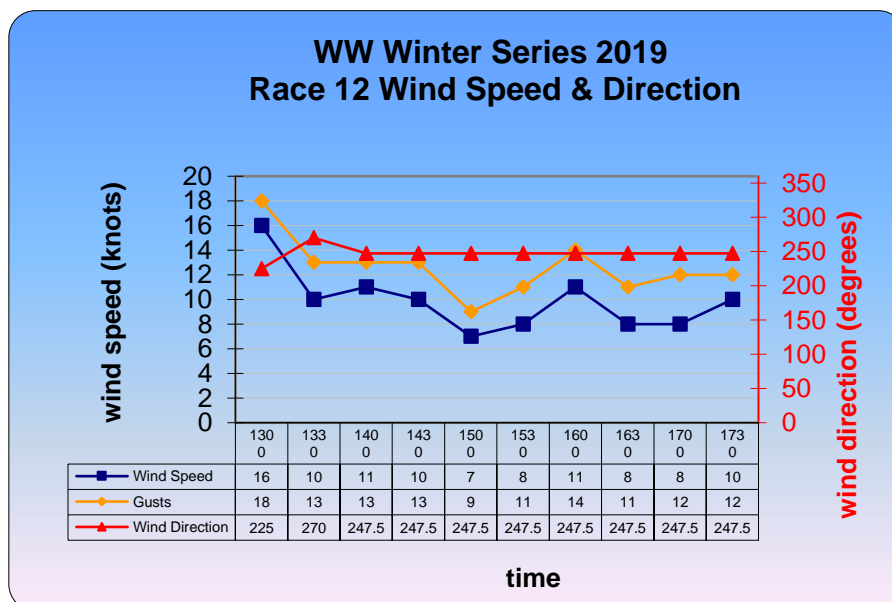


## The Longest Race of the Series Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2019 Race 12 (19 Jun 2019)



On what was the coldest Wednesday afternoon this series the race around the 10 nautical mile course 27 was the longest so far. Even so, all 30 yachts, including two visitors sailing for the first time, finished the race with over 30 minutes to spare. In what was a predominantly west south westerly breeze that averaged about 10 knots for the afternoon six of the eight legs were either a close or broad reach. Only about 25% of the course was to windward. As the afternoon progressed the wind tended to ease and the seas became flatter



PANAREA (Chris Ravesi) the J24 in her first race of the series was away to an excellent start by winning Start of the Day with a time of 1 second. CLUB COMEDIE (Darren Egar) had her first podium finish of the series when she crossed the finish line in first place. By finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place BON VIVANT (Russell Keays) recorded her second podium finish of the series. CAFE RACER (Alan Clapham) finished 3<sup>rd</sup> to make this her first podium finish of the series. For the 4<sup>th</sup> time in 8 races WICKED (Mike Welsh) sailed the course in the fastest time of 1:55:36.

After finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the race MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) became the 7<sup>th</sup> yacht this winter to be at the top of the aggregate with 24 points. She is followed by LEBROK (Theo Korbel) and WICKED who both have 26 points. FOGGY DEW (Graeme Jones) and BACARDI (Martin Power) are next on 27 points.



This was the 4<sup>th</sup> race in the series for CLUB COMEDIE and her best result by far. She started the series with a 16 minute handicap but for this race she started from 3<sup>rd</sup> place 45 seconds late for her 12 minute handicap. It wasn't her best start of the series but by the first rounding of SYC 4 she was ahead of the rest of the fleet by 2 minutes 28 seconds. CLUB COMEDIE increased her lead during the last 4 legs of the race which took 63 minutes 29 seconds to complete. She sailed the entire course in 2:23:26 which was faster than 4 other yachts with higher handicaps. CLUB COMEDIE was first across the finish line at 16:05:26 with a lead of 4 minutes 5 seconds. This win lifted her from 42<sup>nd</sup> to 35<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.

After a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in race1, BON VIVANT becomes only the second yacht in the series with 2 podium finishes. She is one of 11 yachts to have completed all 8 races this winter which she started with a 26 minute handicap. BON VIVANT started this race from 9<sup>th</sup> place 9 seconds late for her 27 minute handicap – equalling her best start of the series. She completed the first 4 legs of the race in 72 minutes 12 seconds and rounded SYC 4 at 15:09:21 in 5<sup>th</sup> place. The last 4 legs of the race were completed in 1 hour and 10 seconds and she crossed the finish line in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 16:09:31 – 45 seconds ahead of her closest rival. This 2<sup>nd</sup> place help lift BON VIVANT from 25<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.



This was the 5<sup>th</sup> race in the series for CAFE RACER. She started with a handicap of 22 minutes which was reduced to 20 minutes for her second race then reduced to 17 minutes for race 10. She was 4<sup>th</sup> yacht to start the race 16 seconds late for her handicap. She had started the race 9 minutes 53 seconds and 5 places ahead of BOB VIVANT but this gap had been reduced to 4 minutes 56 seconds and 3 places at the first rounding of SYC 4. CAFE RACER sailed the last 4 legs of the course in 66 minutes 48 during which time she was overtaken by BO VIVANT. CAFE RACER sailed the course in 2:23:13 and collected her first podium finish of the series when she crossed the finish line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 16:10:13. She moves up from 36<sup>th</sup> to be 32<sup>nd</sup> in the aggregate.

## WW Winter Series 2019 Race 12 Start of the Day

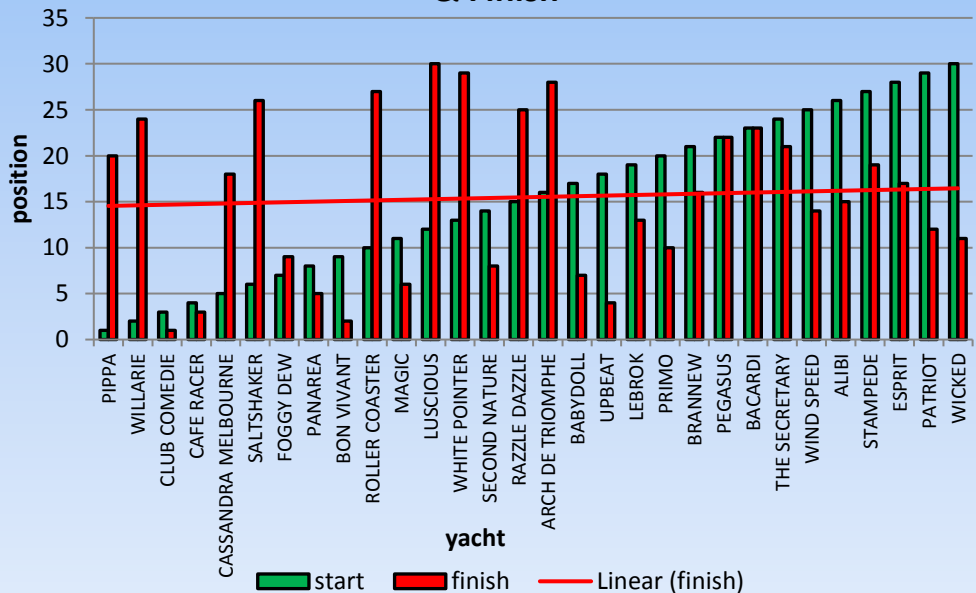


The median start time for the race was 13 seconds. PANAREA became the 7<sup>th</sup> yacht to win Start of the Day. Both PRIMO (Steve Copley) and LUSCIOUS (Michael Butler) started too soon. PRIMO by 21 seconds, LUSCIOUS by a mere 1 second.



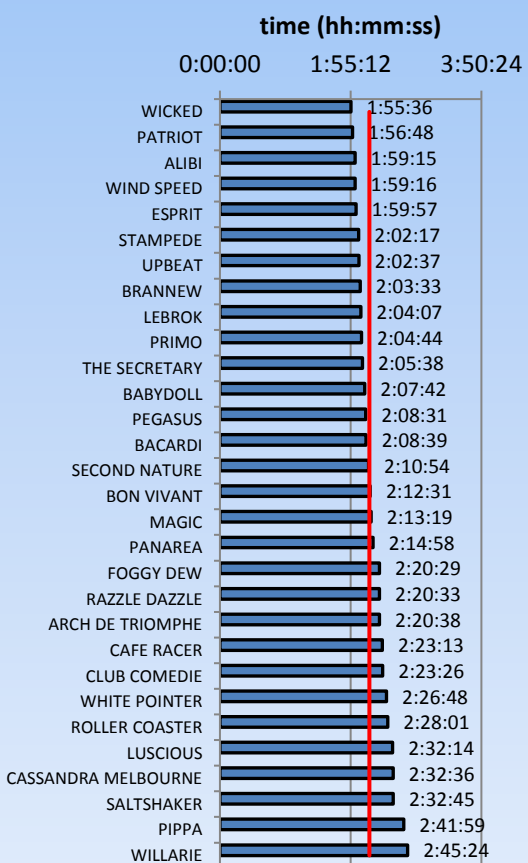
Although 7 of the 10 late starters were able to finish mid fleet none were among the first 10 to finish the race. WICKED was the best finishing 11<sup>th</sup> with PATRIOT (Jason Close) finishing 12<sup>th</sup> in her first race of the series. The 30 yacht fleet finished 22 minutes 48 seconds apart. The closest finish of the race was between PEGASUS (Andy, Karen & David Lynch) and BACARDI who finished 8 seconds apart in 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> place respectively.

## WW Winter Series 2019 Race 12 Position at Start & Finish



## WW Winter Series 2019 Race 12 Elapsed Time

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The median elapsed time for the race was 2:11:43. WICKED was the fastest – 1 minute 12 seconds faster than PATRIOT. The range of elapsed times was 49 minutes 48 seconds.



CASSANDRA (left) SECOND NATURE (centre) & UPBEAT (right) were 3 of 10 yachts that made their best starts of the series.





(Left) LUSCIOUS started 1 second too soon. (Above) ARCH DE TRIOMPHE & (right) PATRIOT in her first race of the series.



(Left) SALTSHAKER held off ROLLER COASTER to finish 16 seconds ahead.



(Right) STAMPEDE, PEGASUS & ESPRIT finished 4 minutes 34 seconds apart.

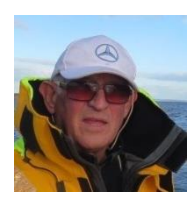
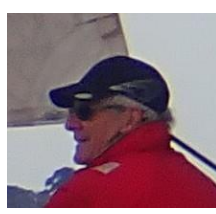
Both photos were taken on the same day. (Below) Looking North West. (Right) Looking south.





(Above left) RAZZLE DAZZLE completes her 7<sup>th</sup> race of the series.  
(Above centre) BABYDOLL finished 7<sup>th</sup> her best result of the series.  
(Above right) PRIMO started too soon & missed out on a podium finish.

Keep your hat on.



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