

## The Hunt for R3 Abandoned

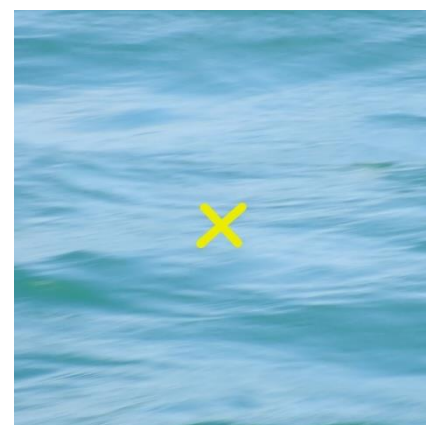
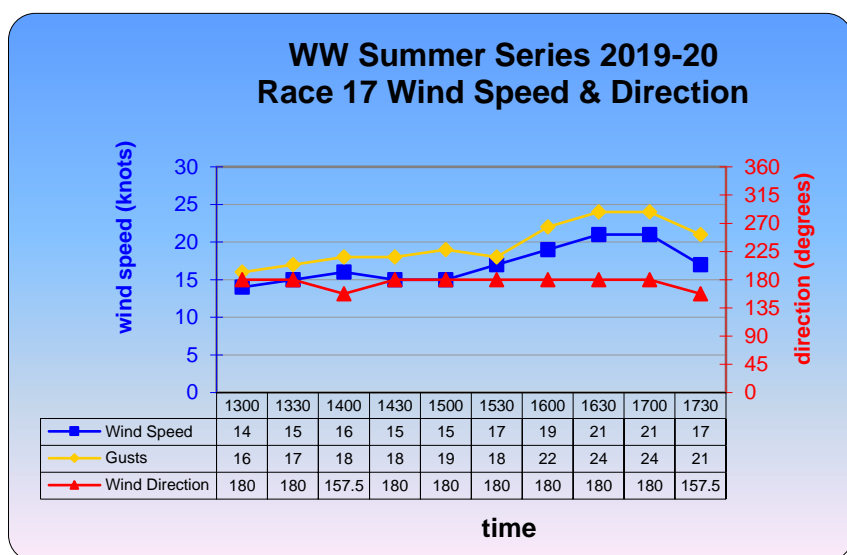
### Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2019-20 Race 17

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On paper, the special course for race 17 looked a good one. A run or reach from the start through SYC 3 and onto R3. From there it seemed like a short beat to R2 then cracked sheets back through SYC 3 with another short beat to the finish - 9.3 nautical mile course in a southerly wind of about 17 knots under blue skies. At around 1435 the yachts at the front of the 37 yacht fleet reported that R3 was nowhere to be seen and some yachts had already passed the point where the mark should have been (lat 35° 53.26' and long 144° 55.36'). The fleet were advised to round the invisible mark as indicated on the GPS and continue the rest of the course. It became apparent that not all GPS had the mark in the same location with some over shooting and others undershooting the invisible mark. What started out as a race was became a hunt for the Phantom R3.

Could this be the location of the invisible mark?



Thirty four of the 37 yachts “completed” the unsuccessful hunt for R3 which came to an end at 15:56:17. After due consideration the race was abandoned which disappointed some and delighted others. Theories were exchanged in the bar as to what may have happened to R3. Some were fantastic others bizarre but all were unbelievable.

For the first time this series Start of the Day was won by PRIMO (Steve Copley) with a time of 2 seconds. First across the finish line was SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) followed by ROLLER COASTER (Geoffrey Simpson) with CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) 3<sup>rd</sup>. The fastest elapsed time was recorded by STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) who was 1 second faster than ALEX (Jock Macadie).

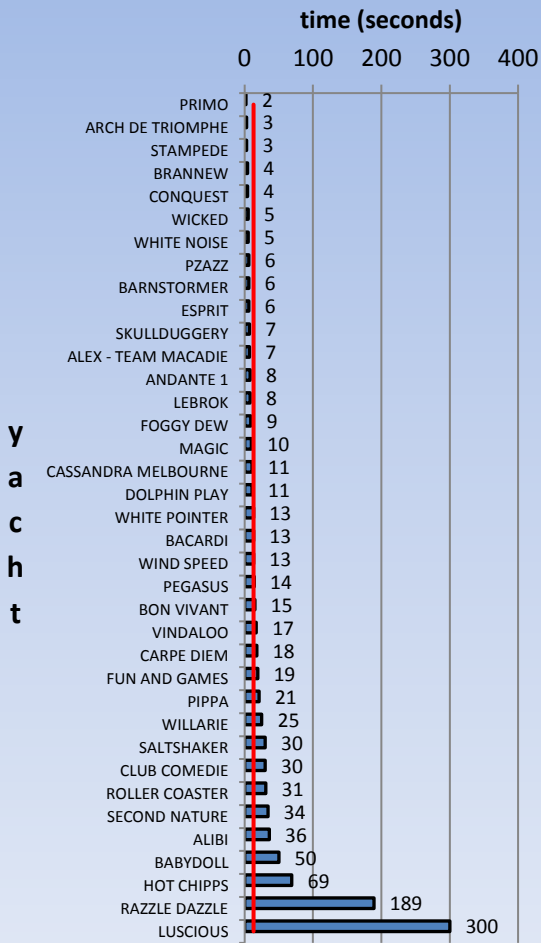
The abandoned race leaves the aggregate untouched with LUSCIOUS (Michael Butler) in the lead followed by ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) the PEGASUS (Andy & David Lynch).

WW Summer Series 2019-20 Race 17 Finish Times		
NOS	YACHT	FINISH
SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	15:34:11
SM911	ROLLER COASTER	15:36:05
SM1147	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	15:37:02
SM77	BABYDOLL	15:37:25
SM32	FOGGY DEW	15:38:27
SM41	HOT CHIPPS	15:38:44
SM1400	ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	15:38:48
SM3131	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	15:39:09
SM6161	SECOND NATURE	15:39:12
SM616	MAGIC	15:40:22
SM141	LUSCIOUS	15:40:47
SM6	STAMPEDE	15:40:47
SM9988	BRANNEW	15:41:05
SM320	CLUB COMEDIE	15:41:07
SM1298	SALTSHAKER	15:41:27
SM424	BARNSTORMER	15:41:30
SM600	FUN AND GAMES	15:41:52
10325	PZAZZ	15:41:59
SM377	BACARDI	15:42:04
SM367	LEBROK	15:42:23
SM178	ALIBI	15:43:00
SM1750	CARPE DIEM	15:43:21
SM99	PRIMO	15:44:00
SM430	WHITE POINTER	15:44:25
SM0369	PEGASUS	15:44:34
2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	15:45:33
SM4	WICKED	15:46:15
SM303	PIPPA	15:46:35
SM1245	WHITE NOISE	15:46:55
AUS31002	VINDALOO	15:47:23
SM3639	WIND SPEED	15:48:26
SM477	ESPRIT	15:48:42
SM355	BON VIVANT	15:50:02
SM315	WILLARIE	15:56:17
C20	ANDANTE 1	RET
SM45	CONQUEST	RET
SM1546	DOLPHIN PLAY	RET

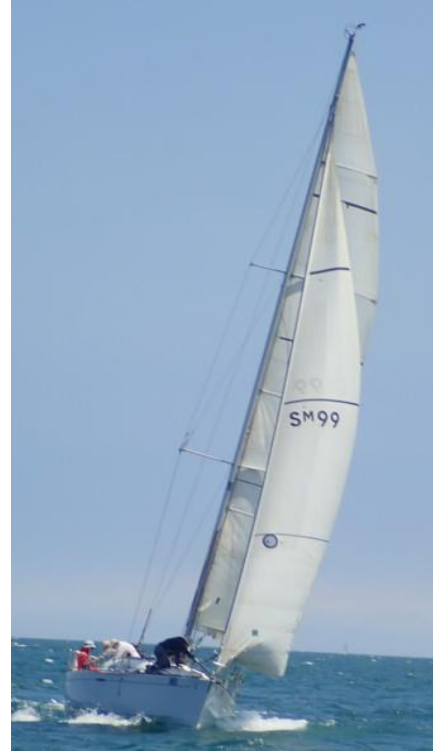


(From top to Bottom) the first 3 yachts to cross the finish line - SKULLDUGGERY, ROLLER COASTER & CASSANDRA.

## WW Summer Series 2019-20 Race 17 Start of the Day

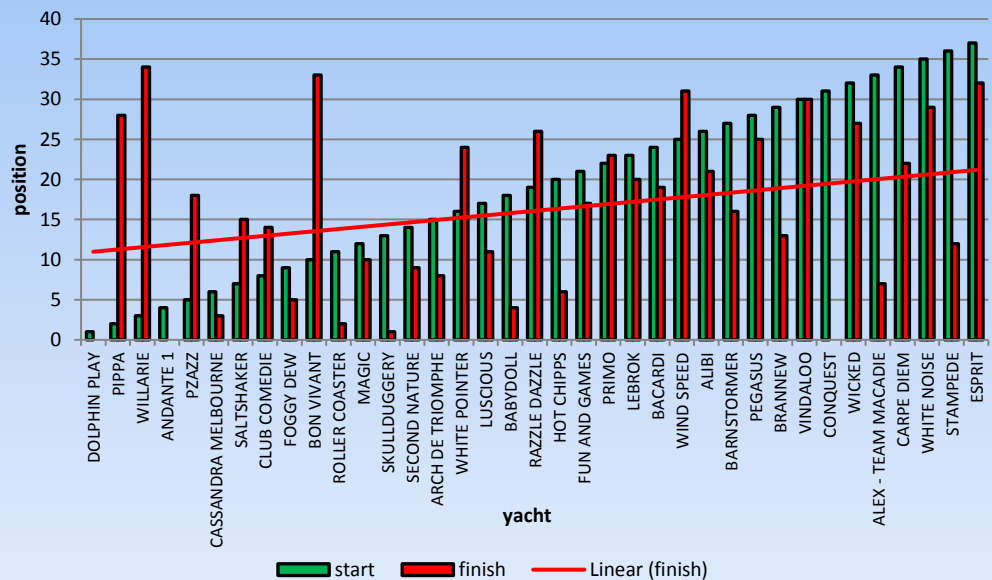


Thirteen seconds was the median start time for the race with PRIMO making the best start. LUSCIOUS missed winning the start by 1 second. Unfortunately she started 1 second too soon. Only 2 yachts started more than a minute late for their handicap.

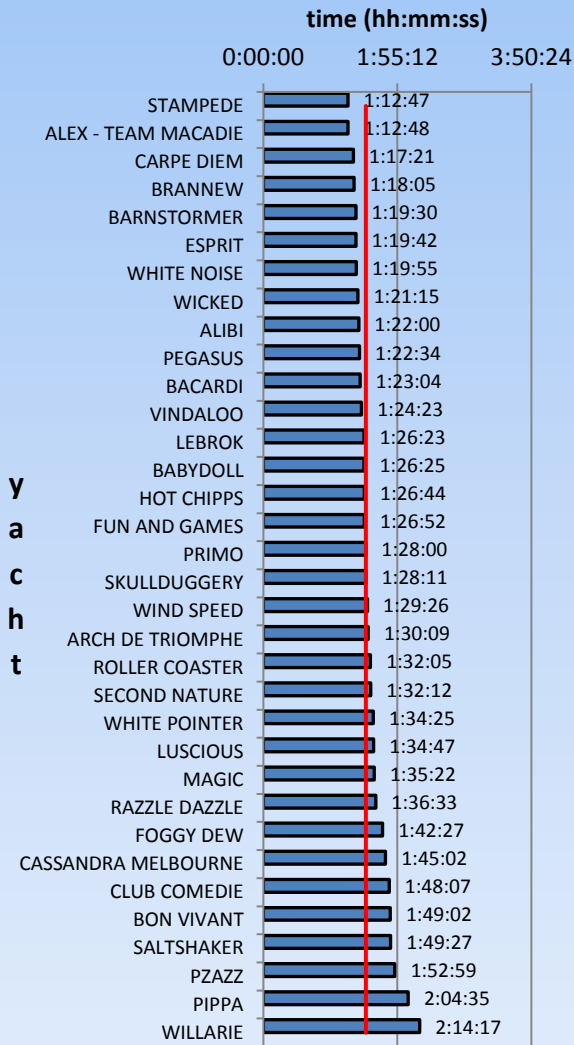


It was a good result for some mid fleet starters with 6 yachts among the first 12 across the finish line. Both LUSCIOUS and STAMPEDE crossed the finish line together at 15:40:47.

## WW Summer Series 2019-20 Race 17 Position at Start & Finish



## WW Summer Series 2019-20 Race 17 Elapsed Time



The median elapsed time was 1:28:05 with a range of 61 minutes 30 seconds. STAMPEDE had the shortest with the longest “search” time of 2:14:07 recorded by WILLARIE.



WILLARIE (left), PZAZZ (below left) & PIPPA (below right) all had good value for money.







BACARDI (left) & CARPE DIEM (below) picking up speed.



FUN & GAMES (left) & SALTSHAKER (right) were 2 of the 8 yachts that had their handicaps reduced by 2 minutes.



Heading back to the marina.



LUSCIOUS (above), ESPRIT (below left) & PEGASUS (below right) lead the summer aggregate.



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