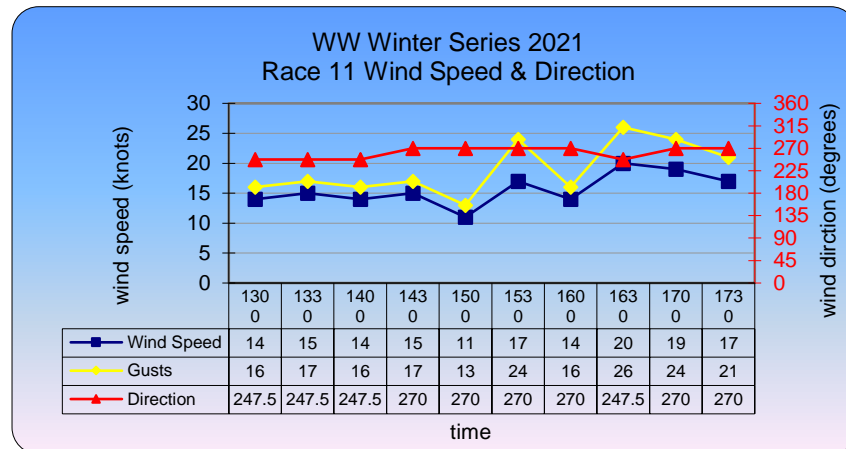


## Good to be Back on the Water WW Winter Series 2021 Race 11



With eight of the eleven scheduled races abandoned due to the weather, covid lockdowns or a combination of both it was good to be back on the water for only the third race of the series. Thirty three yachts raced around the 9.4 nautical mile 8 leg course in a gusty westerly (or thereabouts) breeze that averaged about 16 knots for the afternoon. It did strengthen for the final leg of the race helping all the 33 yachts make their way through choppy waters to the finish line. This helped produce the tightest finish of the 3 races so far with 16 minute 47 seconds separating the fleet at the finish line.



It was the first time any of the winners had received a prize this series. It was a particularly good afternoon for ALLIANCE (Alex, Simon & Paul) who not only tied for Start of the Day with PZAZZ (Michael Vandertop) recording a time of 2 seconds but also crossed the finish line in first place for her first podium finish of the series. She was closely followed across the line by HOT CHIPPS (John Chipp) in second place with THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) finishing 33 seconds later in third place. With an elapsed time of 1:32:05 WICKED (Mike Welsh) proved to be the fastest yacht around the course with THE SECRETARY taking only 45 seconds longer.

With a fourth place in this race SUMMER WIND (Martyn Sly) leads the aggregate with 5 points followed by ALLIANCE and ANDANTE 1 (Keith Woodruff) both with 7 points. THE SECRETARY on 8 points is in fourth place with BACARDI (Martin Power) on nine points completing the top 5.

This race included the third Century Class race of the winter which was won by THE SECRETARY – her second win of the series.

ALLIANCE has completed all three races in the series so far with this her best result. She started from 15<sup>th</sup> place only 2 seconds late for her 26 minute handicap. It took her 56 minutes 50 seconds to complete the first 4 legs of the course and she rounded SYC 4 for the first time in 7 place. ALLIANCE sailed the last 4 legs of the course in 45 minutes 5 seconds and crossed the finish line at 15:37:57. This win took her from 12<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> in the aggregate.



HOT CHIPPS was the 22<sup>nd</sup> yacht to cross the start line 8 seconds late for her 30 minute handicap.

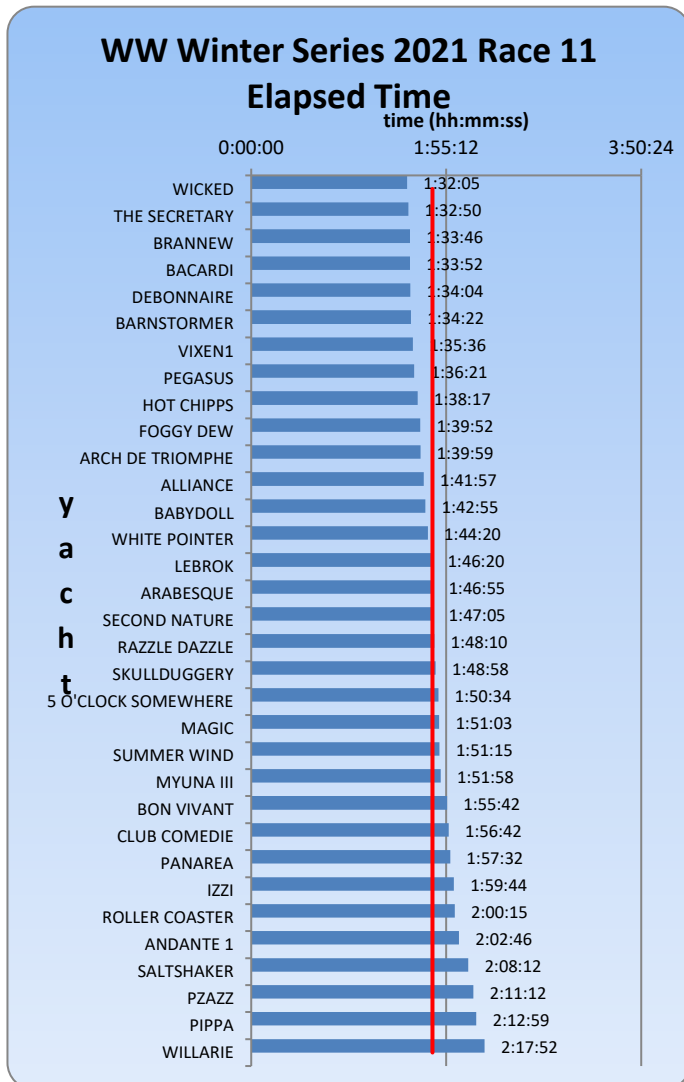
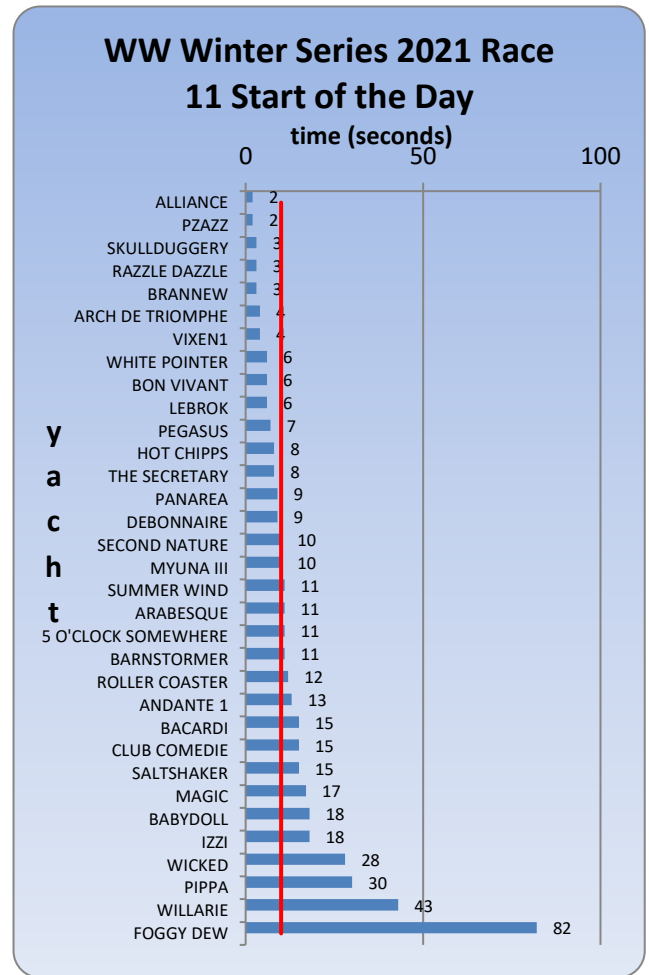


After sailing for 53 minutes 41 seconds she rounded SYC 4 for the first time in 11<sup>th</sup> place. It took HOT CHIPPS 44 minutes 28 seconds to complete the last 4 legs of the course and she was 2<sup>nd</sup> across the finish line at 15:38:17. She had begun the race 4 minutes 6 seconds behind ALLIANCE but finished only 20 seconds later. HOT CHIPPS moves up from 20<sup>th</sup> to be 6<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.

THE SECRETARY made her best start to a race this series when she was 8 seconds late for her 36 minute handicap. Although she sailed the first 4 legs of the course in a fast time of 52 minutes 24 seconds she was only able to improve her position by 4 places at the first rounding of SYC 4. Her time of 40 minutes 18 seconds for the last 4 legs of the course allowed her to overtake a further 18 yachts and cross the finish line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place only 33 seconds behind HOT CHIPPS. THE SECRETARY has finished 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and now 3<sup>rd</sup> in her 3 races and moves from 10<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.



The median start time of 10 seconds was the best so far this series. As mentioned, ALLIANCE and PZAZZ tied for Start of the Day with only 1 yacht starting more than a minute late.

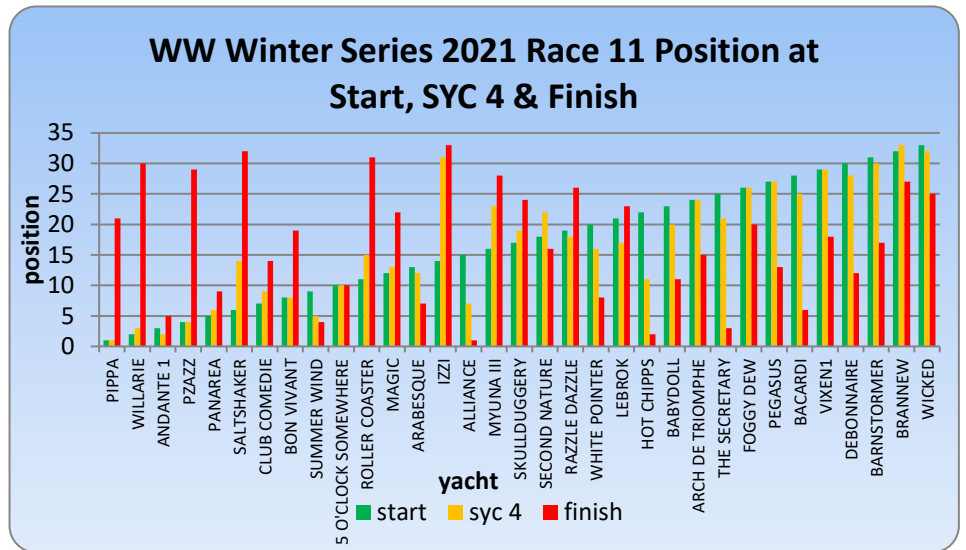


The median elapsed time for the race was 1:47:05. WICKED recorded the fastest time but 4 other yachts sailed the course within 2 minutes of her time of 1:32:05.





Both THE SECRETARY and BACARDI (Martin Power) sailed to finish 22 places ahead of their start positions. FIVE O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE (Russell/Mitchell/Carlile) proved a model of consistency by starting from 10<sup>th</sup> place, rounding SYC 4 in 10<sup>th</sup> place and finishing 10<sup>th</sup>.



Eight yachts participated in race 3 of the five race Century Class Series. THE SECRETARY won the race with ARABESQUE (Milton Green) 2<sup>nd</sup> and BON VIVANT (Russell Keyes) 3<sup>rd</sup>.

| Century Class Winter 2021 Race 3 |               |               |                   |         |          |         |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| PLACE                            | YACHT         | DESIGN        | SKIPPER           | ELAPSED | FINISH   | H CAP   |
| 1                                | THE SECRETARY | J44           | George Shaw       | 1:32:50 | 15:38:50 | 0:36:00 |
| 2                                | ARABESQUE     | Farr 1020     | Milton Green      | 1:46:55 | 15:41:55 | 0:25:00 |
| 3                                | BON VIVANT    | S80           | Russell Keyes     | 1:55:42 | 15:44:42 | 0:19:00 |
| 4                                | PIPPA         | Triton 24     | Jeffrey Woolhouse | 2:12:59 | 15:44:59 | 0:02:00 |
| 5                                | MAGIC         | S & S 39      | Phil Spry-Bailey  | 1:51:03 | 15:45:03 | 0:24:00 |
| 6                                | RAZZLE DAZZLE | Swarbrick 111 | Andrew Stopp      | 1:48:10 | 15:46:10 | 0:28:00 |
| 7                                | WILLARIE      | Triton 24     | Graeme Kaufman    | 2:17:52 | 15:51:52 | 0:04:00 |
| 8                                | SALTSHAKER    | Jarkan 925    | Ken Gayler        | 2:08:12 | 15:53:12 | 0:15:00 |

(From left to right)  
BARNSTORMER, BRANNEW &  
LEBROK each made their best  
starts of the series





(Left) SALTSHAKER "shelters" PANAREA from the wind  
(Above) BACARDI went on to finish 6<sup>th</sup>

(Below) On this occasion PEGASUS finished ahead of the other Northshore - FOGGY DEW



(Below left) SECOND NATURE & MAGIC on their way to  
SYC 2

(Right) VIXEN 1 made a 4 second start







(Above) ARCH DE TRIOMPHE moved from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate



(Above) ARABESQUE 2<sup>nd</sup> in Century Class



(Above) Heading for the finish  
(Left) SUMMER WIND leads the aggregate



(Below left) DEBONNAIRE keeps an eye on the weather  
(Below right) Dramatic sky



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