

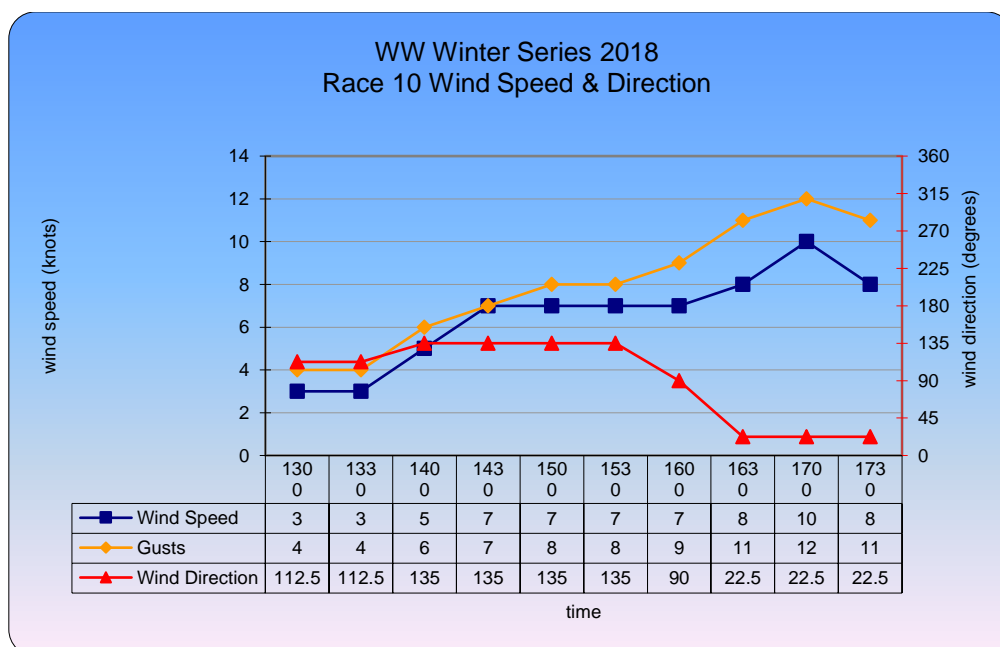
A Slow Start but Faster Finish

Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2018 Race 10

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Warm winter sunshine, flat water and light variable breezes were the recipe for race 10. The breeze was so light that the start was delayed by 30 minutes in the expectation that conditions would improve. They didn't. This left the large 39 yacht fleet searching for the best patches of breeze in the shortest race of the series. The breeze probably varied more around the course than observations at Fawkner indicate but they produced an absorbing afternoons sailing. Fawkner Beacon recorded an average speed of about 7 knots for the afternoon increasing from 3 to 10 knots as the afternoon progressed. There was also a major change in direction from south east to north north east.



Making this her first win and second podium finish of the series was MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette Moore). She was followed across the line by CLUB COMEDIE (Darren Eger) registering her second podium finish this winter. In third place was VINDALOO (John Taylor) who becomes the first yacht to collect three podium finishes this series. Start of the day was won by VIVE LA VIE (Mark Sutherland) who was only 2 seconds late for her 11 minute handicap. The fastest time around the course was first time Wednesday Wonder PATRIOT (Jason Close). She completed the 3 legs in 1:07:01. This is the fastest elapsed time this series.

The results of the race brought about a change in the aggregate. CAFE RACER moves to the top up from 6th place to be equal on 28 points with PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse). After moving up from 7th place VINDALOO is 3rd, equal on points with a second Triton 24 WILLARIE (Graeme Kaufman).



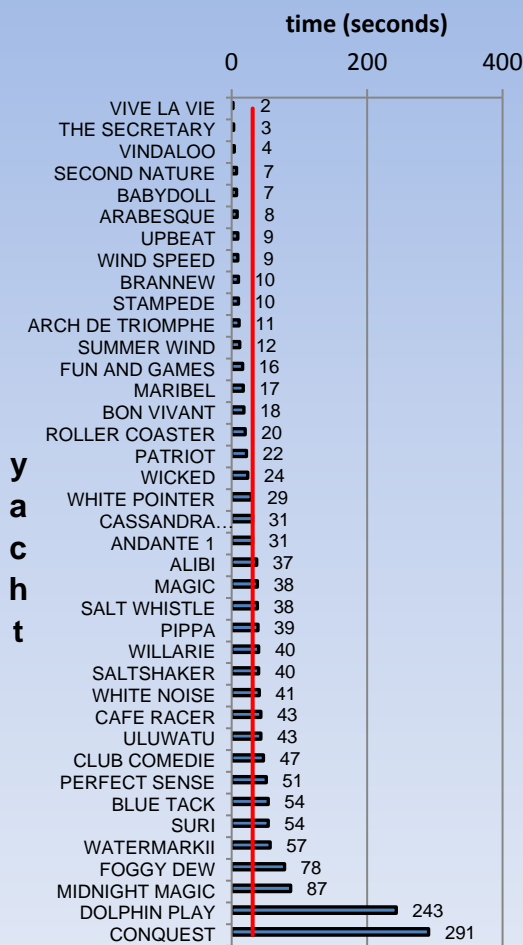
This win by MIDNIGHT MAGIC gives her a big lift in the aggregate. She moved her up from 26th to 16th place. She started the race from 3rd place 87 seconds late for her 7 minute handicap. This was her latest start so far this series and was 1 minute 47 seconds later than WILLARIE. However MIDNIGHT MAGIC had found enough wind on the first windward leg to take her to the front of the fleet on the leg from number 1 to number 7. She was able to sail the 3 leg course in 1:47:22 – 3 minutes 33 seconds faster than WILLARIE and she crossed the finish line at 15:54:22 in first place. It was her second podium finish in 9 completed races.

CLUB COMEDIE has completed 7 races this series with the last three all being top ten finishes. She was one of 4 yachts in this race with an 18 minute handicap and was 47 seconds late starting from 9th place. She had moved into 3rd place on the run from number 1 to 7 and sailed the course in 1:37:12 to finish 50 seconds behind MIDNIGHT MAGIC. Of the 3 other yachts with 18 minute handicaps CLUB COMEDIE sailed the course 3 minutes 4 seconds faster than CAFE RACER; 7 minutes 56 seconds faster than CASSANDRA (Bob Reeves); and, 8 minutes 12 seconds faster than FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard). She finished ahead of these 3 yachts by 4 places, 16 places and 17 places. CLUB COMEDIE moved from 35th to be 18th in the series aggregate.



VINDALOO moved up 4 places to be third in the aggregate with a total of 30 points. She has completed 9 of the ten races and recorded 4 top ten finishes. Her handicap has increased in stages from 33 minutes at the start of the series to 42 minutes for this race. She started from 29th place only 4 seconds late – the 3rd best start of the race. She started 23 seconds after WHITE NOISE (Daniel Edwards) but was able to sail the course in 1:14:00 – the 3rd fastest elapsed time of the race. This was 10 minutes 35 seconds faster than WHITE NOISE. VINDALOO crossed the finish line at 15:56:00 – 48 seconds after CLUB COMEDIE.

WW Winter Series 2018 Race 10 Start of the Day

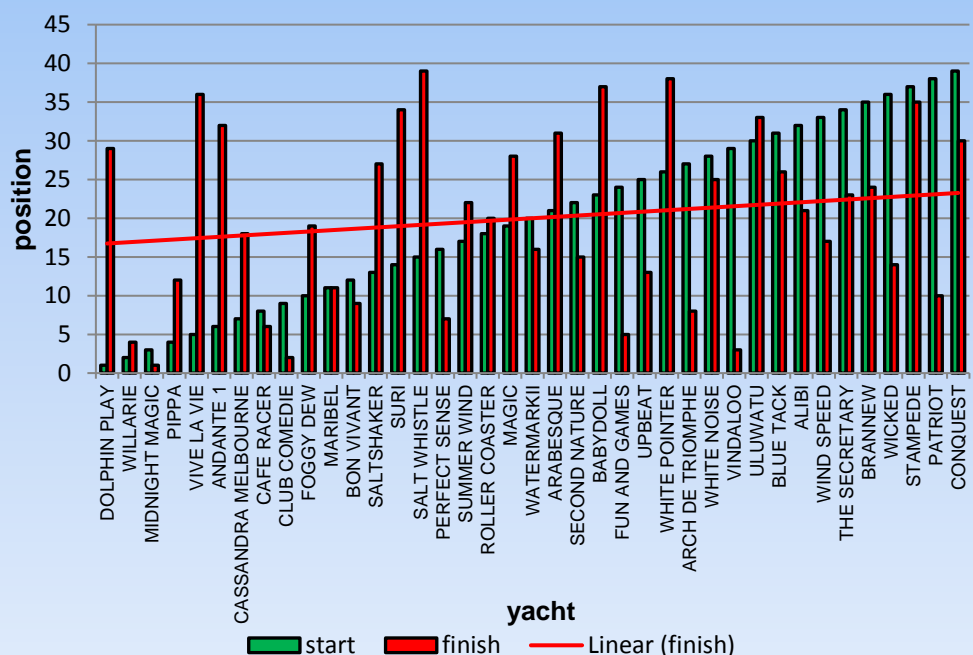


It proved difficult to record good start times for this race. The median start time of 31 seconds (red line) was the highest so far this series. However, no one started the race too soon. VIVE LA VIE maintained the high standard of starts only 2 seconds late for her handicap.



It again proved difficult for late starters to finish among the first third of the fleet. The first 13 yachts to finish comprised 7 early starters, 3 from mid fleet and 3 late starters.

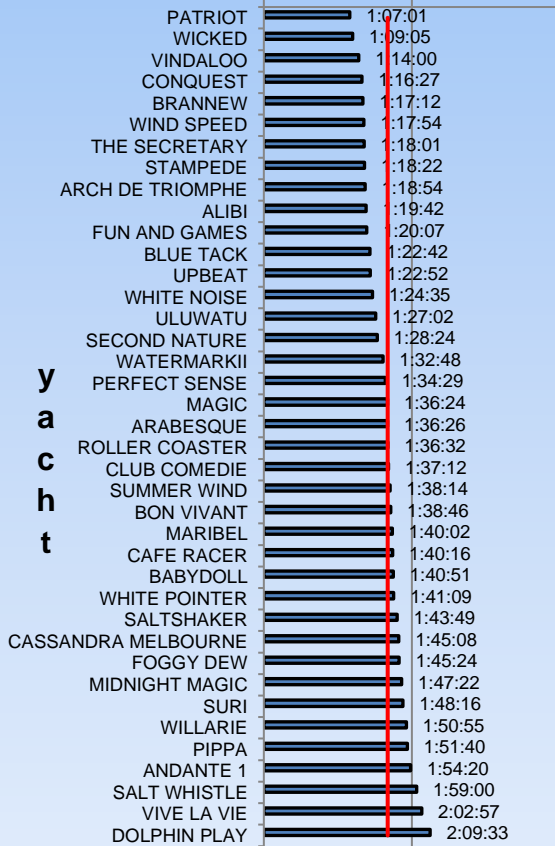
WW Winter Series 2018 Race 10 Position at Start & Finish



WW Winter Series 2018 Race 10 Elapsed Time

time (hh:mm:ss)

0:00:00 1:55:12 3:50:24



In her first race of the series PATRIOT recorded the fastest elapsed time of the race sailing faster than some of the more regular Wednesday Wonders. She started from 38th place and finished 10th. She was 29 minutes 25 seconds faster than the elapsed median time of 1:36:26 (red line).



By the Way

There have been 21 different yachts “on the podium” so far this series. VINDALOO has been the most successful with 3 appearances whilst 7 yachts have each recorded 2 podium finishes. Below is a table showing the yachts that have finished last this series.

WW Winter Series 2018 Last Yacht to Finish		
RACE	YACHT	FINISH TIME
1	ULUWATU	16:09:00
2	CLUB COMEDIE	16:07:42
3	CLUB COMEDIE	16:22:00
4	OASIS	16:13:07
5	SALTSHAKER	16:10:51
6	LUSCIOUS	16:02:39
7	LUSCIOUS	16:57:30
8	WICKED	15:57:55
9	VINDALOO	15:59:29
10	SALT WHISTLE	16:23:00

WW WINTER SERIES 2018 Podium Finishers				
YACHT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TOTAL
VINDALOO	1	1	1	3
WICKED	2			2
VIVE LA VIE	1	1		2
VANTAGE		1	1	2
SUMMER WIND		1	1	2
CLUB COMEDIE	1	1		2
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	1	1		2
FOGGY DEW	1		1	2
PIPPA	1			1
BARNSTORMER			1	1
BLUE TACK		1		1
BRANNEW			1	1
CAFE RACER		1		1
FIREFOX			1	1
ALLIANCE			1	1
PHOENIX		1		1
WILLARIE		1		1
ROLLER COASTER			1	1
SURI	1			1
WHITE POINTER			1	1
PERFECT SENSE	1			1



(Left) The unseasonal heat and fresh air was all too much for Wendy. She just had to have a lie down.

(Right) Careful adjustment of the jib assured WILLARIE of a 4th place.



(Left) After a break of 5 weeks THE SECRETARY is back into the thick of things.



(Left) First glimpse of the Hi Vis Starboard Side Beanie.

(Right) Keeping a good look out.





(Left) Last week's winner FOGGY DEW received a 3 minute increase to her handicap and finished 19th this week.

(Right) A 14th place was enough to put WICKED back in the aggregate top ten.



(Left) FUN & GAMES finished 5th – her best result of the series so far.

(Right) WATERMARK II in her 4th race of the series also recorded her best result.



Two yachts head for the finish as 3 yachts head for the last mark.