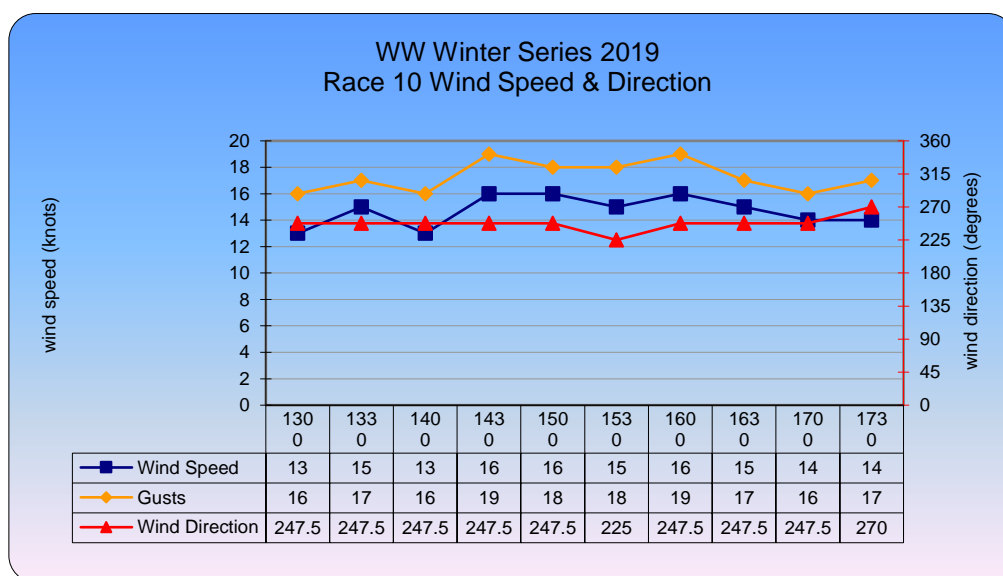


Quickest Race Produces Closest Finish of the Series Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2019 Race 10 (5 Jun 2019)



When it came to an end at 15:41:27 this became the quickest but not the shortest race of the series. The 32 yacht fleet had completed the 9.8 nautical mile course 24 in an average elapsed time of 1:32:23. Although the late starters struggled to catch the early starters it was the closest finish of the series with a yacht crossing the finish line on average every 36 seconds. It was the first time this series that course 24 had been sailed and the fleet was driven around by a west south westerly breeze that averaged about 15 knots for the afternoon.



The race produced a new winner of Start of the Day as well as three different podium finishers. Winning the start with the second perfect start of the series was LUSCIOUS (Michael Butler). ANDANTE 1 (Keith Woodruff) recorded her first podium finish of the series when she crossed the line in first place. She was followed by SUMMER WIND (Martin Sly) in 2nd place with ROLLER COASTER (Geoffrey Simpson) 3rd – both recording their first podium finishes. In her second race of the series ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) recorded the fastest elapsed time – a first this series.

BACARDI (Martin Power) became equal on 27 points with LEBROK (Theo Korbel) at the top of the aggregate followed by MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) and WICKED (Mike welsh) both on 32 points with CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) next on 32.5 points.



This was the 5th race this series for the Catalina 38 ANDANTE 1. She was away to a good start from 4th place only 7 seconds late for her 14 minute handicap. Even though she had started 12 minutes 50 seconds behind the first yacht she had found her way to the front of the fleet by the first rounding of SYC 4. ANDANTE 1 completed the last 3 legs of the race in 33 minutes 22 seconds maintaining her first place and extending her lead from 13 seconds to 2 minutes 5 seconds at the finish line. She completed the course in 1:38:20 and crossed the finish line in first place at 15:22:20. She has had mixed results from her 5 races which now includes 2 top ten finishes. ANDANTE 1 moved from 26th to 13th in the aggregate – equal on points with SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler).

SUMMER WIND has made 3 of her 4 starts this series within 10 seconds of her handicap. She started this race from 7th place 7 seconds late for her 23 minute handicap. She sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 1 hour 30 seconds and rounded SYC in 4th place 7 minutes 39 seconds and 3 places behind the leader – ANDANTE 1. SUMMER WIND sailed the last three legs of the course in 30 minutes 48 seconds reducing the gap between herself and ANDANTE 1 to 2 minutes 5 seconds at the finish line. With the help of her first podium finish of the series SUMMER WIND moved from 39th to 34th in the aggregate.



ROLLER COASTER has retained her 27 minute handicap for each of her 4 races. In this race she made her best start and recorded her best result in the series so far. She crossed the start line from 11th place 5 seconds late for her handicap. By the time she rounded SYC 4 for the first time she had moved into 8th place still 7 minutes 10 seconds behind the leader. The last three legs of the race proved more fruitful as she moved into 3rd place 4 minutes 12 seconds behind the winner. ROLLER COASTER sailed the course in 1:29:32 and was 3rd across the finish line at 15:26:32. ROLLER COASTER began the series at 35th in the aggregate. Slipped to 41st after race 6 and has improved to become 27th.

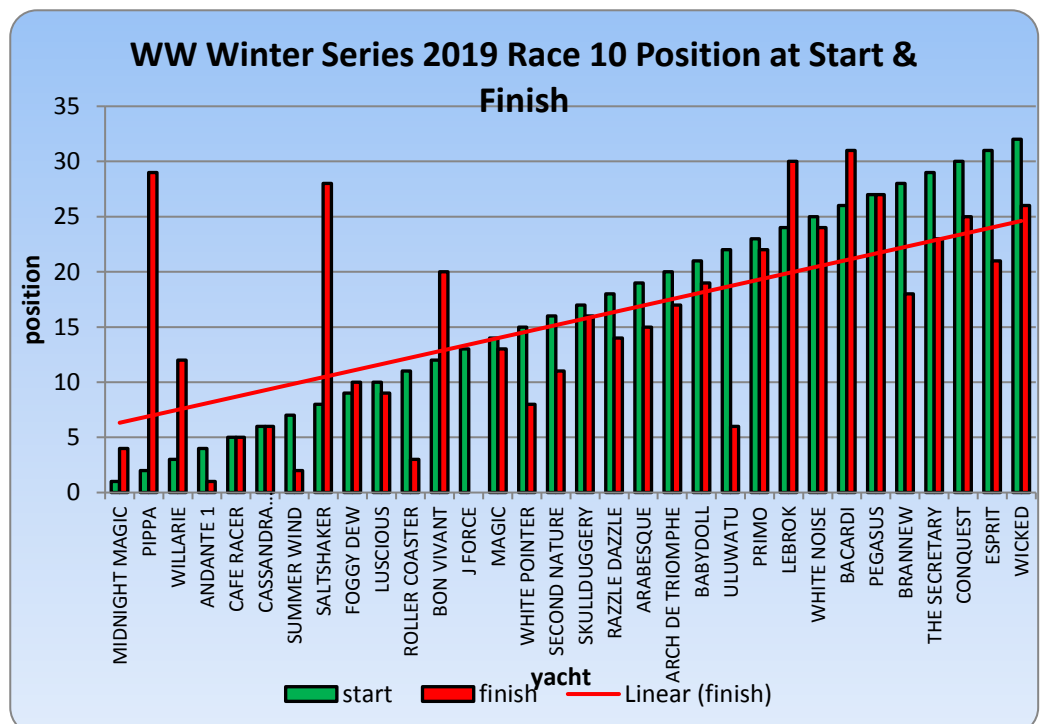
WW Winter Series 2019 Race 10 Start of the Day



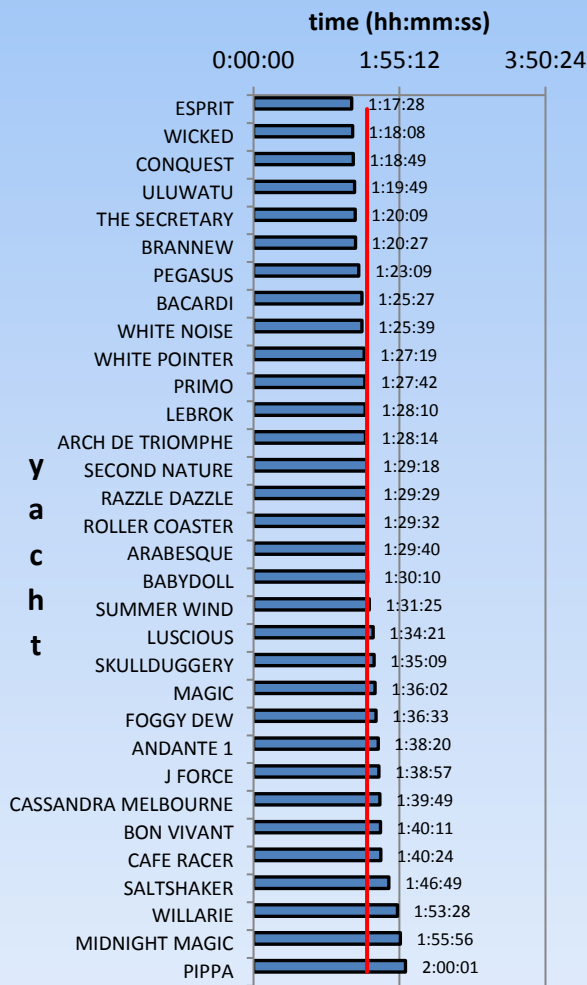
The median start time for the race was 13 seconds with all but one yacht starting within 44 seconds of their handicap. LUSCIOUS became the 6th different yacht in 7 races to win Start of the Day.



ULUWATU (Mal Billings & Peter Geary) was the only yacht that started in the last half and finished in the top ten. The fleet started 49 minutes 45 seconds apart; they were within 24 minutes 1 second of each other at SYC 4 and finished 19 minutes 7 seconds apart. There was a tie for 6th place between ULUWATU & CASSANDRA who crossed the finish line at 15:27:49.



WW Winter Series 2019 Race 10 Elapsed Time



With a time of 1:17:28 ESPRIT sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time. The median time was 1:29:36 with a range of elapsed times of 42 minutes 33 seconds – the closest of the series.



With race 9 abandoned, race 10 became the second race in the Century Class series. Eleven of the thirteen yachts entered in the series contested the race which was won by MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette Moore) followed by CAFE RACER (Alan Clapham) and CASSANDRA.

Century Class Winter 2019 Result Race 2						
PLACE	YACHT	DESIGN	SKIPPER	ELAPSED	FINISH	H/CAP
1	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	East Coast 31	Bernadette Moore	1:55:56	15:26:56	0:01:00
2	CAFE RACER	Peterson	Alan Clapham	1:40:24	15:27:24	0:17:00
3	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Mottle 33	Bob Reeves	1:39:49	15:27:49	0:18:00
4	WILLARIE	Triton 24	Graeme Kaufman	1:53:28	15:33:28	0:10:00
5	MAGIC	S & S 39	Phil Spry-Bailey	1:36:02	15:34:02	0:28:00
6	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	Andrew Stopp	1:29:29	15:34:29	0:35:00
7	ARABESQUE	Farr 1020	Milton Green	1:29:40	15:34:40	0:35:00
8	BON VIVANT	S80	Russell Keays	1:40:11	15:37:11	0:27:00
9	THE SECRETARY	J44	George Shaw	1:20:09	15:38:09	0:48:00
10	SALTSHAKER	Jarkan 925	Ken Gayler	1:46:49	15:39:49	0:23:00
11	PIPPA	Triton 24	Jeffrey Woolhouse	2:00:01	15:40:01	0:10:00





Both J FORCE (left) & SKULLDUGGERY (below) made their winter series debuts.



WHITE POINTER (above left) had her best result of the series. SECOND NATURE (above centre) finished 11th and BABYDOLL (above right) finished 19th.

(Right) RAZZLE DAZZLE kept her lead over this group of 5 yachts.



ULUWATU (right) & CASSANDRA (below) crossed the finish line at the same time.



(Left) MAGIC rounding SYC 5. (Below) SALTSHAKER, BON VIVANT, J FORCE & SECOND NATURE rounding SYC 4.



WILLARIE (left) finished 12th PIPPA (right) 29th.



(Below left) CONQUEST made the better start but ESPRIT had the better finish.

(Below right) BON VIVANT



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