

Sandringham Yacht Club Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders Race #7 held 16 Nov 2022

Being an un-seasonally cold and windy day, only 16 brave crews ventured out to the start line. The Race Officer chose course 13, with a distance of 9.42nm, which took the fleet as far as SYC5 to the south and as far as SYC7 to the north.

The official record states:

Wind direction: SSW varying around 206 degrees

Wind speed at Fawkner Beacon during the period of the race: 17 to 23 knots, with gusts to 28 knots.

Race managers

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

On the podium

1. Pursuit race results

The podium finishers were well spaced by comparison with recent races.

- 1st **Razzle Dazzle** (Grahame Jones & Andrew Stropp) finished 2 min 9 sec ahead of...
- 2nd **White Pointer** (Tommy Raft) which was 1 min 37 sec ahead of ...
- 3rd **Bon Vivant** (Russell Keays) which finished a massive 3 min 6 sec ahead of the fourth boat to finish.



Razzle Dazzle – 1st



White Pointer – 2nd



Bon Vivant – 3rd

2. Fastest times around the course

The fastest elapsed time was ***Brannew*** (Clive Sondheim) at 1:33:30

The second fastest was ***Bacardi*** (Martin Power) with 1:35:04

The third fastest was ***Hot Chipps*** (John Chipp) which came in at 1:36:23

3. Start of the day

Three boats shared the glory of crossing the start line just 4 second after their allotted start times:

4 Sec: ***Bon Vivant*** (Russell Keays)

4 Sec: ***5 O'Clock Somewhere*** (Chris, Kate, Greg & Tony)

4 Sec: ***Second Nature*** (Paul Metiplay)

Skullduggery (Garry McCarten) was obviously determined to win the start of the day but unfortunately broke the barrier 2 seconds ahead of his allotted start time which resulted in a penalty of 5 minutes.

4. Series aggregate

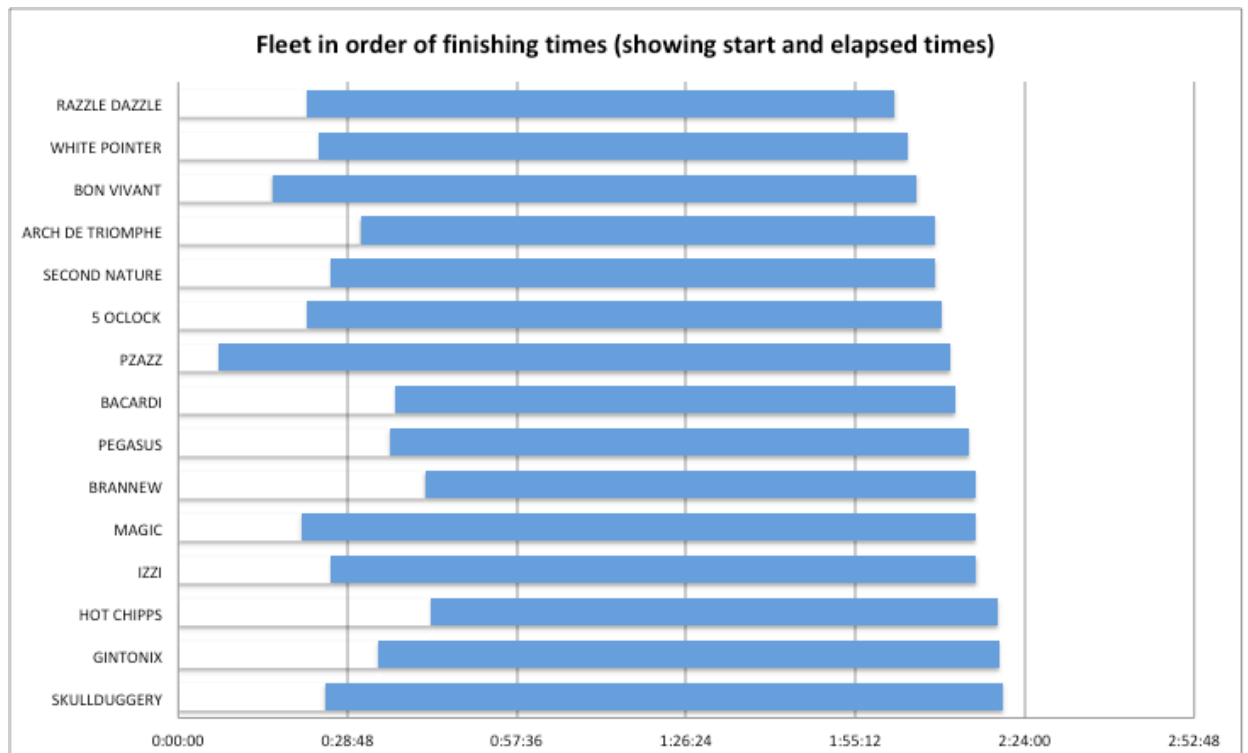
The series aggregate continues to be led by ***Alliance*** (Alex, Simon & Paul) on 9.5 points, with ***Bon Vivant*** (Russell Keays) moving into second place on 11 points, and ***Hot Chipps*** (John Chipp) coming into third place with 12 points.



Alliance – Leading the Aggregate

Detailed results

The following bar chart lists all competitors in the 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	Place
RAZZLE DAZZLE	0:22:00	1:39:52	15:31:52	1
WHITE POINTER	0:24:00	1:40:01	15:34:01	2
BON VIVANT	0:16:00	1:49:38	15:35:38	3
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	0:31:00	1:37:44	15:38:44	4
SECOND NATURE	0:26:00	1:42:49	15:38:49	5
5 OCLOCK	0:22:00	1:47:45	15:39:45	6
PZAZZ	0:07:00	2:04:15	15:41:15	7
BACARDI	0:37:00	1:35:04	15:42:04	8
PEGASUS	0:36:00	1:38:26	15:44:26	9
BRANNEW	0:42:00	1:33:30	15:45:30	10
MAGIC	0:21:00	1:54:34	15:45:34	11
IZZI	0:26:00	1:49:46	15:45:46	12
HOT CHIPPS	0:43:00	1:36:23	15:49:23	13
GINTONIX	0:34:00	1:45:36	15:49:36	14
SKULLDUGGERY	0:25:00	1:55:16	15:50:16	15
MAVERICK				RET

Unfortunately, *Maverick* (Tony Hammond) retired from the race.

Photo of the week

Future reports will feature a photo submitted by a reader. If you have a shot which you'd like to share, please send it to d.j.lynch@bigpond.com. Preference will be given to photos taken in recent weeks featuring boats and/or crews in action.

What's a mere 10 seconds worth?

Dropping seconds during a 9.4 nm race is very easy ... a bad exit from a tack ... slow to pole-out the headsail ... over-running the leeward rounding mark ... any of these would undoubtedly cost a boat several seconds.

So avoiding mistakes can have a tremendous benefit. Here's two hypothetical cases to illustrate the gains which could have been achieved by the subject boat avoiding a 10 second mistake – a mistake that seemed insignificant at the time.

- 10 seconds would have moved *Second Nature* (Paul Metiplay) from 5th to 4th place, one step off the podium.
- And saving a mere 10 seconds would have jumped *Magic* (Phil Spry-Bailey) one place ahead of *Brannew* (Clive Sondheim)

The message here is that every second counts. A mistake may not appear too costly when assessed against the boat nearest you at the time. But at the finish line, it may be very costly.

Yacht in profile – “Winsome” Sm190

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). Accordingly, at some time in the near future, each Warrior 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.



Winsome, owned by **Simon Hemingway**, is a Jeanneau SunOdyssey 40, performance version earning her the “Sunfast” suffix.

Built in 2002 and originally at Royals, **Winsome** was brought to Sandringham in 2012 as a replacement for **Moncoeur** (a Spencer30) which Simon raced for 4 years in partnership with Geoff and Rob Lomdahl.

According to Simon, **Winsome** has done everything except win an SYC series, with thirds, seconds and a loss on countback for first in the Sunday Sailors. She has also been on many recreational boating cruises having been active in these events since 2014. She has an enthusiastic rivalry with several boats, including **Skulduggery** (Garry McCarten).

Simon has been an SYC member since 2008 and both he and **Winsome** compete in Sunday Sailors, Wednesday Wonders, Thursday Twilights, and many recreational boating events.

Winsome is the current holder of the Noelle Corum Trophy, which Simon thought Winsome had won again before being informed it is not awarded in the Winter Season!

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Good sailing
David Lynch

A bulkhead is a sailor with a large ego.
"With a Pinch of Salt", by Nick Bates

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