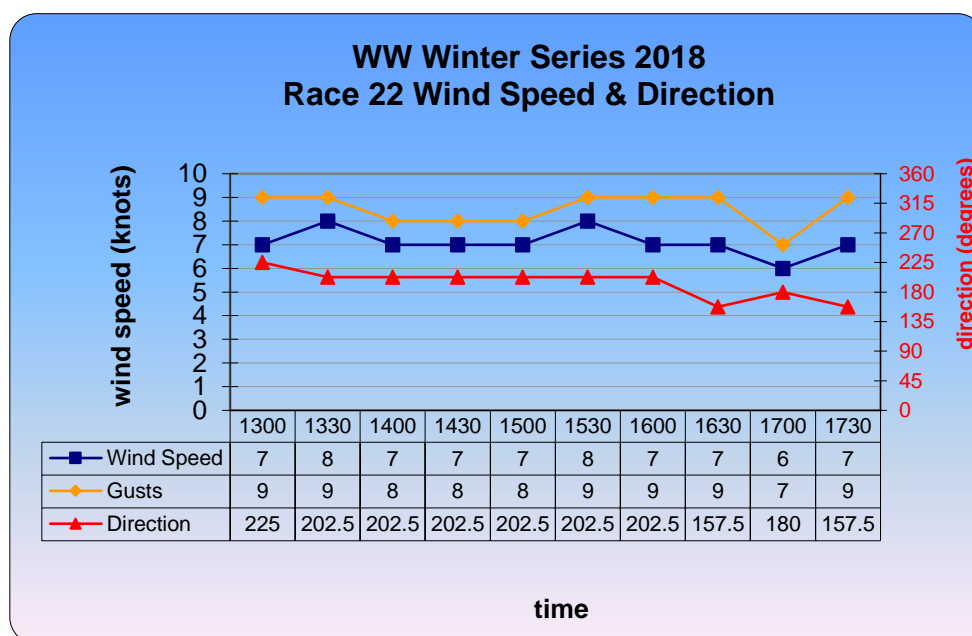


## Yet Another Good Result for the Over 40's Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2018 Race 22

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For the second week in a row 8 of the first 10 yachts across the finish line had handicaps of 40 or more minutes. They had not only pursued but caught and passed most of the fleet. CAFE RACER and MARIBEL both with 19 minute handicaps prevented the over 40's making it 10 out of 10. The race took the 33 yacht fleet around the 9.8 nautical mile course 18 in a SSW breeze that averaged about 7 knots at Fawkner Beacon.



There was a tie for Start of the day between ANDANTE I (Keith Woodruff) and ARC DE TRIOMPHE (Murray/Davis/Taylor). Both are previous winners and join nine other yachts that have made perfect starts. ALIBI (Denis Hambleton) was first across the finish line to win her first race of the series. VINDALOO (John Taylor) chalked up her 4<sup>th</sup> podium finish of the series when she crossed the line in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. After finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and receiving a 2 minute increase to her handicap in last week's race, WIND SPEED (Les Browne) returned to the podium after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>. For the second successive week WICKED (Mike Welsh) recorded the fastest elapsed time for the race. The Century Class found a new winner in THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) who won the 5<sup>th</sup> race in the 6 race series.

The series aggregate underwent a reshuffle with WIND SPEED the new leader, CAFE RACER (Alan Clapham) 2<sup>nd</sup> and WHITE NOISE (Daniel Edwards) in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. WICKED and ALIBI both re- entered the top ten whilst PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) and PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg) slipped out.



ALIBI has completed 13 races and has 6 top ten finishes but this was her first podium finish of the series. She started from 23<sup>rd</sup> place 9 seconds late for her 44 minute handicap. By the first rounding of SYC 4 she had moved into 10<sup>th</sup> place but was still 7 minutes 5 seconds behind the race leader. ALIBI completed the last three legs of the race in 46 minutes 35 seconds and was first across the finish line at 16:22:17. She had sailed the whole course in 2:08:17 – the second fastest time of the race. She had started 1 place and 6 seconds behind WHITE NOISE but after completing 3 legs she was 10 places, 5 minutes 29 seconds ahead. Alibi crossed the finish line 12 places 8 minutes 52 seconds ahead. ALIBI moves from 17<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.

The McConachy 31 VINDALOO held a top ten aggregate position from the start to race 14 of the series but hasn't completed a race since then until this one. She started 48 seconds ahead of ALIBI, 21 seconds late for her 43 minute handicap. During the first 3 legs of the race VINDALOO extended her lead to 65 seconds and rounded SYC 4 in 8<sup>th</sup> place. She lost her lead over ALIBI during the last 3 legs of the race and after sailing the course in 2:10:30 she crossed the finish line in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 16:23:30 – 73 seconds behind the winner. This was the fourth podium finish in 11 completed races for VINDALOO and lifts her from 28<sup>th</sup> to be 20<sup>th</sup> in the series aggregate.



WIND SPEED has all 16 races completed this series and this; her third podium finish has taken her to the top of the aggregate – the 8<sup>th</sup> aggregate leader this series. She started from 27<sup>th</sup> place 5 seconds late for her 47 minute handicap. WIND SPEED sailed the first 3 legs of the race in 1:22:22 and rounded SYC 4 in 13<sup>th</sup> place. She was already 9 places ahead of THE SECRETARY who had started 1 place ahead. It took WIND SPEED 47 minutes 2 seconds to sail the last three legs of the course and she crossed the finish line at 16:26:29. This was 4 minutes 12 seconds behind the other Sydney 36 – ALIBI.

At 8.5 seconds this was the best median start time of the series. It was a mixed result for the joint Start of the Day winners. ARC DE TRIOMPHE went on to finish 4<sup>th</sup> whilst ANDANTE I recorded a DNF. PIZAZZ (P.Martyn & R.Kemp) crossed the start line 4 seconds too soon and was penalised 5 minutes. She finished 31<sup>st</sup> when she could have finished 29<sup>th</sup>. It was more disappointing for PRIMO (Steve Copley) who crossed the line way too soon and scored DNS.

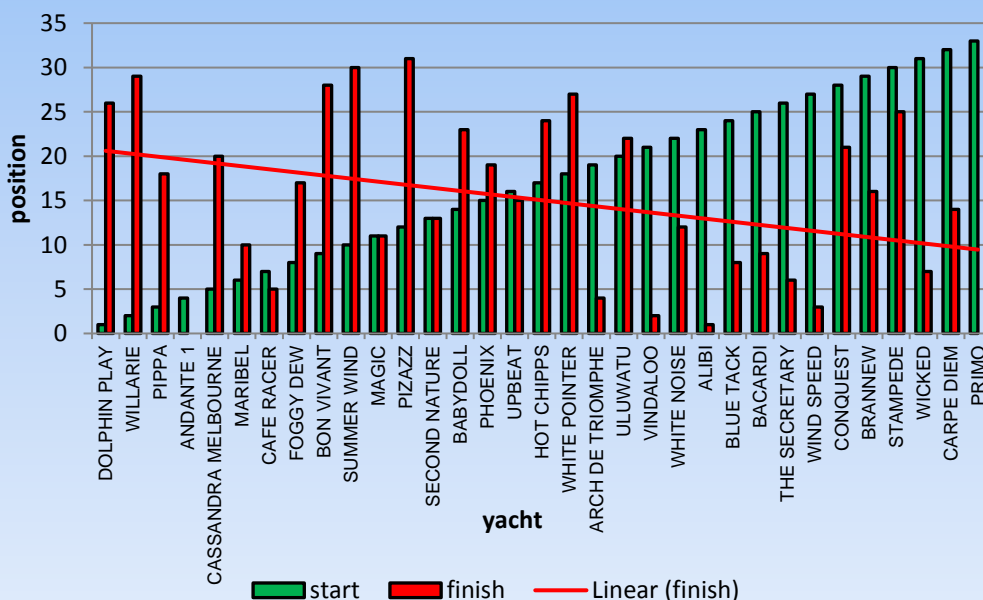


## WW Winter Series 2018 Race 22 Start of the Day



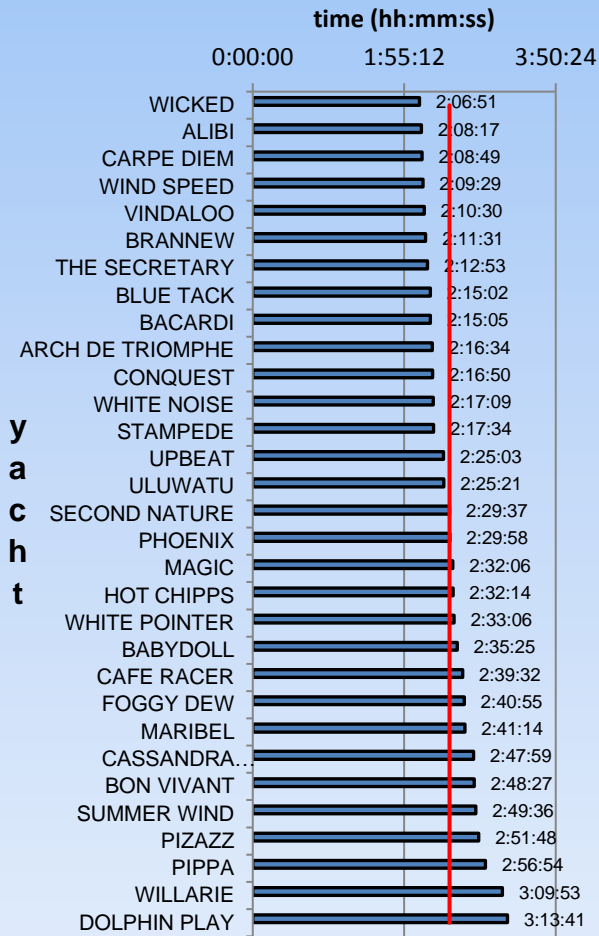
Only two yachts from the first half of the fleet to start were able to improve on their start positions. The opposite was the case for the last half of the fleet to start. All but two yachts

## WW Winter Series 2018 Race 22 Position at Start & Finish



improved upon their start positions. MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) and SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay) started and finished in the same position – 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> respectively. The closest finish was 1 second that separated PHOENIX from CASSANDRA.

## WW Winter Series 2018 Race 22 Elapsed Time



With a median elapsed time of 2:29:37 this was the second longest race of the series. Two yachts received good value by sailing for more than 3 hours. The range of elapsed times was 66 minutes 50 seconds. WICKED was again the fastest yacht around the course. She has been the fastest 5 times this series.



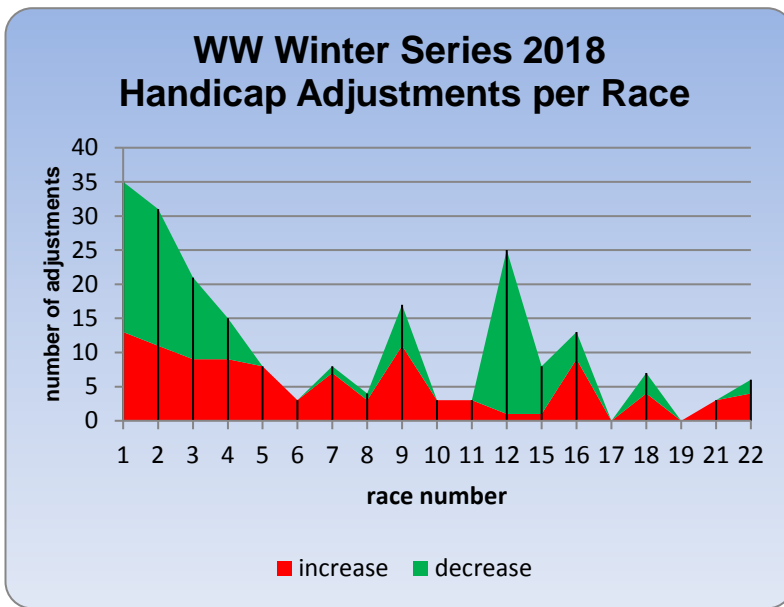
Seven of the eleven entrants in the Century Class contested the fifth race of the 6 race series. It was won by THE SECRETARY with MAGIC 2<sup>nd</sup> and PIPPA 3<sup>rd</sup>. The final race of the series is scheduled for 26 September and it will be the decider in what has become a tight competition.

CENTURY CLASS WINTER 2018 RACE 22 RESULT						
POSITION	YACHT	DESIGN	SKIPPER	ELAPSED TIME	FINISH TIME	HANDICAP
1	THE SECRETARY	J44	George Shaw	2:12:53	16:28:53	0:46:00
2	MAGIC	S & S 39	Phil Spry-Bailey	2:32:06	16:31:06	0:29:00
3	PIPPA	Triton 24	Jeffrey Woolhouse	2:56:54	16:35:54	0:09:00
4	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Mottle 33	Bob Reeves	2:47:59	16:35:59	0:18:00
5	DOLPHIN PLAY	Triton	John Brennan	3:13:41	16:40:41	-0:03:00
6	BON VIVANT	S80	Russell Keays	2:48:27	16:43:27	0:25:00
7	WILLARIE	Triton 24	Graeme Kaufman	3:09:53	16:46:53	0:07:00



## WW Winter Series 2018 Handicap Adjustments

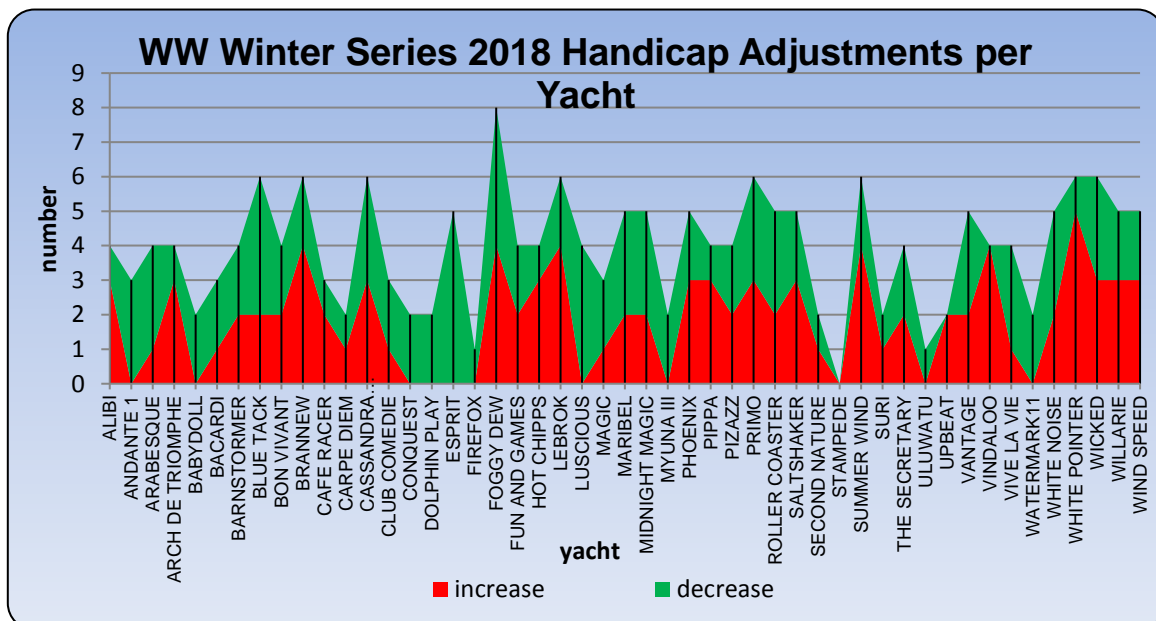
So far this series there have been a total of 210 adjustments to handicaps. One hundred and two have been increases with one hundred and eight decreases. This results in an average of about 11 adjustments per race – half up the other half down. However they have not been evenly distributed throughout the series with more, particularly decreases, occurring early. There was a notable increase in adjustments in race 9 which was followed by even more adjustments in race 12. Since then the number of adjustments have declined. (In the last summer series there was an average of about 35 handicap adjustments made each race).



The adjustments have changed the relative starting positions and hence finish positions of some yachts.

They have had minimal impact upon the overall range of handicaps which has been 55 to 57 minutes since race 3. The current range of elapsed times is about 65 minutes.

The chart below shows the adjustments made for each yacht. The average is about 4 handicap adjustments per yacht. The most is 8 (Foggy Dew) with Stampede keeping the same handicap throughout the series.



NB Both charts are area charts so the top of the green area shows total adjustments, that is, increases plus decreases.

A smiling skipper and crew with a very smart set of sails on board CONQUEST.



(Left) CAFE RACER finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place and moves to 2<sup>nd</sup> in the aggregate.

(Right) The WHITE POINTER crew had their hands full in this race.



(Below left) ULUWATU on her way to SYC 3.





There was a close contest between the 11 metre BLUE TACK and the Petersen 44 BACARDI. They finished 3 seconds apart and there was the same difference between their elapsed times.



VINDALOO (left) sailing towards



2<sup>nd</sup> place whilst SECOND NATURE finished 13<sup>th</sup>.

Good idea to have a few layers on this week it averaged 4 degrees apparent at Moorabbin for the afternoon.



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