

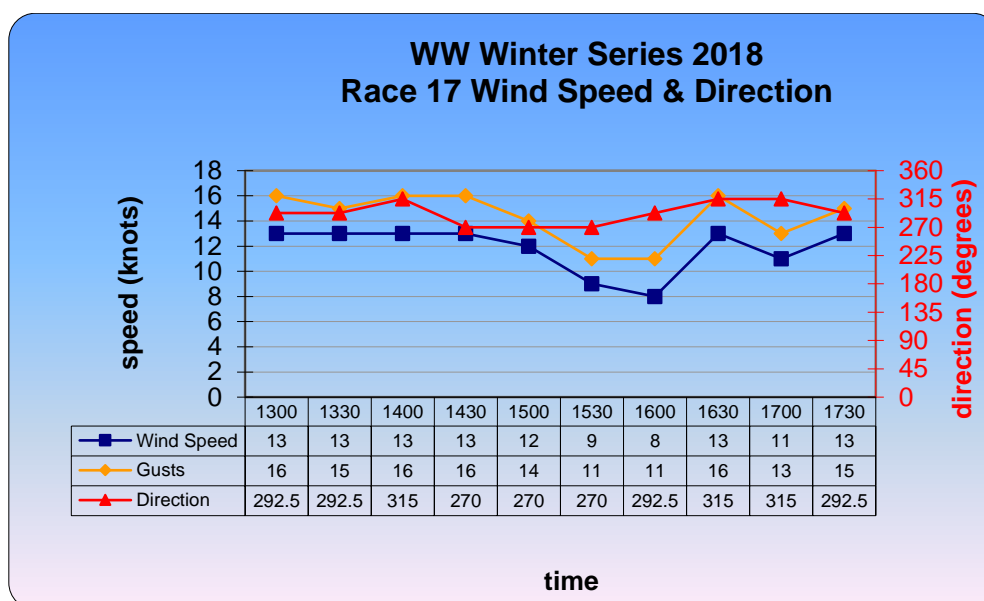
## A Big Boat Race

### Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2018 Race 17

(25 Jul 2018)



For the second successive race yachts with handicaps of 40 minutes or more featured strongly at the finish line. A fleet of 37 yachts started the race in a north westerly breeze of about 13 knots. The race was around the 10.1 nautical mile course 28 – a course used on 3 previous occasions. By 1600 the wind had eased to 8 knots and the course was shortened by about 0.6 knots to allow more yachts to finish within the time limit. Despite her best efforts MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette Moore) was the only yacht not to finish in time, whilst DOLPHIN PLAY (John Brennan) retired. The tower records show DOLPHIN PLAY retired due to an impending mutiny. It is not known whether retiring prompted or resolved the mutiny.



ULUWATU had a perfect start to win Start of the Day - the ninth perfect start of the series. After an absence of over 3 months, CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) made a spectacular return to WW racing not only winning the race but recording the fastest elapsed time. In doing so she had overtaken BRANNEW (Clive Sondheim) who recorded her second 2<sup>nd</sup> place in two races and WIND SPEED (Les Browne) who made this her first podium finish of the series.

The race produced some changes to the series aggregate. CAFE RACER (Alan Clapham) and PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg) are now tied on points at the top with WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft) in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive week. BRANNEW's second place catapulted her into the aggregate top ten for the first time this series with SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) making a return after an absence of 5 weeks. Making way for these two yachts (temporarily?) were ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) and SUMMER WIND (Martyn Sly).



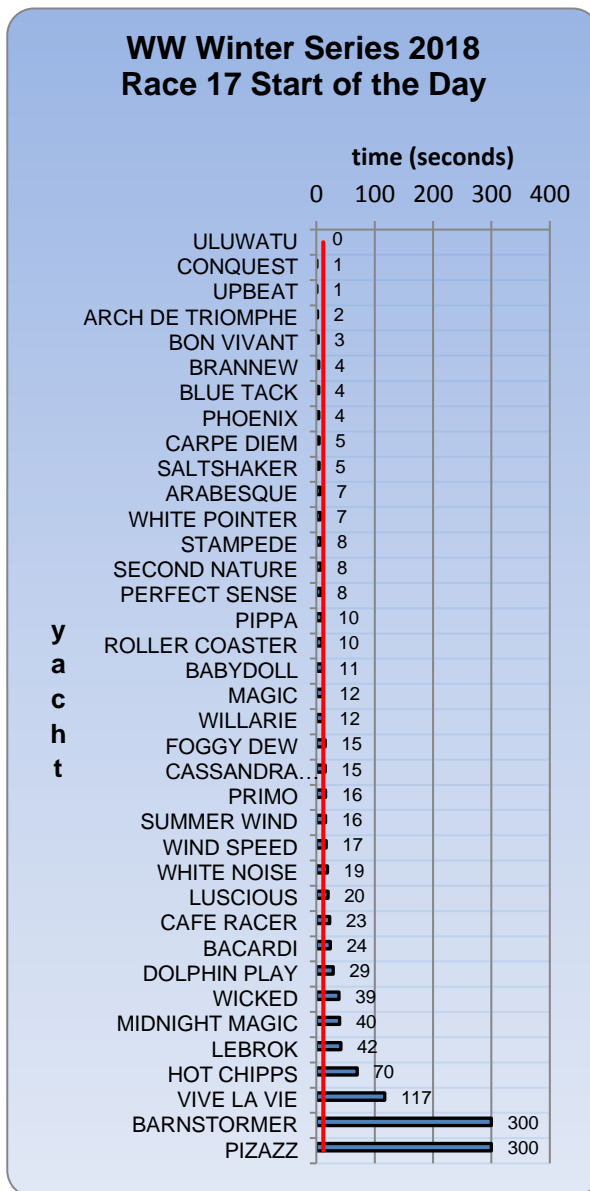
CARPE DIEM sailed the first 3 races and on average she finished 26<sup>th</sup>. This race was quite different. She started from 34<sup>th</sup> place 5 seconds late for her 51 minute handicap. By the time she passed SYC 4 for the first time she was 17<sup>th</sup>. She had completed the first 4 legs of the race in 58 minutes 55 seconds. She overtook the remainder of the fleet in the final three legs of the race. By the time she crossed the finish line at 16:06:35 she had built up a lead of 1 minute 57 seconds. She had sailed the course in 1:45:35 – a little more than 25 minutes faster than the median elapsed time for the race. CARPE DIEM moved from 48<sup>th</sup> to 45<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.

BRANNEW is one of 6 yachts to have completed all 14 races this series. After finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in race 15 she received a 3 minute increase in her handicap and became one of two yachts to start from 50 minutes. She started from 33<sup>rd</sup> place only 5 seconds late and 1 place after CONQUEST (Paul Jacka) the other yacht with a 50 minute handicap. On completion of the first 4 legs of the race BRANNEW had overtaken CONQUEST and established a 17 second lead. It took BRANNEW 46 minutes 31 seconds to sail the final three legs of the race and she finished at 16:08:32. This was 1 minute 33 seconds and three places ahead of CONQUEST. This was the second podium finish for BRANNEW which helped her up from 18<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.

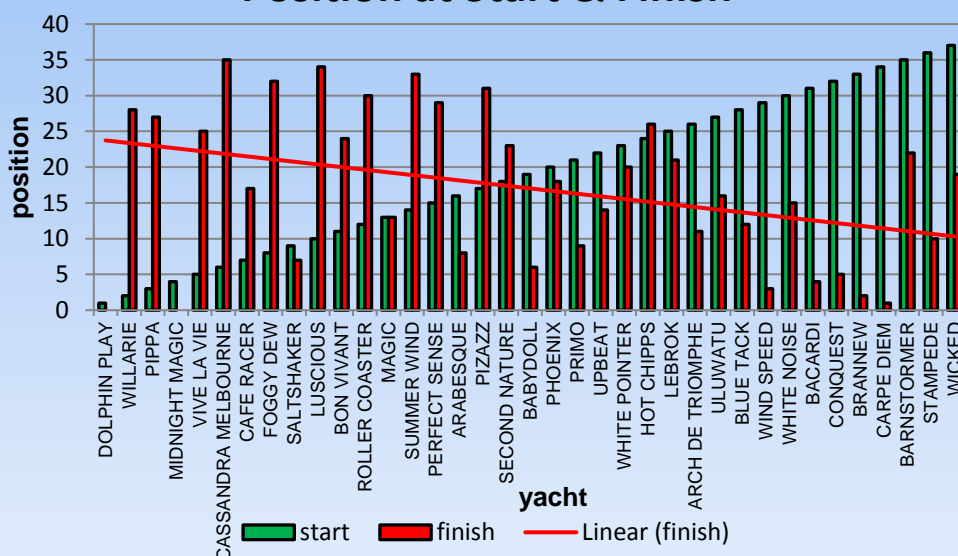


WIND SPEED is another yacht to have completed all 14 races in the series and she made this her first podium and third top ten finish. WIND SPEED was one of three yachts with a 44 minute handicap and she had the best start of the three, starting 17 seconds late from 29<sup>th</sup> place. She rounded SYC 4 for the first time in 23<sup>rd</sup> place 7 places behind BACARDI (Martin Power) but 5 places ahead of WHITE NOISE who both had the same 44 minute handicap. WIND SPEED sailed the course in 1:55:44, the 6<sup>th</sup> fastest time of the race, and crossed the finish line at 16:09:44. This was only 10 seconds ahead of BACARDI who had started 7 seconds later. WIND SPEED moved up 5 places in the aggregate from 15<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>.

With a medium start time of 12 seconds (red line) this was a better than average start. Ten yachts started within 5 seconds of their handicap with ULUWATU starting exactly on time. Both BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes) and PIZAZZ (P Martyn & R Kemp) started too soon BARNSTORMER by 14 seconds and PIZAZZ by 5 seconds. It probably cost them 10 and 5 places respectively.

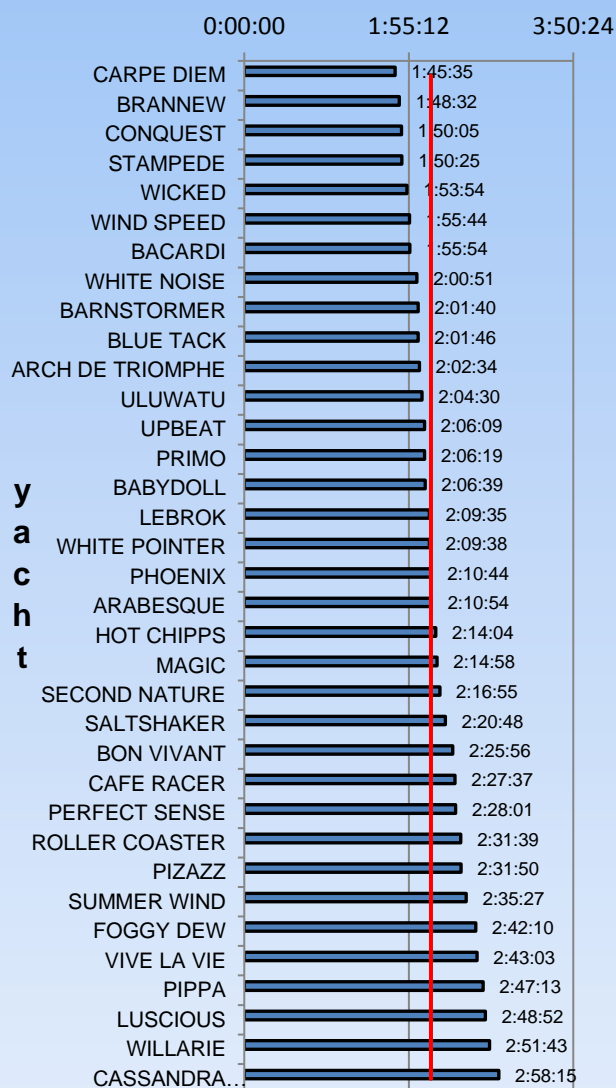


### WW Winter Series 2018 Race 17 Position at Start & Finish



The first third of the fleet across the finish line comprised 8 of the late starters but only 1 of the early starters. The fleet started 56 minutes 10 seconds apart. The gap became 25 minutes 19 seconds at the first rounding of SYC 4 but then increased to 39 minutes 40 seconds at the finish line. The widest of the series.

## WW Winter Series 2018 Race 17 Elapsed Time time (hh:mm:ss)



The median elapsed time for the race was 2:10:44 (red line) with a large range of 72 minutes 40 seconds. CARPE DIEM recorded the fastest time – 2 minutes 57 seconds faster than BRANNEW who in turn was 1 minute 33 seconds faster than CONQUEST. LEBROK (Theo Korbel) sailed the course a mere 3 seconds faster than WHITE POINTER who had handicaps of 39 and 38 minutes respectively. They finished 21<sup>st</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

There were nine yachts in race 4 of the Century Class but only seven were able to complete the course. SALTSHAKER won her second race of the series with ARABESQUE (Milton Green) 2<sup>nd</sup> and MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are 2 races remaining in the 6 race series with any one of 7 yachts still in contention.



Century Class Winter 2018 Race 4 Result						
POSITION	YACHT	DESIGN	SKIPPER	ELAPSED	FINISH	Expr2
1	SALTSHAKER	Jarkan 925	Ken Gayler	2:20:48	16:11:48	0:21:00
2	ARABESQUE	Farr 1020	Milton Green	2:10:54	16:11:54	0:31:00
3	MAGIC	S & S 39	Phil Spry-Bailey	2:14:58	16:13:58	0:29:00
4	BON VIVANT	S80	Russell Keays	2:25:56	16:20:56	0:25:00
5	PIPPA	Triton 24	Jeffrey Woolhouse	2:47:13	16:26:13	0:09:00
6	WILLARIE	Triton 24	Graeme Kaufman	2:51:43	16:27:43	0:06:00
7	CASSANDRA	Mottle 33	Bob Reeves	2:58:15	16:46:15	0:18:00
	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	East Coast 31	Bernadette Moore			0:09:00
	DOLPHIN PLAY	Triton	John Brennan			-0:03:00



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three podium finishers had their best result of the series so did ARABESQUE, BABYDOLL & CONQUEST



(Left) But for BARNSTORMER starting too soon there would have been a very close finish between her and BLUE TACK.



(Right) A watchful CARPE DIEM.



PHOENIX (left) and CAFE RACER (right) are equal on points at the top of the aggregate.





(Left) BACARDI finished 4<sup>th</sup> and moved to 11<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.

(Right) BABYDOLL overtook CAFE RACER to finish 6<sup>th</sup>.

(Below) The race management team get out on the water.

