

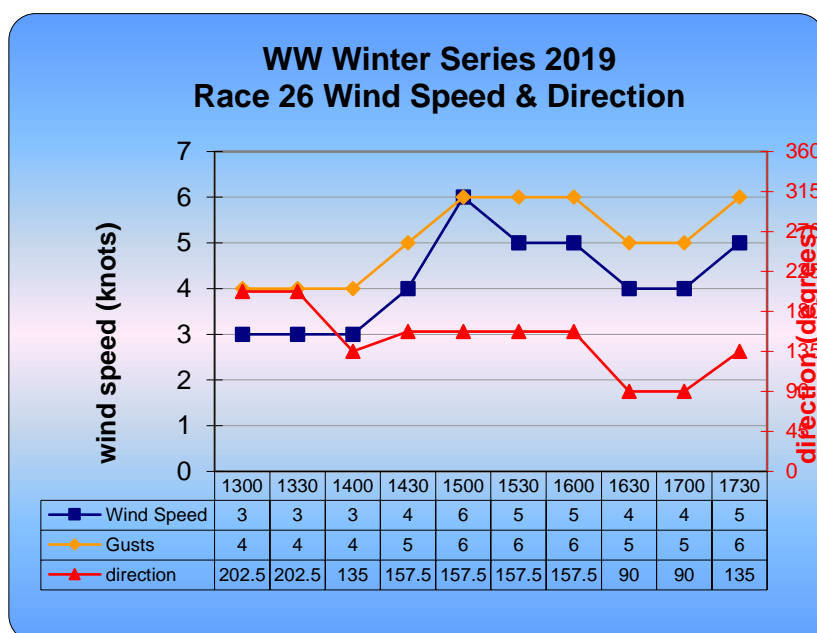
All Quiet on the Water

Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2019 Race 26

(25 Sep 2019)

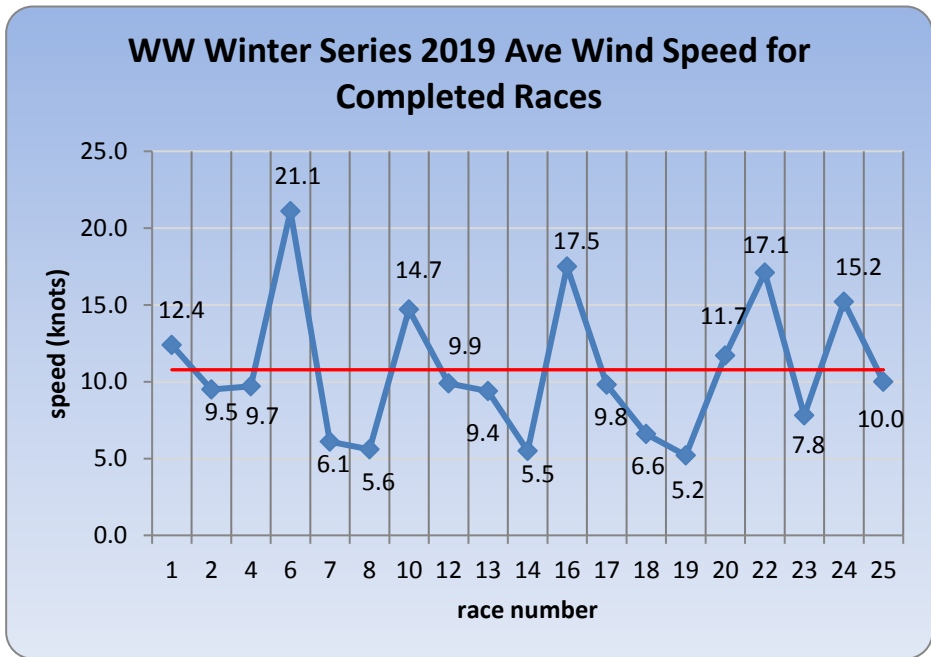


Everything was in place ready for the race to go ahead. The course had been selected, about 20 skippered and crewed yachts were out on the water, race management were ready to start the race but the breeze didn't materialise. There was only about 3 knots recorded at Fawkner Beacon at the scheduled start time and although it did increase as time progressed it only averaged 4 knots for the afternoon, the least amount of wind on a Wednesday afternoon this winter. This became the 7th race abandoned this series but the first due to a lack of breeze rather than too much. Nevertheless some of the yachts still took advantage of the pleasant afternoon and went for a "sail".



There is one scheduled race left in the series and this could decide the final composition of the aggregate top ten. WICKED (Mike Welsh) is the current aggregate leader 1 point ahead of FOGGY DEW (Joe O'Grady) in 2nd place. FOGGY DEW received a 1 point increase to her handicap following a 3rd place in race 25 so will start the last race with her highest handicap of the series. LEBROK (Theo Korbel) is 3rd on 25 points followed by ARCH DE TRIOMPHE (Alistair Murray) and BACARDI (Martin Power) both on 78 points. They are followed by MAGIC and BABYDOLL both with 88 points. RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp), PEGASUS (Andy, Karen & David Lynch) and WIND SPEED (Les Browne) make up the aggregate top ten with 91, 92 and 93 points respectively. BRANNEW (Clive Sondheim) and BON VIVANT (Russell Keays) are both just outside the top ten sitting on 100 and 102 points.

The average wind speed of the 19 completed races is a little under 11 knots (red line on chart). This is less than average wind speed of 13.1, 12.8 and 13.3 for the previous 3 series. Of the 19 completed races run this winter 7 have been shortened which has kept the average rhumb line distance per race to about 8.8 nautical miles.

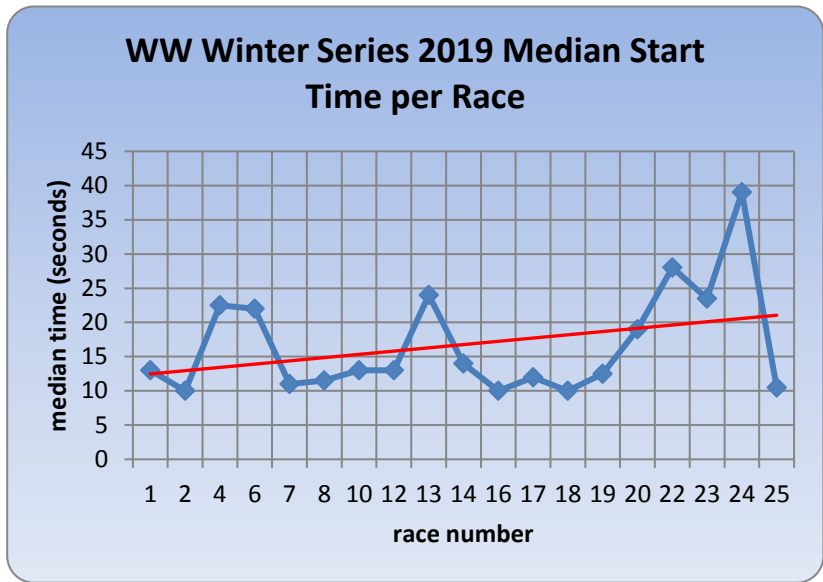


The table below shows the yacht that has recorded the fastest elapsed time compared to the median elapsed time per race. In general the fastest yacht sails the course about 20 minutes fastest than the median time. If there was an elapsed time aggregate the leader would be CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) followed by WICKED then BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes). CARPE DIEM current handicap is 55 minutes the highest of the WW fleet.

WW Winter Series 2019 Fastest Yacht per Race			
RACE	YACHT	ELAPSED TIME (minutes)	MEDIAN ELAPSED FOR RACE
1	WICKED	99.58	119.23
2	WICKED	117.12	136.22
4	WICKED	89.78	110.04
6	BRANNEW	80.15	94.98
7	VINDALOO	102.30	116.22
8	BACARDI	90.98	110.65
10	ESPRIT	77.47	89.60
12	WICKED	115.60	131.71
13	PATRIOT	109.58	139.39
14	VINDALOO	115.95	130.00
16	BRANNEW	87.77	105.05
17	STAMPEDE	110.17	135.67
18	CARPE DIEM	114.88	144.67
19	WICKED	108.68	124.68
20	STAMPEDE	82.25	103.31
22	STAMPEDE	87.07	104.42
23	WIND SPEED	102.83	148.25
24	STAMPEDE	99.17	121.60
25	CARPE DIEM	95.20	116.83



The median start time for the series so far is 13 seconds. Four yachts have made perfect starts to a race: FUN & GAMES (Alan Edwards) in race 1; LUSCIOUS (Michael Butler) in race 10; ARCH DE TRIOMPHE in race 24; and, UPBEAT also in race 24. The slowest start to a race was made by WICKED in race 6 who started 9 minutes 13 seconds late for her 51 minute handicap. (The wind was blowing about 22 knots at the time).



WW Winter Series 2019 Podium Finishers				
YACHT	PLACE			
	1	2	3	TOTAL
WHITE POINTER	3		1	4
BON VIVANT		2	1	3
CAFE RACER	1	1	1	3
DOLPHIN PLAY	2			2
CLUB COMEDIE	2			2
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	1		1	2
MIDNIGHT MAGIC			2	2
CARPE DIEM	1		1	2
ROLLER COASTER	1		1	2
FOGGY DEW		1	1	2
STAMPEDE		2		2
SUMMER WIND		1	1	2
BACARDI		1	1	2
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE		1	1	2
VINDALOO		1	1	2
BARNSTORMER	1	1		2
MAGIC		1		1
BRANNEW			1	1
BABYDOLL		1		1
ARABESQUE	1			1
ANDANTE 1	1			1
SALTSHAKER	1			1
WILLARIE	1			1
WICKED	1			1
UPBEAT		1		1
ULUWATU			1	1
THE SECRETARY		1		1
LEBROK		1		1
SECOND NATURE		1		1
FUN AND GAMES			1	1
RAZZLE DAZZLE			1	1
MYUNA III		1		1
WIND SPEED	1			1
LUSCIOUS	1			1
ALIBI		1		1
INSX			1	1
SKULLDUGGERY			1	1

With 19 races complete there have been 37 out of a possible 57 podium finishers. WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft) has collected 4 which include 3 first places whilst BON VIVANT (Russell Keays) and CAFE RACER (Alan Clapham) have 3 podium finishes each. A further 13 yachts each have 2 podium finishes with the remaining 21 yachts having 1 each.



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