

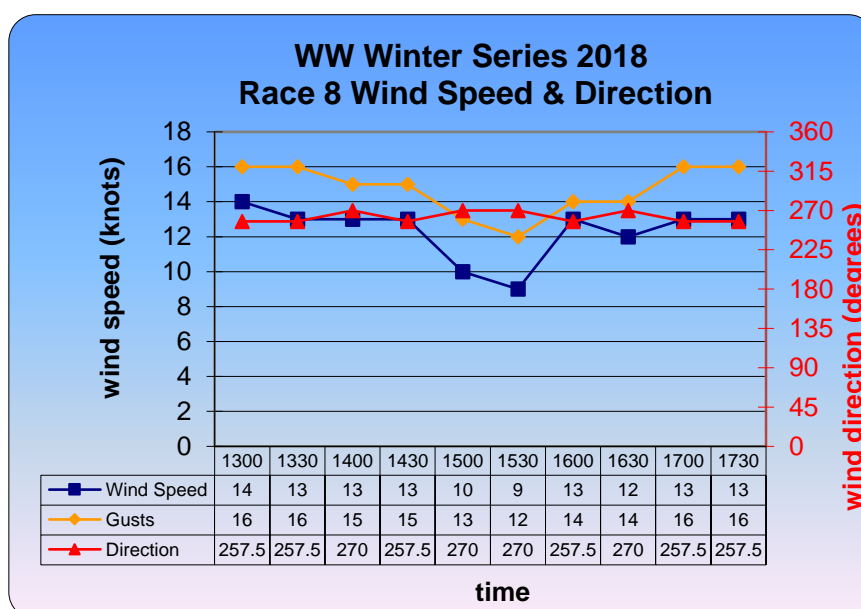
## Another Long Course & Another Quick Race

### WW Winter Series 2018 Race 8

(23 may 2018)



This is the second time course 28 has been selected for a race this series. It was selected for race 6 and has been successful on both occasions. All starters in each race successfully completed the course. Conditions for the two races were quite different. For race 6 there was an 18 knot northerly whilst race 8 was sailed in a 12 knot westerly. In this 10.1 nautical mile race most yachts made each of the 8 marks without having to tack or gybe. However none of the last third of the fleet to start the race, where among the first third of the fleet to finish. For example, STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) and WICKED (Mike Welsh) started and finished in 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> place respectively.



The handicaps of the race 7 podium finishers were increased and the handicap of LUSCIOUS (Michael Butler) was decreased but three different yachts came to the podium for the first time. PERFECT SENSE (Peter Sutton) won the race in her second appearance this series. Recording her first podium finish in 7 races was CAFE RACER (Alan Clapham) with SUMMER WIND (Martyn Sly) finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> for the first time in 6 races. UPBEAT (Peter Dunne) continued the “tradition” of a different Start of the Day winner for each race. She became the 6<sup>th</sup> yacht to make a perfect start. For the second successive week and the third time this series ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) recorded the fastest elapsed time of 1:32:39.

This race brought to an end VINDALOO’s (John Taylor) stay at the top of the aggregate. With four top ten finishes from 8 races PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) now occupies top spot with CAFE RACER (Alan Clapham) in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg) 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both have 4 top ten finishes from 7 and 8 races respectively.



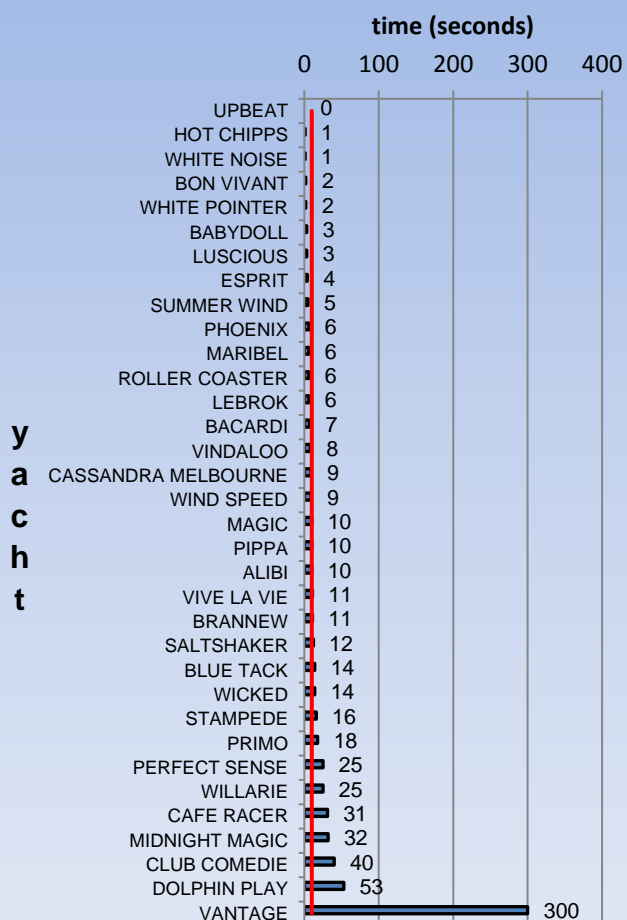
PERFECT SENSE received a handicap of 44 minutes for the opening race of the 2017-18 summer series. It was reduced throughout the summer and for this race she had a handicap of 21 minutes. She started this race from 11<sup>th</sup> place 25 seconds late for her handicap. This was just 23 seconds later than the 26 foot S80 BON VIVANT (Russell Keays) who had the same 21 minute handicap. PERFECT SENSE sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 59 minutes 44 seconds and moved into 3<sup>rd</sup> place. She completed the remaining 4 legs of the course in 50 minutes 32 seconds and was first across the finish line at 15:41:41 – 1 minute 49 seconds ahead of her closest rival. PERFECT SENSE finished 9 minutes 9 seconds and 19 places ahead of BON VIVANT. She is racing as a visitor so is not in the series aggregate.

The Petersen 30 CAFE RACER has completed 7 of the 8 races in the series so far. She started the series with a 15 minute handicap which was increased to 16 minutes for race 4 and has remained there ever since. She started from 6<sup>th</sup> place 31 seconds late for her handicap. She was still in 6<sup>th</sup> place at the first rounding of number 4 – 2 minutes 19 seconds behind the race leader at the time. She sailed a very good last 4 legs in a time of 50 minutes 42 seconds which put her in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the finish line. CAFE RACER sailed the course in a time of 1:57:30 to cross the line at 15:43:30. She moved up from 11<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate after race 7, to be in 2<sup>nd</sup> place three points behind the leader.



This was the sixth race this series for SUMMER WIND. Her results for the first 3 races were not the best but they have improved greatly with a 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the last 3 races. She started this race from 13<sup>th</sup> place only 5 seconds late for her 23 minute handicap. This was 1 minute 40 seconds after race winner PERFECT SENSE. SUMMER WIND sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 1:03:01; moved into 10<sup>th</sup> place 4 minutes 57 and 7 places behind PERFECT SENSE. SUMMER WIND sailed the last 4 legs of the race in the particularly good time of 49 min 10 seconds reducing the time between herself and PERFECT SENSE to 3 minutes 35 seconds and 2 places. She sailed the entire course in 1:52:16 and crossed the finish line at 14:45:16. This helped her to move up the aggregate 13 places from 35<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## WW Winter Series 2018 Race 8 Start of the Day

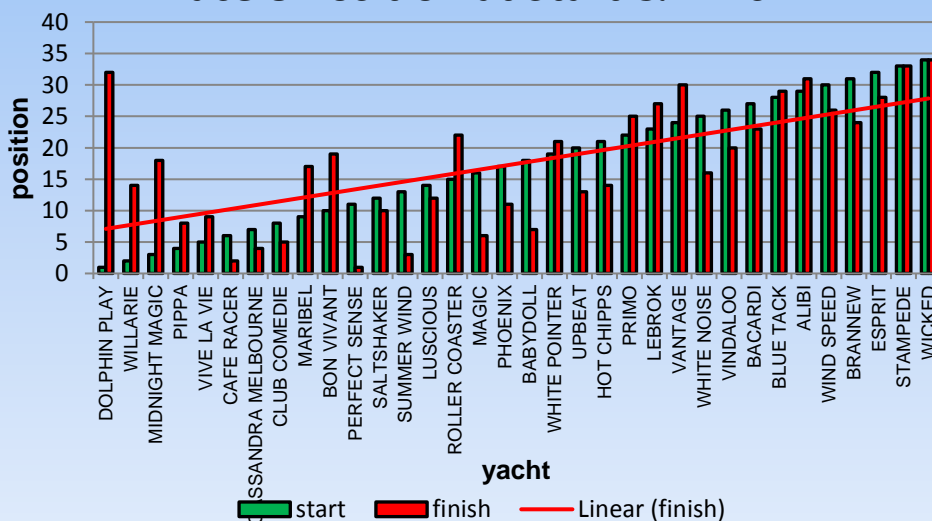


The median start time (red line) for the race was 10 seconds, with only 1 yacht starting more than 60 seconds late. In reality the yacht started a mere 2 seconds early and received the prescribed penalty. UPBEAT won Start of the Day crossing the line precisely on her handicap. She went on to finish 13<sup>th</sup> - the best of the 3 Beneteau 367's.



It was a tough day for the last third of the fleet to start. Four of the eleven finished further behind than they started. The best performance was by WHITE NOISE (Daniel Edwards) who started 25<sup>th</sup> and finished 16<sup>th</sup>. The early and mid fleet starters finished much better. Only 16 minutes 14 second separated the 34 yachts at the finish line which started 55 minutes 21 seconds apart and were 28 minutes 43 seconds apart after 4 legs. There was a tie for 14<sup>th</sup> place between HOT CHIPPS (John Chipp) and WILLARIE (Graeme Kaufman).

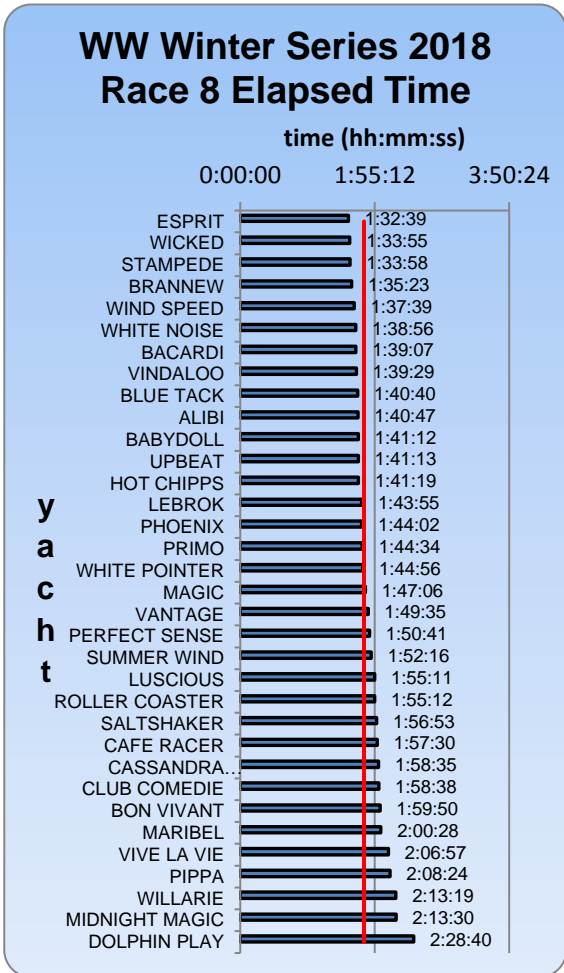
## WW Winter Series 2018 Race 8 Position at Start & Finish



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Despite the race being around the longest course this series, the average elapsed time was the second fastest. The fastest was around the same course in race 6. ESPRIT recorded the shortest time 76 seconds

quicker than WICKED who was 3 seconds faster than STAMPEDE. LUSCIOUS (Michael Butler) tried to sail the course in the same time as ROLLER COASTER but was 1 second faster. Six yachts sailed the course in 2 hours or more. The range of elapsed times was 56 minutes and 1 second – 1 second more than the range of handicaps.



## *By The Way*

Two WW regulars, WHITE NOISE and HOT CHIPPS, competed in the ORCV Apollo Bay Race held on the weekend of 19-20 May. WHITE NOISE finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in each of the 3 handicap divisions – a rare and memorable achievement. HOT CHIPPS finished 11<sup>th</sup> in PHS. There were 20 yachts in the race including 7 from SYC. Mention has to be made of the J Boat PATRIOT skippered by former Captain Sail and WW competitor Jason Close. PATRIOT returned safely with a boatload of trophies. She crossed the finish line in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and won each of the 3 handicap divisions – something to treasure. The results for the SYC yachts are shown in the table below.

SYC YACHTS ORCV APOLLO BAY RACE 2018					
YACHT	SKIPPER	POSITION			
		LINE HONOURS	IRC	AMS	PHS
PATRIOT	Jason Close	2	1	1	1
WHITE NOISE	Daniel Edwards	8	2	2	2
SHIMMER	Steve Twentyman	11	9	12	13
ARCHIE	S Bell J Sloan	12	7		8
HOT CHIPPS	John Chipp	13			11
ALGY ROSE	Nigel Rose	14		8	7
HUSH	Pete Chalkley	16		13	





(Left) LUSCIOUS are developing the technique of competitive sailing with fun and good humour. They recorded their best result so far this series.



(Right) BLUE TACK didn't pinch enough breeze from ESPRIT. ESPRIT beat BLUE TACK by 1 second. (Below)



(Right) It's SM377 BACARDI closest to camera but who's furthest away?



(Below) PIPPA sailed double handed to the top of the aggregate.



(Below) It's not as bad as it looks for VINDALOO is it?





(Left) Number 1 had a big role to play in this week's race.

(Right) Things are nicely balanced on PHOENIX she's 3<sup>rd</sup> in the aggregate.



(Below) Synchronised sailing or pot luck?

Finish line is coming closer for these yachts.



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**Race 9 (30 May 2018) includes the second race in the Century Class Series.**

*Windward  
Buoys*