

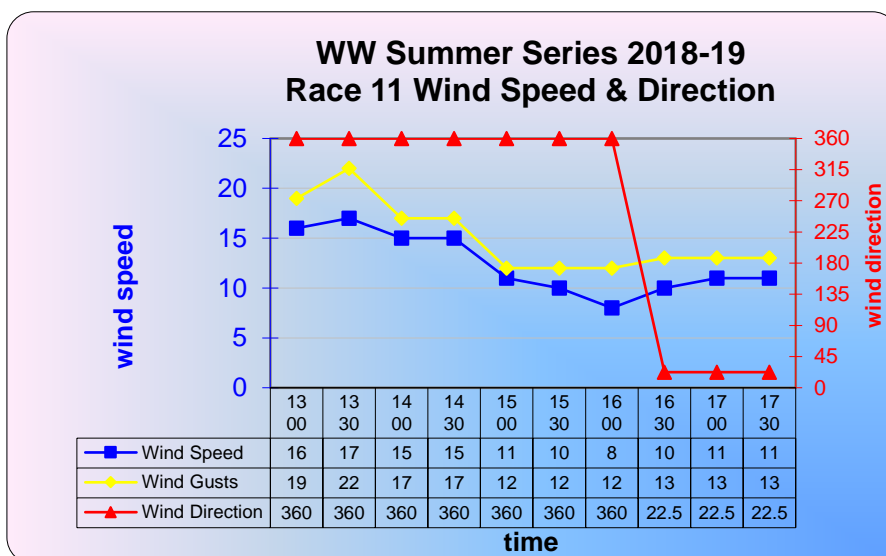
A Record Breaking Race

Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2018-19 Race 11

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The handicapper was busy and made a record number of handicap adjustments. The median start time of 20 seconds was the slowest this series. It's necessary to go back to race 10 of the 2015 WW winter series to find a winning margin greater than the 14 minutes 3 seconds recorded in this race. Yachts that are usually among the fastest in the fleet, found themselves with slower than expected elapsed times in the longest race of the series. Despite starting with a breeze of 17 knots the 9.8 nautical mile course 25 was shortened. Observations at Fawkner Beacon indicated there was a northerly breeze of about 12 knots for the afternoon. What the observations didn't show was the patches of variable breezes that became more widespread as the race progressed. Being able to find and make good use of the slivers of breeze contributed to an unusual result.



BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes) won Start of the day for the second week in succession. PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) won the race by the biggest margin in 6 series. Second was BON VIVANT (Russell Keays). ARC DE TRIOMPHE finished 3rd some 5 minutes 30 seconds later but recorded the fastest elapsed time.

The 2nd place by BON VIVANT takes her to the top of the aggregate with BABYDOLL (Brendan Kruger) 2nd and HOT CHIPPS (John Chipp) 3rd. The contest for the Shebessa Shield is now led by PIPPA and BON VIVANT both on 18 points whilst RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp) leads the contest for the Noelle Coram Trophy.



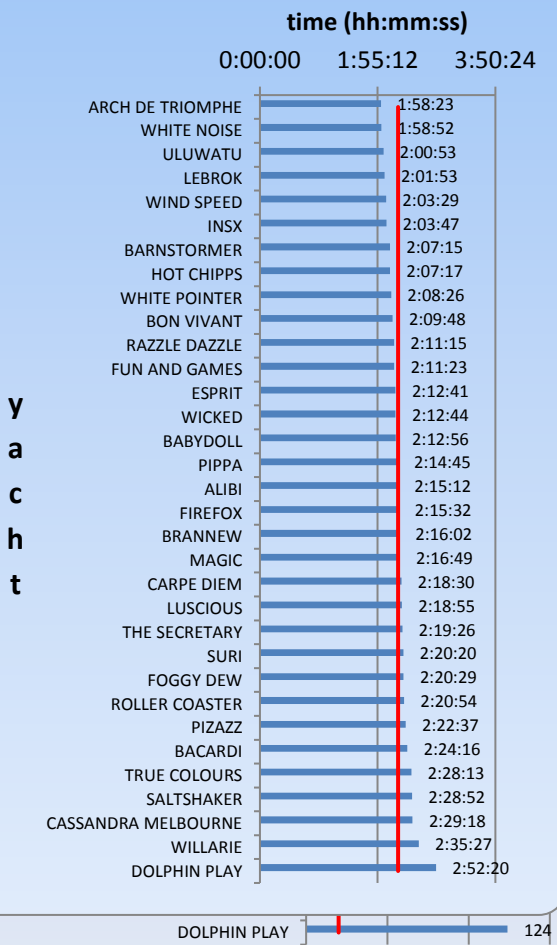
PIPPA started the series with a 10 minute handicap which has been reduced as the series progressed. She started from 2nd place 15 seconds late for her 5 minute handicap. By the first rounding of SYC she had established a lead of 18 minutes 16 seconds. During the last 2 legs of the race, which she sailed in 38 minutes 31 seconds, this lead was reduced to 14 minutes and 3 seconds. PIPPA crossed the finish line at 15:49:45 after sailing the course in 2:14:45 - the 16th fastest elapsed time of the race. She sailed the course 20 minutes 42 seconds faster than WILLARIE (Graeme Kaufman) who shared the same 5 minute handicap and 37 minutes 35 seconds faster than DOLPHIN PLAY (John Brennan). PIPPA has completed all 9 races in the series so far and has three top ten finishes. She moved from 20th to 8th in the aggregate.

BON VIVANT has also completed 9 races and has three top ten finishes that includes two 2nd places. She started from 10th place 24 seconds late for her 24 second handicap. After sailing the first 3 legs of the course in 1:35:06 she moved into 2nd place at the first rounding of SYC 4. It took BON VIVANT 34 minutes 18 seconds to sail the last 2 legs of the course and she crossed the finish line at 16:03:48. She shared the same 24 minute handicap with SURI (Rick Blanck) but was able to sail the course 10 minutes 32 seconds faster. BON VIVANT moves up from 6th to be 1st in the aggregate and becomes the 5th yacht this series to hold top spot.



ARCH DE TRIOMPHE (Murray/Davis/Taylor) collected her first podium finish of the series when she crossed the finish line at 16:04:23 – 35 seconds behind BON VIVANT. She started from 17th place, 11 seconds late for her 36 minute handicap – her worst start of the series. Her previous eight starts have been 5 seconds or less. At the rounding of SYC 4 ARCH DE TRIOMPHE was in 5th place 23 minutes 3 seconds behind the leader. She was able to reduce that gap in the last 2 legs of the race and after sailing the entire course in the fastest elapsed time 1:58:23 she crossed the finish line in 3rd place. ARCH DE TRIOMPHE started the series with a handicap of 43 minutes which has been reduced progressively. As a result her she has been improving her finish position and she moves up from 42nd to 32 in the aggregate.

WW Summer Series 2018-19 Race 11 Elapsed Time



BARNSTORMER becomes the second yacht to win Start of the Day twice. The median start time of 20 seconds is the highest this series.



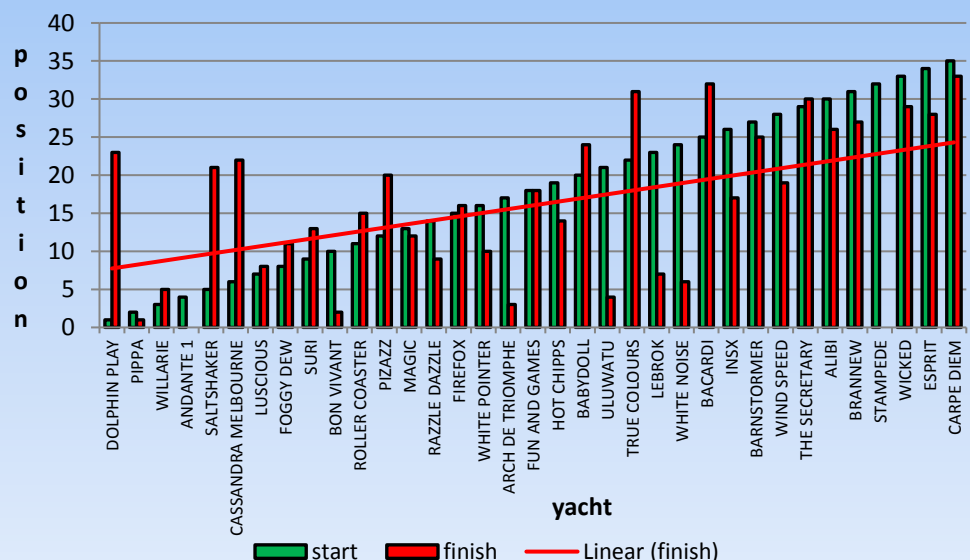
WW Summer Series 2018-19 Start of the Day Winners

RACE	YACHT	Time (seconds)
1	ESPRIT	0
3	PHOENIX	1
4	LUSCIOUS	0
5	PIAZZ	0
7	BRANNEW	1
7	PRIMO	1
7	VINDALOO	1
8	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	2
9	LUSCIOUS	1
10	BARNSTORMER	0
11	BARNSTORMER	3

Only 1 of the last 12 yachts to start the race finished in the first 12. The 35 yacht fleet started 52 minutes 53 seconds apart. By the rounding of SYC 4 two yachts had retired and the remaining 33 were 58 minutes 1 second apart. They finished 50 minutes 45 seconds apart. The closest finish was between CASSANDRA and DOLPHIN PLAY who finished 2 seconds apart.

The median elapsed time for the race was 2:15:12 – the longest of the series. The fastest elapsed time was recorded by ARCH DE TRIOMPHE. Yachts that are usually among the slower in the fleet recorded relatively fast times and vice versa. The range of elapsed

WW Summer Series 2018-19 Race 11 Position at Start & Finish



times was 53 minutes 57 seconds.

(Left) The Y Flag was displayed and the life jackets were on.



(Right) There was more breeze at the start of the race.





(Left) TRUE COLOURS a Beneteau 367 sailing as a visitor.
(Below) WHITE NOISE was able to finish ahead of the Beneteau 367 LEBBROK.



(Below) The three Tritons started in that order but the finish was different.



(Below left) Great shot! Pity you can't see the expressions on their faces.



(Below) WINDSPEED keeping a good lookout.



(Below right) Roller Coaster finished 15th.

(Below left) FUN & GAMES finished 18th.



Yachts changing places.



Some yachts heading home whilst others going for the finish line.



All back in the marina with clouds building on the horizon.



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