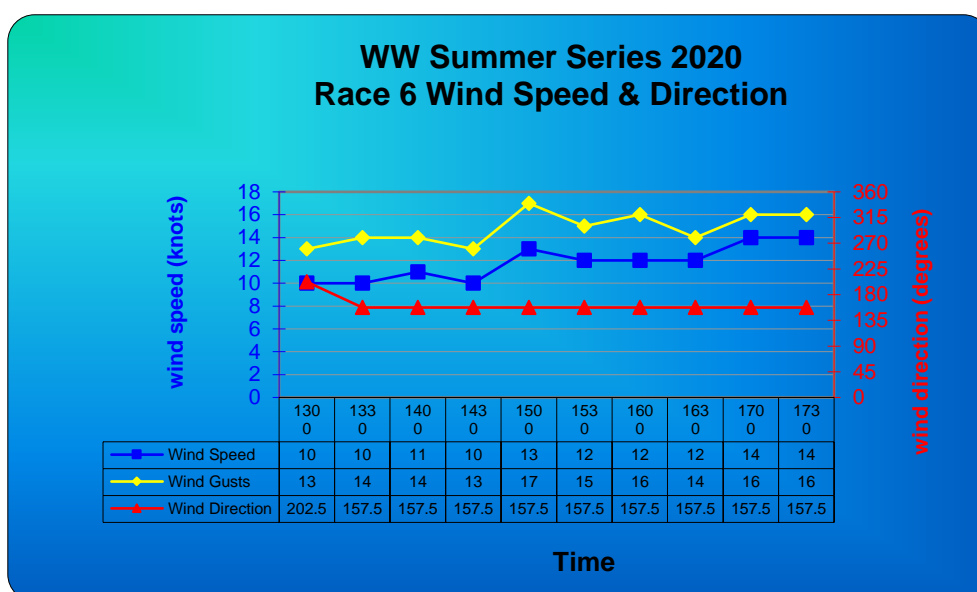


A Good Result for the Late Starters WW Spring 2020 Race 6



By the time this race started the breeze had shifted into the south east and remained there for rest of the afternoon. However throughout the night there had been a westerly that averaged about 18 knots creating choppy conditions which persisted throughout the morning and into the afternoon. Under blue skies thirty two yachts raced around the 9.8 nautical mile course 12 which produced three new podium finishers all with handicaps over 40 minutes.



Winning Start of the Day was the Jarcken 925 SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) with a time of 2 seconds. This was not only the best start time for the race but the best start for SALTSHAKER this spring. First across the finish line was ESPRIT (Garry Anderson) who managed to get ahead of BACARDI (Martin Power) in the closing stages of the race. Finishing in third place was the Sunfast 33 RAGNAR (Richard Ekberg). It was the first time on the “podium” for each of the three yachts.

ALEX – TEAM MACADIE has been the fastest yacht around the course in the first three completed races of this spring programme. Her absence from this race provided the opportunity for a different yacht to take her place. It was ESPRIT that rose to the challenge sailing the course 3 minutes 16 seconds faster than her closest rival.



ESPRIT is one of 11 yachts to have completed all 4 races this spring and her results have progressively improved with each race. She was the 31st yacht to start this race 6 seconds late for her 54 minute handicap. ESPRIT completed the course in 1:43:55 and was first across the finish line just 20 seconds ahead of BACARDI.



This was the 2nd race for BACARDI who after finishing 36th in race 4 received a 3 minute reduction in her handicap. She started from 23rd place 25 seconds late for her 46 minute handicap. Her time of 1:52:15 was the 3rd fastest of the race and she crossed the finish line in 2nd place at 16:08:15.

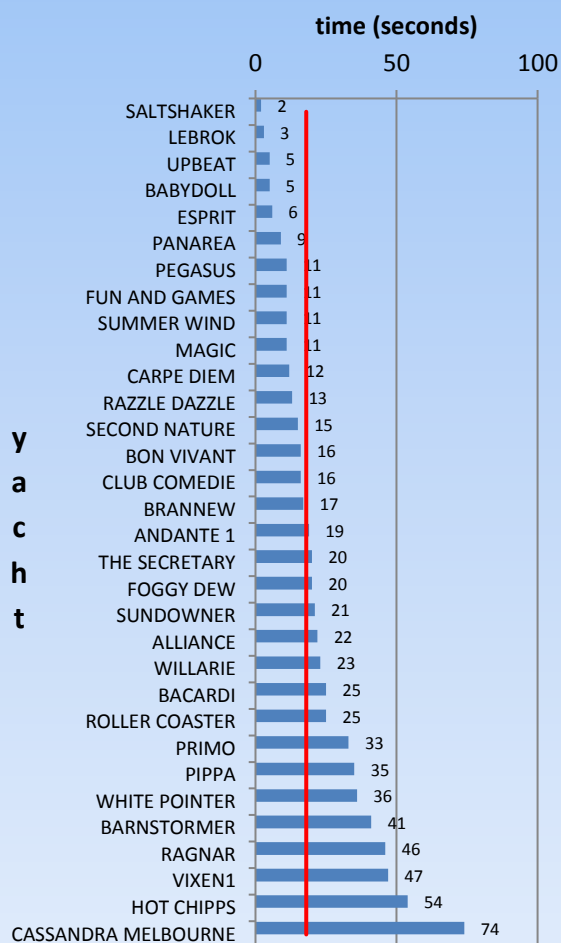


RAGNAR didn't take part in race 5 but was back in this race to complete her 3rd race of the spring. She started from 22nd place 46 seconds late for her 44 minute handicap – her worst start so far. She sailed the course in 1:56:22 and was 3rd across the finish line at 16:10:22. RAGNAR started 1 minute 39 seconds ahead of BACARDI but finished 2 minutes 7 seconds later.

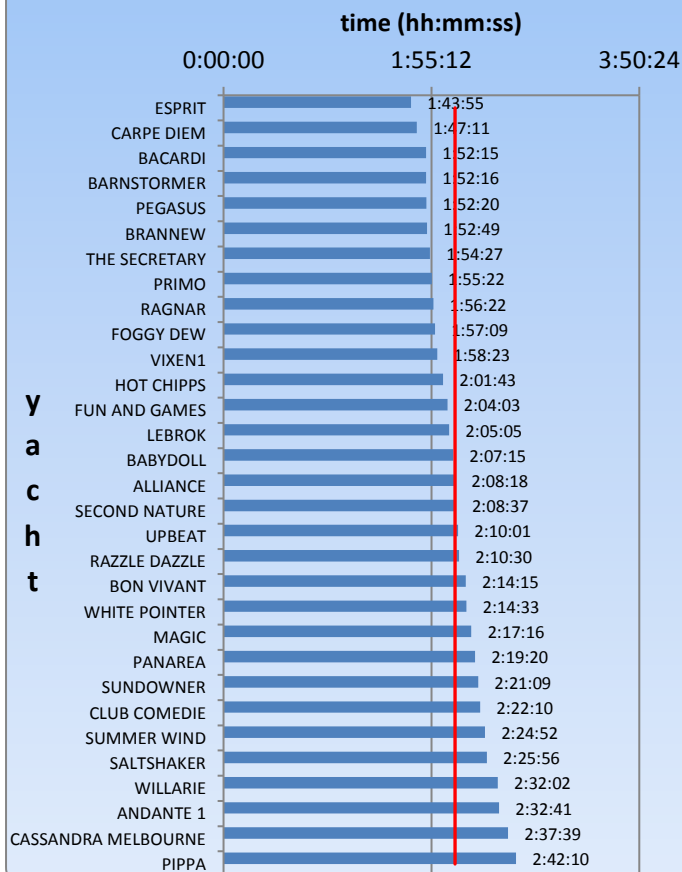
The median start time was 18 seconds – the slowest of the spring so far. All but one yacht started within a minute or less of their handicap and none of the 32 yachts started too soon. With a time of 2 seconds and her best start of the spring, SALTSHAKER won Start of the Day.



WW Spring 2020 Race 6 Start of the Day



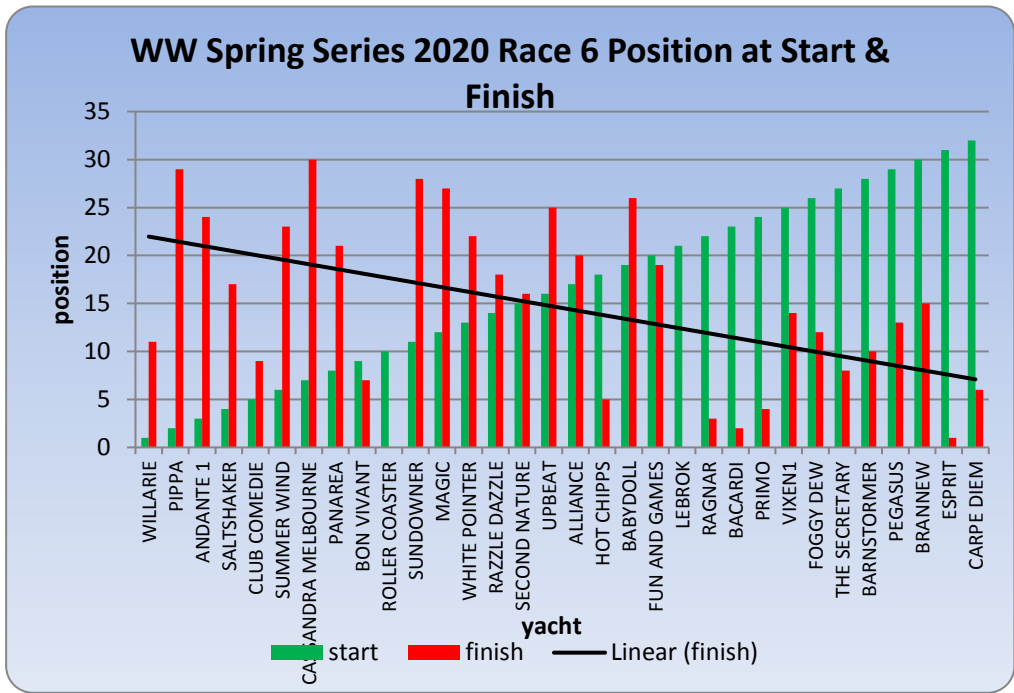
WW Spring 2020 Race 6 Elapsed Time



The median elapsed time for the race was 2:08:18 – neither the fastest nor slowest of the spring. ESPRIT was fastest followed by CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) then BACARDI.



This was a race which saw the pursuers catch and overtake the early starters. Only one of the first 16 yachts to start finished ahead of where they started. Twelve of the last 16 yachts to start were among the first 16 to finish.



Among 8 yachts that made their best start of the spring were:
SUNDOWNER; LEBROK; RAZZLE DAZZLE; BABYDOLL & ROLLER COASTER.





The closest start was between SUMMER WIND (left) who started 3 seconds before CASSANDRA (right).



BARNSTORMER (above), BRANNEW (right) and PEGASUS (below) recorded the 4th, 5th & 6th fastest elapsed times of the race.



(Below) FOGGY DEW takes a close look at THE SECRETARY.



(Right) PRIMO finishes 4th after a 2nd in race 5.

(Right) CARPE DIEM starts to move ahead of BARNSTORMER.



(Below) Approaching the penultimate mark.



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