

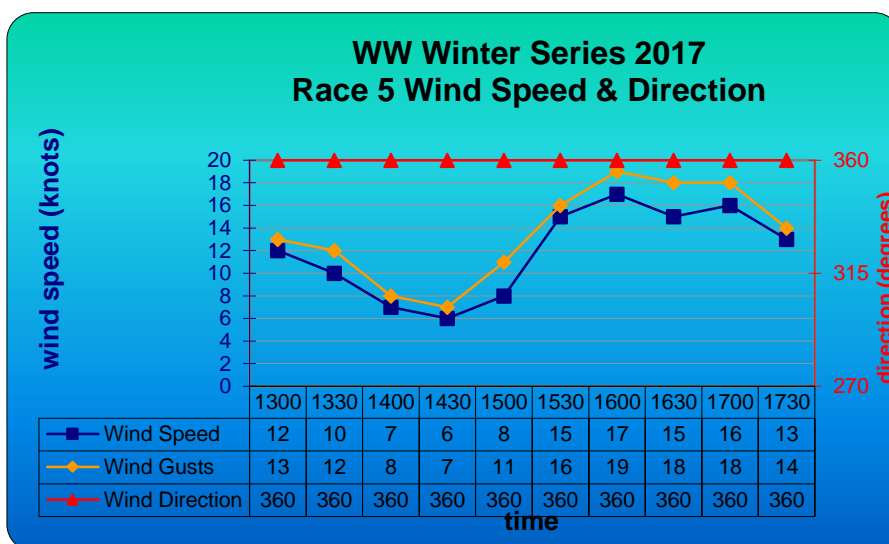
## Over 40's Feature in Shortened Race Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2018 Race 5

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The first 10 yachts to cross the finish line all had handicaps of 40 minutes or over. Although there were exceptions yachts that started early finished towards the back of the fleet and vice versa. It appeared the start order had been turned upside down. Once again the light breeze played a significant role in the outcome of the race. It was the second shortened course of the series. The 6 leg course 25 became a 3 leg course of about 6.4 nautical miles which was effectively a windward return race.



For the first 90 minutes of the race the northerly breeze averaged less than 8 knots at Fawkner Beacon. It then increased to about 15 knots for the rest of the afternoon. All 35 yachts completed the race won by WICKED (Mike Welsh). This was her second win in two races and she was joined on the podium by VINDALOO (John Taylor) and BRANNEW (Clive Sondheim). It was a second podium finish this series for VINDALOO but the first for BRANNEW.



FUN & GAMES (Alan Edwards) won Start of the Day for the second time when she recorded the third perfect start of the series. She was in a three way tie for Start of the Day in race 1.

There was a change to the series aggregate as a result of this race. VINDALOO moved to the top with WICKED in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each of these three yachts has 3 top ten finishes.



After winning race 4, WICKED received a 3 minute increase to her handicap. She started race 5 from 34<sup>th</sup> place only 4 seconds late for her 52 minute handicap. This was 67 seconds before STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) - a yacht some 11 feet longer. WICKED was able to increase her lead over STAMPEDE and after sailing the course in the fastest elapsed time of 1:30:32 WICKED crossed the finish line at 15:52:32 – 1 minute 45 seconds ahead of STAMPEDE. WICKED has completed all 5 races in the series

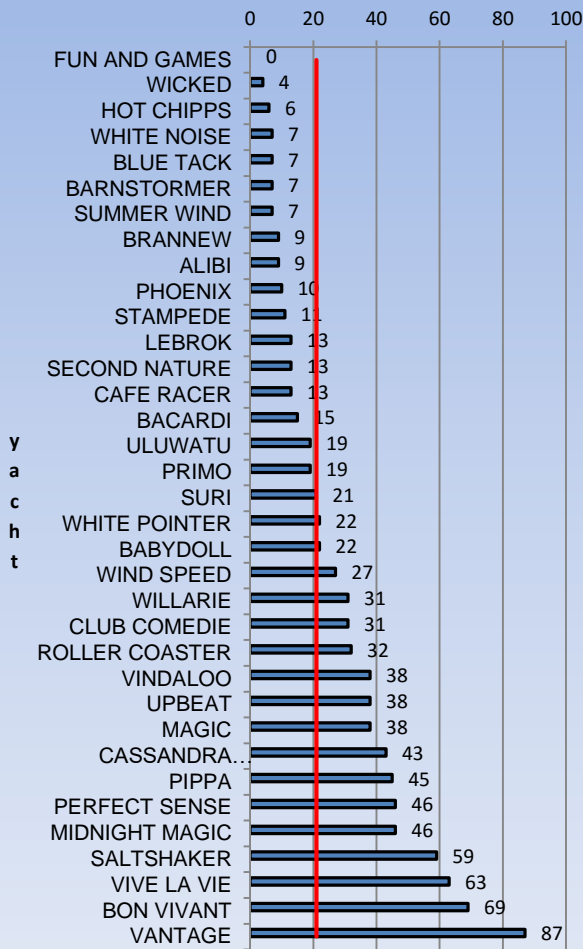
and she has 2 firsts and a 10<sup>th</sup> place which helped her move up from 7<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> in the aggregate.

After starting the series with a 33 minute handicap the McConachy 31 VINDALOO started this race from 25<sup>th</sup> place 38 seconds late for her 40 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 1:43:02 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> across the finish line at 15:53:02 – 30 seconds behind WICKED. VINDALOO started 25 seconds later than LEBROK (Theo Korbel) but was able to sail the course faster and finish 10 places and 3 minutes 17 seconds ahead. VINDALOO has completed 4 races this series and has scores of 1, 2 and 7 that put her on top of the aggregate.



Like WICKED, BRANNEW is another Beneteau First 40 that has completed all 5 races this series. She started the race from 32<sup>nd</sup> place 9 seconds late for her 47 minute handicap. BRANNEW sailed the course in 1:36:29 – the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest time of the race and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 15:53:29 only 27 seconds behind VINDALOO. This was her best result of the series so far and helped her move up from 33<sup>rd</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> in the aggregate.

### WW Winter Series 2018 Race 5 Start of the Day

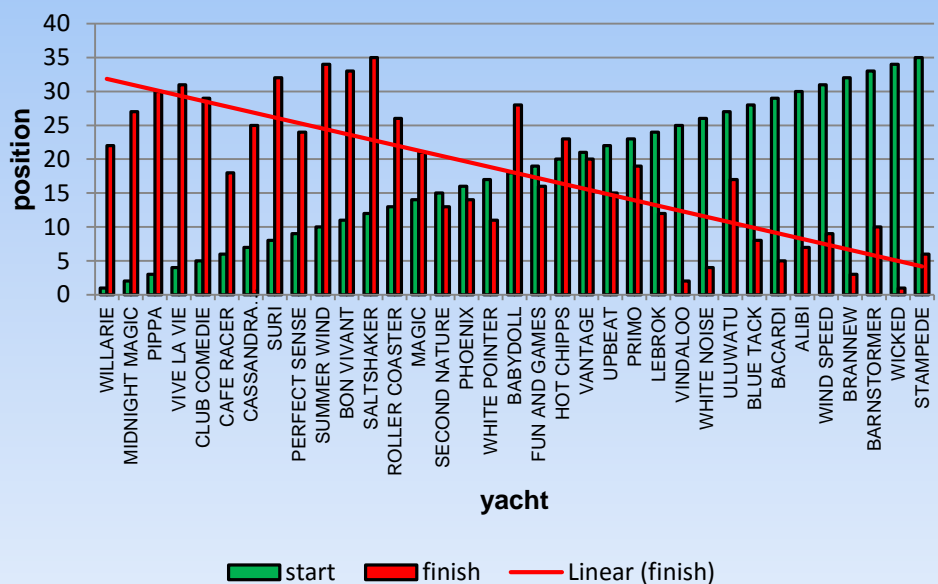


The median start was 21 seconds (red line) – the highest of the five races in this series. There was a significant difference between the start times of the first and second halves of the fleet. The first 17 yachts to start had an average start time of 34 seconds whilst the average for the last half of the fleet was 18 seconds.

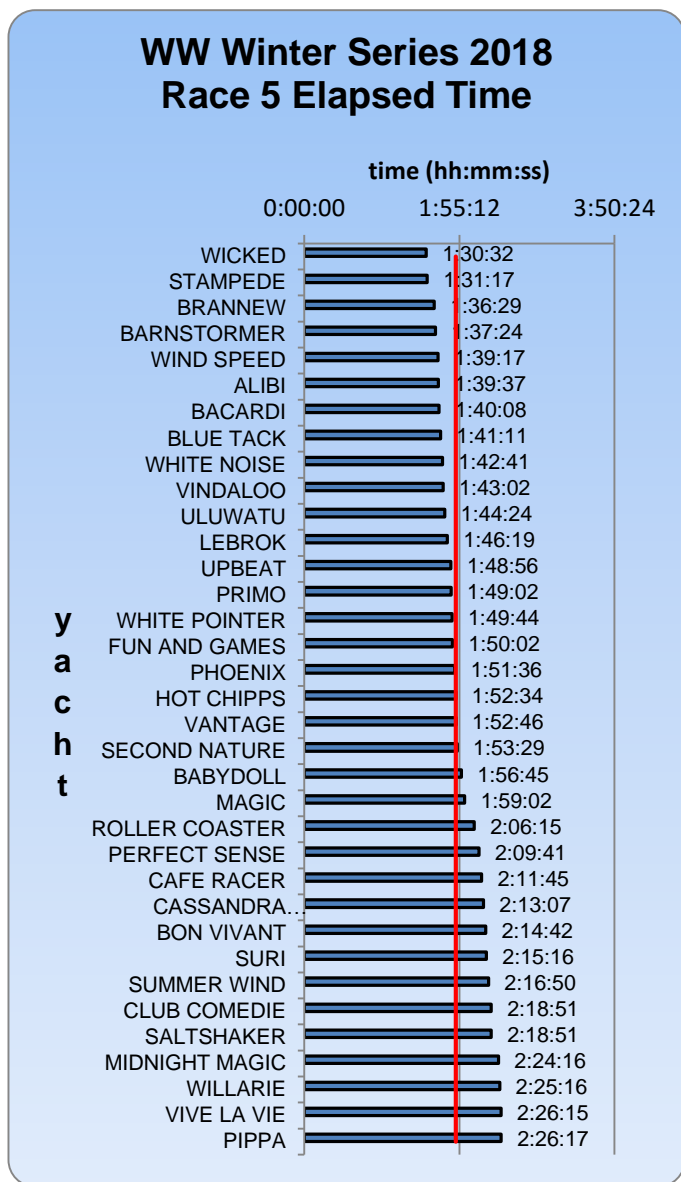


None of the first 14 yachts to start the race were able to improve upon their start positions. Starting from 15<sup>th</sup> place was SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay) and she finished 13<sup>th</sup>.

### WW Winter Series 2018 Race 5 Position at Start & Finish



It was a slow start to the race as the breeze eased until about 1500. By that time the majority of the fleet were sailing slowly downwind. After rounding number 5 the breeze increased creating a faster windward leg. The median elapsed time (red line) was 1:52:34 sailed by HOT CHIPPS (John Chipp). For the second successive week WICKED sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time.



The first eight yachts to finish race 4 received increases to their handicaps for this race. The winner received 3 minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> received 2 minutes whilst 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> received 1 minute.

WW Winter Series 2018 Handicap Adjustments					
Boat Name	1	2	3	4	5
ALIBI	42	44	44	44	45
ALLIANCE	29	32	32		
ANDANTE 1	15	15	15	15	15
ARABESQUE	35	33	32	32	32
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	40	40	40	39	40
BABYDOLL	37	37	36	36	36
BACARDI	46	44	44	44	44
BARNSTORMER	47	46	46	46	48
BLUE TACK	45	43	42	42	44
BON VIVANT	23	21	21	21	21
BRANNEW	49	47	47	47	47
CAFE RACER	15	14	14	16	16
CARPE DIEM	54	51	51	51	51
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	20	18	18	18	18
CLUB COMEDIE		23	20	15	15
CONQUEST	52	51	51	51	51
DOLPHIN PLAY	0	0	-2	-2	-2
ESPRIT	55	53	52	52	52
FIREFOX		25	25	28	28
FOGGY DEW	20	19	17	14	14
FUN AND GAMES	38	36	36	37	37
HOT CHIPPS	32	35	37	37	37
LEBROK	41	39	39	40	40
LUSCIOUS			34	34	34
MAGIC	32	29	30	30	30
MARIBEL	24	19	18	20	20
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	4	4	4	7	7
MYUNA III	32	28	28	28	28
PERFECT SENSE					21
PHOENIX	29	31	35	35	35
PIPPA	4	7	7	8	8
PIAZZ	24	26	26	25	25
PRIMO	38	36	36	37	39
ROLLER COASTER	26	26	26	25	25
SALTSHAKER	18	19	20	20	22
SECOND NATURE		33	33	33	33
STAMPEDE	53	53	53	53	53
SUMMER WIND		23	22	22	22
SURI	20	20	20	20	20
THE SECRETARY	44	45	47	47	47
ULUWATU		43	43	43	43
UPBEAT	37	37	38	38	38
VANTAGE	29	33	36	36	36
VINDALOO	33	35	40	40	40
VIVE LA VIE	6	6	5	9	9
WATERMARK11		35	32	30	30
WHITE NOISE	44	42	41	41	41
WHITE POINTER	32	35	36	36	36
WICKED	51	49	49	49	52
WILLARIE	7	4	3	4	4
WIND SPEED	44	45	45	45	46

# By the Way

The first five races of the series have produced twelve different podium finishers. WICKED, VINDALOO and VANTAGE each have two with the remaining 9 having one each

WW Winter Series 2018 Podium Finishers				
YACHT	First	Second	Third	TOTAL
WICKED	2			2
VINDALOO	1	1		2
VANTAGE		1	1	2
VIVE LA VIE	1			1
PIPPA	1			1
PHOENIX		1		1
MIDNIGHT MAGIC		1		1
FIREFOX			1	1
BRANNEW			1	1
BLUE TACK		1		1
BARNSTORMER			1	1
ALLIANCE			1	1

A slow and steady 2<sup>nd</sup> leg was followed by a quicker and livelier 3<sup>rd</sup> leg.



Should PIPPA think she's being ambushed?



It can get a bit lonely out there.



Prayer might help. You just never know.

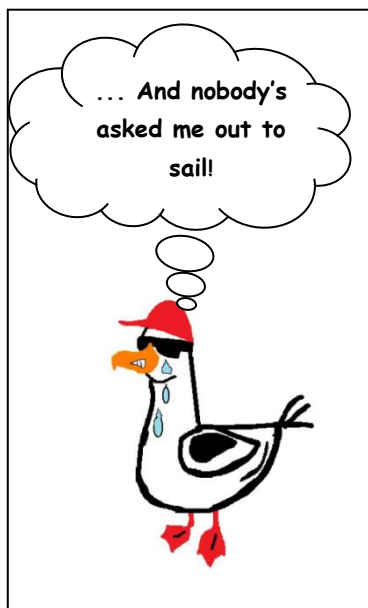
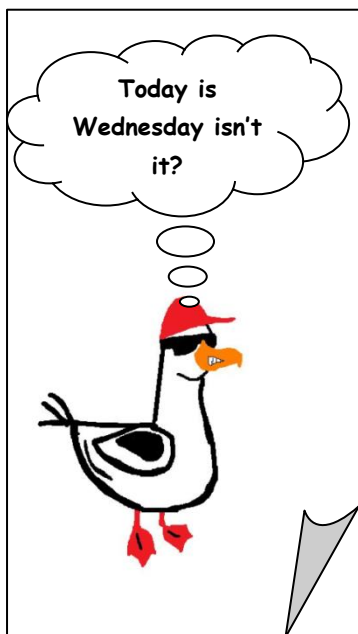


When to tack?



End of another great day

PHOTOs by Bruce Parry



*Sami the Seagull*

*Windward  
Buoy*