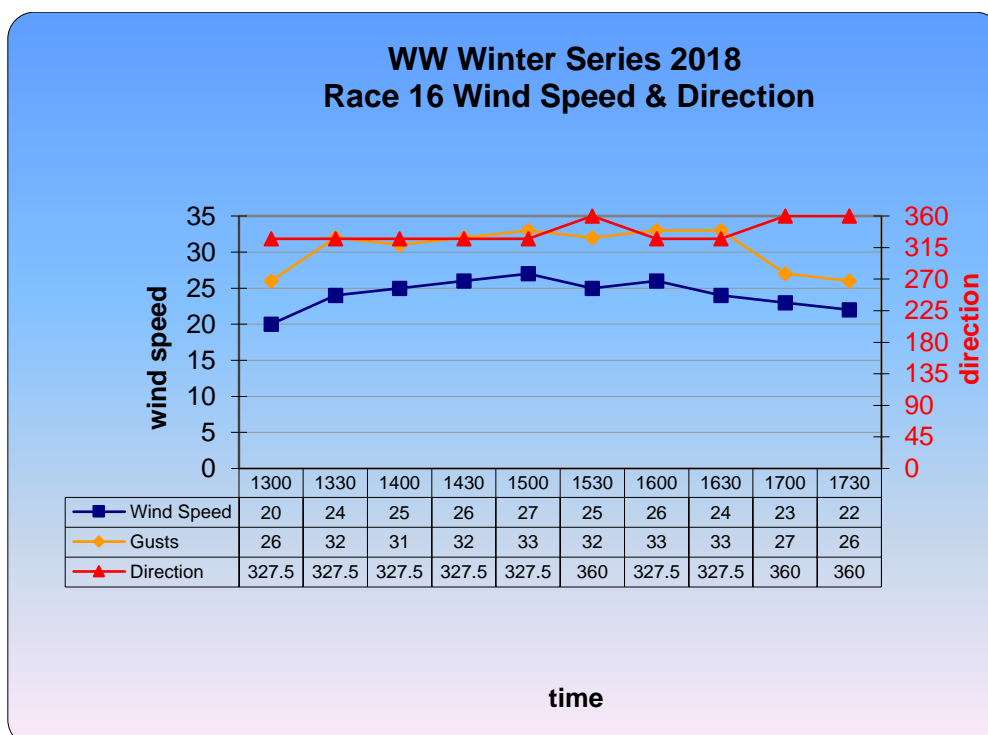


**Another Windy Wednesday**  
**Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2018 Race 16**  
 (18 Jul 2018)



Race 16 became yet another casualty of strong winds. It became the third of four races abandoned due to the weather. Gale force winds were recorded on Tuesday and there were winds of 30+ knots on Thursday. BOM issued a strong wind warning for Port Philip on Wednesday and Fawkner Beacon recorded wind strengths 27 and gusts of 33 knots during the afternoon. The average was 24 knots – the highest average recorded this series. (The above photo (no yachts) was taken at 1630 when the wind was 24 and gusting 33 knots at Fawkner).



Although the race was abandoned handicap adjustments were made in anticipation. The first eight yachts to finish race 15 received increases ranging from 1 to 4 minutes depending on where they finished. The last four yachts to finish each received a 1 minute decrease. The absence of a race means the series aggregate remains the same for another week. PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg) is the leader with CAFE RACER (Alan Clapham) in second place and WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft) third.



Spare a thought for the Triton 24 DOLPHIN PLAY (John Brennan) who has recorded the slowest elapsed time in 11 of the 13 completed races. However, she hasn't finished last in any race and has managed 2 top ten finishes – a 7<sup>th</sup> and a 4<sup>th</sup>. Her handicap was zero at the beginning of the series but has decreased to -3 minutes. She is 33<sup>rd</sup> in the aggregate.

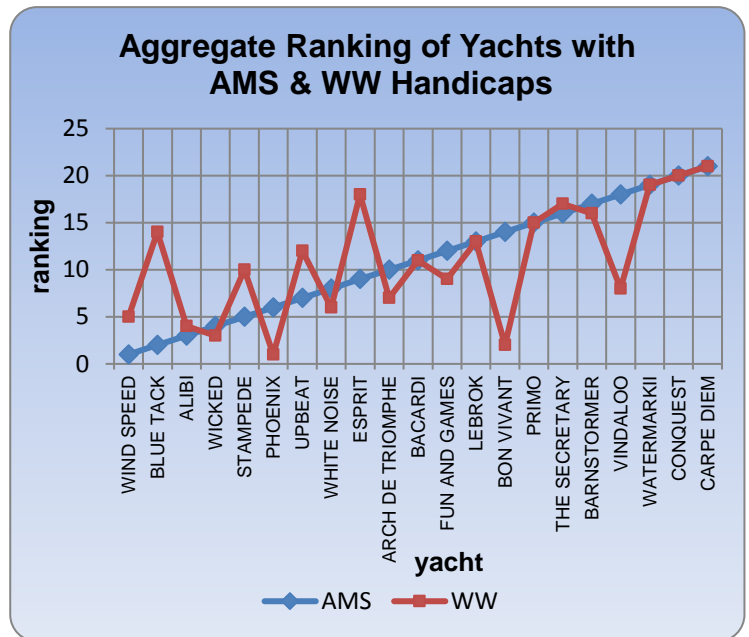
ULUWATU is one of 6 yachts entered in the aggregate without a top ten finish. She has completed eleven races and her best result was in race 2 when she crossed the finish line in 16<sup>th</sup> place. Her handicap at the start of the series was 44 minutes. It became 43 minutes after race 2 and stayed at that level until race 12 when it was reduced to 42 minutes. ULUWATU is 38<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate. She has started too soon on three occasions which could have affected her aggregate position.



The Beneteau 367 PRIMO has completed 11 races but has only one top ten finish to her credit – a 4<sup>th</sup> place in race 4. Her average finish place is approximately 24<sup>th</sup> and she is 34<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate. By comparison, the two other Beneteau 367's LEBROK and UPBEAT are 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in the aggregate. The average handicaps for these 3 yachts are LEBROK 39 minutes, UPBEAT and PRIMO 38.

There are 21 yachts in WW that have an AMS handicap. The table and chart below compares their AMS aggregate place with their equivalent WW aggregate place. There are some marked similarities and differences. The correlation coefficient between the two sets of data is 0.619.

YACHT	RANKING	
	AMS (NS)	WW
WIND SPEED	1	5
BLUE TACK	2	14
ALIBI	3	4
WICKED	4	3
STAMPEDE	5	10
PHOENIX	6	1
UPBEAT	7	12
WHITE NOISE	8	6
ESPRIT	9	18
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	10	7
BACARDI	11	11
FUN AND GAMES	12	9
LEBROK	13	13
BON VIVANT	14	2
PRIMO	15	15
THE SECRETARY	16	17
BARNSTORMER	17	16
VINDALOO	18	8
WATERMARKII	19	19
CONQUEST	20	20
CARPE DIEM	21	21



*In 2006 Mark Windward wrote to the Port of Melbourne Harbour Master concerning the movement of water around Sandringham.*

*Subject: Currents North of the bay*

*I know where to get access to the actual tide times but I would like to understand more about the movement of tidal water at the Northern (top end) of the bay. I have assumed that the stream comes in the western side of the heads and continues to the north end then sweeps around the top and then along the eastern foreshore Sandringham as far as Ricketts Point and dissipates in a Southerly direction.*

*The tide times do not however seem to confirm this as the time for Williamstown and Sandringham are reported to be the same?*

*Is there any where I can find out about the flow within the bay?*

*I am sure this knowledge would help my light weather sailing even though the tides are relative slow following.*

*The Reply from the Port of Melbourne (as it was in those days):*

*From: "Tim Muir" <[Tim.Muir@portofmelbourne.com](mailto:Tim.Muir@portofmelbourne.com)>*

*Date: 17 August 2006 8:28:30 AM*

*The net movement of water north of the Great Sand is wind driven.*

*Prevailing wind patterns are westerlies in winter and south westerlies in summer. The westerly winds result in the anti clockwise circulation of water in the north of the Bay.*

The wind driven currents are not strong reaching about 0.2mps (Meters per second) in coastal areas during storm events.

Typical values at the centre of the Bay are less than about 0.1mps.

Another factor affecting the movement of water in the Bay is the seasonal presence of freshwater inflows - mainly the Yarra River that injects fresh water plumes towards and down the east side of the Bay.

So in summary tidal streams are not dominant north of the Great Sand the major currents are wind generated.

That may not reflect the situation at Sandringham breakwater you have identified - possibly an inshore eddy effect.

## *A Bit of WW Recent History*

*Yachts no longer seen in WW*



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