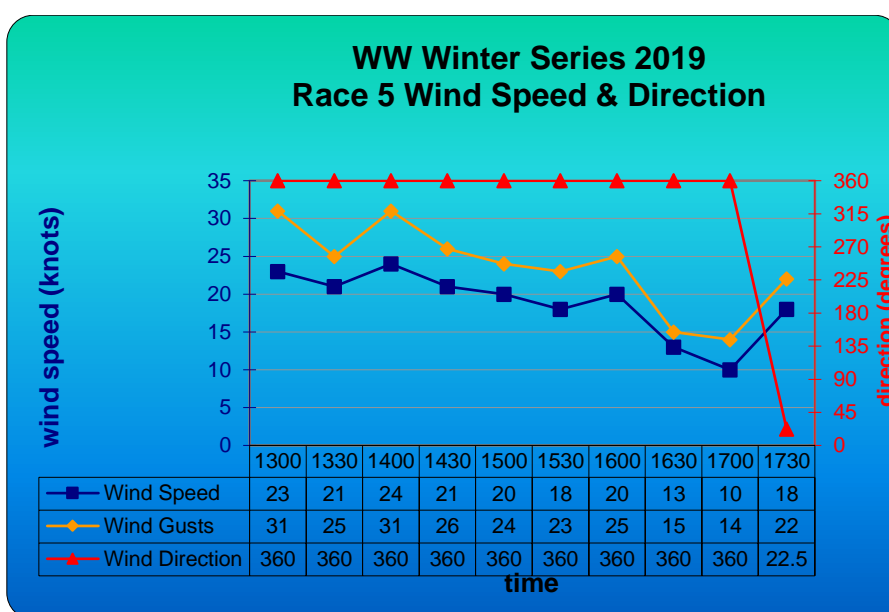


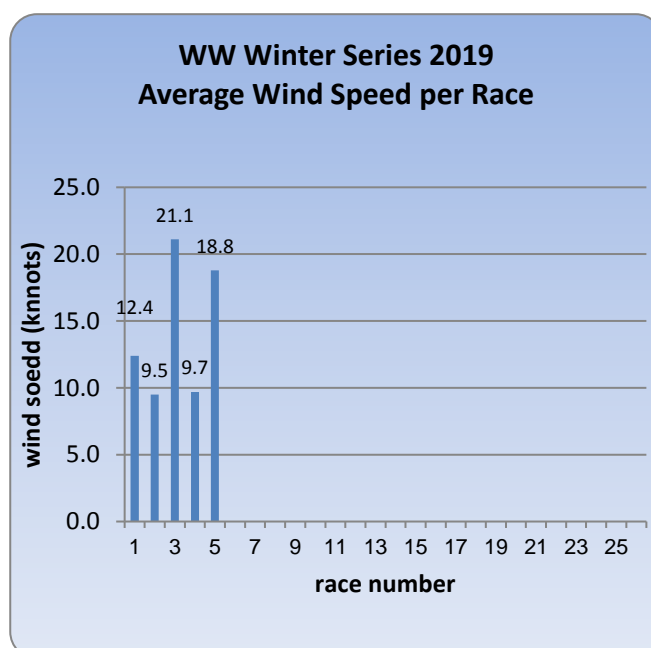
## Another Windy Day Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2019 Race 5 (1 May 2019)



Race 5 became the second casualty of the winter series following a strong wind warning issued for Port Philip by the Bureau of Meteorology. Observations recorded at Fawkner Beacon show a northerly wind averaging about 19 knots for the afternoon with gusts reaching 31 knots. Despite the strength of the wind the seas appeared flat. The wind had reached its peak for the day during the late morning but gradually decreased as the day progressed. The wind averaged only 15 knots for the afternoon in the north of the bay (Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron) compared with 20 knots in the south (South Channel).



The winter series has still a long way to go but there has already been a marked difference in the wind speed observed on Wednesday afternoons. For the three completed races the wind speed has averaged about ten knots from around the south. The average wind speed in the two abandoned races has averaged about 20 knots from the north.



WW WINTER SERIES 2019 Start Times				
YACHT	AVERAGE	RACE NUMBER		
		1	2	4
ALIBI	12.33	11	12	14
ANDANTE 1	11.00	11		
ARABESQUE	58.67	5	13	158
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	105.00	300	1	14
BABYDOLL	27.50		10	45
BACARDI	34.33	18	63	22
BARNSTORMER	6.33	7	4	8
BON VIVANT	23.67	11	29	31
BRANNEW	16.00	23	10	15
CAFE RACER	20.00	34	10	16
CARPE DIEM	8.00	3	13	
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	25.00	32		18
CLUB COMEDIE	27.00	27		
CONQUEST	5.00	3	7	
DOLPHIN PLAY	180.00	500	7	33
FOGGY DEW	33.33	20	10	70
FUN AND GAMES	10.00	0	20	
HOT CHIPPS	87.33	7	18	237
INSX	7.00		2	12
LADY J	21.00	21		
LEBROK	14.33	13	7	23
LUSCIOUS	48.33	1	7	137
MAGIC	31.33	20	36	38
MARIBEL	80.00			80
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	250.67	256	314	182
PEGASUS	72.00	28	169	19
PIPPA	18.00	20	20	14
PIZAZZ	11.00		11	11
PRIMO	14.00	9	8	25
RAZZLE DAZZLE	19.00	20	3	34
ROLLER COASTER	36.00		36	
SALTSHAKER	22.00	22	3	41
SECOND NATURE	17.50	12		23
STAMPEDE	7.50	11	4	
SUMMER WIND	3.00		3	
THE SECRETARY	8.00	6	6	12
ULUWATU	10.00	3	17	
UPBEAT	26.00	8	11	59
VALIANT	6.00		6	
VINDALOO	12.00			12
WHITE NOISE	8.00	13	6	5
WHITE POINTER	15.00	15	18	12
WICKED	3.00	3	4	2
WILLARIE	22.33	23	8	36
WIND SPEED	17.00	15	21	15

The start line has been crossed 109 times so far this series. There has been only one perfect start (FUN & GAMES) and only one yacht has started too soon (ARCH DE TRIOMPHE). With times of 3, 4 and 2 seconds WICKED has been the most consistent starter and has the best average start over the three races.



The table on the right shows the average elapsed times for yachts that have sailed 2 or more races this winter. WICKED has the lowest average elapsed time followed by ALIBI, THE SECRETARY, INSX and BARNSTORMER each more than 4 minutes slower. The median elapsed time is 122.22 minutes with a range of 72.29 minutes.



WW Winter Series 2019 Average Elapsed Time	
YACHT	AVERAGE (Minutes)
WICKED	102.16
ALIBI	106.21
THE SECRETARY	106.26
INSX	106.37
BARNSTORMER	106.74
WIND SPEED	107.63
CARPE DIEM	109.80
PEGASUS	110.56
BACARDI	110.72
LEBROK	111.13
WHITE NOISE	112.31
BRANNEW	112.48
CONQUEST	113.12
SECOND NATURE	113.93
PRIMO	115.86
STAMPEDE	116.75
UPBEAT	120.79
ARABESQUE	121.73
RAZZLE DAZZLE	122.22
FUN AND GAMES	122.61
HOT CHIPPS	123.97
BABYDOLL	125.53
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	125.78
WHITE POINTER	128.08
BON VIVANT	130.18
ULUWATU	130.63
MAGIC	133.30
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	134.43
PIAZZ	136.78
FOGGY DEW	138.66
SALTSHAKER	138.77
LUSCIOUS	141.62
CAFE RACER	146.97
PIPPA	152.43
WILLARIE	153.32
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	166.56
DOLPHIN PLAY	174.39

Elapsed times have changed over the years. For example, the average elapsed time of the summer series of 2006-07 was 132.35 minutes compared with 125.08 minutes for the 2018-19 summer series. The average finish times of the two series show a different picture with an average finish time of 15:57:21 in 2006-07 compared with 16:13:02 in 2018-19. Fifteen yachts competed in both series.

WW Winter Series 2019 Handicap Adjustments.					
YACHT	Race Number				
	1	2	3	4	5
ALIBI	47	47	47	47	49
ANDANTE 1	14	14	14	14	14
ARABESQUE	32	32	35	35	35
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	35	35	36	36	36
BABYDOLL		37	37	37	37
BACARDI	43	43	43	43	44
BARNSTORMER	47	47	47	47	50
BON VIVANT	26	27	27	27	27
BRANNEW	46	46	46	46	46
CAFE RACER	22	20	20	20	17
CARPE DIEM	51	51	51	51	51
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	17	17	17	17	17
CLUB COMEDIE	16	14	14	14	14
CONQUEST	50	50	50	50	50
DOLPHIN PLAY	-2	-4	-5	-5	-6
FOGGY DEW	22	22	22	22	22
FUN AND GAMES	38	38	39	39	39
HOT CHIPPS	36	36	36		
INSX		46	48	48	48
LADY J	36	36	36	36	36
LEBROK	41	41	43	43	43
LUSCIOUS	25	25	24	24	22
MAGIC	27	27	27	27	27
MARIBEL			23	23	23
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	1	-1	-3	-3	0
MYUNA III			33	33	33
PEGASUS	41	42	47	47	47
PIPPA	11	11	11	11	10
PRIMO	39	39	40	40	40
RAZZLE DAZZLE	34	34	34	34	35
ROLLER COASTER			27	27	27
SALTSHAKER	21	21	21	21	21
SECOND NATURE	34	34	34	34	34
STAMPEDE	50	50	50	50	50
SUMMER WIND		23	23	23	23
THE SECRETARY	48	50	49	49	49
TOO EASY			16	16	16
ULUWATU	38	38	37	37	37
UPBEAT	38	38	38	38	38
VINDALOO	44	44	44	44	45
WHITE NOISE	43	43	43	43	43
WHITE POINTER	34	34	34	34	32
WICKED	48	51	51	51	51
WILLARIE	11	11	11	11	10
WIND SPEED	48	48	48	48	49

There have been a total of 40 handicap adjustments made so far this series. Of these 40 19 have been increases (in red) and 21 decreases (in green). No adjustment has been made to the handicaps of eighteen yachts. Despite the individual handicap adjustments the average handicap for the fleet has remained at 33 minutes. The maximum handicap has remained at 51 minutes whilst the lowest handicap has moved from -2 to -6 minutes.

It has been a good start to the series for some yachts with higher handicaps. The average handicap for the 9 different podium finishers is 42 minutes.



CARPE DIEM (left) is one yacht to carry the highest handicap whilst DOLPHIN PLAY (below) has received the



lowest.

