

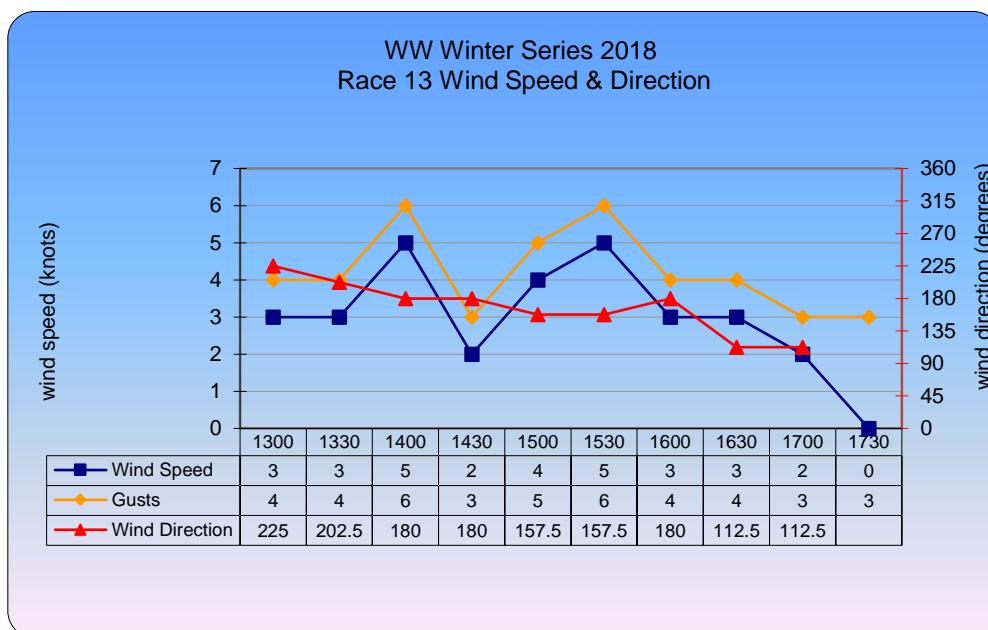
Just Not Enough Breeze

Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2018 Race 13

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Exactly half way through the winter series and the long continuous run of 12 consecutive races came to an end when race 13 was abandoned. It was the first race to be abandoned since race 24 of the summer series. There were 5 races abandoned in that series as a result of either strong or gale force winds. This race was different, it was abandoned due to the opposite - lack of breeze. The BOM forecast “variable winds below 10 knots” and that proved to be correct. Observations at Fawkner Beacon showed the breeze moved from the south west into the east south east and averaged 3 knots for the afternoon – the least of the series. There was not enough to clear the fog but this was no deterrent to about a dozen or maybe more optimists that left the marina to gather near the start line to await a start signal that never came.



Initially the start was postponed then the race was finally abandoned about 1350. Some of the optimists saw the “writing in the water” and motored over to Williamstown for refreshments. Seven other optimists organised their own impromptu race around a short course, from 4 to 1 and back to number 4 (not listed in the Sailing Instructions). Although only a short course it was not without controversy. “Rules” appeared vague but there was talk of disqualifications for flying spinnakers or sailing around the mark in the wrong direction. The race was not counted in the aggregate.

The Misty Blue trophy is the only perpetual trophy to be awarded to the winning yacht based upon the results of this series alone. The table below shows the start times of each yacht at the half way stage of the series. It is arranged from lowest to highest average start times.

WW Winter Series 2018 Average Start Times (seconds)													
YACHT	AVERAGE	Race number											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
ALLIANCE	4.00	3	1	8									
MYUNA III	6.50	7			6								
CARPE DIEM	6.67	7	10	3									
ESPRIT	6.67	5	8				10	2	4	11			
PHOENIX	8.00	12	5	10	9	10	2	6	6	5		13	10
HOT CHIPPS	8.71	15	3	13		6	18	5	1				
PIZAZZ	9.00	3	3	2						9		24	13
LEBROK	9.10	3	5	17	5	13	10	3	6	3			26
FIREFOX	9.67	8	16	5									
RAZZLE DAZZLE	10.00	10	8	12									
WICKED	10.09	3	2	27	5	4	0	2	14	26	24		4
UPBEAT	10.11	23	2	1		38	5	13	0	0	9		
FUN AND GAMES	11.00	2	4	18	17	0	11				16		20
THE SECRETARY	11.00	8	11	10						3	3		31
SECOND NATURE	11.00		19	9		13				4	7	14	
SUMMER WIND	12.30		14		9	7	2	4	5	0	12	15	55
STAMPEDE	12.42	50	15	8	5	11	5	0	16	7	10	9	13
ROLLER COASTER	12.78	2	7	6		32	11	11	6		20		20
ALCHEMIST	15.00			15									
ALIBI	15.09	11	13	15	9	9	5	6	10	10	37		41
WHITE NOISE	16.00	36	4	8	12	7	4	5	1	5	41	52	17
WILLARIE	16.25	8	12	4	12	31	14	5	25	13	40	11	20
BABYDOLL	16.55	2	31	18	11	22	15	11	3	29	7		33
CAFE RACER	17.00	13	9	13	14	13	17	3	31	11	43		20
ANDANTE 1	17.75	29	10		1						31		
BRANNEW	18.08	10	9	18	10	9	6	10	11	8	10	47	69
SURI	18.30	12		50	12	21	2	7		7	54	12	6
WIND SPEED	20.08	55	4	31	15	27	23	8	9	25	9	19	16
WATERMARK11	20.33		15	16	30								
VINDALOO	20.40	4	0	27		38	4	9	8	65	4		45
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	21.27	18	12	20	14	43	24	20	9	27	31		16
PRIMO	21.90	16	44	23	62	19	6	12	18	12			7
PATRIOT	22.00										22		
PIPPA	23.50	5	11	4	14	45	8	55	10	4	39	56	31
BON VIVANT	24.45	27		10	8	69	5	5	2	21	18	90	14
LUSCIOUS	26.40						32	65	3	14		18	
SALTSHAKER	29.90	5	105		3	59	25	5	12	5	40		40
CLUB COMEDIE	30.88		19	36	10	31		22	40		47		42
OASIS	32.00				32								
MARIBEL	32.90	85	59	0	28		12	94	6	2	17		26
PERFECT SENSE	37.75					46			25		51		29
SALT WHISTLE	38.00										38		
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	38.44	3	6	3	2		300			5	11	13	3
WHITE POINTER	40.75	300	6	6	21	22	9	27	2	5	29	42	20
BLUE TACK	41.18	17		5	10	7	10	27	14	300	54	3	6
VIVE LA VIE	42.40	35	21	100	13	63	13	123	11		2		43
MAGIC	50.91	13	18	300	30	38	18	34	10	25	38		36
ARABESQUE	53.22	12	8	100	9		13	9		300	8		20
VANTAGE	55.90	23	4	17	43	87	7	10	300	19			49
WATERMARKII	57.00										57		
FOGGY DEW	58.63	24	165	9				9		6	78	13	165
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	61.90	5		61	49	46	93	50	32	55	87		141
BACARDI	62.20	14	24	300		15	12	163	7	59		21	7
DOLPHIN PLAY	65.27	15	9	53	54		155	50	53	43	243	17	26
ULUWATU	77.40	300	11	37	17	19	20	12		300	43		15
CONQUEST	156.50										291		22

WW Winter Series 2018			
YACHT	AGGREGATE POSITION RACE 13	NUMBER OF RACES	NUMBER OF PODIUM FINISHES
PIPPA	1	12	1
WHITE POINTER	2	12	2
SUMMER WIND	3	10	3
WILLARIE	4	12	1
CAFE RACER	5	10	1
PHOENIX	6	11	1
VINDALOO	7	10	3
BON VIVANT	8	11	1
VANTAGE	9	10	2
ALIBI	10	11	
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	11	11	
SALTSHAKER	12	10	
FUN AND GAMES	13	8	
STAMPEDE	14	11	
WIND SPEED	15	12	
WICKED	16	11	2
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	17	9	
FOGGY DEW	18	8	2
BACARDI	19	10	1
UPBEAT	20	9	
SURI	21	10	1
WHITE NOISE	22	12	
HOT CHIPPS	23	7	
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	24	10	2
MAGIC	25	11	
BRANNEW	26	12	1
CLUB COMEDIE	27	8	2
BLUE TACK	28	11	1
MARIBEL	29	10	
LEBROK	30	10	
ROLLER COASTER	31	8	1
DOLPHIN PLAY	32	10	
SECOND NATURE	33	5	
VIVE LA VIE	34	10	2
BARNSTORMER	35	7	1
PRIMO	36	10	
BABYDOLL	37	10	
ARABESQUE	38	9	
THE SECRETARY	39	6	
PIAZZ	40	5	1
ULUWATU	41	10	
ESPRIT	42	6	
LUSCIOUS	43	5	
WATERMARKII	44	4	
FIREFOX	45	3	1
ANDANTE 1	46	4	
CARPE DIEM	47	3	
MYUNA III	48	2	
CONQUEST	49	2	

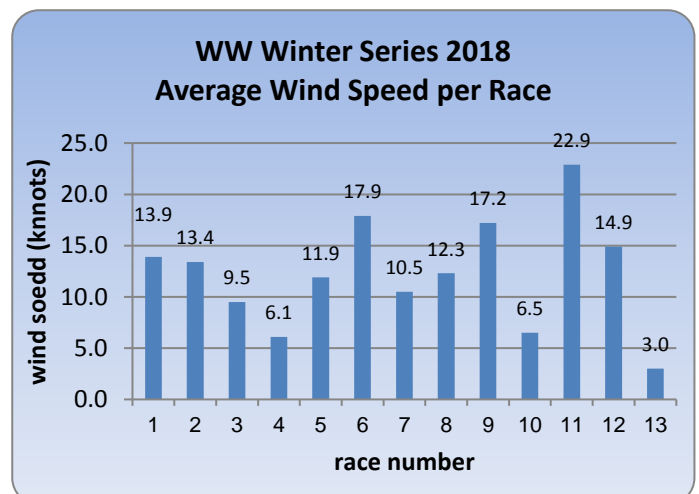
The table on the left shows the aggregate position, the number of races and the number of podium finishes for the 49 yachts in the winter aggregate. ALLIANCE (1) and PERFECT SENSE (2) are not in the aggregate but have a total of 3 podium finishes.



WHITE NOISE (Daniel Edwards) in races 13 (left) and 12 (below).



The average wind speed per race is 12.3 knots well below the 15.7 knot average for the summer series.

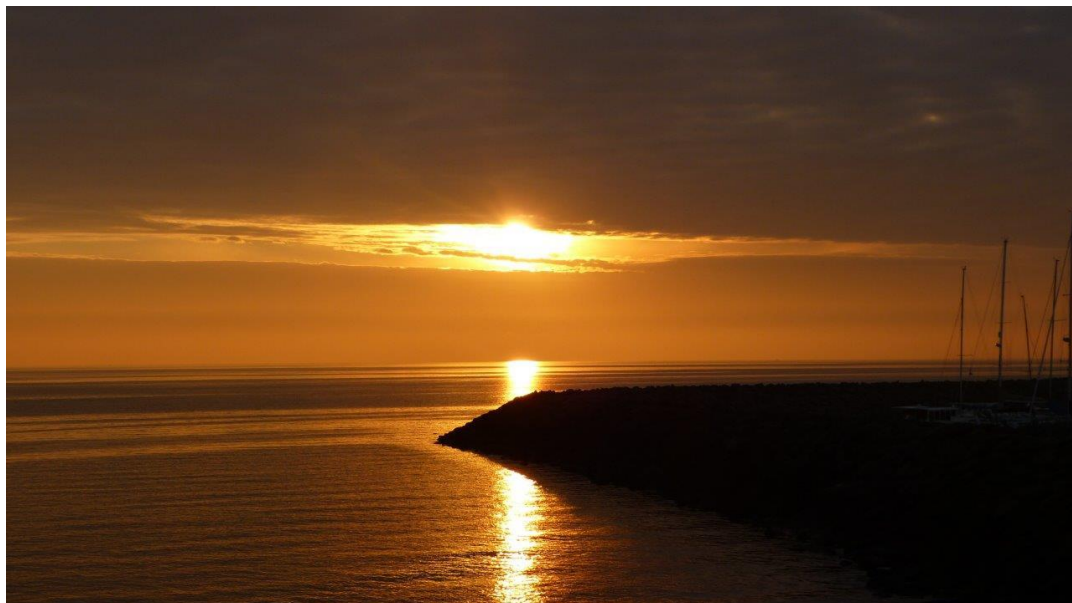




What a difference a week makes. Photos on the left are all from the abandoned race 13. Those on the right are the same yachts in race 12. The yachts are DOLPHIN PLAY, VIVE LA VIE and MARIBEL



It takes more than a bit fog to dampen the WW spirit!



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