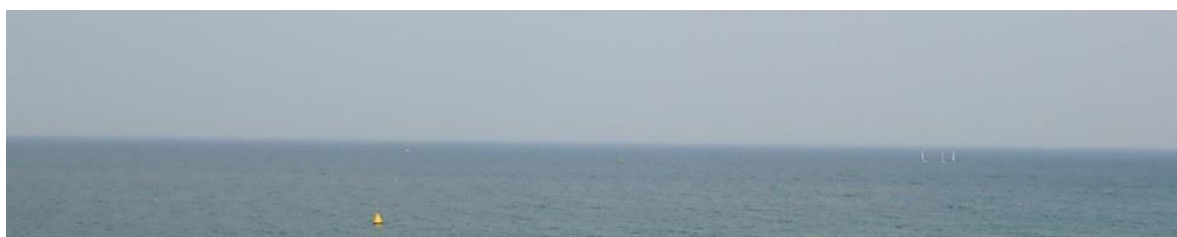


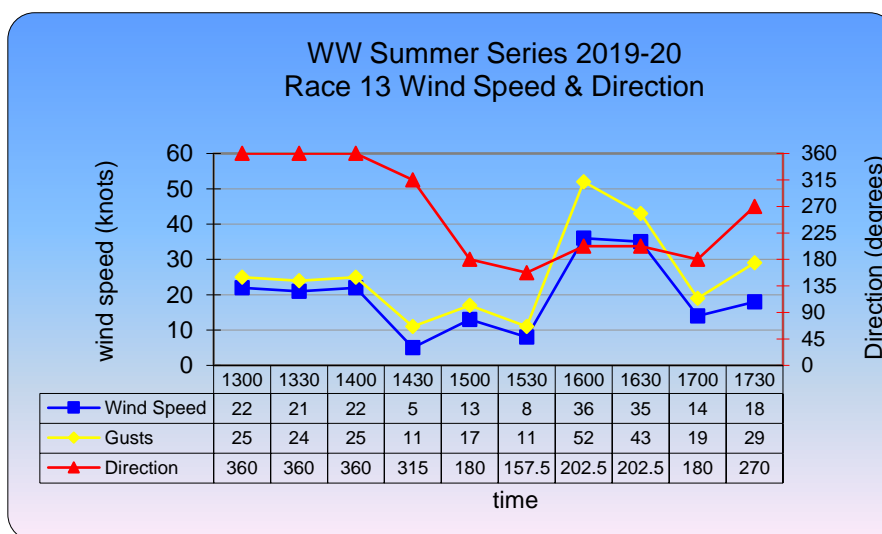
Race Abandoned

Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2019-20 Race 13

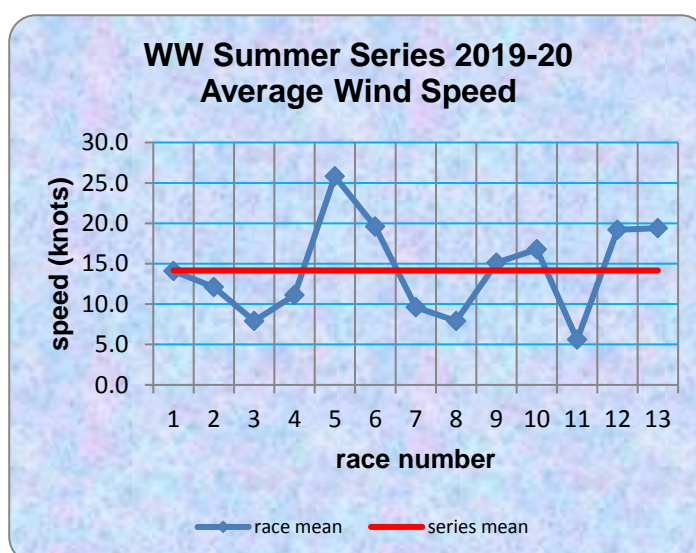
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Race 13 became the 4th race to be abandoned this summer. The BOM issued a strong wind warning for Port Philip with northerly winds of up to 20 knots shifting to the south and increasing to 30 knots in the afternoon. Supplementary advice from the Bureau included that there would be very unstable weather conditions with the likelihood of storms associated with the change coupled with poor air quality. The waters on the bay appeared quite benign at the scheduled start of the race with Fawkner Beacon registering a 21 knot northerly. The conditions changed dramatically as the afternoon progressed. The wind shifted through the west to the south when it increased to 36 knots gusting 52 knots at Fawkner Beacon. As forecast, a storm did accompany the change with the temperature dropping from 37° to 27° C at Moorabbin Airport followed by about 10mm of rain in 30 minutes.



The wind has averaged about 14 knots on a Wednesday afternoon at Fawkner for this summer series. This average drops to about 12.5 knots if wind speed for the abandoned races (5, 6, 11 & 13) is omitted. By comparison the average wind speed for the 2018-19 summer series was about 13.2 knots and there were 5 abandoned and 3 shortened races in the series. This lower average wind speed has resulted in longer sail times. An average of about 133 minutes for this series compared with 123 minutes for summer 2018-19.



With 5 top ten finishes from her 8 completed races LUSCIOUS has led the aggregate since race 4. Her performance has not gone unnoticed and her handicap has been increased by 13 minutes over the course of the series – the largest increase for any yacht.



LUSCIOUS RACE RECORD										
RACE	DATE	POSN	YACHTS	ELAPSED TIME	FINISH TIME	H CAP MINUTES	START TIME	COURSE	DISTANCE	AVE WIND SPEED
1	9-Oct-19	2	32	2:02:40	15:54:40	0:22:00	5	26	9.9	14
3	23-Oct-19	20	41	3:16:01	17:10:01	0:24:00	11	14	9.9	8
4	30-Oct-19	1	43	2:48:36	16:42:36	0:24:00	6	30	10.7	11
7	20-Oct-19	4	42	2:08:51	16:08:51	0:30:00	300	25	9.8	10
8	27-Oct-19	10	44	2:31:16	16:32:16	0:31:00	21	14	9.9	8
9	4-Dec-19	7	31	1:41:21	15:44:21	0:33:00	34	27	10.2	15
10	11-Dec-19	23	39	1:54:21	15:58:21	0:34:00	24	13	9.8	17
11	18-Dec-19		36				8	32		6
12	8-Jan-20	21	28	2:15:29	16:20:29	0:35:00	30	1	10.5	19

ESPRIT is 2nd in the aggregate with 5 top ten finishes from 8 completed races. She recorded the fastest elapsed time in races 1 and 12 and her handicap has increased from 50 to 59 minutes.

ESPRIT RACE RECORD										
RACE	DATE	POSN	YACHTS	ELAPSED TIME	FINISH TIME	H CAP MINUTES	START TIME	COURSE	DISTANCE	AVE WIND SPEED
1	9-Oct-19	5	32	1:36:54	15:56:54	0:50:00	7	26	9.9	14
2	16-Oct-19	10	37	1:34:43	15:55:43	0:51:00	11	26	9.9	12
3	23-Oct-19	6	41	2:34:44	16:55:44	0:51:00	25	14	9.9	8
4	30-Oct-19	20	43	2:42:38	17:04:38	0:52:00	5	30	10.7	11
7	20-Oct-19	10	42	1:50:58	16:14:58	0:54:00	19	25	9.8	10
8	27-Oct-19	3	44	2:02:00	16:26:00	0:54:00	6	14	9.9	8
9	4-Dec-19	20	31	1:23:07	15:50:07	0:57:00	9	27	10.2	15
10	11-Dec-19	17	39	1:29:07	15:56:07	0:57:00	22	13	9.8	17
11	18-Dec-19		36				84	32		6
12	8-Jan-20	1	28	1:40:35	16:06:35	0:56:00	6	1	10.5	19



PEGASUS is currently 3rd in the aggregate with 5 top ten finishes from 9 completed races. Her best result was a win in race 7. Her handicap has increased from 44 minutes at the start of the series to a maximum of 53 minutes for race 9.



PEGASUS RACE RECORD										
RACE	DATE	POSN	YACHTS	ELAPSED	FINISH TIME	H CAP MINUTES	START TIME	COURSE	DISTANCE	AVE WIND SPEED
1	9-Oct-19	13	32	1:45:52	15:59:52	0:44:00	5	26	9.9	14
2	16-Oct-19	4	37	1:40:38	15:54:38	0:44:00	9	26	9.9	12
3	23-Oct-19	19	41	2:54:25	17:08:25	0:44:00	5	14	9.9	8
4	30-Oct-19	7	43	2:44:20	16:58:20	0:44:00	10	30	10.7	11
7	20-Oct-19	1	42	1:51:00	16:07:00	0:46:00	21	25	9.8	10
8	27-Oct-19	5	44	2:07:17	16:27:17	0:50:00	44	14	9.9	8
9	4-Dec-19	24	31	1:29:20	15:52:20	0:53:00	13	27	10.2	15
10	11-Dec-19	24	39	1:35:49	15:58:49	0:53:00	14	13	9.8	17
11	18-Dec-19		36				82	32		6
12	8-Jan-20	9	28	1:50:19	16:12:19	0:52:00	11	1	10.5	19

YACHT	HANDICAP		
	MIN	MAX	RANGE
LUSCIOUS	22	35	13
ESPRIT	50	59	9
PEGASUS	44	53	9
PRIMO	40	49	9
SKULLDUGGERY	29	37	8
VINDALOO	45	53	8
FUN AND GAMES	40	47	7
WHITE ONYX	45	52	7
ANDANTE 1	10	16	6
MYUNA III	34	40	6
PIPPA	7	13	6
THE SECRETARY	48	54	6
WILLARIE	6	12	6
CONQUEST	50	55	5
DEBONNAIRE	50	55	5
RAZZLE DAZZLE	36	41	5
ROLLER COASTER	29	34	5
SECOND NATURE	33	38	5
ALIBI	48	52	4
ALLIANCE	35	39	4
ARABESQUE	33	37	4
BABYDOLL	39	43	4
BACARDI	47	51	4
BARNSTORMER	50	54	4
BRANNEW	49	53	4
CARPE DIEM	53	57	4
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	17	21	4
CLUB COMEDIE	21	25	4
HOT CHIPPS	40	44	4
LADY J	35	39	4
LEBROK	43	47	4
MAGIC	29	33	4
MELTEMI SYC	36	40	4
PANAREA	25	29	4
RUM JUNGLE	42	46	4
SALT WHISTLE	20	24	4
STAMPEDE	54	58	4
UPBEAT	40	44	4
VIVE LA VIE	13	17	4
WHITE NOISE	43	47	4
WICKED	54	58	4
WIND SPEED	48	52	4
YOUNG BEARS	38	42	4
ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	55	58	3
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	38	41	3
BON VIVANT	29	32	3
SUMMER WIND	21	24	3
WHITE POINTER	37	40	3
FOGGY DEW	22	24	2
GISELLE	-2	0	2
INSX	47	49	2
PZAZZ	20	22	2
SALTSHAKER	22	24	2
VALIANT	37	39	2
MIDNIGHT MAGIC	0	1	1
DOLPHIN PLAY	0	0	0
AVERAGE	34	38	4

As this series progresses the handicaps for the majority of yachts have increased. In addition to the week to week adjustments based upon individual race results there have been two “general increases” (one for race 5 and the second for race 9). These “general increases” were made to avoid negative handicaps, that is, yachts starting before the scheduled start time. DOLPHIN PLAY and RHIANNON are the only yachts not to have a handicap increase so far this summer whilst LUSCIOUS has received the largest increase totalling 13 minutes. The average increase from the start to the present is 4 minutes. There is some correlation (-0.5) between the aggregate position and handicap increase. That is, the bigger the handicap increase the closer to the top of the aggregate. The median handicap for yachts entered in the aggregate is 40 minutes – the handicap of ARCH DE TRIOMPHE, MELTEMI, RAZZLE DAZZLE and WHITE POINTER.



ARCH DE TRIOMPHE,



RAZZLE DAZZLE & WHITE

POINTER - 3 yachts with the median handicap.



Graham Furness