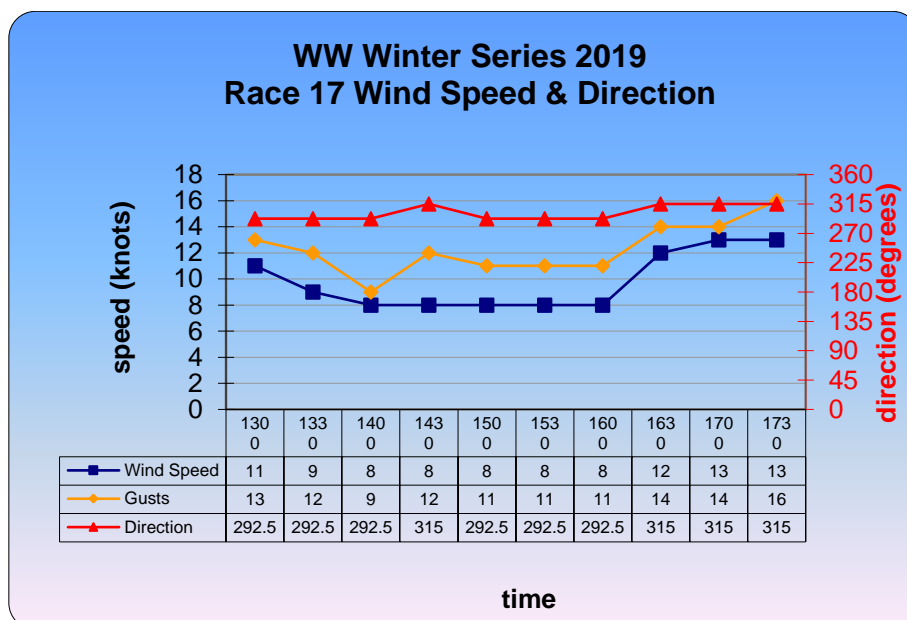


## Biggest Winning Margin of the Series Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2019 Race 17

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It was a very successful afternoon for WHITE POINTER winning not only Start of the Day but also surprising the rest of the 30 yacht fleet when she crossed the finish line 7 minutes 6 seconds ahead of her closest rival – the biggest winning margin of the series. The race was around course 28, shortened from 10.1 to about 8.4 nautical miles and was completed by 29 of the 30 starters. A fleet that included MARAMA (Catherine Dawson) sailing her first WW race of the series. The breeze averaged about 10 knots for the afternoon which increased as the fleet began crossing the finish line.



STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) was second across the finish line to become the 18<sup>th</sup> yacht this series not to have completed the sign on requirement. She received a 5 point penalty to her aggregate score. BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes) was next across the finish to record her second podium finish of the series followed by BACARDI (Martin Power). With a time of 1:50:10 STAMPEDE sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time.

An interesting contest has developed at the top of the aggregate. WICKED (Mike Welsh) and FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard) are both equal on 39 points at the top. They are followed by BARCARDI, ARCHE DE TRIOMPHE (Alistair Murray), LEBROK (Theo Korbel) and MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) each on 41 points.



WHITE POINTER began the series with a 34 minute handicap but the light winds (averaging about 10 knots) experienced this winter have not been enough to really get her going. As a result her handicap has been progressively reduced and she started this race from 12<sup>th</sup> place only 1 second late for her 29 minute handicap. It took her 77 minutes 16 seconds to complete the first 4 legs of the course and round SYC 4 with a

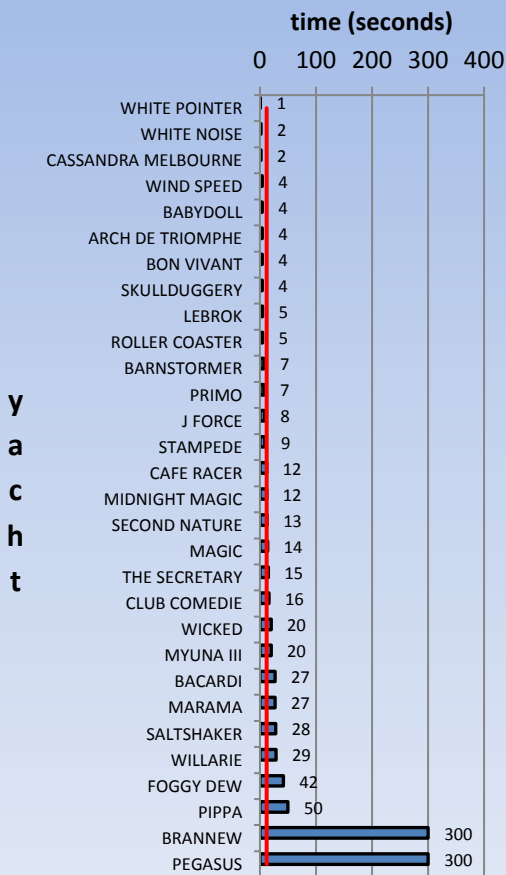
lead of 2 minutes 47 seconds. WHITE POINTER increased her lead during the remaining 2 legs of the race which she sailed in 45 minutes 47 seconds and crossed the finish line at 16:02:04. She had completed the course in the 9<sup>th</sup> fastest time of the race to record her first podium finish in 9 completed races. WHITE POINTER moves up from 37<sup>th</sup> to become 31<sup>st</sup> in the aggregate.

This was the 8<sup>th</sup> race completed by STAMPEDE this series and would have produced her best aggregate score so far if she had fulfilled the sign on requirement. She started the race from 27<sup>th</sup> place 9 seconds late for her 49 minute handicap. By the first rounding of SYC 4 she had moved into 13<sup>th</sup> place still 14 minutes 46 seconds off the lead. STAMPEDE sailed the last 2 legs of the course in 39 minutes 7 seconds and crossed the finish line at 16:09:10. Rather than scoring 2<sup>nd</sup> she scored 7<sup>th</sup> for not fulfilling the sign on requirement. She had the fastest elapsed time of any yacht in the race. Nevertheless, STAMPEDE moves from 31<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.



BARNSTORMER has completed 5 races this winter and this was her first race since race 7 held on 15 May. It provided her a second podium finish following on from her win in race 4. BARNSTORMER started the race from 26<sup>th</sup> place only 7 seconds late for her 49 minute handicap. She completed the first 4 legs of the course in 70 minutes 18 seconds and was the 8<sup>th</sup> yacht to round SYC 4. The last 2 legs of the course were completed in 40 minutes 5 seconds. BARNSTORMER became the second fastest yacht around the course and crossed the finish line at 16:09:30. She moves from 37<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.

## WW Winter Series 2019 Race 17 Start of the Day

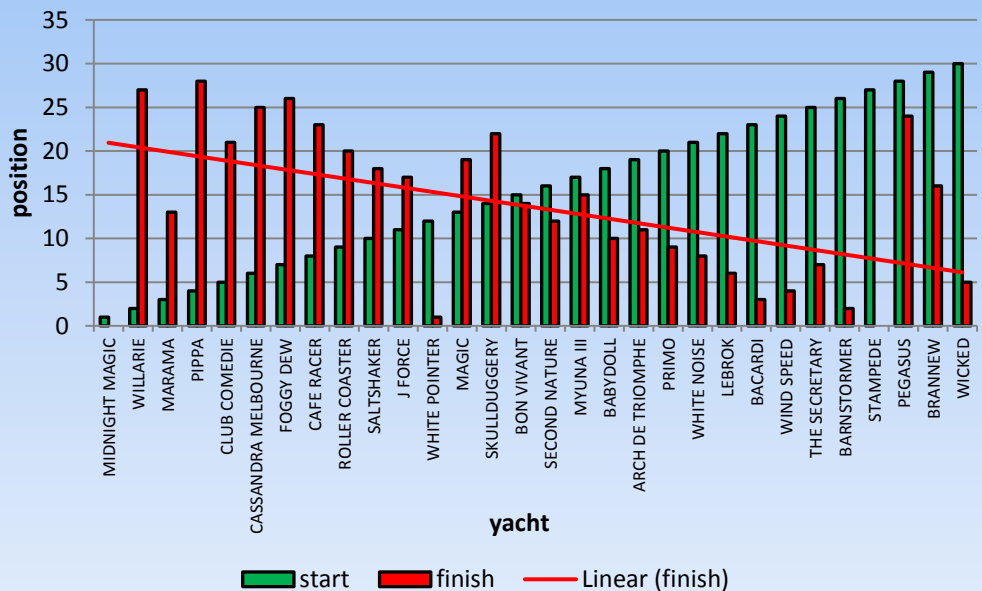


WHITE POINTER becomes the 4<sup>th</sup> yacht this series to win Start of the Day on two separate occasions. Both her wins have been with a time of 1 second. The median start time for the race was 12 seconds. Two yachts started too soon PEGASUS by 5 seconds and BRANNEW by 2 seconds.

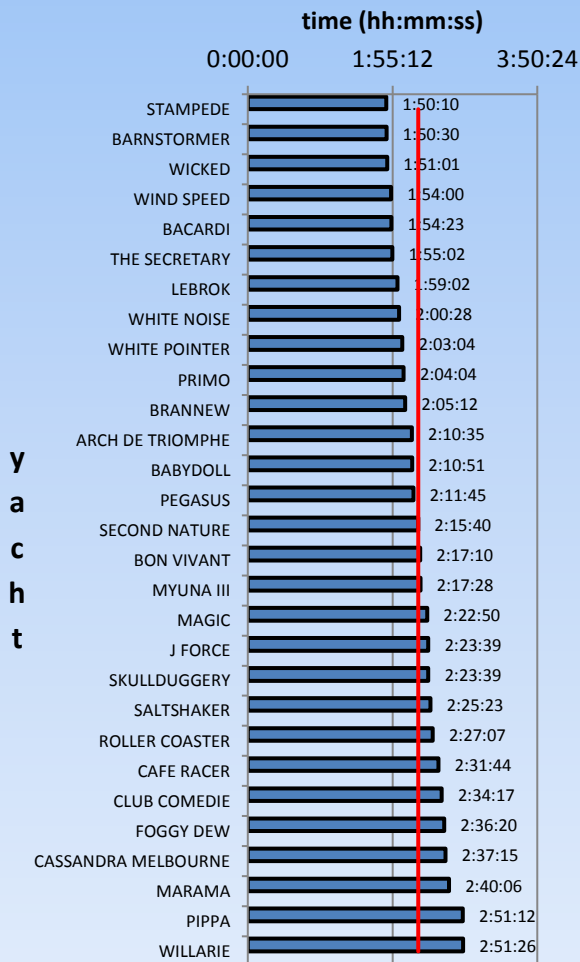


It was a more successful race for the late starters with 7 of them being among the first 10 yachts to finish. The fleet started the race 47 minutes 8 seconds apart, the gap closed to 37 minutes 29 seconds at SYC 4 and became 28 minutes 8 seconds at the finish line. The closest finish of the race was between WINDSPEED, WICKED and LEBROK who crossed the finish line within 2 seconds of each other.

## WW Winter Series 2019 Race 17 Position at Start & Finish



## WW Winter Series 2019 Race 17 Elapsed Time



The median elapsed time for the race was 2:15:40 – the 3<sup>rd</sup> longest this series and the elapsed time of SECOND NATURE. STAMPEDE became the 7<sup>th</sup> yacht this series to record the fastest elapsed time in a race.



(Below) BABYDOLL, CASSANDRA, WHITE NOISE & WINDSPEED were 4 of 9 yachts to make their best start to a race this winter.





(Below) In her first race of the series MARAMA started 3<sup>rd</sup> and finished 13<sup>th</sup>.

(Right) J FORCE finished 17<sup>th</sup> her best result of the series.



(Left) BACARDI sailed the course in the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest time of the race.



(Right) CLUB COMEDIE made her 2<sup>nd</sup> best start of the series.



ROLLER COASTER (left) & SALTSHAKER (right) both have a 27 minute handicap & finished 20<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> respectively.





(Left) THE SECRETARY approaching SYC 6 & a "pod" heads for SYC 7.



Some of the fleet came together between SYC 7 & 4.

(Right) WICKED sailing towards the top of the aggregate.

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