

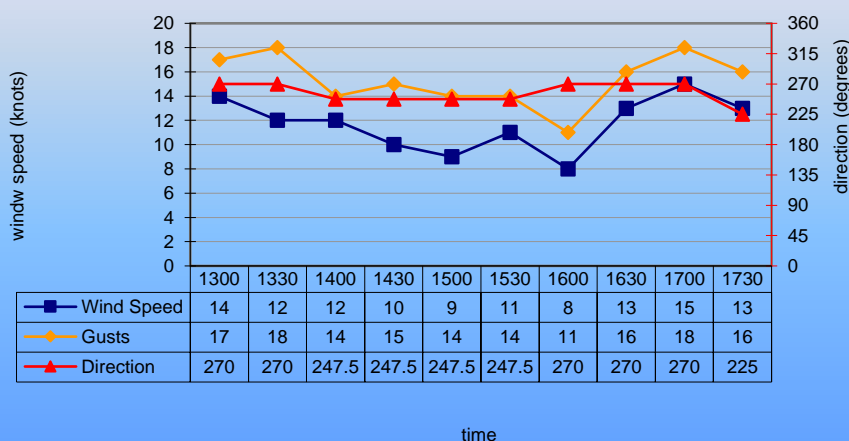
Lumpy Sea, Light Breeze & Long Course Challenge the Fleet Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2018 Race 24

(12 Sep 2018)



At 14:59:38 WILLARIE (Graeme Kaufman) rounded SYC 4 with what seemed to be an insurmountable lead of 9 minutes 6 seconds. She had effectively dealt with the lumpy sea and variable westerly breeze in the first 4 legs of course 29 and was all set to embark upon the final 3 legs of the course with a big lead. The variable wind and lumpy sea continued and what was a 7 leg course on paper was shortened to 5 legs with a finish at SYC 6. WILLARIE was unable to hold on to her lead position in the last leg and finished in 6th place 5 minutes 37 seconds behind the eventual winner.

WW Winter Series 2018
Race 24 Wind Speed & Direction



Taking first place in the race and recording her first podium finish was the Archambault 31 ARCH DE TRIOMPHE (Murray/Davis/Taylor). In 2nd place and becoming the first yacht to claim 5 podium finishes in the series was the McConachy 31 VINDALOO (John Taylor). Third across the finish line and recording her 2nd podium finish of the series was BACARDI (Martin Power).

SUMMER WIND won Start of the Day when she started exactly on her handicap. This is the second time SUMMER WIND (Martyn Sly) has made a perfect start and it is the 14th of the series. CARPE DIEM has sailed 7 races this series and sailed the fastest elapsed time on 4 occasions.

After 5 weeks in the aggregate top ten ARCH DE TRIOMPHE has made it to the top, replacing WIND SPEED (Les Browne). PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg) moves into 2nd place whilst WIND SPEED drops into 3rd place. Two yachts move into the top ten for the first time this series. BACARDI enters in 7th place with BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch) taking over 8th place. WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft) and WICKED (Mike Welsh) slip out of the top ten into 11th and 12th place respectively.



ARCH DE TRIOMPHE didn't have the best start to the series having an average finish position of 26 in her first 5 starts. She improved markedly in the successive races with an average finish position of 9th. She started this race from 23rd place only 3 seconds late for her 42 minutes handicap. At the first rounding of SYC 4 she had moved up into 10th place, still 31 minutes 13 seconds behind the leader. She sailed what became the final leg of the course (about 1.8 nautical miles) in 41 minutes 57 seconds to be first across the finish line at 16:01:48. ARCH DE

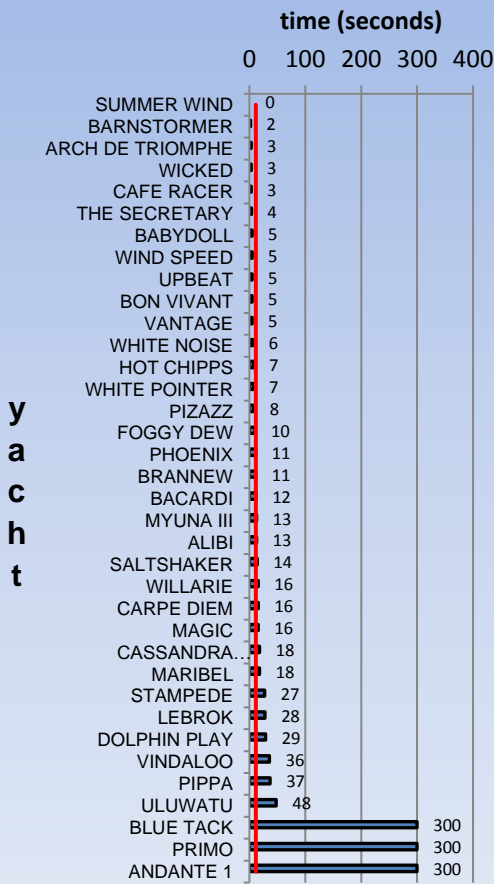
TRIOMPHE sailed the 4th fastest elapsed time of the race to win by a margin of 1 minute 43 seconds. Included in her aggregate score of 73 points are 8 top ten finishes.

VINDALOO stated the series with a handicap of 33 minutes which has increased to 45 minutes throughout her 12 completed races. With a win, three 2nd places and a 3rd place she has the most podium finishes in the series. VINDALOO seems to have better results in winds less than 15 knots – this was one of them. She started from 27th place in this race 36 seconds late for her 45 minute handicap. She sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 1:19:27 and rounded SYC 4 in 13th place. It took VINDALOO 39 minutes 28 seconds to complete the last leg of the course and was 2nd across the line at 16:03:31. She moves from 22nd to 18th place in the aggregate.



BACARDI is probably seen as a good heavy weather yacht but 5 of her 7 top ten finishes have been in races where the breeze has averaged 12 knots or less. She started this race from 26th place, 12 seconds late for her 45 minute handicap and 24 seconds ahead of VINDALOO. By the first rounding of SYC 4 BACARDI had slipped 63 seconds behind VINDALOO. This margin increased to 84 seconds at the finish line when BACARDI crossed the line in 3rd place at 16:04:55. She had sailed the course in the 5th fastest elapsed time of the race. This 3rd place helped BACARDI move from 14th to 8th in the aggregate.

WW Winter Series 2018 Race 24 Start of the Day



A median start time of 11.5 seconds makes this one of the better starts of the series. However, there were three yachts that started too soon and penalised 5 minutes. ANDANTE 1 retired whilst BLUE TACK lost 3 places and PRIMO lost 10 places as a result of the penalty.

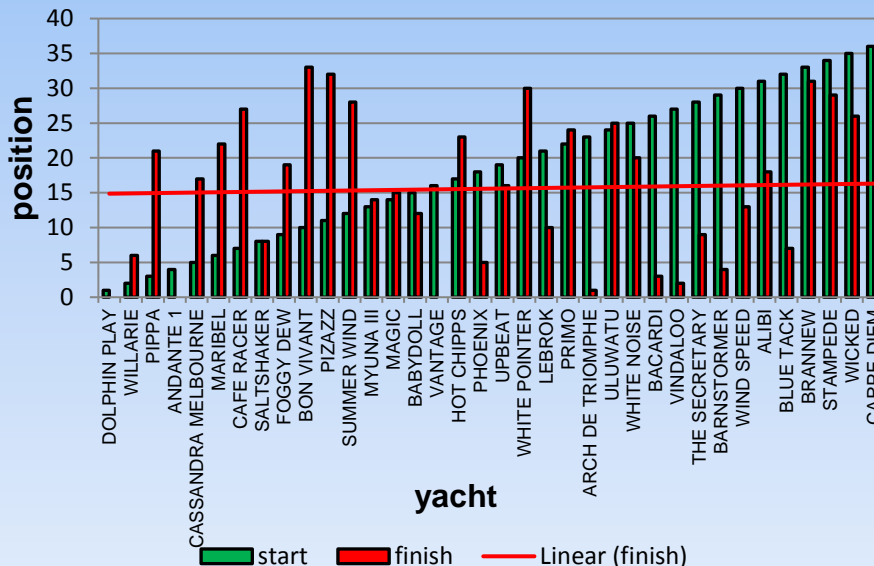
SUMMER WIND won the start and is one of 16 start winners this series. The average winning start time is 1.16 seconds



The 36 yacht fleet started the race 57 minutes 47 seconds apart. They were still 48 minutes 26

seconds apart at the rounding of SYC 4 and went on to finish 26 minutes 12 seconds apart. Six yachts that were among the last third of the fleet to start were among the first third to finish. Of the other 6 yachts among the early finishers 4 were mid fleet starters and 2 were among the early starters.

WW Winter Series 2018 Race 24 Position at Start & Finish

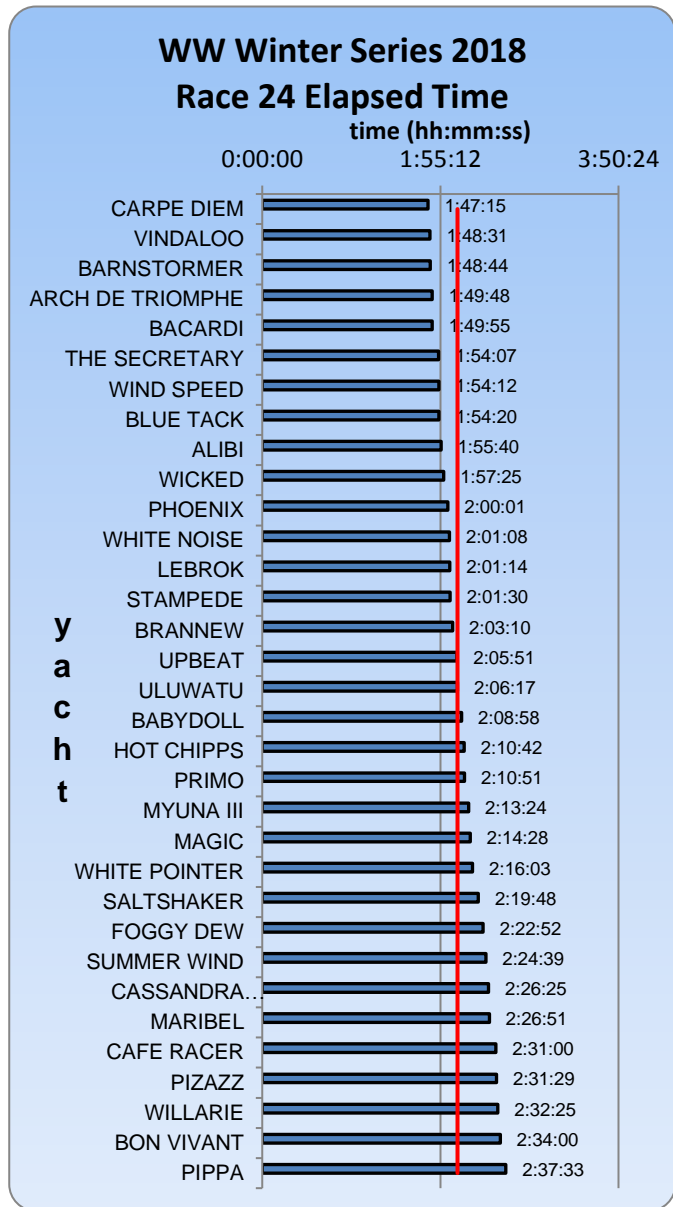


Even though this was a shortened course (7th this series) the median elapsed time of 2:06:17 made this one of the longer races of the series. The last leg of the race was only about 24% of the total course length, but the “average yacht” spent about 40% of their elapsed time to get to the finish line.

WW Winter Series 2018 Top Ten Fastest Elapsed Times		
YACHT (10 or more races)	AVERAGE ELAPSED TIME	NOS OF RACES
STAMPEDE	1:40:50	17
WICKED	1:40:54	17
THE SECRETARY	1:42:26	10
BRANNEW*	1:42:44	19
ALIBI*	1:44:47	15
WIND SPEED*	1:45:01	18
BARNSTORMER	1:47:05	10
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE*	1:48:23	16
WHITE NOISE*	1:48:35	19
BLUE TACK*	1:48:39	18

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Currently in the

aggregate top ten



There are only 2 races remaining in the winter series but the Notice of Race for the summer series is available on the SYC site. A significant change to past notices is the “sign on” requirement shown in paragraph 1.1. Failure to comply could incur a penalty. The paragraph states:

1.1 SYC Membership and MemberPoint sign on

Before each race, all boats are required to sign on all their crew via the MemberPoint app. (MemberPoint > member services > crew sign on), or through their TopYacht online entry prior to first race of the day.

Non-compliance is subject to a protest by the Race Committee.

Breach of these requirements is not protestable by another boat.

If found by the Protest Committee to have breached this requirement, the penalty will be having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boat’s finishing score and the score for DSQ in her division, rounded up to the next whole number. All other boats’ scores will remain the same. This changes RRS Rule 64.1 and appendix A.



(Clockwise) CARPE DIEM had the fastest elapsed time. THE SECRETARY records her 3rd top ten finish. DOLPHIN PLAY was one of three to retire from the race. Not the best day for PIZAZZ who finished 32nd. BARNSTORMER finished 4th – her 3rd top ten finish. WICKED not short of crew for this one.

