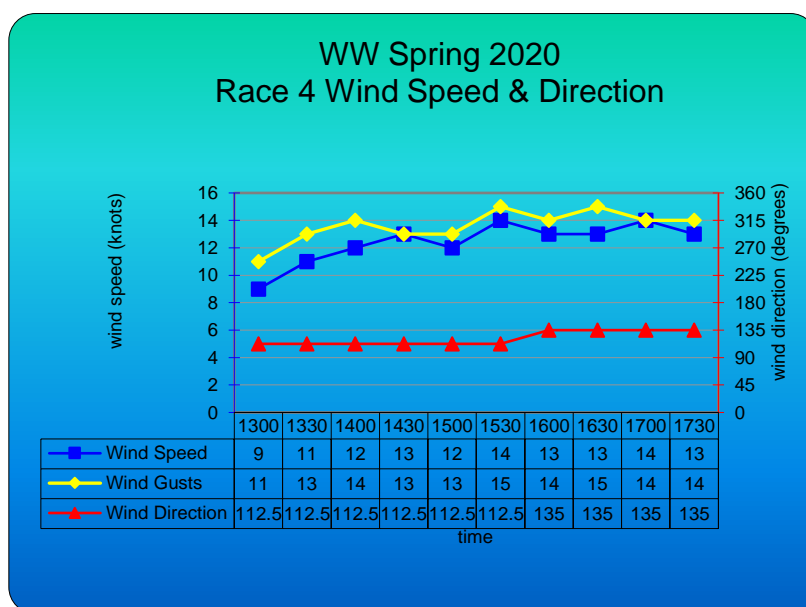


## Fleet Size at Pre Lockdown Level Wednesday Wonders Spring 2020 Race 4



With 38 yachts in this race the size of the WW fleet is already back to pre lockdown size. After two abandoned races the weather was much kinder for this race with blue skies and an east south easterly to south easterly breeze that averaged about 12 knots for the afternoon. The race took the fleet around the 9.7 nautical mile course 23 – a course seldom sailed. On this occasion it offered a downwind start and included a couple of legs well over 2 miles long.



There was a tie for Start of the Day between SUMMER WIND (Martyn Sly) and VINDALOO (John Taylor) both starting 2 seconds off their handicaps. It proved a successful afternoon for lady skippers who finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. In her first race of the spring MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Bernadette Moore) led the race from start to finish to win by a margin of 2 minutes 4 seconds. Finishing in second place was SUMMER WIND who added another podium finish to her 3<sup>rd</sup> place in race 1. Finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and winning her first podium finish in a Wednesday Wonders race was VIXEN1 (Christine Matheou-Fox).

ALEX – TEAM MACADIE (Jock McAdie) was the last yacht to start but she was fastest around the course in 1:31:12 to finish 7<sup>th</sup>.



MIDNIGHT MAGIC was the first yacht to start the race 15 seconds late for her 1 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 2:16:45 and crossed the finish line at 15:47:45. She had a lead of 10 minutes 52 seconds at the start of the race but this lead was reduced as the race progressed to 2 minutes 4 seconds at the finish line.

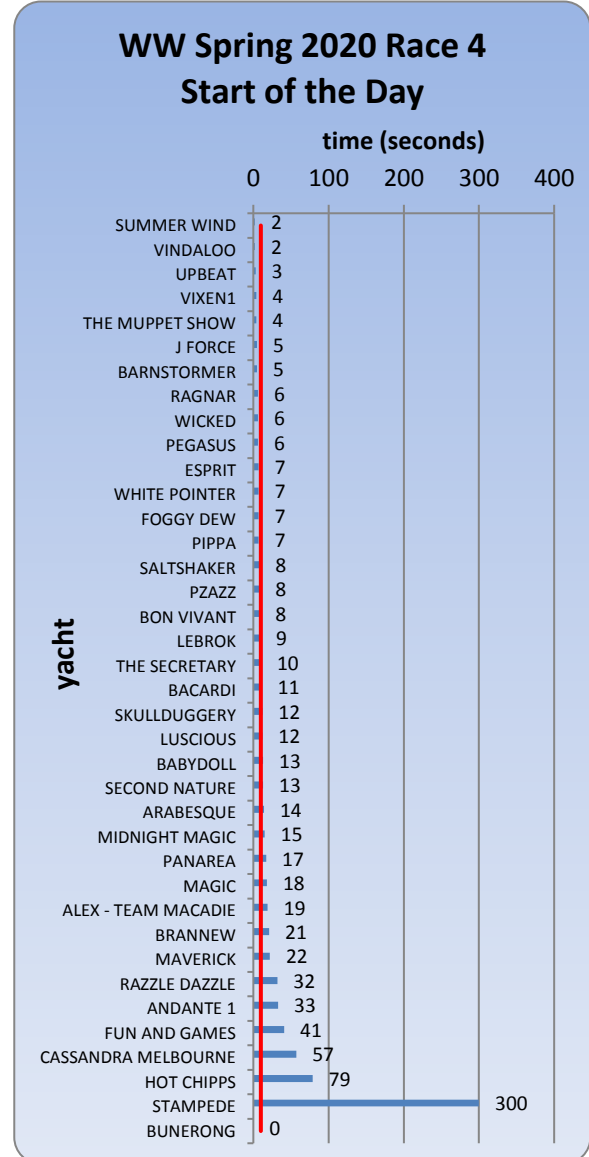
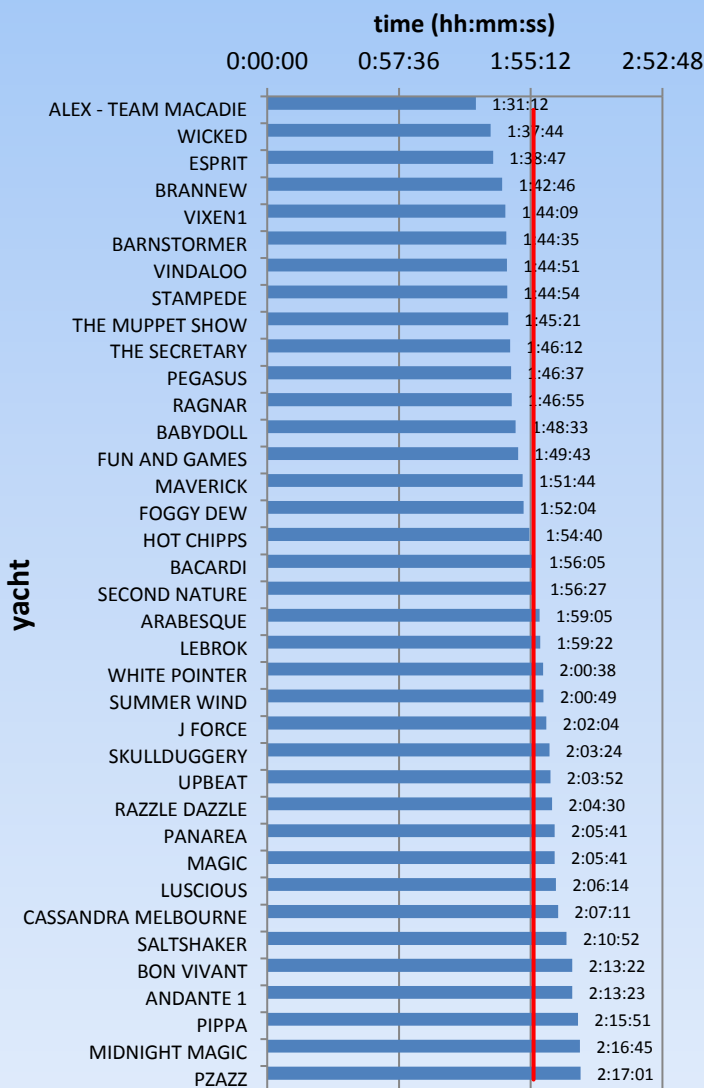
SUMMER WIND had both a better start and finish to this race when compared to race1. She was the 4<sup>th</sup> yacht to cross the start line 2 seconds late for her 19 minute handicap. She completed the course in 2:00:49 seconds and crossed the finish line in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 15:49:49 to record two podium finishes in two races.



This was the first race of the spring for the grand Soleil 43 VIXEN1. She made a good start from 21<sup>st</sup> place only 4 seconds late for her 42 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 1:44:09 - the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest time of the race - and crossed the finish line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 15:56:09.

The median start time of the day was 10 seconds with 35 yachts starting within a minute or less of their handicaps. STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) started 9 seconds too soon and was penalised 5 minutes which cost her 12 places at the finish. In her eagerness to start her first race of the spring BUNERONG (Oliver McKeon) started 1 minute 54 seconds too soon and recorded DNS.

### WW Spring 2020 Race 4 Elapsed Time



The median elapsed time of the race was 1:56:27. For the second time this spring ALEX recorded the fastest elapsed time – 6 minutes 52 seconds faster than her closest rival.





VINDALOO (right) tied with SUMMER WIND for Start of the Day.

(Left) BUNERONG started more than a minute too soon and was scored DNS.



The race between the J Boats saw JFORCE (far left) finish ahead of PANAREA (left).

FUN & GAMES (right) crossed the finish line 1 second ahead of WICKED (far right).





(Left) Carrying out key manoeuvres.



Anxious moments rounding SYC 1.



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