

Sandringham Yacht Club Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders Race #25 held 22 March 2023

This race was held in a light southerly breeze of 5 to 10 knots with flat water and an almost cloudless sky. The RO chose course #25 – 9.4M in length and given the wind direction, as close as Wednesday courses get to being an upwind/downwind course. While most of the fleet were on a 3 M upwind leg (from SYC7 to SYC5) the wind swung about 20 degrees to the right which sealed the fate of those that chose the left side of the course. A total of 34 boats started the race and all finished.

Race management

Thanks to the race management crew: Margaret Whitbread as race officer, ably assisted by Di Tyndall and Cathy Higgins. Thanks also to the boating office for having a rescue rib on the water on stand-by.

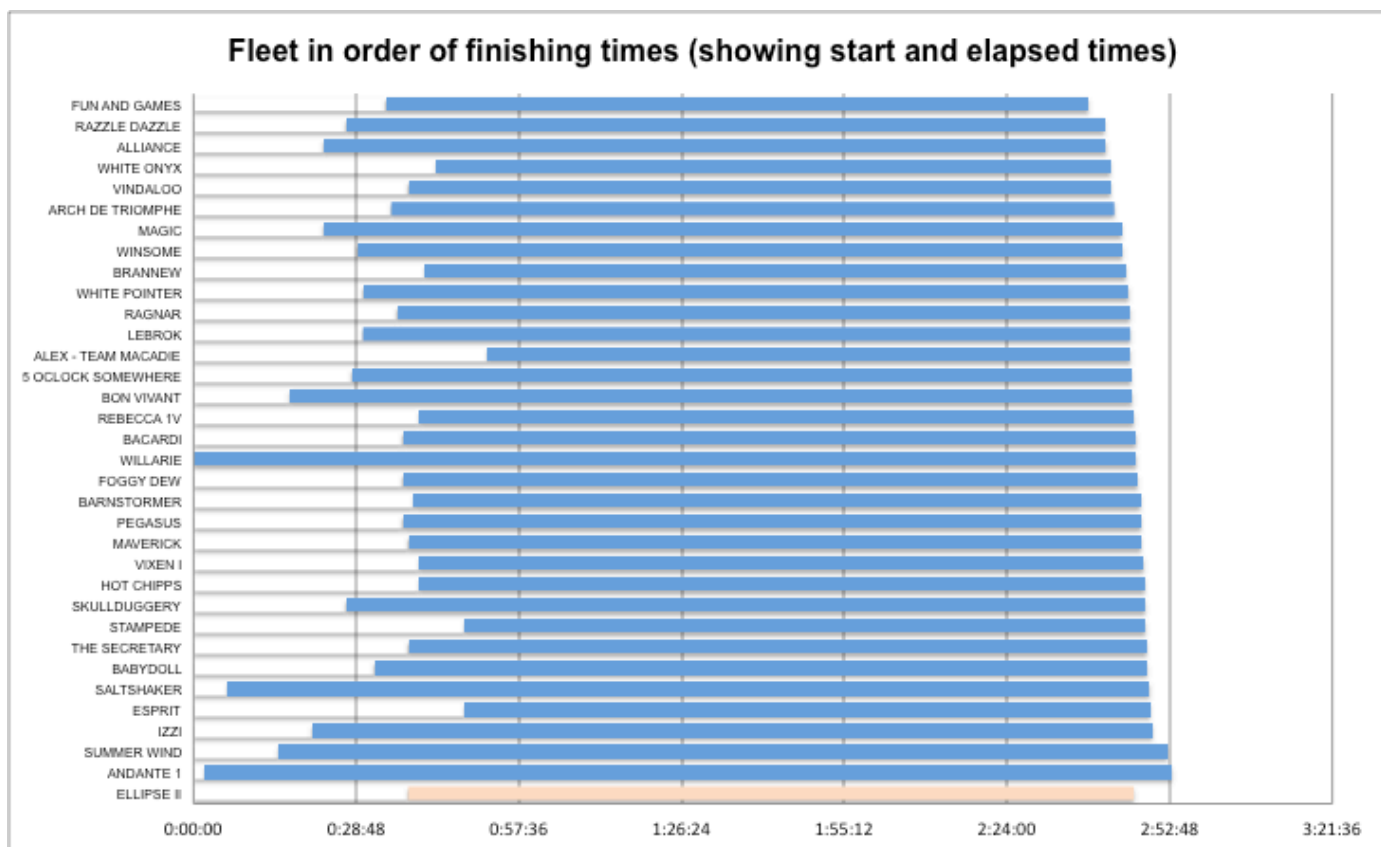
Pursuit race results

- 1st ***Fun & Games*** (Alan Edwards) – started on 34 min, sailed for 2:04:25 and finished 2 min 50 sec ahead of...
- 2nd ***Razzle Dazzle*** (Grahame Jones) – started on 27 min, sailed for 2:14:15 and finished 19 sec ahead of ...
- 3rd ***Alliance*** (Alex Hall) – started on 23 min, sailed for 2:18:34 and finished 44 sec ahead ***White Onyx*** (Ben Solly).



Fun & Games – 1st across the line

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.



Ellypse II (Jonathan Warne and John Lindholm) failed to sign on via MemberPoint and earned a 5 minute penalty.

Maverick (Anthony Hammond), always keen to get a good start, made a practice run through the line, unfortunately from the course side! During the post race presentations, RO Margaret Whitbread asked if a representative of **Maverick** would step forward and collect a copy of the relevant pages of the Sailing Instructions. Alas, none other than Steve Aulich, revered international sailing judge, sheepishly stepped forward to the great acclaim of all in attendance. Hey Tony and Steve, north is up.

Now one of the most experienced and competent bunch of sailors can be found on **Bacardi** (Martyn Power). The generally accepted wisdom among those who are wise says that if you're prone to falling overboard, do so on **Bacardi** because those guys are good. Yep, it was put to the test in this race. **Bacardi** was seen to make no fewer than 4 passes, repeat 4 passes, to retrieve "something" seen floating in the water that was thought to have fallen from **Bacardi**. It turned out to be a sneaker the one time wearer of which I assume was on board and not still waiting for a 5th pass.

	H'cap	Elapsed	Finish	Score
FUN AND GAMES	0:34:00	2:04:25	16:08:25	1
RAZZLE DAZZLE	0:27:00	2:14:15	16:11:15	2
ALLIANCE	0:23:00	2:18:34	16:11:34	3
WHITE ONYX	0:43:00	1:59:18	16:12:18	4
VINDALOO	0:38:00	2:04:21	16:12:21	5
ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	0:35:00	2:08:00	16:13:00	6
MAGIC	0:23:00	2:21:17	16:14:17	7
WINSOME	0:29:00	2:15:25	16:14:25	8
BRANNEW	0:41:00	2:04:02	16:15:02	9
WHITE POINTER	0:30:00	2:15:33	16:15:33	10
RAGNAR	0:36:00	2:09:47	16:15:47	11
LEBROK	0:30:00	2:15:49	16:15:49	12
ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	0:52:00	1:53:51	16:15:51	13
5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE	0:28:00	2:17:57	16:15:57	14
BON VIVANT	0:17:00	2:29:09	16:16:09	15
REBECCA 1V	0:40:00	2:06:27	16:16:27	17
BACARDI	0:37:00	2:09:52	16:16:52	18
WILLARIE	-0:10:01	2:56:54	16:16:54	19
FOGGY DEW	0:37:00	2:10:09	16:17:09	20
BARNSTORMER	0:39:00	2:08:39	16:17:39	21
PEGASUS	0:37:00	2:10:45	16:17:45	22.5
MAVERICK	0:38:00	2:09:45	16:17:45	22.5
VIXEN I	0:40:00	2:08:11	16:18:11	24
HOT CHIPPS	0:40:00	2:08:24	16:18:24	25
SKULLDUGGERY	0:27:00	2:21:28	16:18:28	26
STAMPEDE	0:48:00	2:00:30	16:18:30	27
THE SECRETARY	0:38:00	2:10:44	16:18:44	28
BABYDOLL	0:32:00	2:16:48	16:18:48	29
SALTSHAKER	0:06:00	2:43:15	16:19:15	30
ESPRIT	0:48:00	2:01:20	16:19:20	31
IZZI	0:21:00	2:28:45	16:19:45	32
SUMMER WIND	0:15:00	2:37:22	16:22:22	33
ANDANTE 1	0:02:00	2:51:10	16:23:10	34
ELLIPSE II	0:38:00	2:08:26	16:16:26	

Fastest times around the course

Alex - Team Macadie (Jock Macadie) – completed the course in 1:53:51, which was 5 min 27 sec faster than

White Onyx (Ben Solly) – completed the course in 1:58:18, which was 1 min 12 sec faster than ...

Stampede (Christopher Gendala) – completed Course 25 in 2:00:30.

Now Ben Solly can be frequently heard lamenting what he regards as an unreasonably high handicap. “**White Onyx** is a cruising boat” moans Ben. Tell someone who may have some sympathy Ben. In fact, tell the handicapper who may not have noticed the company you are keeping in your “cruising” boat.



Alex - Team Macadie – fastest on the day, yet again



White Onyx, clear of the field and on her way to the 2nd fastest time



Willarie (Graeme Kaufman) again enjoyed the best value-for-money spending 2 hours 57 mins on the race course.

Start of the day

Start of the day was won by **Andante** (Keith Woodruff) which crossed the line exactly on her allocated start time.

Series aggregate

Scheduled races = 25
 Abandoned = 5
 Races completed = 20
 Races to count = 10 best

Razzle Dazzle (Grahame Jones) climbs to the top of the ladder with a series score of 61 points.

Foggy Dew (Rob D'Arcy) steps down from the 1st to the 2nd podium step just 1 point behind on 62.

Skullduggery (Garry McCarten) moves to 3rd position on 64 points.



Razzle Dazzle leading the aggregate series.

The top ten leaders in the aggregate competition are:

Place	Boat Name	Series Score
1	RAZZLE DAZZLE	61
2	FOGGY DEW	62
3	SKULLDUGGERY	64
4	5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE	65
5	PEGASUS	68
6	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	69
7	WHITE POINTER	74
8	BON VIVANT	74
9	BRANNEW	82
10	SALTSHAKER	88

Commit to the date – 14 Apr 23

The **Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders summer series presentation night** will be held on Friday 14 April. Book your table now!

The venue will be the Port Phillip Room; doors will open from 6.30pm; and as with previous presentation nights, there will be some great entertainment.

\$62.00 Members & Partners (subsidised by WW raffle); \$75.00 Non-Members

Tickets can be purchased for table sizes of 12 or less or you may share a table with others.

Yacht in focus

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

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.

About our sponsor

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Good sailing
David Lynch

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