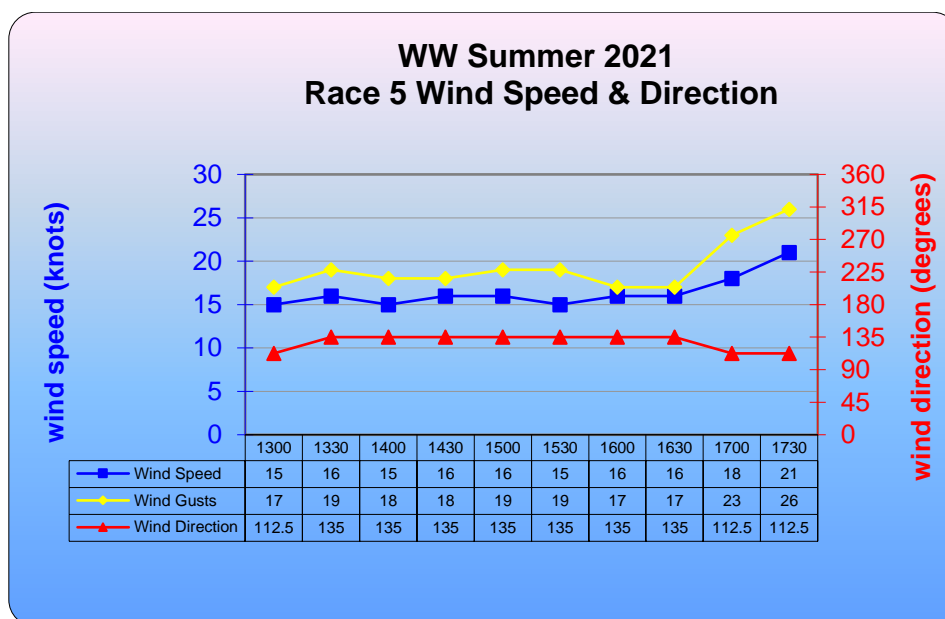


A Magnificent Afternoons Race WW Summer Series 2021 Race 5



It's not often that Wednesday Wonders have a race that takes the fleet beyond the club's fixed marks but this one did. A downwind start saw a long line of 41 yachts make their way towards R2, the fixed mark over 3 nautical miles away. After rounding R2 the second leg of the race was to SYC 5 – a long windward leg. Some yachts opted to sail inshore before sailing towards the mark whilst others sailed further west beyond the shipping channel before approaching the mark on a starboard tack. What became the last leg of the shortened course was a reach to the finish line. It all took place under blue skies in a south easterly breeze of about 16 knots which saw all 41 starters complete the 10.1 nautical mile race.



With the third perfect start of the series SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) won Start of the Day. It was the second time this series that the first three yachts to cross the finish line had made it “onto the podium”. CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) was the winner with WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft) 2nd followed by SECOND NATURE (Paul Mentiplay) in third place. Finishing 7th and sailing the course in the fastest elapsed time was ESPRIT (Garry Anderson).

The win by CASSANDRA takes her to the top of the aggregate equal on points with both WHITE POINTER and SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler). Making up the top five in the aggregate are THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) on 8 points and MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) with 9 points.

CASSANDRA finished 2nd in race 2, received a 3 minute handicap increase, and, won this race by a margin of 1 minute 57 seconds. She didn't make her best start to a race this series – it was her worst – 22 seconds late for her 14 minute handicap from 5th place. However, she completed the course in 2:06:45 – a time faster than some bigger yachts with higher handicaps. She crossed the finish line at 15:50:45 to record her second podium finish of the series. CASSANDRA has completed all four races and has 3 top ten including two podium finishes. All her top ten places have been when the wind as averaged 15 or more knots. She currently leads the contest for the Noelle Coram trophy as well as being in a 3 way tie for the WW aggregate.



WHITE POINTER has also completed all four races this series and recorded 3 top ten including



2 podium finishes. Her best results have been recorded in breezes of 15 or more knots. She made a good start to the race only 4 seconds late for her 31 minute handicap from 20th place. It took WHITE POINTER 1:51:42 – the 11th fastest elapsed time of the race to

sail the course and she crossed the finish line in 2nd place at 15:52:42. She is also one of 3 yachts in a tie for the WW aggregate.

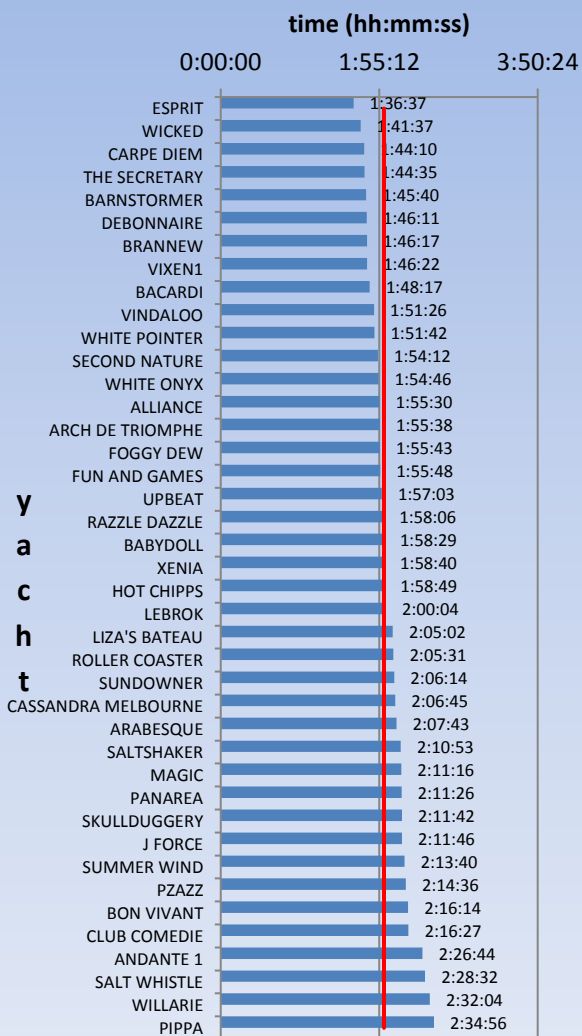
SECOND NATURE received a minute decrease in her handicap for this race. She started from 17th place 11 seconds late for her 29 minute handicap. Her elapsed time of 1:54:12 was the 12th fastest elapsed time of the race. She crossed the finish line in 3rd place at 15:53:12 – 30 seconds behind WHITE POINTER. SECOND NATURE moves up from 18th to 8th in the aggregate with a total of 13 points.



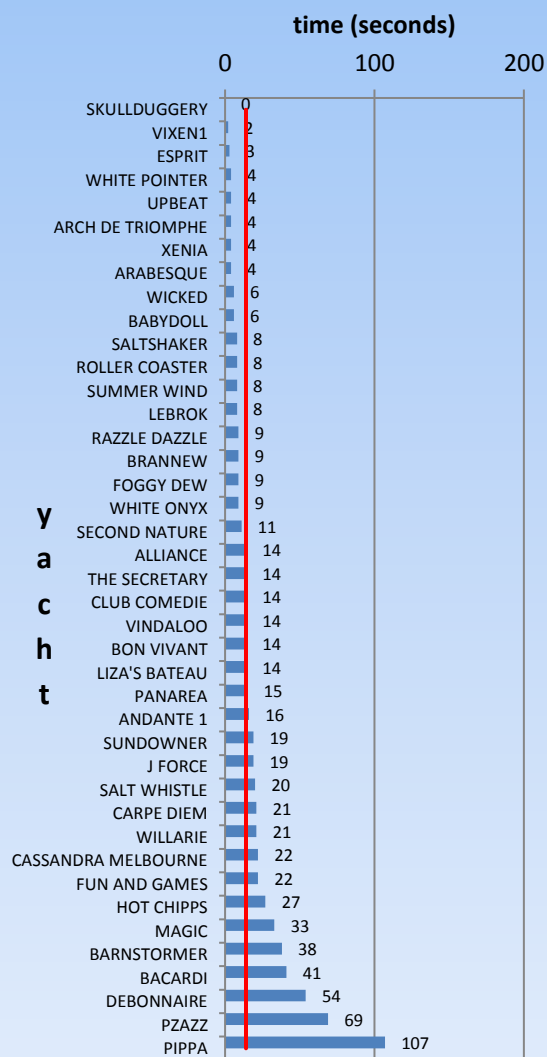
The median start time of 14 seconds was the highest and the only northerly start this series. Nevertheless SKULLDUGGERY produced a perfect start to win Start of the Day.



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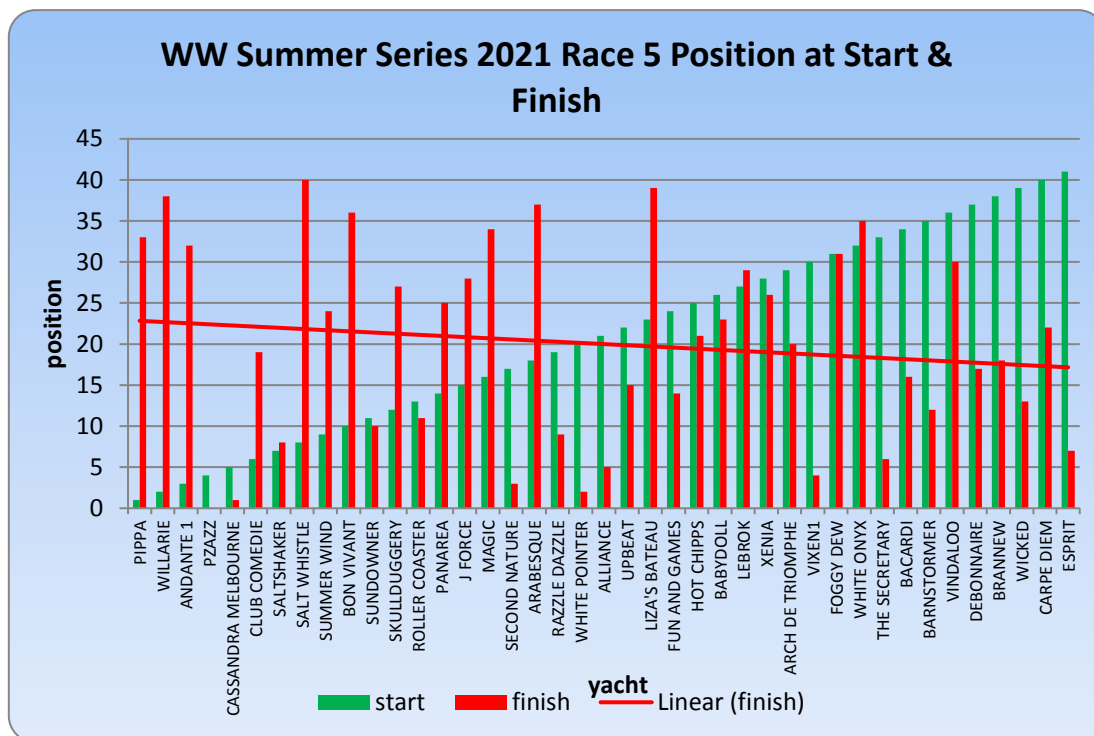
WW Summer Series 2021 Race 5 Start of the Day



The median elapsed time for the race was 1:58:40 with a range of 58 minutes 19 seconds. For the second time in two races ESPRIT recorded the fastest time.



With such a large fleet there were some large changes in position at the start and finish. ESPRIT and THE SECRETARY made the most gains finishing 34 and 27 positions better than when they started. At the opposite end of the scale WILLARIE lost 36 places and SALT WHISTLE 32. FOGGY DEW was in the middle starting and finishing 31st.



Ten yachts sailed in the first race of the Summer Century Class Series won by CASSANDRA. THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) finished 2nd with SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler) in 3rd place.



CENTURY CLASS SERIES SUMMER 2021 RACE 1						
PLACE	YACHT	MAKE	SKIPPER	ELAPSED	FINISH	H CAP
1	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	MOTTLE	Bob Reeves	2:06:45	15:50:45	0:14:00
2	THE SECRETARY	J BOAT	George Shaw	1:44:35	15:56:35	0:42:00
3	SALTSHAKER	JARKAN	Ken Gayler	2:10:53	15:57:53	0:17:00
4	RAZZLE DAZZLE	SWARBRICK	Andrew Stopp	1:58:06	15:58:06	0:30:00
5	FUN AND GAMES	LIDGARD	Alan Edwards	1:55:48	15:59:48	0:34:00
6	PIPPA	TRITON	Jeffrey Woolhouse	2:34:56	16:05:56	0:01:00
7	MAGIC	S&S	Phil Spry-Bailey	2:11:16	16:06:16	0:25:00
8	BON VIVANT	S80	Russell Keays	2:16:14	16:07:14	0:21:00
9	ARABESQUE	FARR	Albert Doggett	2:07:43	16:07:43	0:30:00
10	WILLARIE	TRITON	Graeme Kaufman	2:32:04	16:08:04	0:06:00



(Left) VIXEN1 made the second best start of the race and CLUB COMEDIE made her best start of the series

(Right) BON VIVANT enjoys a good run to R2 whilst SUMMER WIND (below) beats her way to SYC 5



(Right) BARNSTORMER about to appear from behind FUN & GAMES



(Left) THE SECRETARY moving up from 33rd to finish 6th



(Left) SECOND NATURE tried to slow down using the old pole in the water trick but still finished 3rd

(Below) DEBONNAIRE overtaking JFORCE on the final leg of the race



(Right) RAZZLE DAZZLE about to record her 3rd top ten finish

(Below) BON VIVANT, WHIE ONYX & WILLARIE head for the finish line



(Below) Top that!



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