

Sandringham Yacht Club Wednesday Wonders Report Race #6 held 9 Nov 2022

The race was marked by postponements due to very light and inconsistent winds and was eventually started at 1445 hours as a light SW wind started to fill in.

The Race Officer chose course 42, presumably in part because its track rounds mark 4 three times thereby giving flexibility for shortening the course. Indeed, the course was shortened at the second rounding of mark 4.

The official record states:

Wind: SW, ranging from 1 to 8 knots

Course: 42, shortened to 8.08 nm

Race managers

A big thank-you to the crew in the tower: Stewart Simmons as RO, ably assisted by Margaret Whitbread and Di Tyndall. Thanks also to the boating office for having a rescue rhib on the water on stand-by.

On the podium

1. The pursuit race (being the main game)

First ***Maverick*** (Tony Hammond) with a 12 second gap to ...

Second ***Hot Chippys*** (John Chipp) which was 40 seconds ahead of ...

Third ***Alliance*** (Alex Hall) and ...

Vixen 1 (Christine Matheou-Fox) each being 75 seconds ahead of the fifth boat to finish.



1st - ***Maverick***



2nd - ***Hot Chippys***



Equal 3rd - *Alliance*



Equal 3rd - *Vixen 1*

2. Fastest around the course

The fastest elapsed time was *Esprit* (Garry Anderson) but unfortunately, she didn't sign-on for the race so was recorded as ENP.

The official fastest time therefore went to *Wicked* (Mike Welsh) logging 1:29:39

The official second fastest was *Hot Chipps* (John Chipp) with 1:32:44

The official third fastest was *White Onyx* (Ben Solly) which came in at 1:33:12

3. Start of the day

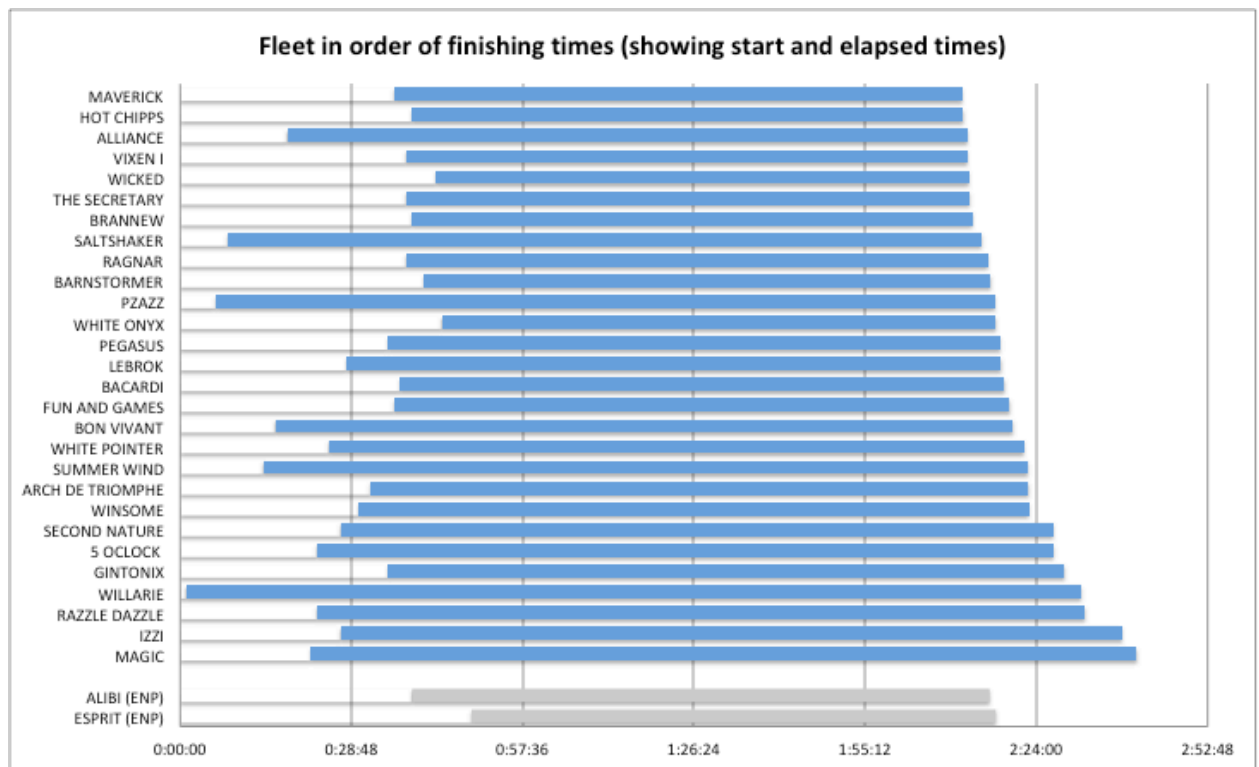
Vixen 1 (Christine Matheou-Fox) managed to cross the start line just 1 second after her allotted start time. *GinTonix* (Colin Nicol), a new comer to the series, set a high bar for his future starts by crossing the line in his beautiful X yacht just 2 seconds after his allotted time.

4. Series aggregate

The series aggregate is currently led by *Alliance* (Alex Hall) on 9.5 points, with *Hot Chipps* (John Chipp) in second place on 12 points, and both *Brannew* (Clive Sondheim) and *Maverick* (Tony Hammond) in third place each on 17 points.

Detailed results

The following bar chart lists all competitors in order of their finishing times. The blue bar represents a boat's elapsed time – each blue bar starts after the elapse of the boat's handicap and ends after it crosses the finish line.



	H'cap	Elapsed	Finish
MAVERICK	0:36:00	1:35:32	16:56:32
HOT CHIPPS	0:39:00	1:32:44	16:56:44
VIXEN I	0:38:00	1:34:24	16:57:24
ALLIANCE	0:18:00	1:54:24	16:57:24
WICKED	0:43:00	1:29:39	16:57:39
THE SECRETARY	0:38:00	1:34:48	16:57:48
BRANNEW	0:39:00	1:34:15	16:58:15
SALTSHAKER	0:08:00	2:06:48	16:59:48
RAGNAR	0:38:00	1:37:50	17:00:50
BARNSTORMER	0:41:00	1:35:20	17:01:20
PZAZZ	0:06:00	2:11:02	17:02:02
WHITE ONYX	0:44:00	1:33:12	17:02:12
PEGASUS	0:35:00	1:42:55	17:02:55
LEBROK	0:28:00	1:50:05	17:03:05
BACARDI	0:37:00	1:41:40	17:03:40
FUN AND GAMES	0:36:00	1:43:32	17:04:32
BON VIVANT	0:16:00	2:04:03	17:05:03
WHITE POINTER	0:25:00	1:56:54	17:06:54
SUMMER WIND	0:14:00	2:08:35	17:07:35
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	0:32:00	1:50:42	17:07:42
WINSOME	0:30:00	1:52:43	17:07:43
SECOND NATURE	0:27:00	1:59:50	17:11:50
5 OCLOCK	0:23:00	2:03:53	17:11:53
GINTONIX	0:35:00	1:53:44	17:13:44
WILLARIE	0:01:00	2:30:32	17:16:32
RAZZLE DAZZLE	0:23:00	2:09:11	17:17:11
IZZI	0:27:00	2:11:24	17:23:24
MAGIC	0:22:00	2:18:54	17:25:54
ALIBI (ENP)	0:39:00	1:37:08	17:01:08
ESPRIT (ENP)	0:49:00	1:28:10	17:02:10

Unfortunately, wooden spoons go to both **Alibi** (Dennis Hambleton and **Esprit** (Garry Anderson) for failing to sign on via the Memberpoint App.

What's a mere 10 seconds worth?

A bad exit from a tack ... slow to pole-out the headsail ... over-running the leeward rounding mark ... any of these could easily cause you to lose 10 seconds!

Here are just three hypothetical examples of lost opportunities had the subject boat lost a mere 10 seconds:

- 10 seconds could have secured the sole claim to third place by either **Alliance** (Alex Hall) or **Vixen 1** (Christine Matheou-Fox)
- **The Secretary** (George Shaw) could have jumped one place and held off **Wicked** (Mike Welsh)
- And **White Onyx** (Ben Solly) could have jumped 2 places and come home with **Pzazz** (Michael Vandertop). (This example is not a hypothetical one; your correspondent was on the spot when Ben actually lost 10 seconds!)



The message here is that every second lost is cumulative, there are lots of opportunities to lose a few seconds and the cumulative total can have a dramatic impact on your overall result. Equally, of course, there are lots of opportunities to gain valuable seconds – as is being done by **Hot Chipps** (John Chipp) while rounding mark 7 (refer photo above).

Yacht in profile – “Esprit” Sm477

How well do we really know our competitors – the type of boat, how long it's been in the WW fleet, who is the helmsperson and what's their sailing background, etc?

Each week, this report will profile a Wednesday Wonders boat and its helmsperson / owner (the Wednesday Wonders Warrior). We're starting with **Esprit**, owned and helmed by immediate past commodore, Garry Anderson.

(BTW all Wednesday Wonders Warriors, at some time in the near future, will receive a request to provide a profile of their boat. It shouldn't read like a sales advert for the boat nor a job application for the Warrior; just simple facts sprinkled with a little fiction.)



Esprit (Garry Anderson) – the yacht in profile this week

Owned by immediate past commodore **Garry Anderson**, ***Esprit*** is a Beneteau 47.7. She was built in 2001 and was sailed by Garry in the Whitsundays for 5 years before he brought her to Port Phillip.

Garry started sailing in Western Port when he was 11 years old, initially on a VJ then a scow design moth. However, the desire for speed led him to racing motor cycles for 35 years until one Thursday night he was invited for a sail at SYC. This rekindled his interest and it was not long before he joined SYC and purchased a Masrm 30 named ***Starfire***.

Advance a few years and Garry was sailing ***Bullistic*** (very fast) in partnership with Andy Allsep while also sailing his newly acquired ***Esprit*** around the Whitsundays. The sale of ***Bullistic*** prompted him to bring ***Esprit*** to Melbourne. Garry says that he and his crew had become hooked on the Wednesday Wonders experience – the pre-race lunch, good competition, the post race debrief and the camaraderie – and he needed a boat in Melbourne.

Before being retired to Port Phillip, ***Esprit*** competed in 9 Hamilton Island and 11 Airlie Beach regattas. Hang on! Who claims that ***Esprit*** has “retired” anywhere? Last year, in the

Cock-of-the Bay race, **Esprit** won all three handicap categories of division 1 and finished the year by winning the SYC division 1 performance handicap summer series.

But alas, Garry is yet to win a Wednesday Wonders series which he covets as a very special part of SYC sailing life.

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Good sailing
David Lynch

Said Water Rat to Mole: *"Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing—absolutely nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."* The Wind in the Willows, Kenneth Grahame

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