

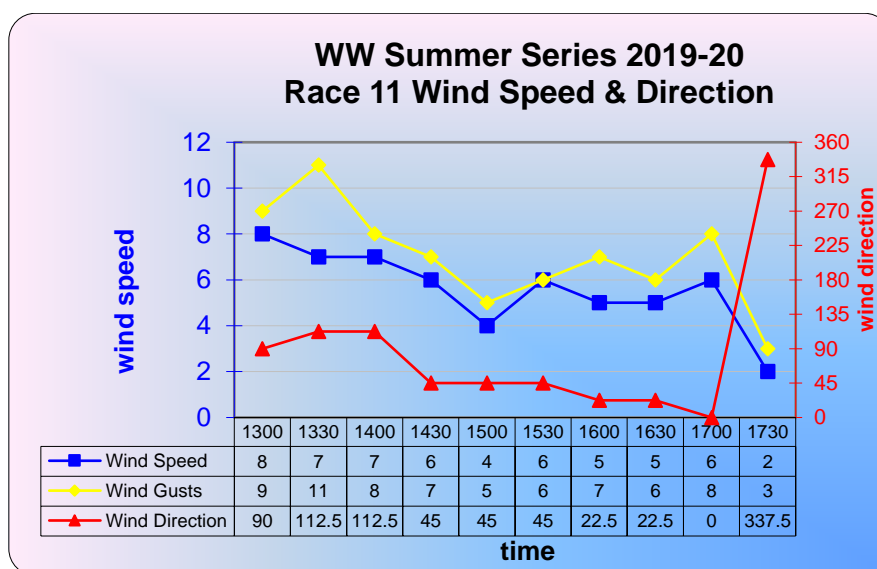
## The Race That Never Was

### WW Summer Series 2019-20 Race 11

(18 Dec 2019)



The abandonment of race 13 late in the afternoon brought out a range of emotions in the skippers and crews of the 36 participating yachts. A sense of relief, disappointment and frustration all emerged after sailing in some difficult and changeable conditions. The temperature climbed into the high 30's and the light and variable breeze decreased as the afternoon wore on. Observations at Fawkner Beacon showed the breeze averaged only about 6 knots for the afternoon – the lowest for a WW race this summer and by 1730 it had dropped to 2 knots. After a 15 minute delay to the start, the fleet took an average of two and a quarter hours to complete the first 3 legs of the course – that's an average speed of less than 2 knots. Four yachts had already announced their retirement before reaching SYC 4 and a further 17 yachts (about 58% of the fleet) were to join them as the afternoon continued.

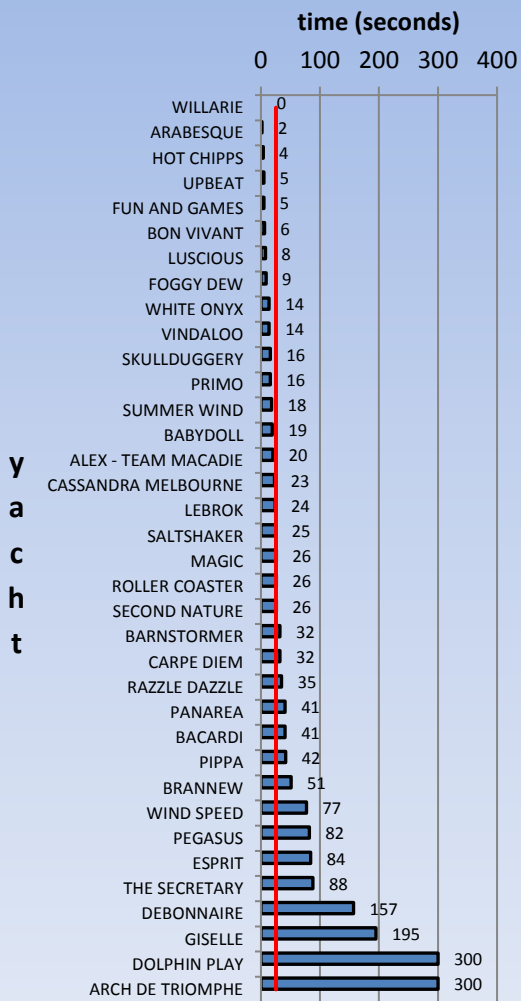


The abandonment of this race means the 2020 part of the series will begin with LUSCIOUS (Michael Butler) leading the aggregate on 14 points with PEGASUS (Andy & David Lynch) and PRIMO (Steve Copley) close behind each on 17 points. LUSCIOUS had received a 1 minute increase to her handicap for this race whilst, in the spirit of Christmas the handicapper awarded a 1 minute decrease to both PEGASUS and PRIMO.

PEGASUS leads the contest for the Shebessa Shield with 11 points followed by FOGGY DEW (Joe O'Grady & Frank Hilliard) on 16 points and RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp & Grahame Jones) and MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) both on 17 points.

SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) leads the charge for the Noelle Coram Trophy followed by FOGGY DEW and RAZZLE DAZZLE.

## WW Summer Series 2019-20 Race 11 Start of the Day



At 25.5 seconds this was the highest median start time of the series. It contained some interesting individual performances, with WILLARIE (Graeme Kaufman) making a perfect start, 6 yachts starting more than a minute late, and DOLPHIN PLAY (John Brennan) and ARCH DE TRIOMPHE (Alistair Murray) starting 40 seconds and 20 seconds too soon.



## WW Summer series 2019-20 Race 11 - Time at SYC 4

	time (hh:mm:ss)
	15:21:36 16:19:12 17:16:48
PANAREA	15:45:49
DOLPHIN PLAY	15:48:10
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	15:52:31
SALTSHAKER	15:53:39
VINDALOO	15:54:56
FOGGY DEW	15:55:17
PRIMO	15:55:36
WILLARIE	15:56:08
ARABESQUE	15:56:49
BARNSTORMER	15:57:53
PIPPA	15:58:13
RAZZLE DAZZLE	16:00:05
SECOND NATURE	16:00:20
WHITE ONYX	16:01:08
BON VIVANT	16:01:10
ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	16:01:37
PEGASUS	16:02:23
BABYDOLL	16:03:27
BACARDI	16:05:02
BRANNEW	16:05:14
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	16:07:43
MAGIC	16:08:22
LUSCIOUS	16:08:22
LEBROK	16:09:45
DEBONNAIRE	16:09:55
CARPE DIEM	16:10:57
WIND SPEED	16:12:18
UPBEAT	16:14:29
ESPRIT	16:18:23
THE SECRETARY	16:21:25
HOT CHIPPS	16:27:34
SKULLDUGGERY	16:30:27

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After starting 54 minutes 9 seconds apart and sailing for over 2 hours the fleet was still 44 minutes 38 seconds apart at SYC 4. After starting from 9<sup>th</sup> place PANAREA (Chris Ravesi) was first around with a lead of 2 minutes 21 seconds. VINDALOO (John Taylor) had moved up 23 places by the time she rounded SYC 4 in 5<sup>th</sup> place whilst BARNSTORMER (Brian Barnes) had gained 19 places with ALEX-TEAM MACADIE (Jock Macadie) and PRIMO gaining 18 and 17 places respectively.



(Clockwise from left) VINDALOO, ALEX, PRIMO & BARNSTORMER were 4 yachts that all made good progress in the race.





(Left) ARCH DE TRIOMPHE, FUN & GAMES & PEGASUS in tight formation.

(Right) LEBROK maintaining a careful look out.



(Below left) With a time of 2 seconds ARABESQUE made the 2<sup>nd</sup> best start to the race.

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(Right) HOT CHIPPS & THE SECRETARY make a slow approach to SYC 7.



(Below) ESPRIT hoping for

better things in the New Year.



Graham Furness