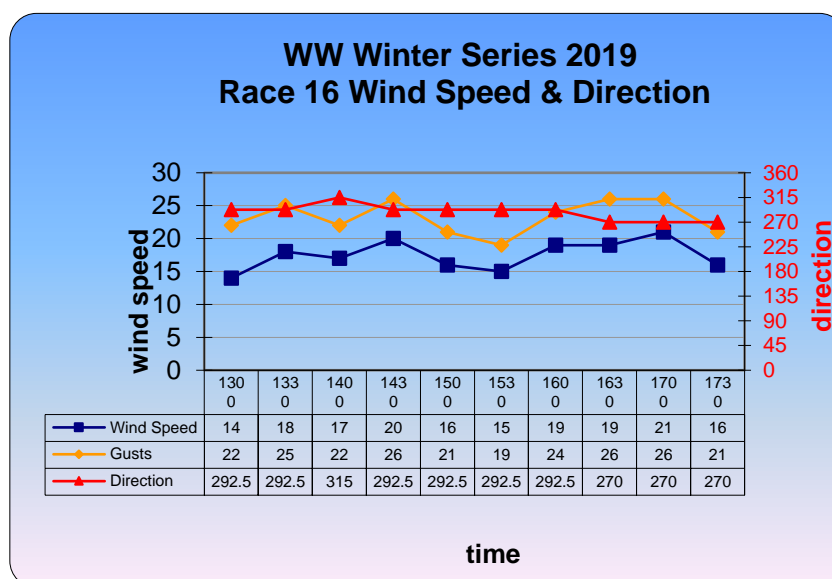


## Small but Steadfast Fleet Completes the Longest Course of the Series Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2019 Race 16

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The smallest fleet of series (14 yachts) all completed the longest course this winter in what became the third fastest time so far. The forecast for the afternoon was not ideal for sailing. The Bureau issued a strong wind warning; 80% chance of showers; the chance of a thunderstorm and possible hail for Port Philip. As it happened the worst of the weather was experienced in the south of the bay. Some well insulated skippers and crew went out on the water to experience a temperature of about 12 degrees, a west north westerly breeze averaging about 18 knots as they sailed around the 10.1 nautical mile course 28.



With a time of 1 second (her best start of the series so far) BON VIVANT (Russell Keays) won Start of the Day to be the 10<sup>th</sup> yacht to do so this series. CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) won the race to collect her 2<sup>nd</sup> podium finish of the series. ARCH DE TRIOMPHE (Alistair Murray) recorded her best result of the series finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Also recording her best result of the series so far was SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>. Having the fastest elapsed time of the race for second time this series was BRANNEW (Clive Sondheim) who sailed the course in 1:27:46.

After spending 3 weeks sitting 3<sup>rd</sup> in the aggregate FOGGY DEW (Graeme Jones) moves to the top. MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) slips from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> place whilst ARCH DE TRIOMPHE moves up from 8<sup>th</sup> into 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



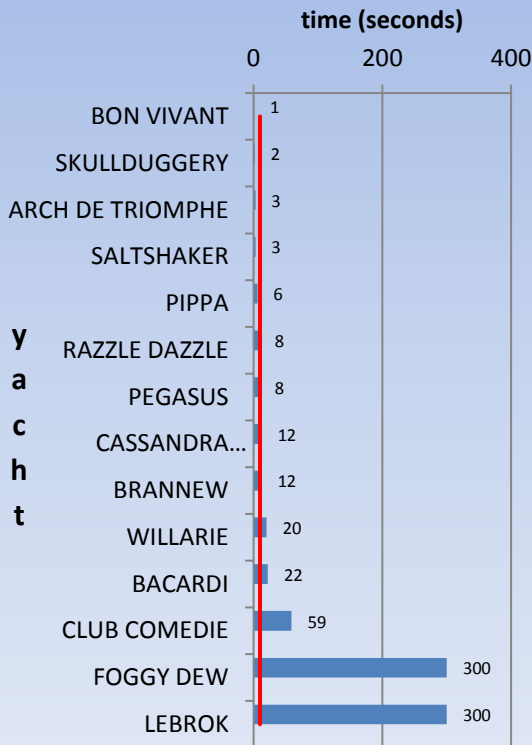
The nine races this series have returned varied results for CASSANDRA. Four of her nine finishes have been among the top ten but she has averaged 20<sup>th</sup> in her remaining 5 races. She was the third yacht to start this race 12 seconds late for her 18 minute handicap. After sailing the first four legs of the course in 73 minutes 30 seconds she led the fleet around SYC 4 with a narrow margin of 21 seconds. CASSANDRA completed the last 4 legs of the race in just 55 minutes and crossed the finish line at 15:39:44. The win took CASSANDRA from 13<sup>th</sup> back into the aggregate top ten at number 6.

ARCH DE TRIOMPHE is one of 9 yachts to have completed all eleven races. She didn't have the best start to this series. In her first race she finished 35<sup>th</sup> out of a fleet of 37 yachts. She has improved as the series progressed putting together 4 top ten finishes including this – her first podium finish. ARCH DE TRIOMPHE started from 9<sup>th</sup> place only 3 seconds late for her 35 minute handicap. She sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 54 minutes 7 seconds to round SYC 4 in 6<sup>th</sup> place. The last 4 legs of the course took her 41 minutes 18 seconds to complete and she crossed the finish line at 15:40:28. She moves up from 8<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the aggregate – her best position this series.



SKULLDUGGERY is relatively new to WW's this being only her 3<sup>rd</sup> race in the series. This race saw not only her best start but also her best finish to date. She started from 7<sup>th</sup> place only 2 seconds late for her 30 minute handicap. It took her 59 minutes 33 seconds to complete the first 4 legs of the course and she rounded SYC 4 still in 7<sup>th</sup> place. It was during the last 4 legs of the course that SKULLDUGGERY was able to make headway. She completed them in 44minutes 3 seconds – the fifth fastest time of the race and crossed the finish line at 15:43:38 to claim her first podium finish of the series. She moved from 43<sup>rd</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.

## WW Winter Series 2019 Race 16 Start of the Day

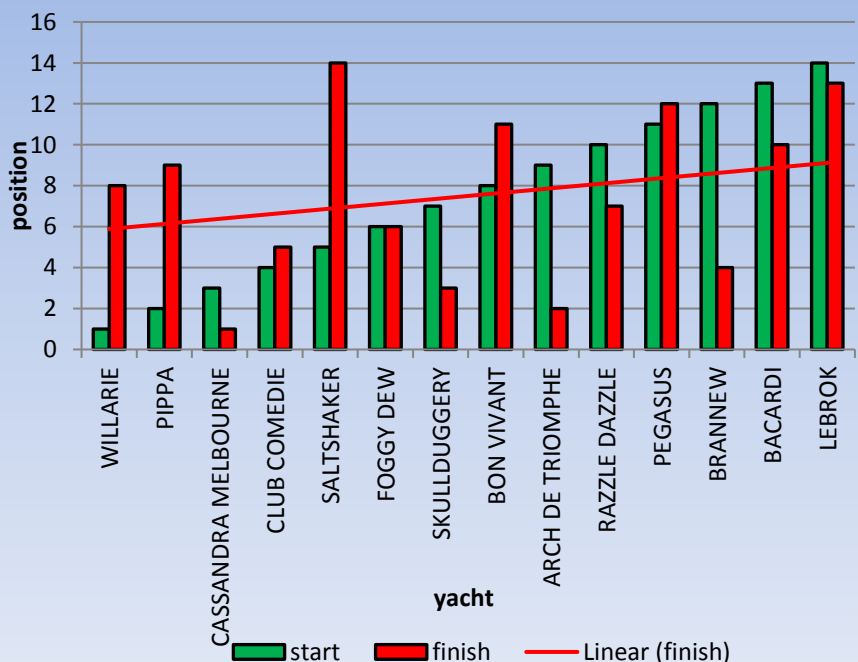


The median start time for the race was 10 seconds – this equals the best median start time this series. With a time of 1 second BON VIVANT won Start of the Day. The average winning time for the series currently stands 2 seconds.

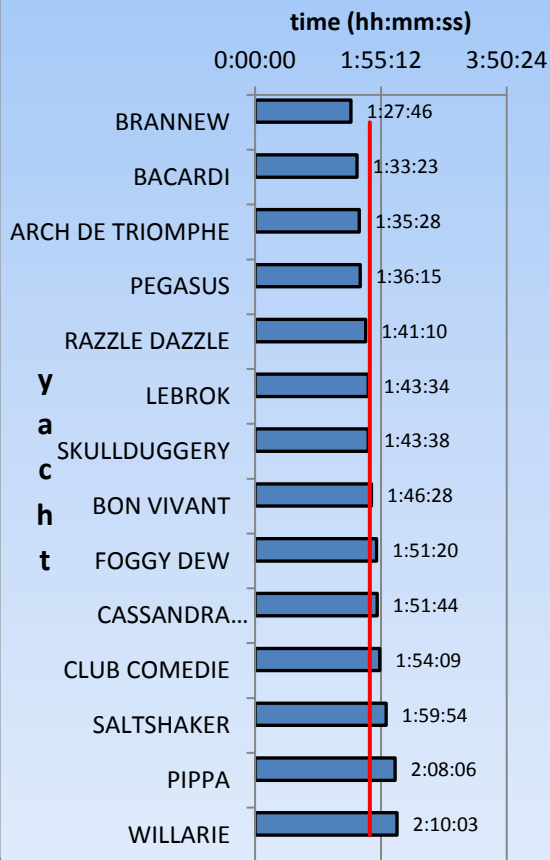


The 14 yachts started the race 40 minutes 40 seconds apart and were 18 minutes 11 seconds apart at the first rounding of SYC 4. The gap between the first and last yachts decreased to 17 minutes 10 seconds at the finish line. The closest finishes were the 3 seconds that separated WILLARIE (Graeme Kaufman) and PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) and 5 seconds that separated BACARDI (Martin Power) from BOB VIVANT.

## WW Winter Series 2019 Race 6 Position at Start & Finish



## WW Winter Series 2019 Race 6 Elapsed Time



The median elapsed time for the race was 1:45:03. BRANNEW recorded the fastest elapsed time of 1:27:46 which was 5 minutes 37 seconds faster than her closest rival BACARDI.



PIPPA (left) & SALTSHAKER (right) were two yachts that made their best start of the series.





Both CASSANDRA  
(right) & CLUB  
COMEDIE (far  
right) sailed in the  
company of seagulls.



SKULLDUGGERY started from 7<sup>th</sup> place,  
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE from 9<sup>th</sup>. ARCH  
DE TRIOMPHE overtook her during the  
first 4 legs of the race and finished 1  
place ahead.



Two views of PEGASUS.  
(Left) From the outside looking in (below) from the inside  
looking out. Don't let go!





BACARDI (left) & LEBROK (below) finished 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> respectively.



WILLARIE (left) records her best result of the series meanwhile FOGGY DEW (right) goes to the top of the aggregate.



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