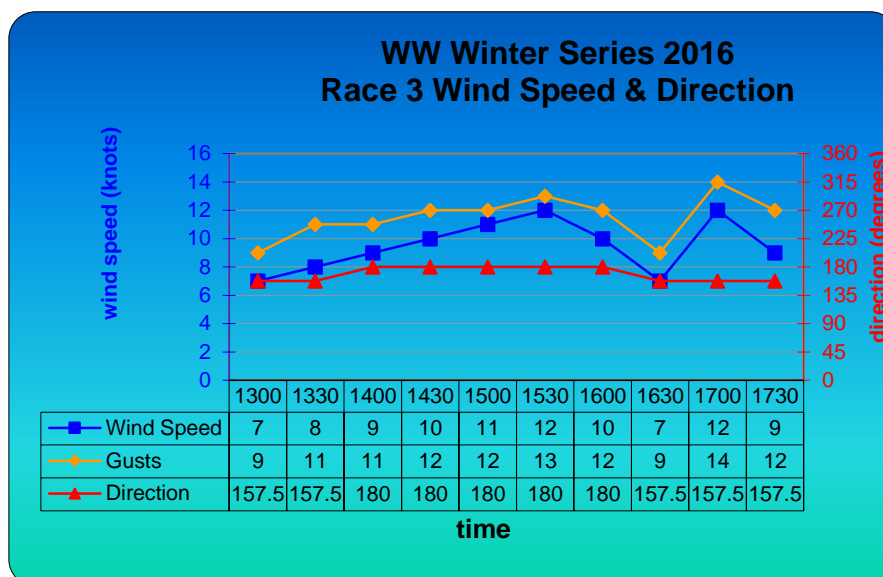


**Yet Another Large Fleet**  
**Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2018 Race 3**  
**Plus**  
**Summer Series 2017-18 Trophy Results**  
 (18 Apr 2018)



Forty five yachts took place in the third race of the winter series which is probably a record for any WW winter or summer series. It would be naive not to think the weather had something to do with the good participation. There was a succinct and accurate forecast by BOM –“Variable winds about 10 knots; seas below 0.5 metres and mostly sunny”. Observations showed a SSE to southerly breeze averaging 10 knots for the afternoon.



Although there was a southerly breeze it was a northerly start which took the fleet around the 9.8 nautical mile course 24. About 46% of the course was downwind. MARIBEL (Graham Fraser) won Start of the Day with a perfect start. There were three new podium finishers. VIVE LA VIE (Mark Sutherland) crossed the line in first place. In second place was MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette Moore) and FIREFOX (Kim Beveridge & Howard Davis) finished third. It wasn't the best outcome for yachts with handicaps 40 minutes and above. Only WIND SPEED (Les Browne) was among the first 15 yachts to finish. Ten early starters were among the 15 early finishers. There were three separate ties. LEBROK (Theo Korbel) and FUN & GAMES (Alan Edwards) tied for 7<sup>th</sup> place. ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) and CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) tied for 22<sup>nd</sup> place whilst RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp) and VINDALOO (John Taylor). tied for 28<sup>th</sup> place. The Beneteau First 50 CARPE DIEM sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time. The range of elapsed times was 52 minutes 8 seconds, a little below the 55 minute range of handicaps.

Although VANTAGE (Darren Hunter) finished in 41<sup>st</sup> place she moved to the top of the aggregate replacing last week's winner – VINDALOO



VIVE LA VIE has completed all three races in this series so far. She finished 44<sup>th</sup> out of 45 in race 1; finished 37<sup>th</sup> in race 2 and won this race after a one minute handicap reduction. VIVE LA VIE started the race from 4<sup>th</sup> place 100 seconds late for her 5 minute handicap. At the completion of the first 4 legs she had moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> place only 30 seconds behind the leader. She sailed the last 3 legs of the course in 52 minutes 49 seconds and was first across the finish line at 15:57:49 – 1 minute 2 seconds ahead of MIDNIGHT MAGIC in second place. VIVE LA VIE completed 12 races in the summer series and recorded 1 top ten finish – a win in race 20. In this series she is currently 21<sup>st</sup> place up from 41<sup>st</sup> after race 2.

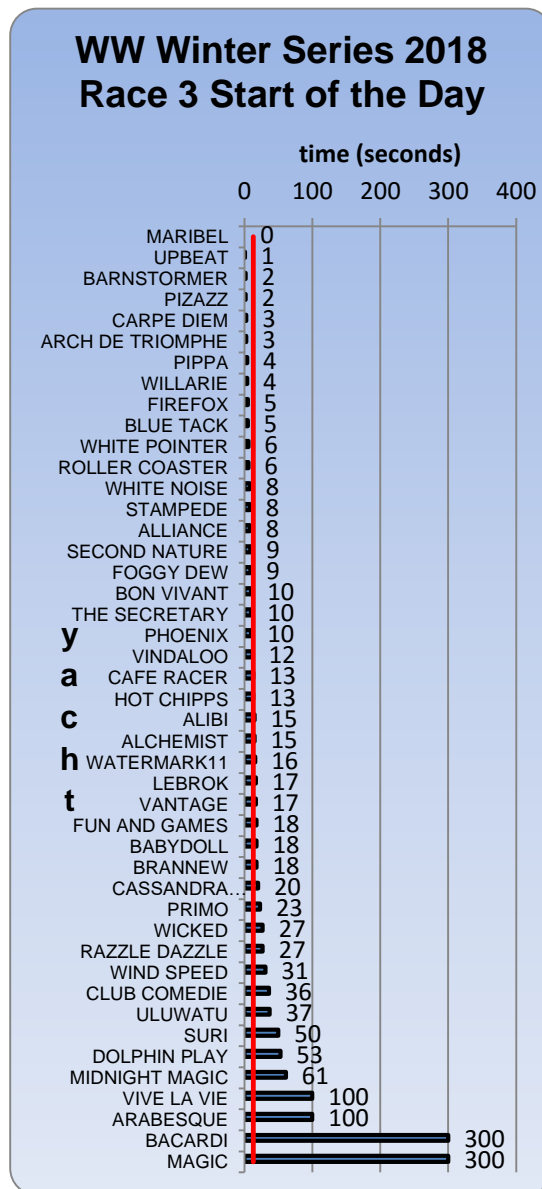
MIDNIGHT MAGIC completed 13 races in the summer series; had 1 win in the series and finished 41<sup>st</sup> in the aggregate. She is off to a better start this series after completing 2 races she is 9<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate. MIDNIGHT MAGIC started this race from 3<sup>rd</sup> place 61 seconds late for her 4 minute handicap. She completed the first 4 legs of the race in 1:29:29 and rounded number 4 for the first time ahead of the fleet. MIDNIGHT MAGIC was overtaken during the final 3 legs of the race and after sailing the entire course in 2:24:51 she crossed the finish line at 15:58:51.



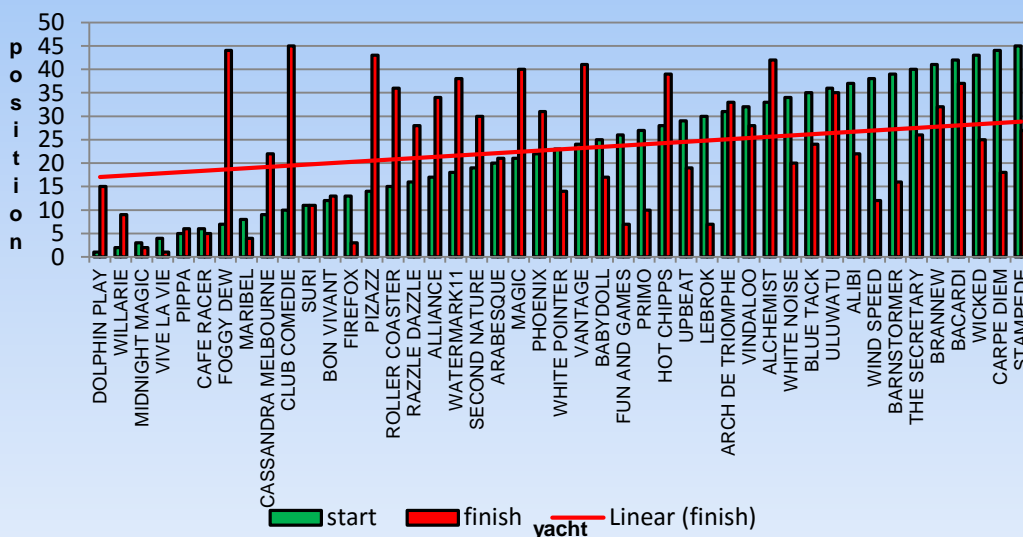
FIREFOX is another yacht that has completed all three races in the series and she has improved her finish position in every race. However this is her first podium finish this series, with her previous podium finish a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the final race of the summer series. FIREFOX started from 13<sup>th</sup> place only 5 seconds late for her 25 minute handicap. She was in 8<sup>th</sup> place after completion of the first 4 legs and continued her move through the fleet to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> only 7 seconds behind MIDNIGHT MAGIC. FIREFOX sailed the course in 2:03:58 and crossed the finish line at 15:58:58. She started the race 57 seconds before PIZAZZ (P Martyn & R Kemp) extended this margin to 18 minutes 21 seconds at the end of the race. FIREFOX is 12<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.

The median start time was 13 seconds (red line) the highest of the series so far. Twenty yachts started within 10 seconds or less of their handicaps. Two started too soon and were penalised 5 minutes. This proved especially costly for BACARDI (Martin Power) who lost 17 places. It was not as costly for MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) who lost 9 places.

MARIBEL became the second yacht this series to record a perfect start.



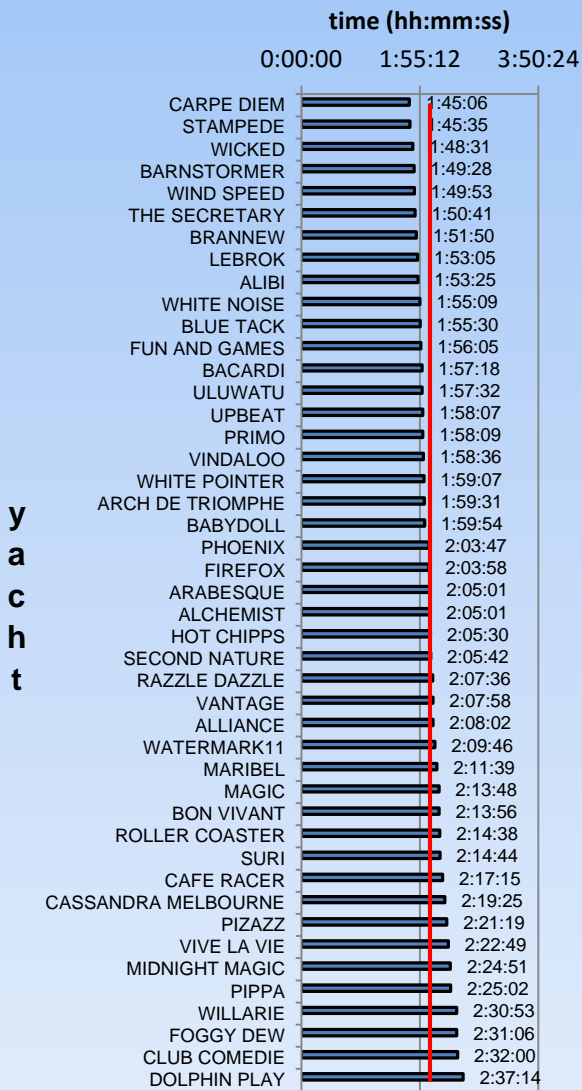
### WW Winter Series 2018 Race 3 Position at Start & Finish



Although the majority of the 15 early starters were among the early finishes, three were among the last three yachts to finish the race.

# WW Winter Series 2018

## Race 3 Elapsed Time



The red line shows the median elapsed time for race 3 – 2:05:01. By coincidence, ARABESQUE (Milton Green) and ALCHEMIST (Michael Manson) both recorded this same time. Their handicaps were 32 and 40 minutes respectively. CARPE DIEM became the third yacht in three races to record the fastest elapsed time.



## By The Way



It is understood Paul Mentiplay is the handicapper for the winter series and will be assisted by Daniel Edwards. Neither Paul nor Daniel are new to Wednesday Wonders. Paul skippers SECOND NATURE on Wednesday's which finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the summer aggregate and runner up in the Shebessa Shield. He is a previous WW handicapper. Daniel is also a dedicated "Wonder" successfully sailing WHITE NOISE in both bay and offshore races. WHITE NOISE finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the summer aggregate. Here's hoping for a good set of numbers.



The skipper said the instructions were written on the deck but I can't see them can you?

It's all about avoiding parallax error. When the winch grinder's head is in line with the tree on the shore then we are dead on the mark.



She looks good in the picture but the ALCHEMIST didn't quite have the right formula to turn things into gold on this occasion. She finished 42<sup>nd</sup> but it was her first race of the series. Could the mystery ingredient do the trick?

Sailing on an even keel is a good way to enjoy Wednesday Wonders.



Photos by Bruce Parry

## WW SUMMER SERIES 2017-18 SERIES RESULTS

WW Summer Series 2017-18 Final Aggregate			
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Score
1	WHITE POINTER	Tom Raft	74
2	BARNSTORMER	Brian Barnes	80
3	BON VIVANT	Russell Keays	83
4	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	84
5	SECOND NATURE	Paul Mentiplay	84
6	ESPRIT	Garry Anderson	86
7	INSX	Rob Sill	86
8	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Andrew Stopp	91
9	THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	99
10	WHITE NOISE	Daniel Edwards	100
11	WIND SPEED	Les Browne	103
12	FOGGY DEW	Grahame Jones	103
13	CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	104
14	ALIBI	Dennis Hambleton	110
15	ROLLER COASTER	Geoffrey Simpson	112
16	NUTCRACKER II	Rob Davis / Andy Baker	114
17	ANDANTE 1	Keith Woodruff	114
18	BACARDI	Martin Power	114
19	BLUE TACK	Andy Lynch	116
20	BRANNEW	Clive Sondheim	117
21	HOT CHIPPS	John Chipp	117.5
22	FUN AND GAMES	Alan Edwards	119
23	PIPPA	Jeffrey Woolhouse	121
24	SALTSHAKER	Ken Gayler	122
25	UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	122
26	MAGIC	Phil Spry-Bailey	124
27	ALLIANCE	A Hall/S Farthing	125.5
28	WICKED	Mike Welsh	126
29	WILLARIE	Graeme Kaufman	126
30	MARIBEL	Graham Fraser	130
31	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	135
32	PIZAZZ	P Martyn R Kemp	137
33	STAMPEDE	Christopher Gendala	139
34	BABYDOLL	Brendan Kruger	146
35	MYUNA III	Geoffrey Nixon	147
36	SURI	Rick Blanck	159
37	PRIMO	Steve Copley	170
38	SUMMER WIND	Martyn Sly	186
39	VANTAGE	Darren Hunter	205
40	CONQUEST	Paul Jacka	217
41	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	Bernadette Moore	219
42	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge	237
43	VINDALOO	John Taylor	276.5
44	PHOENIX	Alex Tseberg	288
45	VIVE LA VIE	Mark Sutherland	300.5
46	ARABESQUE	Milton Green	301.5
47	DOLPHIN PLAY	John Brennan	312
48	CLUB COMEDIE	Darren Eger	374
49	PERFECT SENSE	Peter Sutton	417
50	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	A Murray/ R Davis	424
51	CAFE RACER	Alan Clapham	433
52	SHIMMER	Steve Twentyman	462.5
53	QUINCO	Mario Minichilli	498

WW 2017-18 SHEBESSA SHIELD			
YACHT	WINTER	SUMMER	COMBINE
LEBROK	5	4	9
SECOND NATURE	6	5	11
WHITE NOISE	2	10	12
BON VIVANT	9	3	12
WHITE POINTER	15	1	16
WIND SPEED	8	11	19
FOGGY DEW	12	12	24
RAZZLE DAZZLE	16	8	24
BARNSTORMER	22	2	24
NUTCRACKER II	10	16	26
PIPPA	4	23	27
BLUE TACK	11	19	30
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	1	31	32
MAGIC	7	26	33
ROLLER COASTER	18	15	33
BRANNEW	14	20	34
ALIBI	21	14	35
BACARDI	17	18	35
SALTSHAKER	13	24	37
THE SECRETARY	30	9	39
VANTAGE	3	39	42
ESPRIT	38	6	44
UPBEAT	19	25	44
FUN AND GAMES	32	22	54
WILLARIE	26	29	55
PIZAZZ	25	32	57
HOT CHIPPS	36	21	57
ANDANTE 1	41	17	58
MYUNA III	23	35	58
MARIBEL	29	30	59
STAMPEDE	28	33	61
PRIMO	27	37	64
PHOENIX	20	44	64
ALLIANCE	43	27	70
WICKED	42	28	70
SURI	35	36	71
CONQUEST	33	40	73
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	34	41	75
SUMMER WIND	39	38	77
DOLPHIN PLAY	40	47	87
VINDALOO	46	43	89
CAFE RACER	45	51	96

<b>WW Summer Series 2017-18 Misty Blue Trophy</b>	
YACHT	AVERAGE START TIME (seconds)
NUTCRACKER II	2.30
LEBROK	2.70
ESPRIT	3.20
WHITE POINTER	4.40
PIAZZ	4.50
UPBEAT	4.60
BARNSTORMER	4.90
ALLIANCE	5.20
WHITE NOISE	5.30
WICKED	5.40
BLUE TACK	5.50
PIPPA	5.50
BON VIVANT	5.80
THE SECRETARY	6.40
BRANNEW	6.50
SECOND NATURE	6.60
MARIBEL	6.70
WIND SPEED	6.70
SURI	7.00
FUN AND GAMES	7.60
ROLLER COASTER	7.80
SALTSHAKER	8.00
STAMPEDE	8.00
INSX	8.10
RAZZLE DAZZLE	8.50
FOGGY DEW	8.70
HOT CHIPPS	9.60
BACARDI	9.60
CARPE DIEM	10.10
ALIBI	10.50
ANDANTE 1	11.90
BABYDOLL	11.90
WILLARIE	12.70
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	13.40
MAGIC	13.50
PRIMO	18.30
DOLPHIN PLAY	18.40
VANTAGE	23.50
MYUNA III	33.40
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	36.00
SUMMER WIND	51.60
VIVE LA VIE	57.00
FIREFOX	98.20

<b>NOELLE CORAM TROPHY SUMMER 2017-18</b>			
YACHT	WED WONDERS	SUNDAY SAILORS	COMBINE
RAZZLE DAZZLE	8	3	11
LEBROK	4	7	11
FOGGY DEW	12	9	21
THE SECRETARY	9	23	32
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	31	14	45
BLUE TACK	19	27	46
ALLIANCE	27	20	47
MYUNA III	35	12	47
VIVE LA VIE	45	18	63
DOLPHIN PLAY	47	22	69
PERFECT SENSE	49	26	75

Winner of the Jaffa Trophy - LEBROK

<b>CENTURY CLASS SUMMER SERIES 2017-18</b>		
POSITION	YACHT	SCORE
1	Razzle Dazzle	17
2	The Secretary	20
3	Bon Vivant	26
4	Magic	28
5	Cassandra Melbourne	30
6	Saltshaker	31
7	Pippa	35
8	Willarie	40
9	Arabesque	50
10	Midnight Magic	58
11	Dolphin Play	60

**Race 4 of the Winter Series is scheduled for 25 Apr 2018 (Anzac Day).  
It is also the first race in the Winter Century Class Series.  
Entries open until 25 Apr 2018.**

