

## **Sandringham Yacht Club Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders Race #8 held 23 Nov 2022**

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Despite threatening clouds in the west, 36 boats crossed the starting line to commence what for many was a battle with the weather, rather than other boats. The afternoon served up variable winds in terms of both direction and strength, a lumpy sea state and a couple of showers – only on Port Phillip!



The wind direction started from the west and moved erratically to the south during the race. The wind speed at Fawkner Beacon was 15 to 20 knots at the start and as low as 3 knots during the course of the race. The RO chose course #27 the length of which was only 9.36 nm, which proved to be a fortuitous selection given the fading wind strength.

As a generalization, it wasn't a good day for the late starters, which faced changes in wind direction, decreasing wind strength and a short course.

### **Race management**

A big thanks, as always, to the race management crew: Margaret Whitbread as race officer, 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.

## Pursuit race results

The podium finishers were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **5 O'Clock Somewhere** (Chris, Kate, Greg & Tony) which finished 1 min 35 sec ahead of...
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Panarea** (Chris Ravesi) which was 57 sec ahead of ...
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Skullduggery** (Garry McCarten) which finished just 15 sec ahead of the fourth boat to finish.



**5 O'clock Somewhere** – 1<sup>st</sup>



**Panarea** – 2<sup>nd</sup>



**Skulduggery** – 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Fastest times around the course

The fastest elapsed time was **Arch de Triomphe** (Murray, Newman, Taylor) at 1:47:51

The second fastest was **Upbeat** (Peter Dunne) with 1:48:58

The third fastest was **Brannew** (Clive Sondheim) which came in at 1:49:12

## Start of the day

**Wicked** (Mike Welsh) crossed the start line just 1 second after her allotted start time.

## Series aggregate

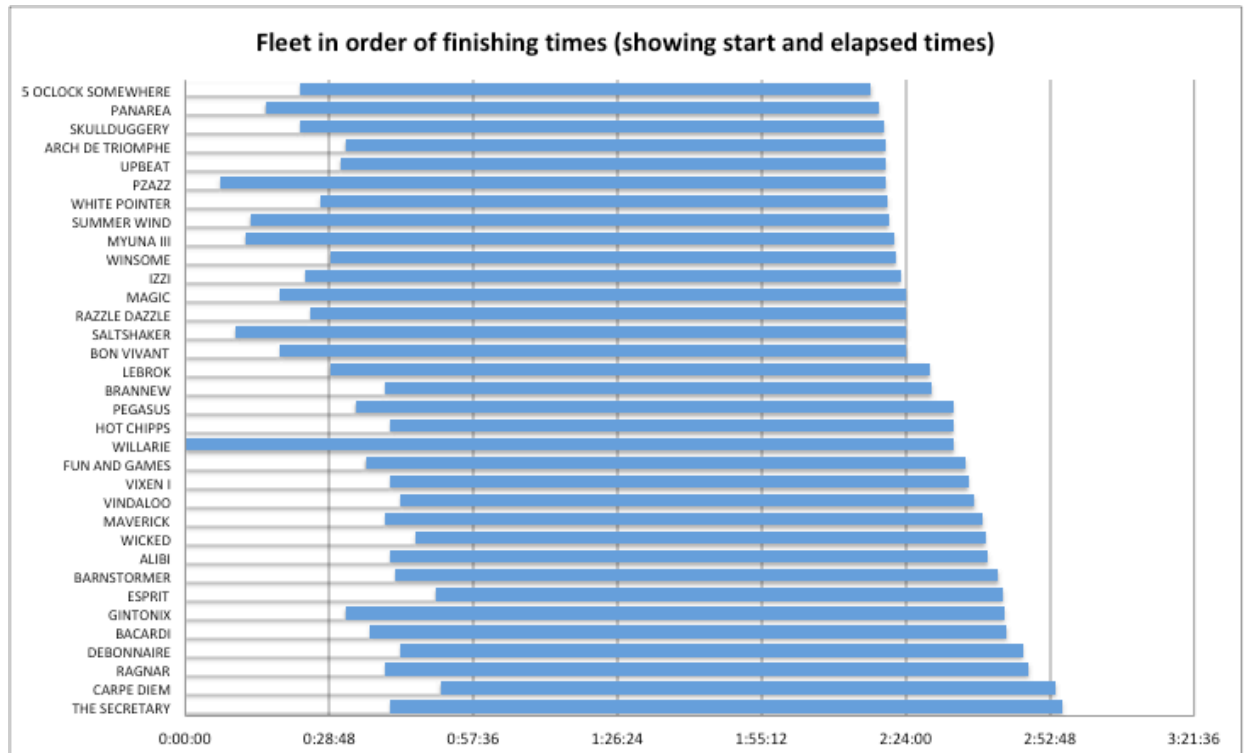
The series aggregate is currently led by **5 O'Clock Somewhere** (Chris, Kate, Greg & Tony) on 17 points, with **Arch de Triomphe** (Alistair, James & Alex) moving into second place on 22 points, and **Hot Chipps** (John Chipp) remaining in third place with 24 points.



**5 O'clock Somewhere** – 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
5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE	0:23:00	1:54:04	15:47:04	1
PANAREA	0:16:00	2:02:39	15:48:39	2
SKULLDUGGERY	0:23:00	1:56:36	15:49:36	3
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	0:32:00	1:47:51	15:49:51	4
UPBEAT	0:31:00	1:48:58	15:49:58	5
PZAZZ	0:07:00	2:13:00	15:50:00	6
WHITE POINTER	0:27:00	1:53:18	15:50:18	7
SUMMER WIND	0:13:00	2:07:29	15:50:29	8
MYUNA III	0:12:00	2:09:39	15:51:39	9
WINSOME	0:29:00	1:52:57	15:51:57	10
IZZI	0:24:00	1:58:52	15:52:52	11
MAGIC	0:19:00	2:04:55	15:53:55	12
RAZZLE DAZZLE	0:25:00	1:58:58	15:53:58	13
SALTSHAKER	0:10:00	2:14:04	15:54:04	14
BON VIVANT	0:19:00	2:05:07	15:54:07	15
LEBROK	0:29:00	1:59:42	15:58:42	16
BRANNEW	0:40:00	1:49:12	15:59:12	17
PEGASUS	0:34:00	1:59:26	16:03:26	18
HOT CHIPPS	0:41:00	1:52:28	16:03:28	19
WILLARIE	0:00:00	2:33:36	16:03:36	20
FUN AND GAMES	0:36:00	2:00:00	16:06:00	21
VIXEN I	0:41:00	1:55:27	16:06:27	22
VINDALOO	0:43:00	1:54:44	16:07:44	23
MAVERICK	0:40:00	1:59:21	16:09:21	24
WICKED	0:46:00	1:53:49	16:09:49	25
ALIBI	0:41:00	1:59:19	16:10:19	26
BARNSTORMER	0:42:00	2:00:30	16:12:30	27
ESPRIT	0:50:00	1:53:25	16:13:25	28
GINTONIX	0:32:00	2:11:41	16:13:41	29
BACARDI	0:37:00	2:07:10	16:14:10	30
DEBONNAIRE	0:43:00	2:04:23	16:17:23	31
RAGNAR	0:40:00	2:08:33	16:18:33	32
CARPE DIEM	0:51:00	2:02:57	16:23:57	33
THE SECRETARY	0:41:00	2:14:16	16:25:16	34
ANDANTE 1				RET
ROLLER COASTER				RET

**Andante** (Keith Woodruff) and **Roller Coaster** (Geoff Simpson) retired from the race.

## Photo of the week

If you have a shot which you'd like to share, please send it to [d.j.lynch@bigpond.com](mailto:d.j.lynch@bigpond.com). Preference will be given to photos taken in recent weeks featuring boats and/or crews in action.

## Yacht in profile – “Arch de Triomphe” Sm3131

Ahhh... *Arch de Triomphe*, that little French boat with the unpronounceable name ... colourful, noisy and fast. It's an Archambault 31, which is equally unpronounceable.



Thanks to its three owners **Alistair Murray, James Taylor, and Alex Newman** (who took over from Robbie Davis), “Arch” is a regular participant in Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday racing.

Our regular “senior” crew of mutinous dogs has the Tasar sailors Alistair and Paul Ridgway at the back, Hugh Halliburton and David Richardson in the middle (our seasoned ocean racers and ORCV celebrities), and James and Mark Jones up front, with extras (no disrespect to Roscoe, Riccardo, Tony, Simon, Darren, Rodney, Muz, Joe, Dean, Steve....) to make up seven. We share crew with our rivals *Maverick* and *Club Comedie*.

Our performance yardstick is simple – try to catch *Club Comedie*, stay in front of *Maverick* (at all costs), out sail *Pegasus* downwind, keep away from big boats.....

You may have noticed that we focus on the start and dearly cherish the Misty Blue Trophy- it's sculptured outline is a good fit! It's no coincidence that we have a great relationship with Di and Margaret in the tower – we send a pre-race fan club photo and give a cheery wave at the finish line. We spend 20 minutes or so in pre-start maneuvers, hunting the best position, estimating how far the clearance buoy has drifted from the line, synchronising “world time”, “tower time” and at least two Ronstan “Clear start” watches. The skipper pays a “one jug” penalty if we are 5 seconds late, so the stakes are high. Other juggable offences include errors in rigging (the deckies' lament), leaving a headsail on the dock (deckies again), picking the wrong side of the wind shift (which has never happened according to the back end).

It's a fun boat and we love every Wednesday.

## Fake news

**Tommy Raft** (pictured) recently ran a very successful auction of Wednesday Wonders handicaps. A characteristic of the Wednesday Wonders fleet is that there are many serious but unofficial races within the official race; boats of similar performance put life, limb and boat at risk to prove their superior standing in both the official and unofficial races. So it's understandable that some Wednesday Wonders Warriors are prepared to pay big dollars to have their handicaps reduced. This was clearly demonstrated when Tommy recently ran the handicap auction. The highest price was paid by [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) apparently forking out a cool \$ [REDACTED] for a [REDACTED] minute reduction in handicap.



**Tommy Raft** in full flight conducting the recent Wednesday Wonders handicap auction

It's understood that Tommy will be running a second auction in the near future, which will be publicized only in this report and therefore able to be attended only by readers of the report.

## About our sponsor

There are many players who make the Wednesday Wonders series a success, one being our generous sponsor Noorden Property.

Noorden is a boutique real estate company which specializes in off-the-plan marketing, sales and property management. Take a look at the Noorden web site and please keep Noorden in mind should you choose to investigate moving to a new home or starting or adding to an investment portfolio.

Good sailing  
**David Lynch**

*The meaning of "gross tonnage": an ugly boat.*  
From "With a Pinch of Salt", by Nick Bates