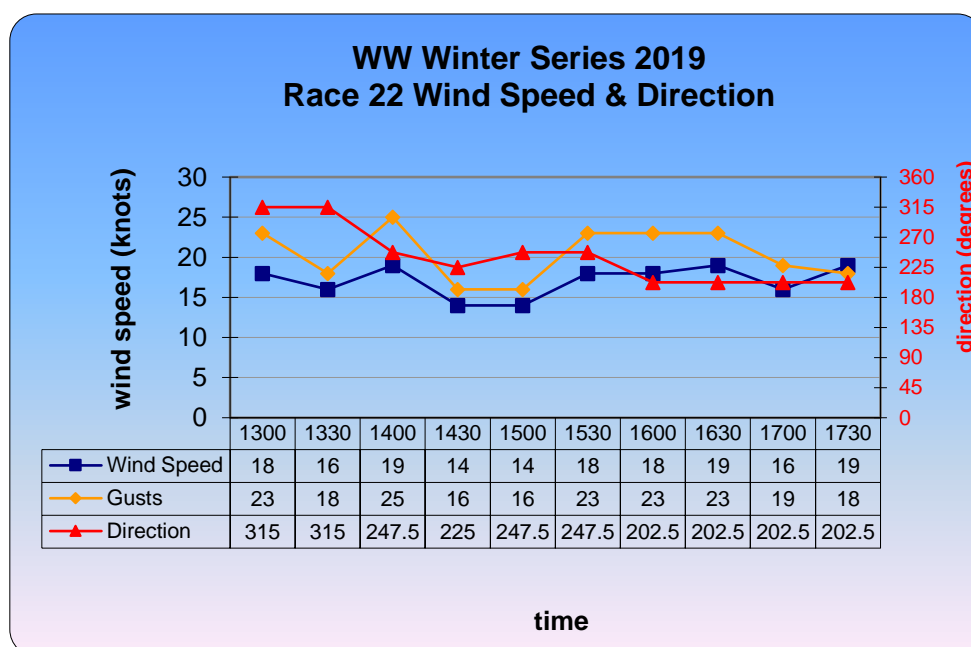


**Wettest Race of the Series**  
**Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2019 Race 22**  
 (28 Aug 2019)



Only 13 yachts, the smallest fleet of the series, contested race 22 in “heavy air”. The average temperature in Melbourne averaged around 9° C for the afternoon; there was rain for the entire race; and a south westerly wind that averaged about 17 knots with gusts up to 25 knots was recorded at Fawkner Beacon. All 13 yachts completed the 10.8 nautical mile course (the longest of the series) and either retained or improved upon their aggregate position.



With a time of 6 seconds BON VIVANT (Russell Keays) won Start of the Day for the second time this series. Becoming the first yacht to reach 3 wins this series was WHITE POINTER who crossed the line in first place to make it 2 wins in two races. For the second time in as many races STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and recorded the fastest elapsed time in the race. ARCH DE TRIOMPHE (Alistair Murray) collected her 2<sup>nd</sup> podium finish of the winter by crossing the finish line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

FOGGY DEW (Joe O’Grady & Frank Hilliard) finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place and held on to top spot in the aggregate. WICKED (Mike Welsh) didn’t take part in this race but remains in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the aggregate for 4<sup>th</sup> successive week. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place by ARCH DE TRIOMPHE was enough to take her from 9<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the aggregate to equal her best place for the series.



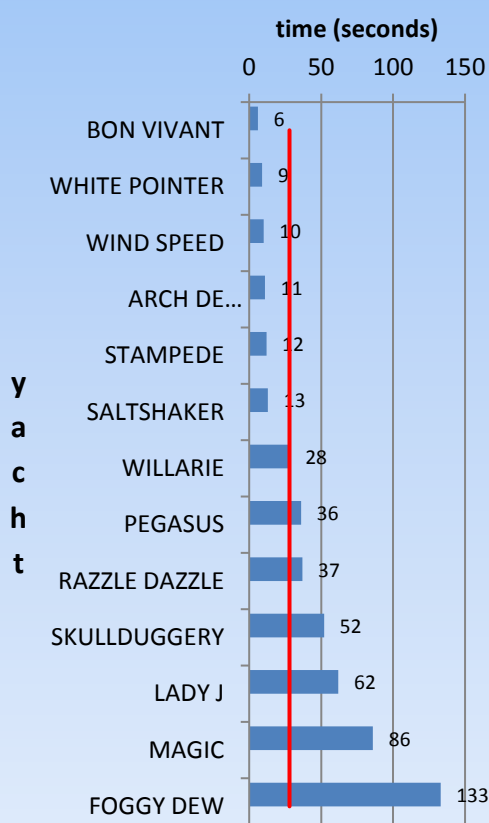
For the second successive week WHITE POINTER sailed a very good race to be rewarded with the best possible result. She received a 4 minute increase to her handicap after her win in race 20 and started this race from 7<sup>th</sup> place 9 seconds late for her 35 minute handicap. This was the second best start for the race. WHITE POINTER was already at the front of the fleet with a lead of 3 minutes 6 seconds when she rounded SYC 4 for the first time. She completed the last 3 legs of the course in 31 minutes 30 seconds and crossed the finish line at 15:44:58 – 4 minutes 6 seconds ahead of her closest rival. WHITE POINTER moves up from 27<sup>th</sup> into 22<sup>nd</sup> place in the aggregate.

STAMPEDE has completed 10 races this series. She has 2 podium finishes and a 5<sup>th</sup> place to her credit which has helped lift her from 29<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate. She was the last yacht to start the race 12 seconds late for her 52 minute handicap. By the first rounding of SYC 4 she was up in 6<sup>th</sup> place still 11 minutes 26 seconds behind the leader. STAMPEDE completed the last 3 legs of the course in 24 minutes 10 seconds to cross the finish line at 15:49:04. She didn't quite make the transition from last to first but sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time.



ARCH DE TRIOMPHE is one of 5 yachts to have completed all 16 races in the series so far. She has finished in the top ten on 5 occasions including 2 podium finishes. She started this race from 10<sup>th</sup> place 11 seconds late for her 37 minute handicap. It took 1:13:14 for ARCH DE TRIOMPHE to complete the first 4 legs of the course and she rounded SYC 4 in 5<sup>th</sup> place still 6 minutes 57 seconds behind the leader. Her last 3 legs of the course were completed in 28 minutes 53 seconds during which time she overtook 3 yachts and was overtaken by one. ARCH DE TRIOMPHE sailed the course in the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest time of the race and crossed the finish line at 15:49:18 – only 14 seconds behind STAMPEDE. She moves up from 9<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the aggregate.

## WW Winter Series 2019 Race 22 Start of the Day



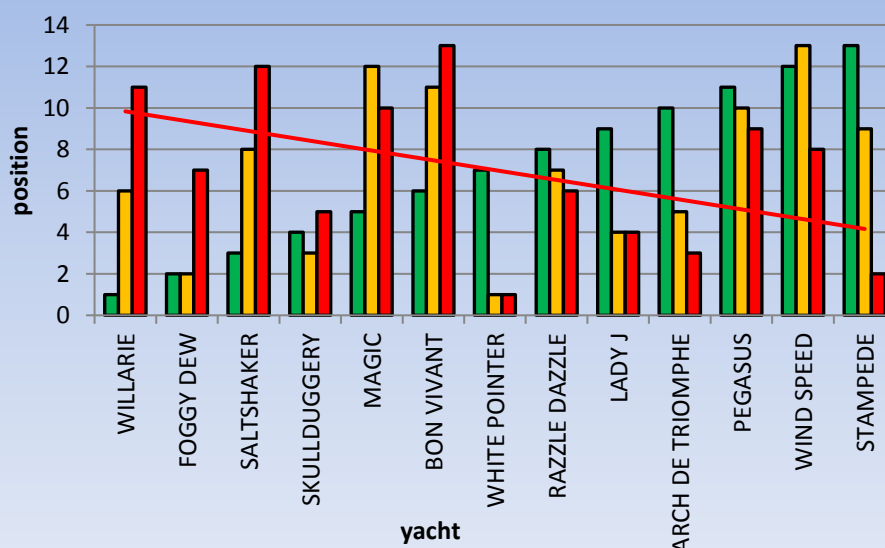
The median start time for race 22 (28 seconds) was the highest for the series. Only 3 yachts started within 10 seconds of their handicaps whilst 3 were more than

a minute late. BON VIVANT won the start with a time of 6 seconds – the highest winning time of the winter.

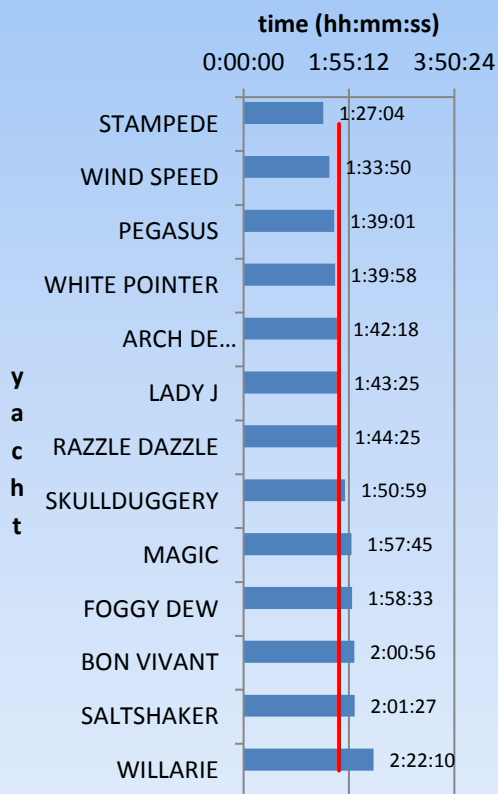


The 13 yacht fleet started 46 minutes 44 seconds apart and the gap had reduced to 14 minutes 30 seconds at the first rounding of SYC 4. During the last 3 legs of the race the gap between the 13 yachts widened so they crossed the finish line 17 minutes 58 seconds apart. It was a good result for the mid fleet and late starters with 3 of them among the first 4 yachts to finish. The closest finish was for 3<sup>rd</sup> place when LADY J (Andrew Lowe) was narrowly beaten (7 seconds) by ARCH DE TRIOMPHE.

## WW Winter Series 2019 Race 22 Position at Start, SYC 4 & Finish



## WW Winter Series 2019 Race 22 Elapsed Time



Despite being the longest course of the series the median elapsed time of 1:44:25 was the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this winter STAMPEDE was the fastest yacht around the course with WINDSPEED (Les Browne) 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest and PEGASUS (Andy, Karen & David Lynch) 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest.



There was only 4 yachts in the 5<sup>th</sup> race of the Century Class won by MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) with WILLARIE 2<sup>nd</sup>, SALSHAKER 3<sup>rd</sup> and BON VIVANT 4<sup>th</sup>.

Century Class Winter Series 2019 Race 5						
POSITION	YACHT	DESIGN	SKIPPER	ELAPSED	FINISH	HANDICAP
1	MAGIC	S & S 39	Phil Spry-Bailey	1:57:45	15:56:45	0:29:00
2	WILLARIE	Triton 24	Graeme Kaufman	2:22:10	15:57:10	0:05:00
3	SALTSHAKER	Jarkan 925	Ken Gayler	2:01:27	15:57:27	0:26:00
4	BON VIVANT	S80	Russell Keays	2:00:56	16:02:56	0:32:00



(Left) WILLARIE got the race underway 28 seconds late for her 5 minute handicap.

(Right) RAZZLE DAZZLE finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place and moved to 11<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.





(Far left) LADY J finished 4<sup>th</sup> in only her 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the series.



(Left) SKULLDUGGERY finished 34 seconds later in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

(Right) ARCH DE TRIOMPHE crosses ahead of SKULLDUGGERY.



(Far Right) PEGASUS moved up from 10<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.



STAMPEDE, WINDSPEED & PEGASUS stayed close together on their way from 6 to 5.





(Left) BON VIVANT was last to cross the finish line but retained her 8<sup>th</sup> place in the aggregate.

(Right) FOGGY DEW leads the aggregate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> successive week.



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