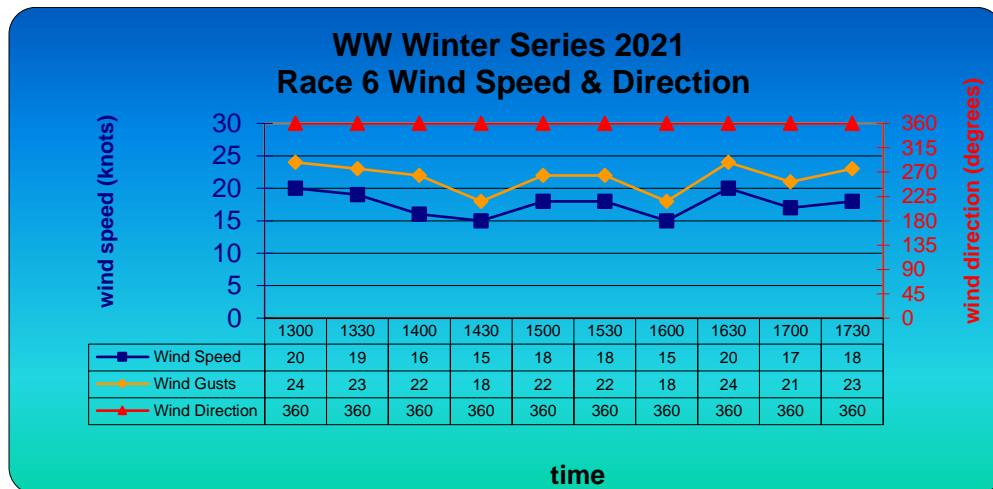


Series Gets Underway Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2021 Race 6



A fluctuating northerly that averaged about 18 knots for the afternoon helped to get the WW 2021 winter series underway to a good start. Bright winter sunshine and relatively flat seas was enough to encourage a fleet of 33 yachts to contest the first race of the series. Making her WW debut in this race and becoming the fourth Oceanis in the winter aggregate was the Oceanis 40 – 5 O’CLOCK SOMEWHERE (Russell/Mitchell/Carlile). The fleet raced around the 9.2 nautical mile course 24 and the 18 knot northerly guaranteed a quick race. It ended when the last yacht crossed the finish line at 15:52:59. It was a successful race for 12 of the 16 late starters who were among the first half of the fleet to finish.



Starting into a northerly breeze can be difficult but DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) judged her start to perfection starting exactly on her handicap time to win Start of the Day. SUMMER WIND (Martyn Sly) was first across the finish line to win the first race of the series. In second place was ANDANTE 1 (Keith Woodruff) followed by BACARDI (Martin Power) in 3rd place. Sailing the course in the fastest time was MRV (Damien King) who covered the 7 legs in 1:19:34 – 9 minutes 25 seconds faster than her closest rival WICKED (Mike Welsh). MRV was the last yacht to start the race and was still in last place at the first rounding of SYC 4 but after completing the last 3 legs of the race in 28 minutes 40 seconds she was 5th across the finish line.

After sailing 12 races and collecting 2 prizes as well as a Start of the Day, SUMMER WIND finished the summer series 23rd in the aggregate. She started this series from 5th place 8 seconds late for her 15 minute handicap. At the first rounding of SYC 4 SUMMER WIND had moved into 2nd place 97 seconds behind the race leader. She completed the last 3 legs of the race in 38 minutes 44 seconds and took over the lead. She crossed the finish line at 15:35:04 to win the race by 75 seconds. As a measure of her performance she completed the course in 1:50:04 – the same elapsed time as RAZZLE DAZZLE a yacht with a 29 minute handicap.



ANDANTE 1 was 2nd across the start line 14 seconds late for her 5 minute handicap. She sailed the first 4 legs of the course in a time of 1:19:29 and led the fleet around SYC 4 on the first rounding. ANDANTE 1 took 41 minutes 36 seconds to complete the final three legs of the course when she was overtaken by SUMMER WIND – the only yacht to pass her in the race. ANDANTE 1 crossed the finish line at 15:36:19 to record her first podium finish of the series.

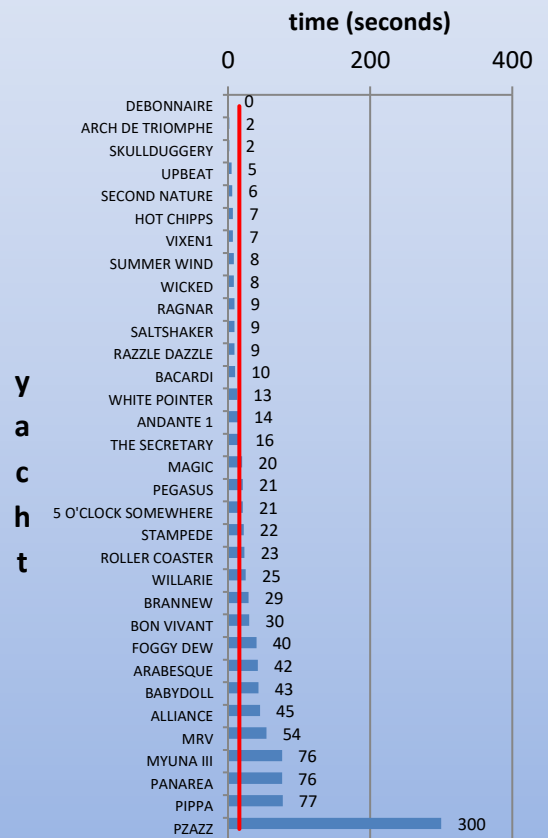
If any yacht looked at home in these conditions it was probably BACARDI. She started from 24th place 10 seconds late for her 36 minute handicap. By the time she rounded SYC4 for the first time she was in 13th place still 12 minutes 56 seconds behind the leader. BACARDI sailed the last 3 legs of the course in 33 minutes 24 seconds to cross the finish line at 15:41:03 in 3rd place. Her elapsed time of 1:35:03 was the 5th fastest of the race.



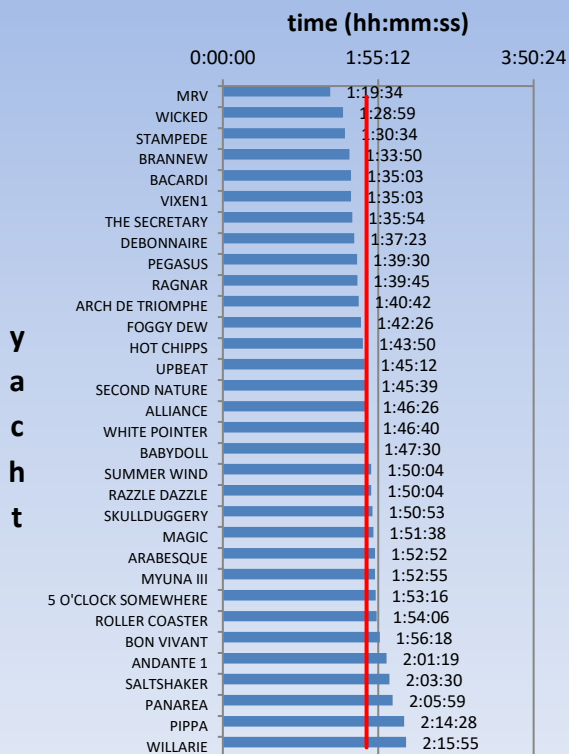
Sixteen seconds was the median start time for the race – a time equaled or bettered by 10 of the first half the fleet to cross the finish line. DEBONNAIRE set the standard for the rest of the series winning Start of the day with a perfect start.



WW Winter Series 2021 Race 6 Start of the Day



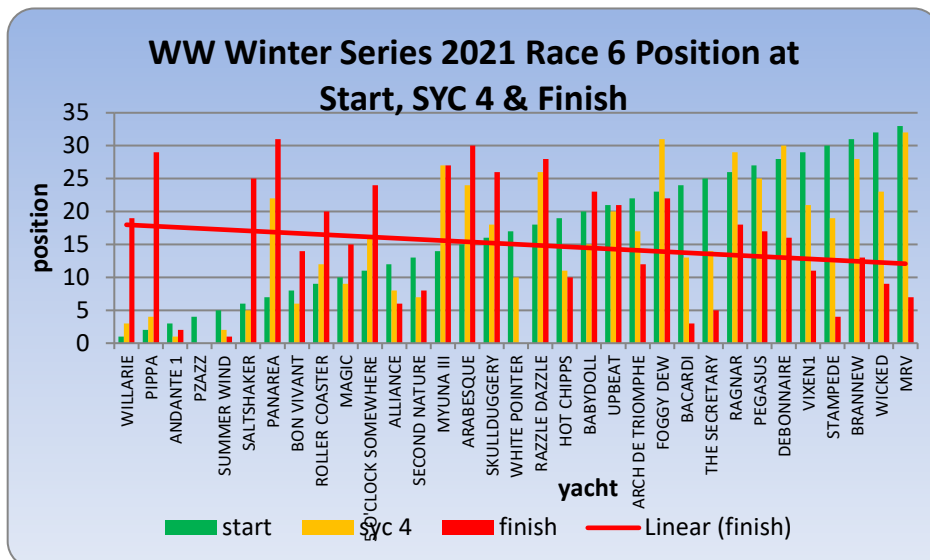
WW Winter Series 2021 Race 6 Elapsed Time



The median elapsed time for the race was 1:46:33 and as already mentioned MRV recorded the fastest elapsed time of 1:19:34. Five yachts, including the 2nd place getter – ANDANTE 1 - enjoyed a sail of over 2 hours.



The two big movers of the race were MRV and STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala) who both finished 26 places ahead of where they started. UPBEAT (Peter Dunne) both started and finished in the same position – 21st. It was PIPPA (Jeffrey Woolhouse) who lost most positions started from 2nd place and finishing 29th.



Century Class Winter Series 2021 Race 2						
PLACE	YACHT	DESIGN	SKIPPER	ELAPSED	FINISH	H CAP
1	THE SECRETARY	J44	George Shaw	1:35:54	15:41:54	0:36:00
2	BON VIVANT	S80	Russell Keyes	1:56:18	15:45:18	0:19:00
3	MAGIC	S & S 39	Phil Spry-Bailey	1:51:38	15:45:38	0:24:00
4	WILLARIE	Triton 24	Graeme Kaufman	2:15:55	15:46:55	0:01:00
5	SALTSHAKER	Jarkan 925	Ken Gayler	2:03:30	15:48:30	0:15:00
6	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	Andrew Stopp	1:50:04	15:49:04	0:29:00
7	PIPPA	Triton 24	Jeffrey Woolhouse	2:14:28	15:49:28	0:05:00
8	ARABESQUE	Farr 1020	Milton Green	1:52:52	15:49:52	0:27:00



Eight yachts contested race 2 of the 5 race Century Class Winter Series with THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) the winner, BON VIVANT (Russell Keyes) 2nd and MAGIC (Phil Spry Bailey) 3rd. (Race 1 of the series scheduled for 26 May 2021 was abandoned and is re-scheduled for 7th July 2021).



(Above left) 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE in her first WW race



(Above right) ARC DE TRIOMPHE one of 2 yachts making a 2 second start

(Below left) WILLARIE gets the Winter Series underway

(Below right) RAZZLE DAZZLE & FOGGY DEW on their way to SYC 4



(Below left) STAMPEDE moved up 26 places to finish 4th



(Below right) WICKED moved up 23 places to finish 9th





(Above left) VIXEN 1 started from 29th place to finish 11th



(Above Right) MYUNA III finished only 2 seconds behind SKULLDUGGERY - the closest finish of the race

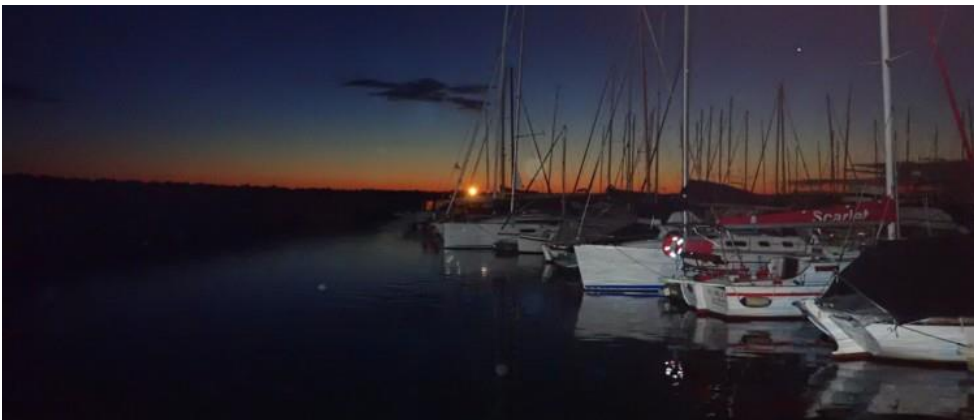


(Above left) About to round SYC 5



(Above right) Keeping the weight on the "high side"

(Below) Sunset over the marina



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