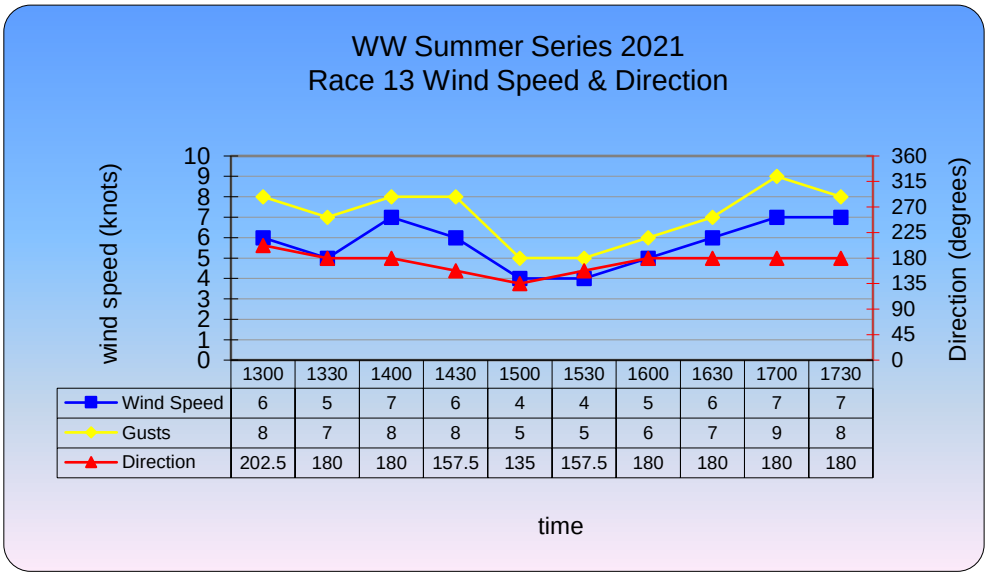
A Good Test of Patience & Concentration
WW Summer Series 2021 Race 13

The forecast for Wednesday afternoon was for a variable breeze below 10 knots with seas below 0.5 metres and partly cloudy skies. It turned out to be an accurate forecast with a breeze that varied and averaged about 6 knots for the afternoon. This wasn't enough to drive the 34 yacht fleet around the full 11.3 nautical mile course which was shortened from 9 to 5 legs with a distance of about 7.1 nautical miles. Even though this became the shortest course of the series it took the longest time to complete. The light breeze was particularly challenging sailing downwind where, at times, boat speeds fell below 2 knots. However, the flat seas and the lack of cloud offered some compensation for the lack of breeze. Although most of the yachts that started in the back half of the fleet improved upon their start positions only 6 were among the first half of the fleet to finish.



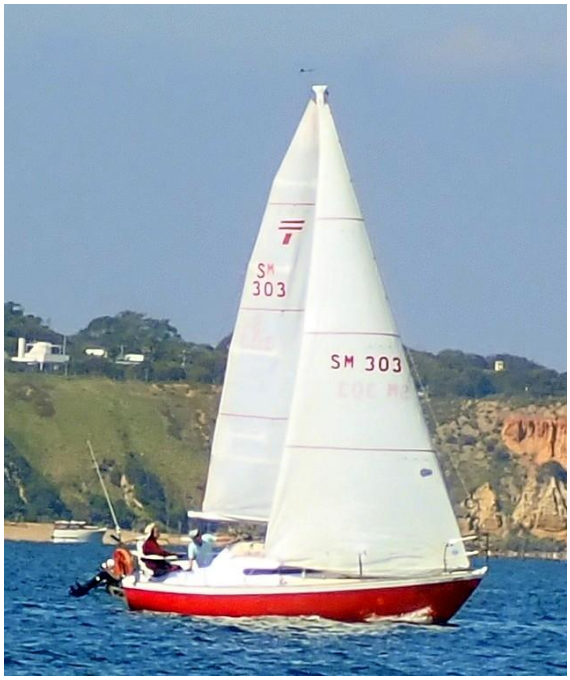
	1300	1330	1400	1430	1500	1530	1600	1630	1700	1730
Wind Speed	6	5	7	6	4	4	5	6	7	7
Gusts	8	7	8	8	5	5	6	7	9	8
Direction	202.5	180	180	157.5	135	157.5	180	180	180	180

Winning Start of the Day with a perfectly judged start was CLUB COMEDIE (Darren Egar) who collected the prize for the second time this series. First across the finish line to collect her third prize of the series was BON VIVANT (Russell Keyes) in what was the closest finish of the summer. WILLARIE (Graeme Kaufman) became the first yacht to record 4 podium finishes this series by crossing the line in 2nd place. In third place was PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) who made this her 2nd podium finish of the series. The fastest elapsed time was recorded by two yachts, CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) and ALEX TEAM MACADIE (Jock MaCadie) who both sailed the course in 2:30:24.

WHITE POINTER (Tom Raft) and MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) remain first and second in the aggregate but WILLARIE replaces ANDANTE 1 (Keith Woodruff) in third place.

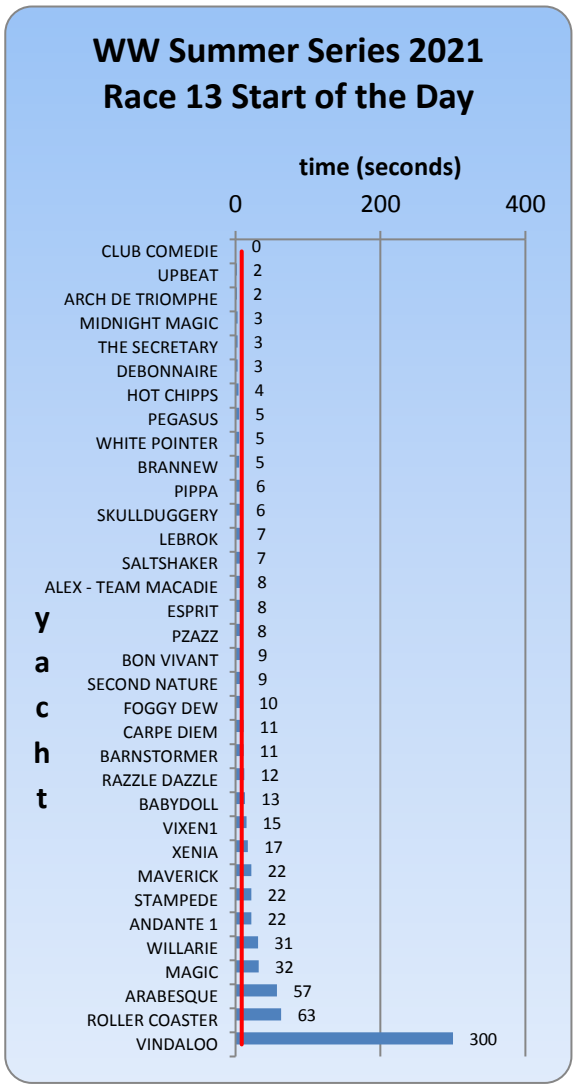
This win by BON VIVANT takes her from 19th to 11th in the aggregate – the greatest rise of any yacht this week. She started the race, her 10th of the series, from 8th place 9 seconds late for her 21 minute handicap. BON VIVANT rounded SYC 4 for the first time in 5th place but was still 8 minutes 34 seconds behind the race leader. It took her 1:14:58 to complete the last 2 legs of the race which proved fast enough to be first across the finish line at 16:43:00 – 4 seconds ahead of WILLARIE. This was the first win of the summer for BON VIVANT who now has a 1st and two 3rds to her name.

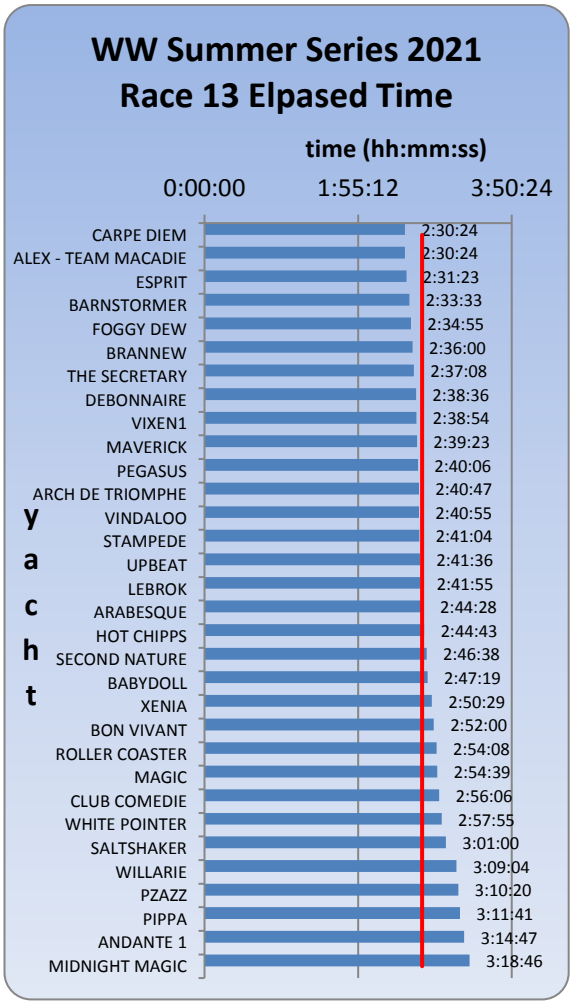
WILLARIE has completed the last 9 races in the series and has “been on the podium” 4 times. She was the 3rd yacht to start this race 31 seconds late for her 4 minute handicap - reduced from 8 minutes after she finished last in race 12. Both WILLARIE and PIPPA led the fleet around SYC 4 when they both rounded the mark at 15:19:28. However WILLARIE was able to sail the remaining two legs of the course faster than PIPPA and crossed the finish line at 16:43:04 – a lead of 1 minute 37 seconds. WILLARIE has finished 4th or better in 5 of her last 6 races and moves up from 5th to 3rd in the aggregate.



PIPPA has completed 9 of the 11 races held this summer and she has finished 8th or better in the last 5. The 3rd place in this race puts her into the aggregate top ten for the first time this series moving up from 13th to 6th. She made a good start to the race from 2nd place only 6 seconds late for her 3 minute handicap. PIPPA sailed the first 3 legs of the course in 1:46:22 and as previously mentioned rounded SYC 4 at the same time as WILLARIE. It took her 1:25:13 to complete the last 2 legs of the course and was 3rd across the finish line at 16:44:41.

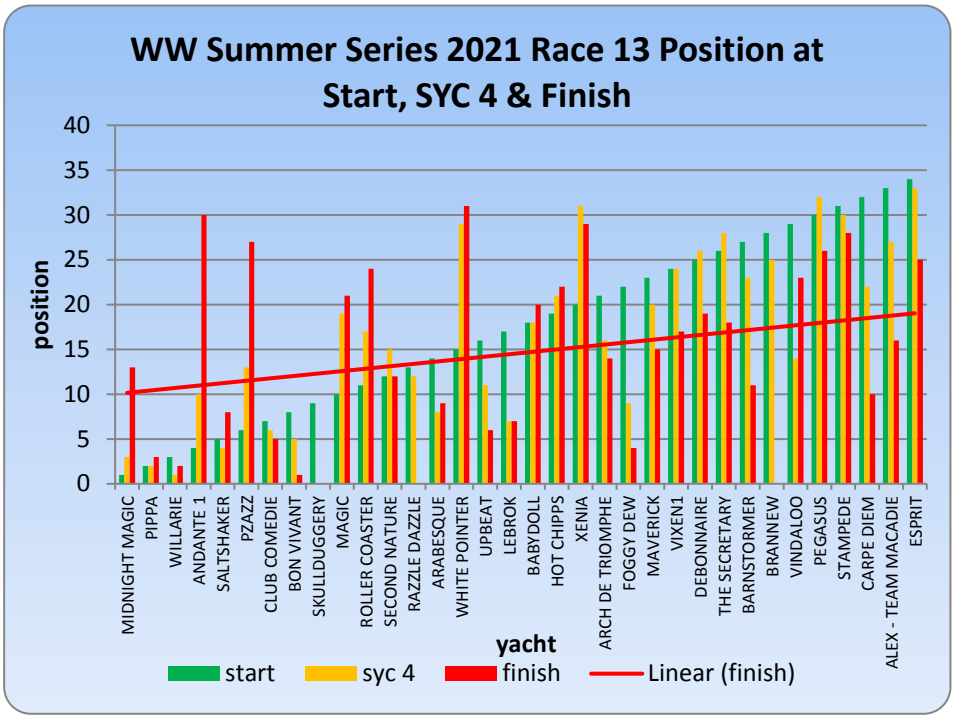
CLUB COMEDIE won Start of the Day and became the 7th yacht to record a perfect start to a race this summer. VINDALOO was only 1 second too soon but the 5 minute penalty cost her 14 places. The median start time for this race was 8.5 seconds.





The median elapsed time for the race was 2:43:11 – 16 minutes 59 seconds longer than the previous longest median. As mentioned both CARPE DIEM and ALEX recorded the same elapsed time for the race.

The “big movers” of the race included CARPE DIEM who started from 32nd place to finish 10th and FOGGY DEW (Robert D’Arcy) who moved up 18 places from 22nd to finish 4th. Moving in the opposite direction was ANDANTE 1 who went from 4th to finish 30th and PZAZZ (Michael Vandertop) who started from 6th place and finished 27th.



This Wednesday race included race 3 of the 6 race Century Class series. There were 8 yachts in the race with BON VIVANT the winner followed by WILLARIE then PIPPA. There has been a different winner in each of the three races. CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) won the first, PIPPA the second and now BON VIVANT the third.

CENTURY CLASS SUMMER SERIES 2021 RESULT RACE 3						
PLACE	YACHT	MAKE	SKIPPER	ELAPSED	FINISH	H CAP
1	BON VIVANT	S80	Russell Keays	2:52:00	16:43:00	0:21:00
2	WILLARIE	TRITON	Graeme Kaufman	3:09:04	16:43:04	0:04:00
3	PIPPA	TRITON	Jeffrey Woolhouse	3:11:41	16:44:41	0:03:00
4	SALTSHAKER	JARKAN	Ken Gayler	3:01:00	16:46:00	0:15:00
5	ARABESQUE	FARR	Milton Green	2:44:28	16:46:28	0:32:00
6	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	EAST COAST	Bernadette Moore	3:18:46	16:48:46	0:00:00
7	THE SECRETARY	J BOAT	George Shaw	2:37:08	16:50:08	0:43:00
8	MAGIC	S&S	Phil Spry-Bailey	2:54:39	16:51:39	0:27:00

UPBEAT (above) made the 2nd best start of the day (2 seconds) and MIDNIGHT MAGIC

(right) made her best start (3 seconds) and also her best finish of the series

(Right) FOGGY DEW started 12 seconds ahead of MAVERICK and had increased her lead by the end of the race

Both SALTSHAKER (left) & VIXEN1 (below) have completed all 11 races with 6 top ten finishes for SALTSHAKER & 4 for VIXEN1

(Below left) BRANNEW started from 29th position and finished 20th

Did ESPRIT (Below right) win the prize for the most crew

(Above left) THE SECRETARY & BARNSTORMER head for the first mark whilst a large part of the fleet (above right) head for SYC7

ALEX & MAVERICK finished only 1 second apart

(Below) Although WHITE POINTER finished at the back of the fleet she still leads the aggregate

(Below) SYC 7, 6 & 1 – the new buoys

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