

Sandringham Yacht Club Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders Race #17 held 25 Jan 2023

This was a magnificent day for a sail with the breeze ranging from 12 to 18 knots from the SSE. The water was flat and there were few clouds overhead. The RO chose course #25 with a length of 9.42 M. A total of 30 boats started and 29 completed the course.

Race management

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

Pursuit race results

This was a race where the course length and wind conditions favoured the early starters.

- 1st **Lebrok** (Theo Korbel) – started on 26 min, sailed for 1:55:19 and finished a convincing 4 min 21 sec ahead of...
- 2nd **Magic** (Phil Spry-Bailey) – started on 15 min, sailed for 2:10:40 and finished 1 min 11 sec ahead of ...
- 3rd **White Pointer** (Tom Raft) – started on 28 min, sailed for 1:58:51 and finished 1 min 37 sec ahead of **Upbeat** (Peter Dunne) who also started on 28 min.

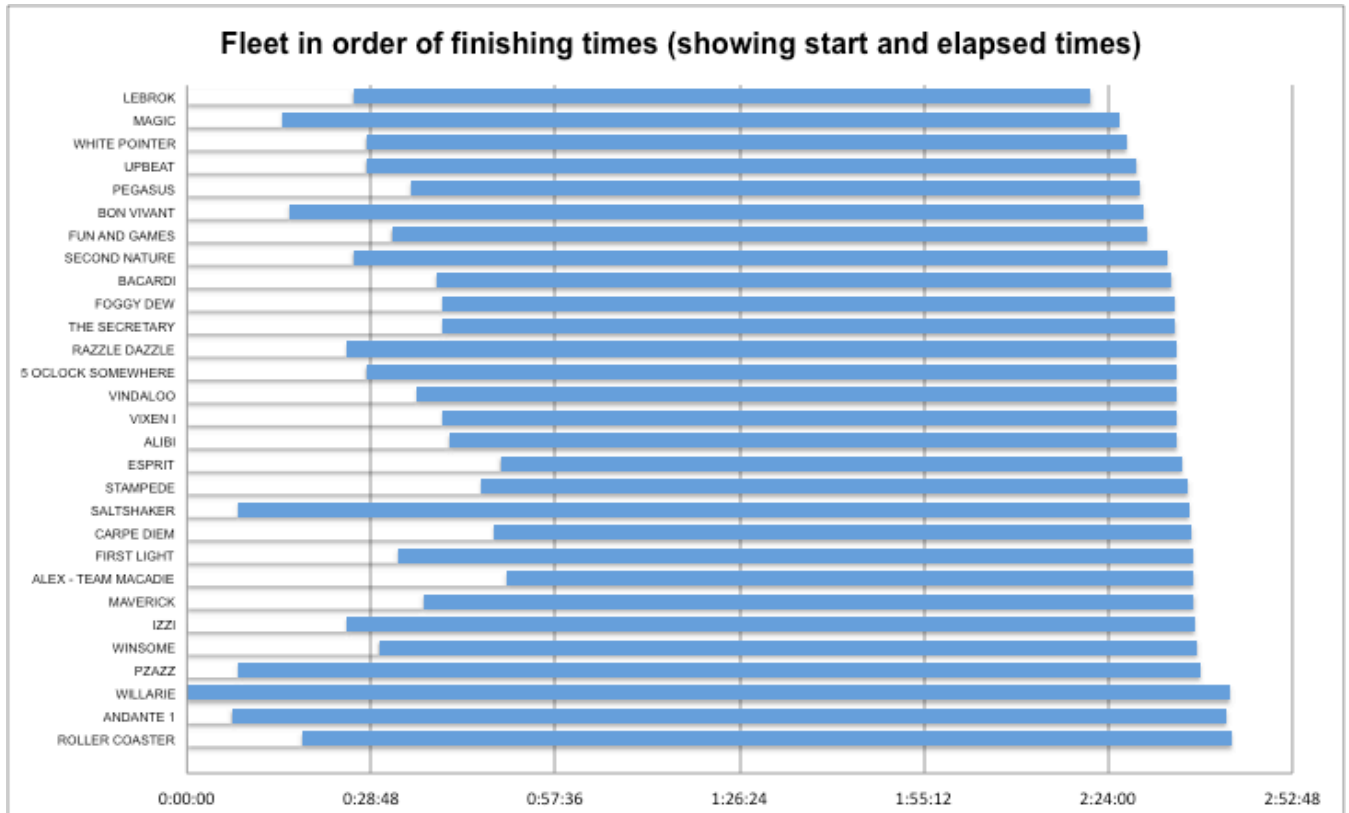


Lebrok - 1st across the line (source = photo library)



Magic - 2nd 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	Score	
1	LEBROK		0:26:00	1:55:19	15:51:19	1
2	MAGIC		0:15:00	2:10:40	15:55:40	2
3	WHITE POINTER		0:28:00	1:58:51	15:56:51	3
4	UPBEAT		0:28:00	2:00:28	15:58:28	4
5	PEGASUS		0:35:00	1:53:59	15:58:59	5
6	BON VIVANT		0:16:00	2:13:32	15:59:32	6
7	FUN AND GAMES		0:32:00	1:58:10	16:00:10	7
8	SECOND NATURE		0:26:00	2:07:18	16:03:18	8
9	BACARDI		0:39:00	1:54:57	16:03:57	9
10	FOGGY DEW		0:40:00	1:54:23	16:04:23	10
11	THE SECRETARY		0:40:00	1:54:30	16:04:30	11
12	RAZZLE DAZZLE		0:25:00	2:09:35	16:04:35	12
13	5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE		0:28:00	2:06:38	16:04:38	13
14	VINDALOO		0:36:00	1:58:40	16:04:40	14
15	VIXEN I		0:40:00	1:54:42	16:04:42	15
16	ALIBI		0:41:00	1:53:46	16:04:46	16
17	ESPRIT		0:49:00	1:46:32	16:05:32	17
18	STAMPEDE		0:46:00	1:50:27	16:06:27	18
19	SALTSHAKER		0:08:00	2:28:38	16:06:38	19
20	CARPE DIEM		0:48:00	1:49:00	16:07:00	20
21	FIRST LIGHT		0:33:00	2:04:15	16:07:15	21
22	ALEX - TEAM MACADIE		0:50:00	1:47:20	16:07:20	22
23	MAVERICK		0:37:00	2:00:26	16:07:26	23
24	IZZI		0:25:00	2:12:29	16:07:29	24
25	WINSOME		0:30:00	2:07:55	16:07:55	25
26	PZAZZ		0:08:00	2:30:24	16:08:24	26
27	WILLARIE	minus 02:00	2:43:01	16:11:01		27
28	ANDANTE 1		0:07:00	2:35:27	16:12:27	28
29	ROLLER COASTER		0:18:00	2:25:18	16:13:18	29

Vittoria (Alan Reece) was welcomed as a visiting boat. Alan's delight in crossing the finishing line ahead of the fleet must have been dashed when he was advised that he was a premature starter. **Vittoria** crossed the start line a mere 34 minutes ahead of her allocated start time and was recorded as a DNS. Melbourne is currently on daylight saving time Alan.

Close finishes:

There was action among the mid fleet finishers:

5 O'Clock Somewhere (Chris, Kate, Tony, Greg) finished 2 sec ahead of ...

Vindaloo (John Taylor) which finished 2 sec ahead of ...

Vixen 1 (Christine Matheou-Fox) which finished 4 sec ahead of ...

Alibi (Dennis Hambleton).

Alibi and **Vixen 1** started 1 minute apart and finished only 4 sec apart.

Fastest times around the course

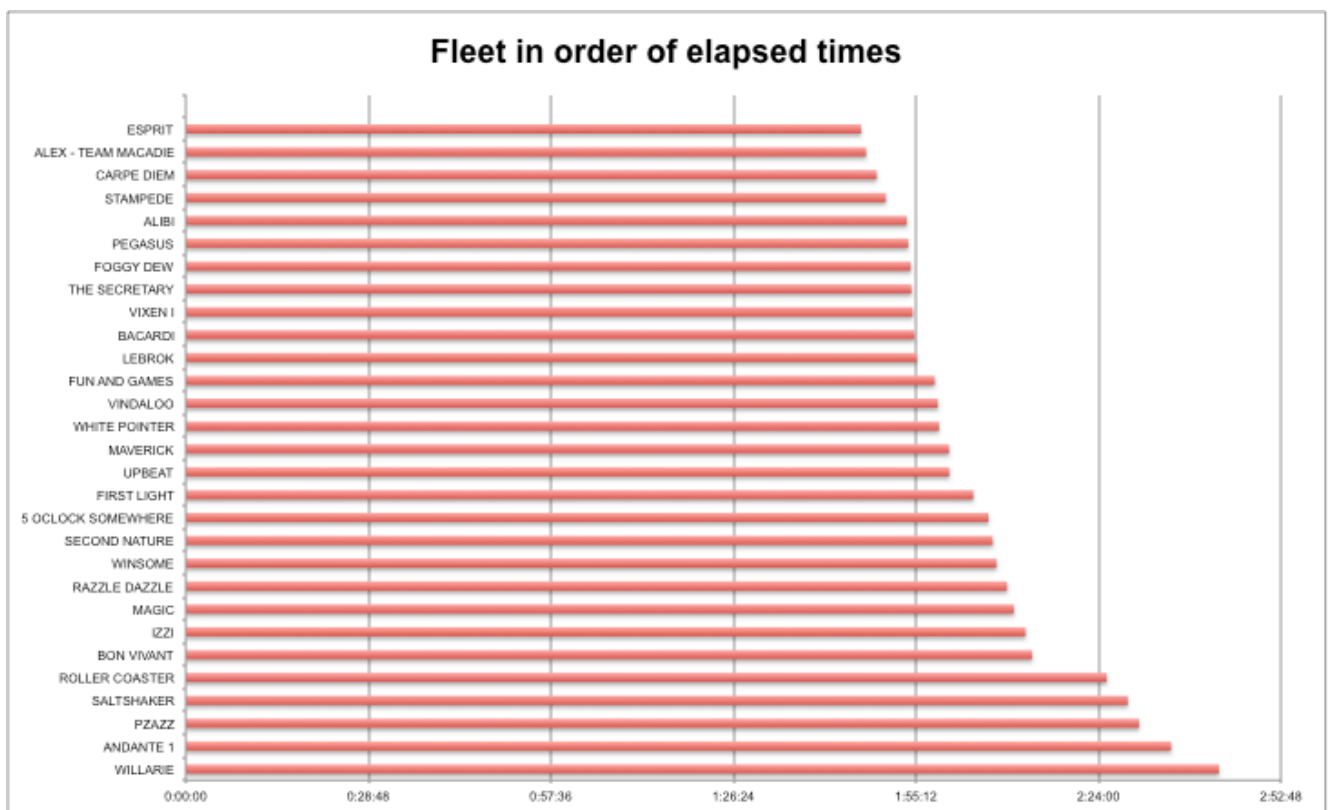
Esprit (Garry Anderson) – completed the course in 1:46:32, a close 48 sec faster than

Alex - Team Macadie (Jock Macadie) – achieved 1:47:20, which was 1 min 40 sec faster than ...

Carpe Diem (Paul Commings) – completed Course 25 in 1:49:00.



Esprit cracking the pace to record the fastest time.



Willarie (Graeme Kaufman) was racing for 2 hours 45 min and enjoyed the best value-for-money.

Start of the day

Start of the day went to *Maverick* (Anthony Hammond) which crossed the line just 1 second after her allotted start time.



Maverick – start of the day at 1 sec

Series aggregate

Scheduled races = 17

Abandoned = 5

Races completed = 12

Races to count = 6 best

5 O'Clock Somewhere (Chris, Kate, Greg & Tony) retains the lead on 31 points.

Foggy Dew (Rob D'Arcy), stays in 2nd position but only on the basis of a count back. She also has a series score of 31 points.

White Pointer (Tom Raft) moves into 3rd position on 33 points, just 2 points from the leader and her arch rival.



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



Foggy Dew – 2nd in the aggregate series (on count-back); equal points to series leader.

The top ten leaders in the aggregate competition are:

Place	Boat Name	Series Score
1	5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE	31
2	FOGGY DEW	31
3	WHITE POINTER	33
4	SKULLDUGGERY	33
5	HOT CHIPPS	35
6	PEGASUS	38
7	BON VIVANT	39
8	RAZZLE DAZZLE	40
9	PZAZZ	43
10	BRANNEW	45

Century Class

This was the fourth race of the Century class aggregate competition, being won by **Lebrok** (Theo Korbel).

The series is currently being led by **Razzle Dazzle** (Grahame Jones) with **Fun & Games** (Alan Edwards) in 2nd spot and **Magic** (Phil Spry-Bailey) picking up 3rd.

Some musings by Phil Spry-Bailey AO

Your correspondent asked Phil for some reflections on his long membership of the Wednesday Wonders group.

"I worked in Collins St and from my window I could see white sails off SYC on Wednesday afternoons. I thought when I am 55 I would like join the fleet, then when I turned 60 but finally when I retired, in 1997, **Magic** and I joined the Wednesday Wonders group.

Gerry Visick, who sailed **Prion**, was the handicapper. The big boat of the fleet was Bruce Coram's impressive Salar 40 ketch, **Misty Blue**. I particularly remembered the Sparkman & Stephens yachts, Jack Lee's S&S36, **Hotspur**, Geoff Middleton's S&S34 **Lionheart** and Charlie Amos's S&S34 **Western Morning**. [Editorial note: **Magic** is an S&S39.]

The fun has been the crew. I have sailed with Kent Bacon and Reg Walsh for over 40 years and Sue Furness and Joe Jones for over 20 years. Sadly, Graham Furness died last year and medical ailments have affected a few other friends who no longer sail. Fortunately, we have a few new crew to support our aging members.

Thanks to our handicappers, the volunteers in the Tower and the weekly reporters, who have made the WW the success and fun it is on and off the water."

Photo of the week



Magic, with Phil at the helm and a couple of his long term crew

If you have a photo 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 "celestial fix": something a navigator requires every day.
From "With a Pinch of Salt", by Nick Bates