

Sandringham Yacht Club Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders Race #20 held 15 Feb 2023

This race was held in a predominantly south breeze varying around 10 knots with two instances of 3 knots and less which resulted in a significant contraction of the fleet. The RO chose course #24 with a length of 9.3 M. A total of 34 boats crossed the start line and all competitors 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 mild wind strength and two periods of virtually no wind favoured the later starters.

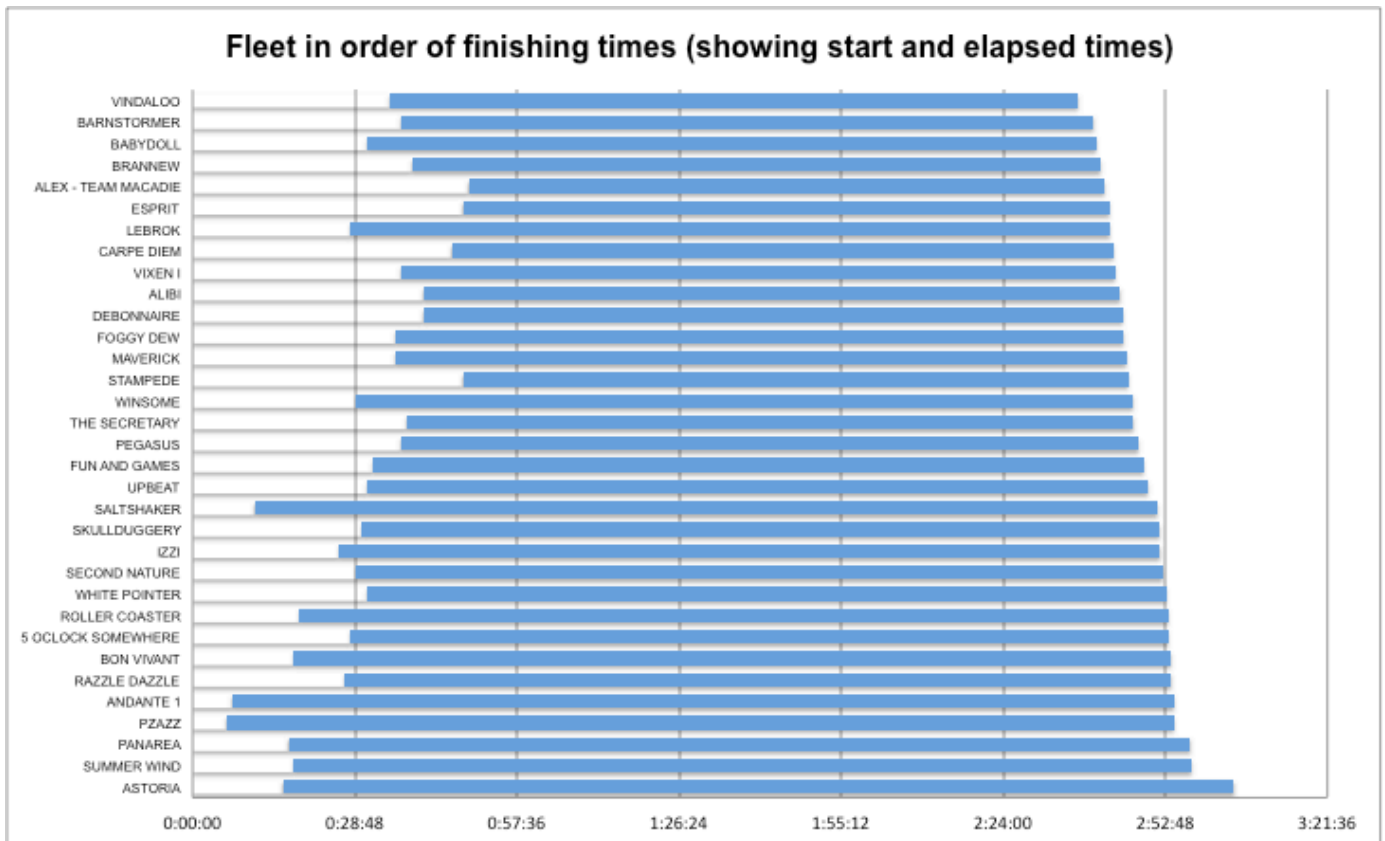


- 1st **Vindaloo** (John Taylor) – started on 35 min, sailed for 2:02:19 and finished a 2 min 45 sec ahead of...
- 2nd **Barnstormer** (Brian Barnes) – started on 37 min, sailed for 2:03:04 and finished 28 sec ahead of ...
- 3rd **Babydoll** (Brendan Kruger) – started on 31 min, sailed for 2:09:32 and finished 45 sec ahead **Brannew** (Clive Sondheim).



Barnstormer (2nd to finish) crosses **Babydoll** (3rd to finish) – source : photo library

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	VINDALOO	0:35:00	2:02:19	16:07:19	1
2	BARNSTORMER	0:37:00	2:03:04	16:10:04	2
3	BABYDOLL	0:31:00	2:09:32	16:10:32	3
4	BRANNEW	0:39:00	2:02:17	16:11:17	4
5	ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	0:49:00	1:53:01	16:12:01	5
6	ESPRIT	0:48:00	1:54:52	16:12:52	6
7	LEBROK	0:28:00	2:14:56	16:12:56	7
8	CARPE DIEM	0:46:00	1:57:35	16:13:35	8
9	VIXEN I	0:37:00	2:06:52	16:13:52	9
10	ALIBI	0:41:00	2:03:48	16:14:48	10
11	DEBONNAIRE	0:41:00	2:04:14	16:15:14	11
12	FOGGY DEW	0:36:00	2:09:24	16:15:24	12
13	MAVERICK	0:36:00	2:09:51	16:15:51	13
14	STAMPEDE	0:48:00	1:58:11	16:16:11	14
15	WINSOME	0:29:00	2:18:04	16:17:04	15
16	THE SECRETARY	0:38:00	2:09:09	16:17:09	16
17	PEGASUS	0:37:00	2:11:01	16:18:01	17
18	FUN AND GAMES	0:32:00	2:16:56	16:18:56	18
19	UPBEAT	0:31:00	2:18:41	16:19:41	19
20	SALTSHAKER	0:11:00	2:40:24	16:21:24	20
21	SKULLDUGGERY	0:30:00	2:21:47	16:21:47	21
22	IZZI	0:26:00	2:25:54	16:21:54	22
23	SECOND NATURE	0:29:00	2:23:18	16:22:18	23
24	WHITE POINTER	0:31:00	2:21:56	16:22:56	24
25	ROLLER COASTER	0:19:00	2:34:16	16:23:16	25
26	5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE	0:28:00	2:25:17	16:23:17	26
27	BON VIVANT	0:18:00	2:35:49	16:23:49	27
28	RAZZLE DAZZLE	0:27:00	2:26:52	16:23:52	28
29	ANDANTE 1	0:07:00	2:47:19	16:24:19	29
30	PZAZZ	0:06:00	2:48:20	16:24:20	30
31	PANAREA	0:17:00	2:40:16	16:27:16	31
32	SUMMER WIND	0:18:00	2:39:27	16:27:27	32
33	ASTORIA	0:16:00	2:49:02	16:35:02	33

There was one noteworthy close finish:

Roller Coaster (Geoffrey Simpson) pipped **5 O'Clock Somewhere** (Chris, Kate, Tony & Greg) by a mere 1 sec. You should have made that tack earlier Chris.

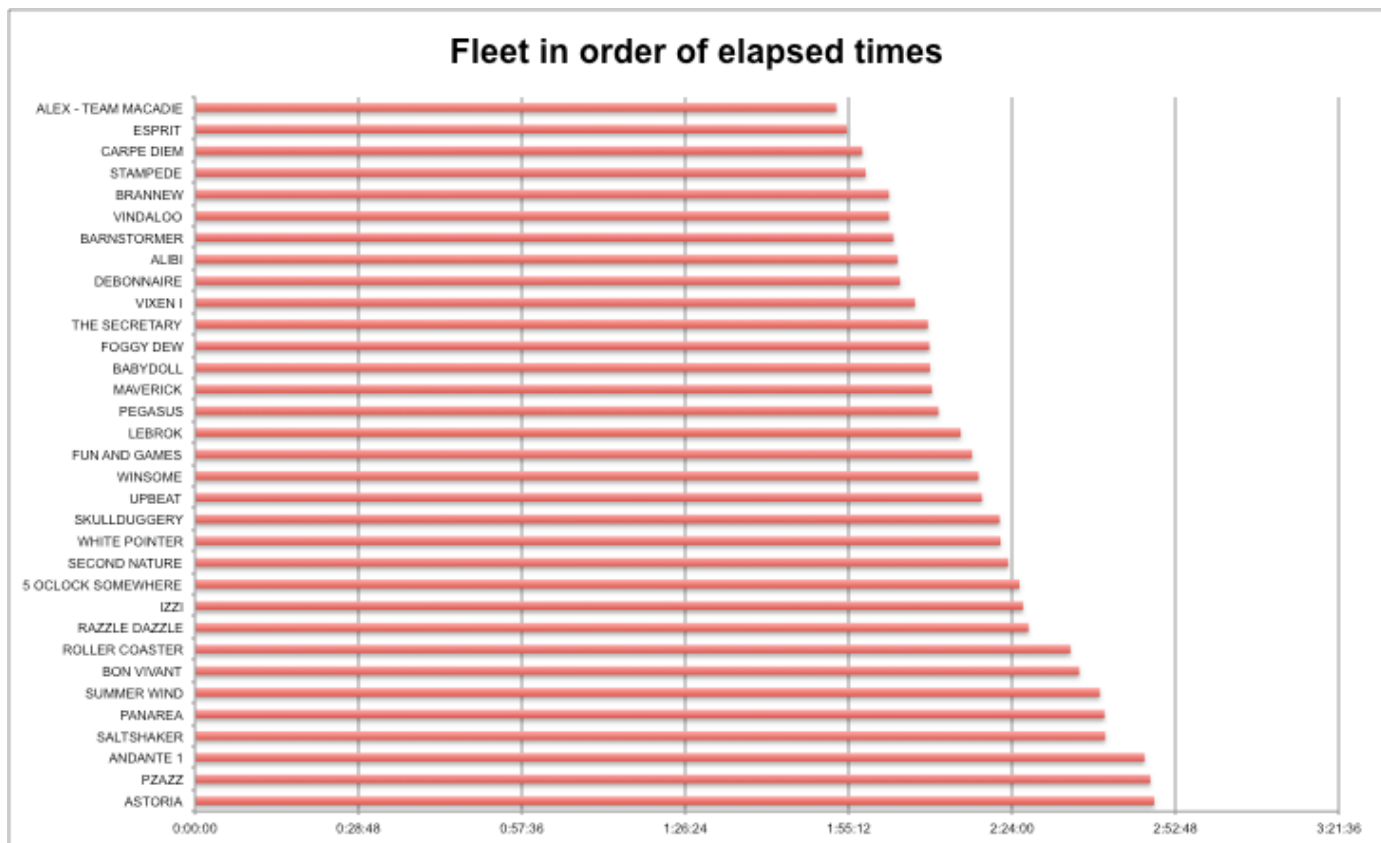
Fastest times around the course

Alex - Team Macadie (Jock Macadie) – completed the course in 1:53:01, which was 1 min 51 sec faster than

Esprit (Garry Anderson) – completed the course in 1:54:52, which was 2 min 43 sec faster than ...

Carpe Diem (Paul Commins) – completed Course 24 in 1:57:35.

Astoria (Heath Ragg) enjoyed the best value-for-money being on the course for 2 hours and 49 min.



Start of the day

Start of the day was won by **Second Nature** (Paul Mentiplay) which crossed the line just 2 sec after her allocated start time. Hanging around SYC 4 for 30 sec obviously paid off for Paul.

Series aggregate

Scheduled races = 20
 Abandoned = 5
 Races completed = 15
 Races to count = 8 best

Skullduggery (Garry McCarten) retains 1st position on 48 points.

Foggy Dew (Rob D'Arcy), moves up a podium step into 2nd spot on 54 points.

5 O'Clock Somewhere (Chris, Kate, Tony & Greg), return to the podium in 3rd position with a series score of 55 points.



Skulduggery – retains 1st position in the aggregate competition



Foggy Dew - moves into 2nd spot



5 O'Clock Somewhere – returns to the podium

The top ten leaders in the aggregate competition are:

Place	Boat Name	Series Score
1	SKULLDUGGERY	48
2	FOGGY DEW	54
3	5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE	55
4	RAZZLE DAZZLE	56
5	WHITE POINTER	58
6	BRANNEW	60
7	PEGASUS	62
8	BON VIVANT	65
9	HOT CHIPPS	66
10	SALTSHAKER	69

Yacht under focus – *Bon Vivant* (Russell Keays)

I asked **Russell Keays** to tell me something about he and his boat. Over to you Rusty:

Bon Vivant (Sm355) is a Swarbrick S80 measuring in at 26ft or 7.9m. It was designed by Kim Swarbrick as a cruiser/racer for twilight races on the Swan River in Perth. It has a navigation table, a sink and four bunks. ***Bon Vivant*** was built in 1987 and brought to SYC by Bill Vaughan in about 1995. Bill then sold it to Russell Keays in 2001.

Russell was introduced to keelboat sailing by Peter Gourlay with whom he sailed for about 10 years, first on ***Boambillee***, an S&S36 and later on ***Seaulater***, a Doubois 40'. He later sailed with John Duffin at RYCV and Geoff Simpson (on ***Dell Era***) at SYC and with Bill Vaughan on ***Bon Vivant***. As well as weekend races at RMYS and SYC, Russell crewed in three Melbourne-Hobarts, several Devonport races and two Sydney-Hobarts.

Russell is ably assisted on ***Bon Vivant*** by his regular crew:

- Derek Layfield – a 14' skiff sailor
- David Anderson – an experienced sailor
- David Pruden – a diving instructor learning the ropes
- Cameron Chick – now an occasional visitor as he has moved to Port Stevens and bought a catamaran.

Thanks for your comments Russell.



Bon Vivant going nicely

[Editorial note : Most weeks, this report profiles a Wednesday Wonders boat and its helmsperson / owner. So at some time in the near future, you will receive a request to provide a profile of your boat and its crew. It shouldn't read like a sales advert for the boat nor a job application for the helmsperson; just simple facts sprinkled with a little fiction.]

Photo of the week



Whooha!! Isn't that *Arch de Triomph* (Al Murray, Alex Newman & James Taylor)?

Yep, we won't see her for a couple of weeks. She's on her way to South Oz to compete in the [Port] Lincoln Week Regatta and the Australian Yachting Championships, to be held from 20 - 23 Feb. Good luck *Arch*.

[Editorial note : 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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Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.
From "With a Pinch of Salt", by Nick Bates