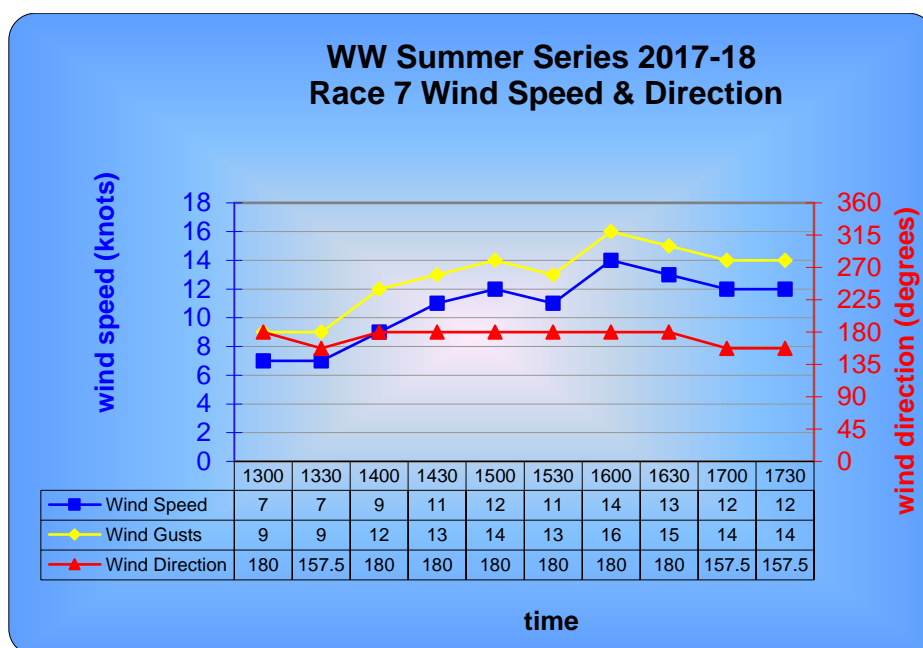


**Great Result for the Over 40's**  
**Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2018-19 Race 7**  
 (14 Nov 2018)



Six of the best ten starts of the day were made by yachts with handicaps over 40. At the other end of the race eight of the first ten yachts to cross the finish line also had 40 + minute handicaps. However the over 40s did not have everything their own way. The three way tie for Start of the Day that included the over 40's VINDALOO (John Taylor) and BRANNEW (Clive Sondheim) also included PRIMO (Steve Copley) with a 39 minute handicap. Two of the three podium finishers had handicaps over 40 minute but were led across the finish line by BABYDOLL (Brendon Kruger) with a 35 minute handicap. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was WICKED (Mike Welsh), 51 minute handicap, followed by CONQUEST (Paul Jacka) on a 49 minute handicap. They were the best of the 38 yacht fleet that sailed around the 9.8 nautical mile course 12. Fawkner Beacon observations showed the average wind strength for the afternoon to be about 11 knots. It increased as the afternoon progressed offering the late starters some advantage. WICKED (Mike Welsh) recorded the fastest elapsed after sailing the course in 1:39:45. She has recorded the fastest elapsed time on two previous occasions this series.



The race brought about a change to the top of the aggregate. CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) finished 32<sup>nd</sup> in the race and becomes 4<sup>th</sup> yacht this series to fly the aggregate leaders yellow flag. After her race win BABYDOLL moves into 2<sup>nd</sup> place with THE SECRETARY 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is a long way to go before the Shebessa Shield is decided but the current leader is CASSANDRA. CASSANDRA is having something of a purple patch as she leads the field in the contest for the Noelle Coram Trophy.



BABYDOLL started from 19<sup>th</sup> place 5 seconds late for her 35 minute handicap. This was 34 minutes 14 seconds after the first yacht. On completion of the first 4 legs BABYDOLL had taken the lead and established a lead of 10 seconds. She sailed the course in 1:52:42 – the 13<sup>th</sup> fastest elapsed time of the race and crossed the finish line at 15:57:42 with a lead of 3 minutes 3 seconds. As a measure of how well BABYDOLL sailed the race her performance can be compared to SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay). SECOND NATURE started 58 seconds before BABYDOLL. At the first rounding of SYC 4 she was 6 minutes 44 seconds behind and finished 9 minutes 6 seconds and 21 places behind. This was the first podium finish in the series for BABYDOLL and helped her move from 12<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> in the aggregate.

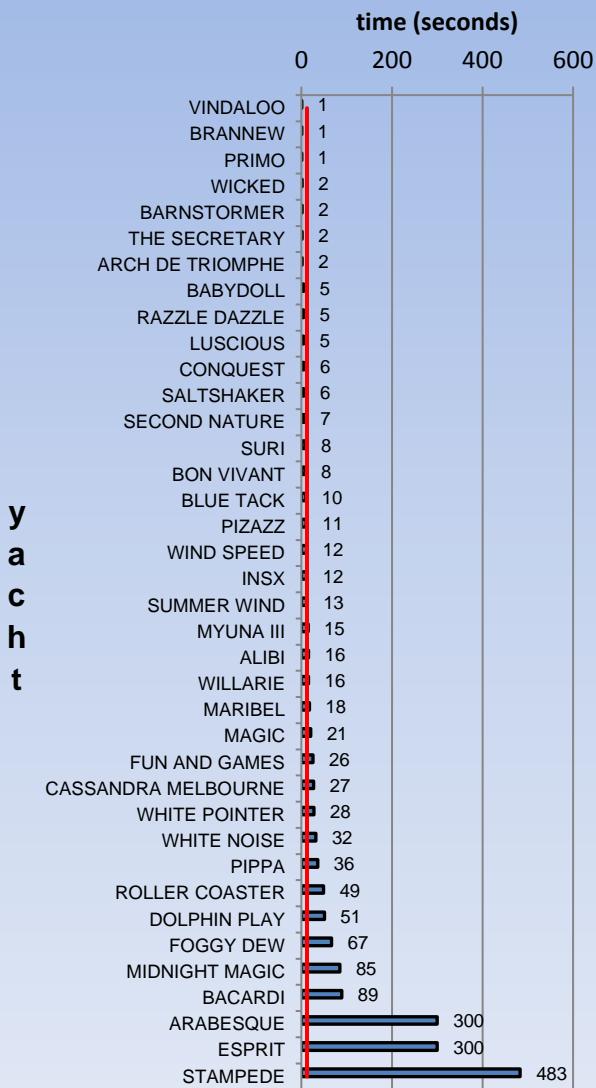
WICKED recorded her best result of the series in this her 4<sup>th</sup> completed race. She also equalled her best start of the series being 2 seconds late for her 51 minute handicap. She sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 1:04:03 and moved into 31<sup>st</sup> place after starting 36<sup>th</sup>. WICKED sailed the last 3 legs in 35 minutes 40 seconds moving from 31<sup>st</sup> into 2<sup>nd</sup> place. She was the fastest yacht around the course and crossed the finish line at 16:00:45. This was by far her best result of the series and follows a 1 minute reduction in handicap. She moves from 32<sup>nd</sup> to be 24<sup>th</sup> in the series aggregate.



CONQUEST also recorded her best result of the series when she crossed the finish line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. She has completed 3 races and this podium finish lifts her from 36<sup>th</sup> into 28<sup>th</sup> in the series aggregate. She started this race from 35<sup>th</sup> place only 6 seconds late for her 49 minute handicap. CONQUEST had started 48 minutes 15 seconds after the first yacht to start but there was only 7 minutes 44 seconds separating her from the race leader at the first rounding of SYC 4. During the final 3 legs of the race CONQUEST moved from 27<sup>th</sup> to cross the finish line at 16:00:49 in 3<sup>rd</sup> place – only 4 seconds behind WICKED. CONQUEST had the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest elapsed time of the race sailing the 9.8 nautical mile course in 1:41:49.



## WW Summer Series 2018-19 Race 3 Start of the Day

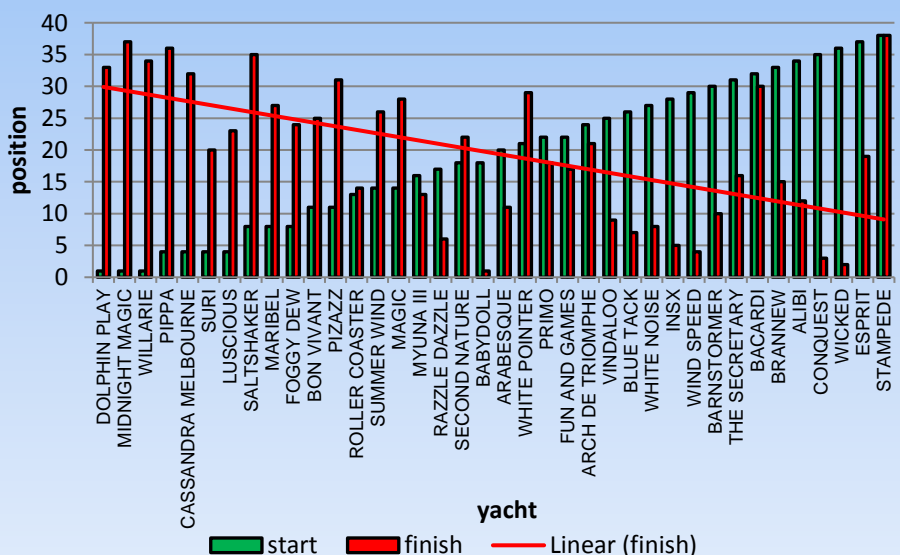


It's a long time since there was a three way tie for Start of the Day but PRIMO, VINDALOO and BRANNEW managed it in this race. The median start time for the fleet was 12.5 seconds. Two yachts started too soon and that proved costly at the finish line. ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) scored 19<sup>th</sup> not 3<sup>rd</sup> whilst ARABESQUE scored 11<sup>th</sup> not 2<sup>nd</sup>.



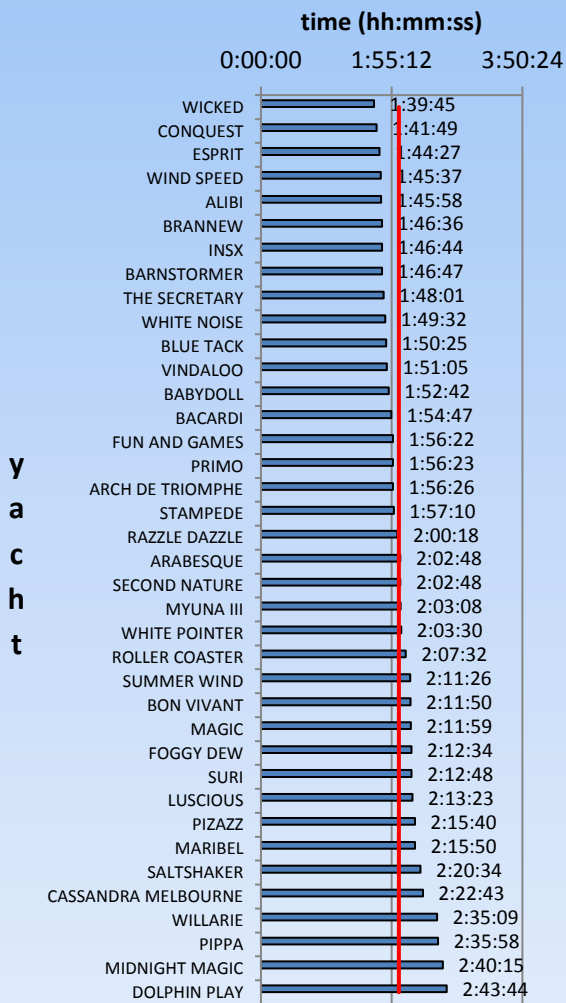
None of the first 15 yachts to start the race were able to improve upon their start positions. It was WICKED and CONQUEST who recorded the most improvement. They improved by 34 and 32 places respectively. The closest finish was 1 second between CASSANDRA and DOLPHIN PLAY who finished 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup>.

## WW Summer Series 2018-19 Race 3 Position at Start & Finish





## WW Summer Series 2018-19 Race 3 Elapsed Time



The median time for the race was 2:01:33 – the second longest of the series. The range of elapsed times was 63 minutes 59 seconds which exceeded the 52 minute range in handicaps. WICKED was awarded the fastest elapsed time 2 minutes 4 seconds faster than her closest rival CONQUEST. After being penalised 5 minutes for starting too soon the elapsed time for ARABESQUE was 2:02:48 – the same as SECOND NATURE. STAMPEDE is usually one of the fastest yachts in the fleet but she never really recovered from a late start.



(Left) The race had an international flavour with a Brazilian exchange student sailing on WHITE POINTER.

(Right) There was plenty of action on BACARDI but they only improved their start position by two places.





(Left) not the best result for the early starters but they all finished the race.

(Below) DOLPHIN PLAY won this contest between the two Tritons.



(Below) RAZZLE DAZZLE still managed a 6<sup>th</sup> place without the help of a pedestal mounted magnetic compass.



(Below) PRIMO finished 18<sup>th</sup>, LUSCIOUS 23<sup>rd</sup> and SALTSHAKER 35<sup>th</sup>.



(Left) Is there something not quite right with headsail?



(Right) BLUE TACK started from 26<sup>th</sup> place and finished 7<sup>th</sup>.





ESPRIT (Left) and ARABESQUE (Below) were certainly among the leaders but the early starts proved costly.

(Below) BARNSTORMER finished 10<sup>th</sup> - her best result of the series.



(Below) CASSANDRA leads the race for the series aggregate, Shebessa Shield & Noelle Coram trophy.



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