

Sandringham Yacht Club Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders Race #12 held 21 Dec 2022

This was an ideal day for a sail – a 10 to 18 knot breeze from the SSE, flat water and an almost cloudless sky. The RO chose course #21 with a length of 11.5 M, thereby giving the heavily handicapped boats a fighting chance at running down the early starters. A total of 41 boats crossed the start line and 38 finished with just over 24 minutes separating the first from the last.

Race management

A big thanks, as always, to the race management crew: Margaret Whitbread as race officer, ably assisted by Di Tyndall and Don Cullen. Thanks also to the boating office for having a rescue rib on the water on stand-by.

Pursuit race results

- 1st ***Summer Wind*** (Martyn Sly) – started on 13 min, sailed for 2:17:56 and finished a convincing 2 min 48 sec ahead of...
- 2nd ***5 O'Clock Somewhere*** (Chris, Kate, Greg & Tony) – started on 26 min, sailed for 2:07:44 and finished a mere 36 sec ahead of ...
- 3rd ***Second Nature*** (Paul Mentiplay) – started on 25 min, sailed for 2:09:20 and finished a respectable 1 min 8 sec ahead of ***Foggy Dew*** (Rob D'Arcy).



Summer Wind on her way to
1st across the line

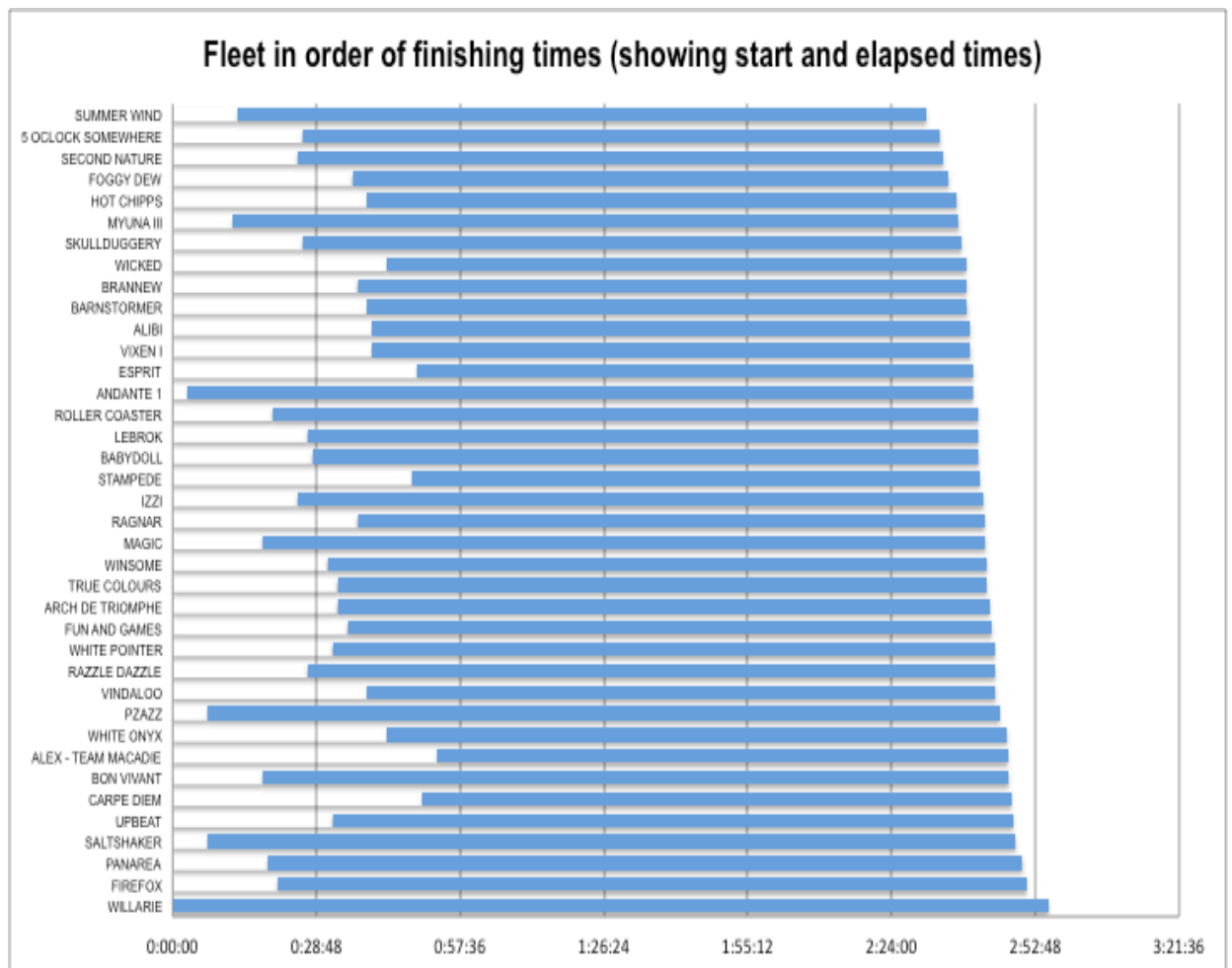


5 O'Clock Somewhere on her way to 2nd place



Second Nature sailing comfortably into 3rd place

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.



Place		H'cap	Elapsed	Finish
1	SUMMER WIND	0:13:00	2:17:56	16:00:56
2	5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE	0:26:00	2:07:44	16:03:44
3	SECOND NATURE	0:25:00	2:09:20	16:04:20
4	FOGGY DEW	0:36:00	1:59:28	16:05:28
5	HOT CHIPPS	0:39:00	1:58:05	16:07:05
6	MYUNA III	0:12:00	2:25:28	16:07:28
7	SKULLDUGGERY	0:26:00	2:12:00	16:08:00
8	WICKED	0:43:00	1:55:56	16:08:56
9	BRANNEW	0:37:00	2:01:59	16:08:59
10	BARNSTORMER	0:39:00	2:00:10	16:09:10
11	ALIBI	0:40:00	1:59:45	16:09:45
12	VIXEN I	0:40:00	1:59:49	16:09:49
13	ESPRIT	0:49:00	1:51:21	16:10:21
14	ANDANTE 1	0:03:00	2:37:23	16:10:23
15	ROLLER COASTER	0:20:00	2:21:20	16:11:20
16	LEBROK	0:27:00	2:14:23	16:11:23
17	BABYDOLL	0:28:00	2:13:27	16:11:27
18	STAMPEDE	0:48:00	1:53:43	16:11:43
19	IZZI	0:25:00	2:17:26	16:12:26
20	RAGNAR	0:37:00	2:05:37	16:12:37
21	MAGIC	0:18:00	2:24:47	16:12:47
22	WINSOME	0:31:00	2:12:05	16:13:05
23	TRUE COLOURS	0:33:00	2:10:06	16:13:06
24	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	0:33:00	2:10:39	16:13:39
25	FUN AND GAMES	0:35:00	2:09:02	16:14:02
26	WHITE POINTER	0:32:00	2:12:40	16:14:40
27	RAZZLE DAZZLE	0:27:00	2:17:44	16:14:44
28	VINDALOO	0:39:00	2:05:48	16:14:48
29	PZAZZ	0:07:00	2:38:37	16:15:37
30	WHITE ONYX	0:43:00	2:04:09	16:17:09
31	ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	0:53:00	1:54:15	16:17:15
32	BON VIVANT	0:18:00	2:29:28	16:17:28
33	CARPE DIEM	0:50:00	1:57:58	16:17:58
34	UPBEAT	0:32:00	2:16:21	16:18:21
35	SALTSHAKER	0:07:00	2:41:51	16:18:51
36	PANAREA	0:19:00	2:31:15	16:20:15
37	FIREFOX	0:21:00	2:30:03	16:21:03
38	WILLARIE	0:00:00	2:55:23	16:25:23

DSQ PP1
RET PIPPA
RET DEBONNAIRE

Close finishes:

- Only 1 second separated **Winsome** (Simon Hemingway Sly) and **True Colours** (John Strahan) at the finishing line.
- And 2 seconds separated **Esprit** (Garry Anderson) and **Andante 1** (Keith Woodruff).

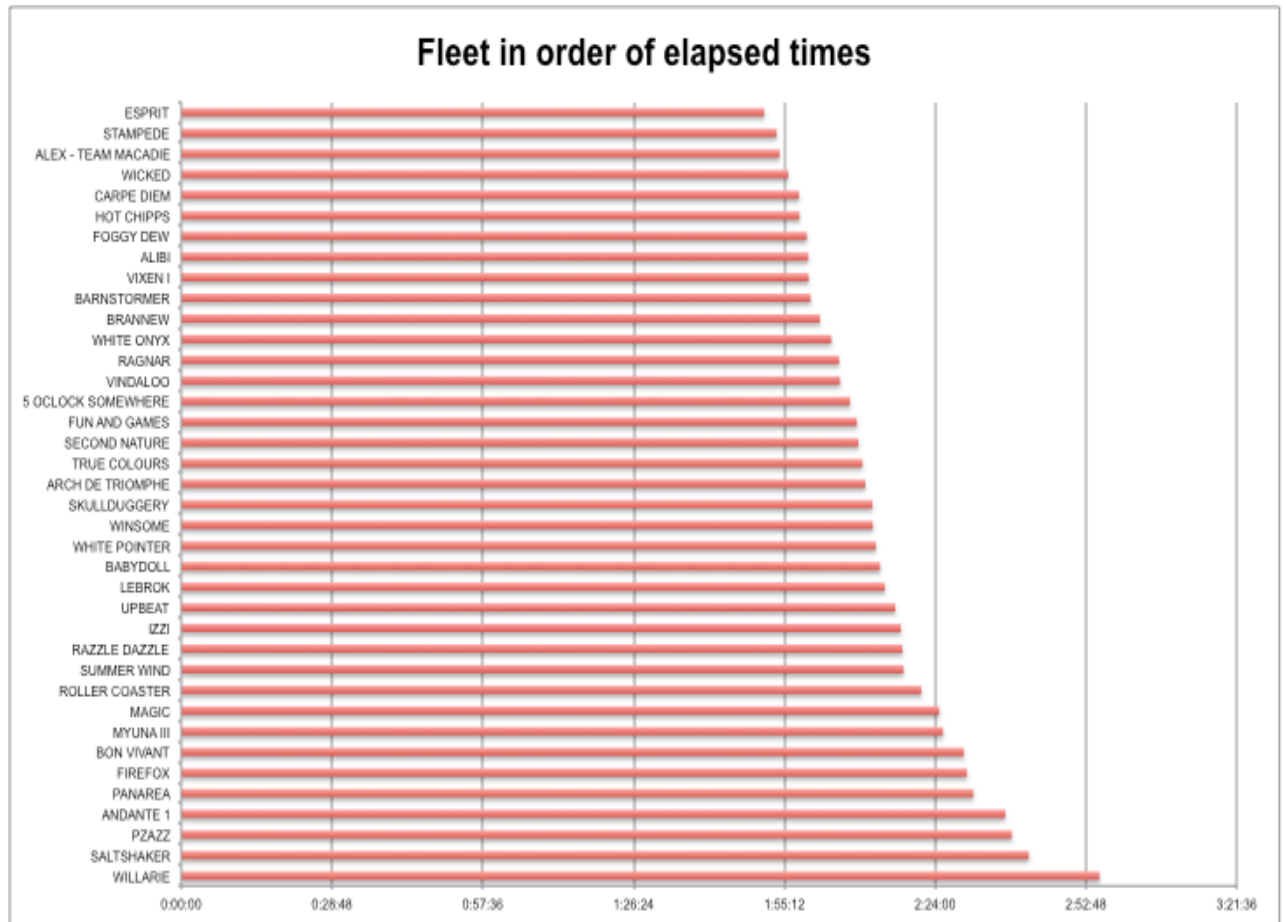
Alibi (Dennis Hambleton) must have taken this correspondent's advice of last week and extended his prodder to finish 4 sec ahead of **Vixen 1** (Christine Matheou-Fox). A good move Dennis.

PP1 (Damian Thomas) forgot that it was Wednesday, wondered why everyone was resorting to a poled-out headsail, pulled up a kite and was promptly disqualified. Well done Damian, disqualification is a rare honour among the Wednesday Wonders fleet.

Pippa (Jeffrey Woolhouse) and **Debonnaire** (Phil Gomez) retired.

Fastest times around the course

Esprit (Garry Anderson) achieved 1:51:21, which was 2 min 22 sec faster than
Stampepe (Christopher Gendala) achieved 1:53:43, just 32 sec faster than ...
Alex Team Macadie (Jock Macadie) which came in at 1:54:15.



The boat which enjoyed the best value-for-money was **Willarie** (Graeme Kaufman). Graeme was on the course for 2:55:23 and only paid the same race entry fee as every other competitor.

Start of the day



Start of the day went to **True Colours** (John Strahan) which crossed the line exactly on her allotted start time.

Esprit (Garry Anderson) started only 1 second after her allotted times. Garry is making a habit of a 1 sec delay. And **Vixen 1** (Christine Matheou-Fox) pushed her start time out by 3 seconds.

Series aggregate

5 O'Clock Somewhere (Chris, Kate, Greg & Tony) on 19 points, resumes the lead in the aggregate series with **Foggy Dew** (Rob D'Arcy) moving into 2nd position on 21 points. Only 1 point behind in 3rd position is **Skullduggery** (Garry McCarten) on 22 points



5 O'clock Somewhere – back on the top of the aggregate competition

The top ten leaders in the aggregate competition are:

Place	Ties	Boat Name	Series Score
1		5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE	19
2		FOGGY DEW	21
3		SKULLDUGGERY	22
4		RAZZLE DAZZLE	28
5		HOT CHIPPS	29
6	1.0S	WHITE POINTER	30
7		ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	30
8		BON VIVANT	33
9	7.0S	BRANNEW	35
10		MAVERICK	35

Yacht in profile – “*Second Nature*” Sm6161

Paul Mentiplay writes:

Second Nature is a Bavaria 38, built in 2000. She is a classic Bavaria cruising yacht; the design that you see all over the world.

I bought *Second Nature* from Mal Billings in 2011 when she was called *Gangagang*. Mal had cruised it quite a bit and I thought I would do the same. My wife and children were not so sure. Happily she has become a regular member of the WW fleet.

Together with my regular crew of Darryl, Keith, Robert, Phil, Rod and on occasions Peter, Gary and Colin Mews (who along with Keith, has crewed with me for over 14 years), we enjoy our regular weekly Wednesday sailing – though I must say it is getting harder to motivate ourselves on cold windy days which we’ve come to call “steak days”.

We like a steady breeze and are always happy if we can beat some or all of the Beneteau Oceanis of a similar size. She is a good boat that performs well in most conditions (please don’t give us really light winds), but funnily enough *Second Nature* has never won a race. Perhaps one day I will have to give up being the handicapper or perhaps the new algorithm-based system will bring me luck.

[Editorial note: *Second Nature* scored a 3rd in the race which is the subject of this report. Had Paul somehow made up just 3 min 24 sec *Second Nature* would have claimed her maiden WW win.]



Photo of the week



This photo was taken by **Bruce Parry** (our regular photographer) aboard **GinTonix** (Colin Nicol) while travelling in Bass Strait en route from Sydney to Melbourne. This is a sample of the delights which are presented to those that venture beyond the Bay.

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.

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Good sailing
David Lynch

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The meaning of "latitude": the number of degrees off course which a novice skipper may steer before being relieved of the helm".

Adapted from "With a Pinch of Salt", by Nick Bates