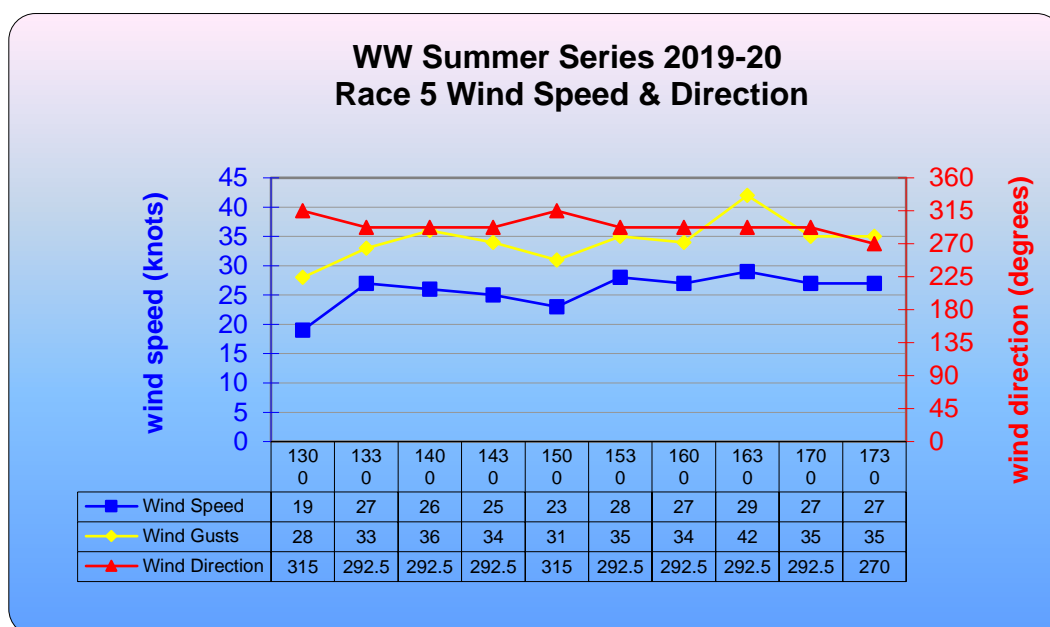


First Strong Blow of the Summer Wednesday Wonders Summer Series Race 5

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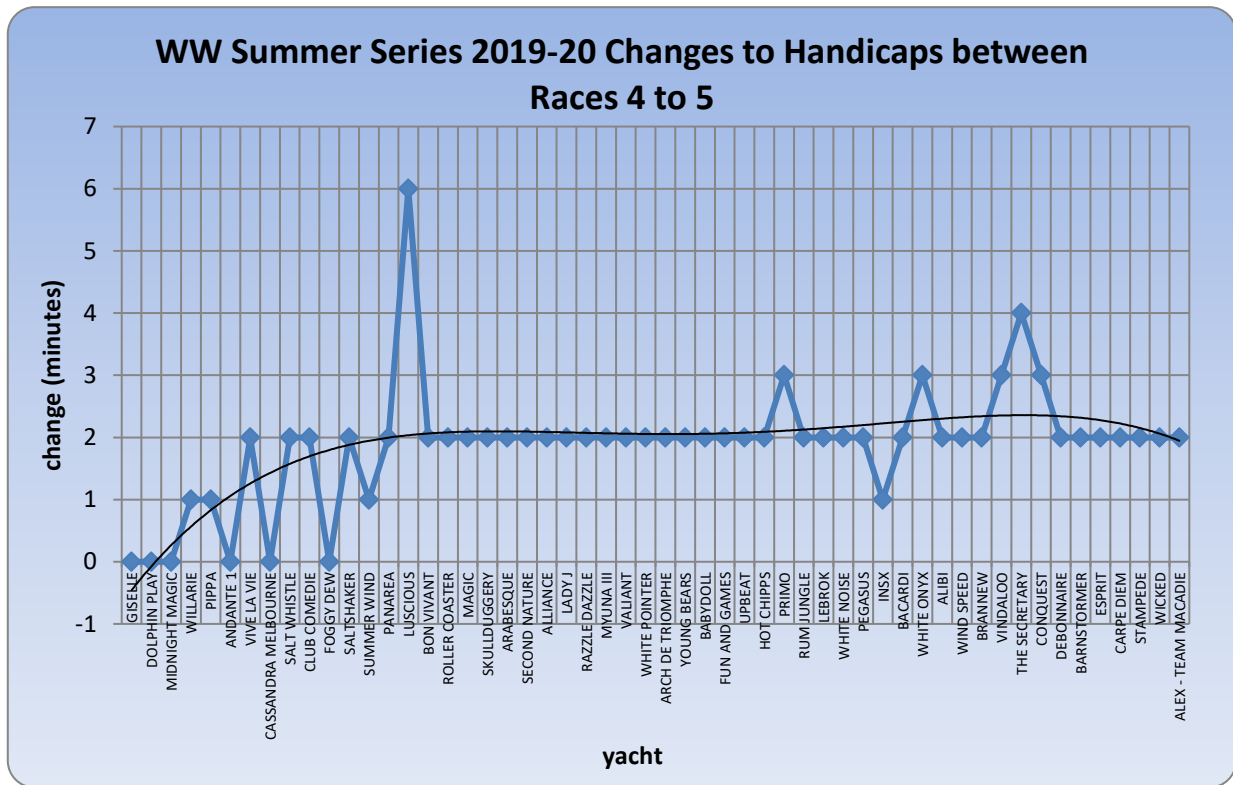
Following a gale warning issued by BOM late Wednesday morning race 5 was abandoned. Observations taken at Fawkner Beacon saw the wind average about 26 knots for the afternoon with a gust of 42 knots recorded at about 1630. The wind strength for what would have been this race was in stark contrast to that observed in the first 4 races of the summer which averaged only 11 knots. Nevertheless, there are still 19 scheduled races left in the series.



So far this series there have been 10 different. The majority of those yachts (6 of the 10) had handicaps in excess of 40 minutes; a further 2 yachts had handicaps in the 30 minute range with the remaining 2 podium finishers had handicaps in the 20 to 25 minute range. There is still plenty of opportunity, but yachts with handicaps of 20 minutes or less have yet to make it to the podium. Nine of the 56 yachts in the aggregate fall into this category.

WW Summer Series 2019-20 Podium Finishers & Average Handicap		
YACHT	Podium Finishes	Average Handicap
BARNSTORMER	1	50.5
CLUB COMEDIE	1	20.3
CONQUEST	1	50.0
HOT CHIPPS	1	41.3
LUSCIOUS	2	23.3
MYUNA III	1	36.0
SKULLDUGGERY	2	30.3
THE SECRETARY	1	48.0
VINDALOO	1	46.0
WHITE ONYX	1	45.5

Despite the race being abandoned the handicapper had worked on the handicaps. Of the 56 yachts in the aggregate 48 were awarded increases. Thirty eight yachts had their handicaps increased by 2 minutes whilst 6 remained the same. There was no change to the individual handicaps of yachts with a handicap of 23 minutes or less. Both the range and the average handicap have increased. On paper, this should offer a better chance for the early starters to finish on the podium.



RACE	DATE	YACHT	TIME
1	9-Oct-19	WHITE POINTER	1
2	16-Oct-19	ANDANTE 1	4
2	16-Oct-19	SUMMER WIND	4
3	23-Oct-19	WHITE POINTER	2
4	30-Oct-19	PIPPA	0

There have been 5 winners of the start in the series with WHITE POINTER winning on two separate occasions. The average winning start time is 2.2 seconds.



WW 2019-20 SHEBESSA SHIELD			
YACHT	PLACE		
	WINTER	SUMMER	COMBINE
MAGIC	5	11	16
PEGASUS	9	8	17
RAZZLE DAZZLE	7	13	20
PRIMO	15	5	20
BACARDI	3	18	21
VINDALOO	20	2	22
LEBROK	4	20	24
LUSCIOUS	24	1	25
BABYDOLL	8	22	30
FOGGY DEW	2	29	31
SKULLDUGGERY	29	3	32
CLUB COMEDIE	28	4	32
WILLARIE	23	12	35
SALTSHAKER	19	19	38
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	6	34	40
BARNSTORMER	26	14	40
PIPPA	16	25	41
THE SECRETARY	35	6	41
ROLLER COASTER	27	16	43
ARABESQUE	21	23	44
WHITE POINTER	17	30	47
WIND SPEED	10	38	48
WICKED	1	49	50
BRANNEW	11	39	50
BON VIVANT	13	37	50
ESPRIT	44	9	53
WHITE NOISE	12	41	53
MYUNA III	36	17	53
UPBEAT	32	21	53
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	18	36	54
CONQUEST	45	10	55
SECOND NATURE	22	33	55
STAMPEDE	25	31	56
SUMMER WIND	33	27	60
FUN AND GAMES	39	24	63
ALIBI	31	35	66
ANDANTE 1	34	42	76
CARPE DIEM	30	49	79
INSX	40	40	80
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	37	44	81
DOLPHIN PLAY	38	45	83
LADY J	43	43	86

The Shebessa Shield is awarded to the boat having the lowest combined score based on their placings in the winter and summer series. There are 42 yachts vying for this trophy in the current series. MAGIC is currently leading the competition which includes 7 yachts that finished in the winter aggregate top ten.

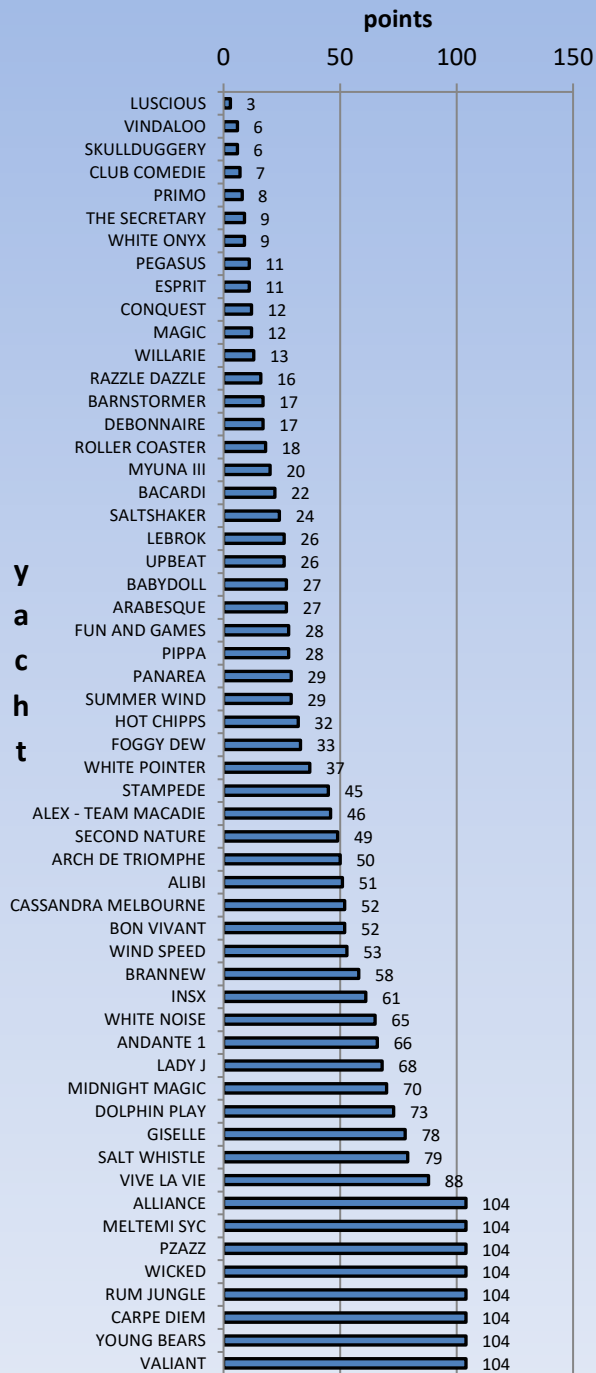


NOELLE CORAM TROPHY 2019-20			
YACHT	PLACE		
	WED WONDERS	SUNDAY SAILORS	COMBINE
SKULLDUGGERY	3	12	15
THE SECRETARY	6	25	31
WHITE ONYX	7	25	32
FOGGY DEW	29	3	32
DEBONNAIRE	15	19	34
UPBEAT	21	15	36
RAZZLE DAZZLE	13	25	38
HOT CHIPPS	28	11	39
LEBROK	20	20	40
MYUNA III	17	25	42
GISELLE	46	4	50
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	36	17	53
ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	32	25	57
DOLPHIN PLAY	45	25	70
SALT WHISTLE	47	25	72
VIVE LA VIE	48	25	73
ALLIANCE	49	25	74
VALIANT	49	25	74
YOUNG BEARS	49	25	74

A record number of 19 yachts are contesting the Noelle Coram Trophy this summer. This trophy is awarded to the boat having the lowest combined score based on their placings in the Wednesday Wonders Summer Series and Sunday Sailors Summer Series. The current leader is SKULLDUGGERY with a combined total of 15 points.



WW Summer Series 2019-20 Aggregate Race 5



With a total of 3 points LUSCIOUS is the current leader of the 56 yacht aggregate. She has completed 3 of the 4 races and recorded 2 podium finishes.

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