

Sandringham Yacht Club Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders Race 4 of the winter series, held 26 Apr 2023

This race held in a warm N breeze ranging from 10 to 15 knots on flat water. The RO chose course #40 with a distance of 10.6M. A total of 36 boats crossed the start line and one boat retired.

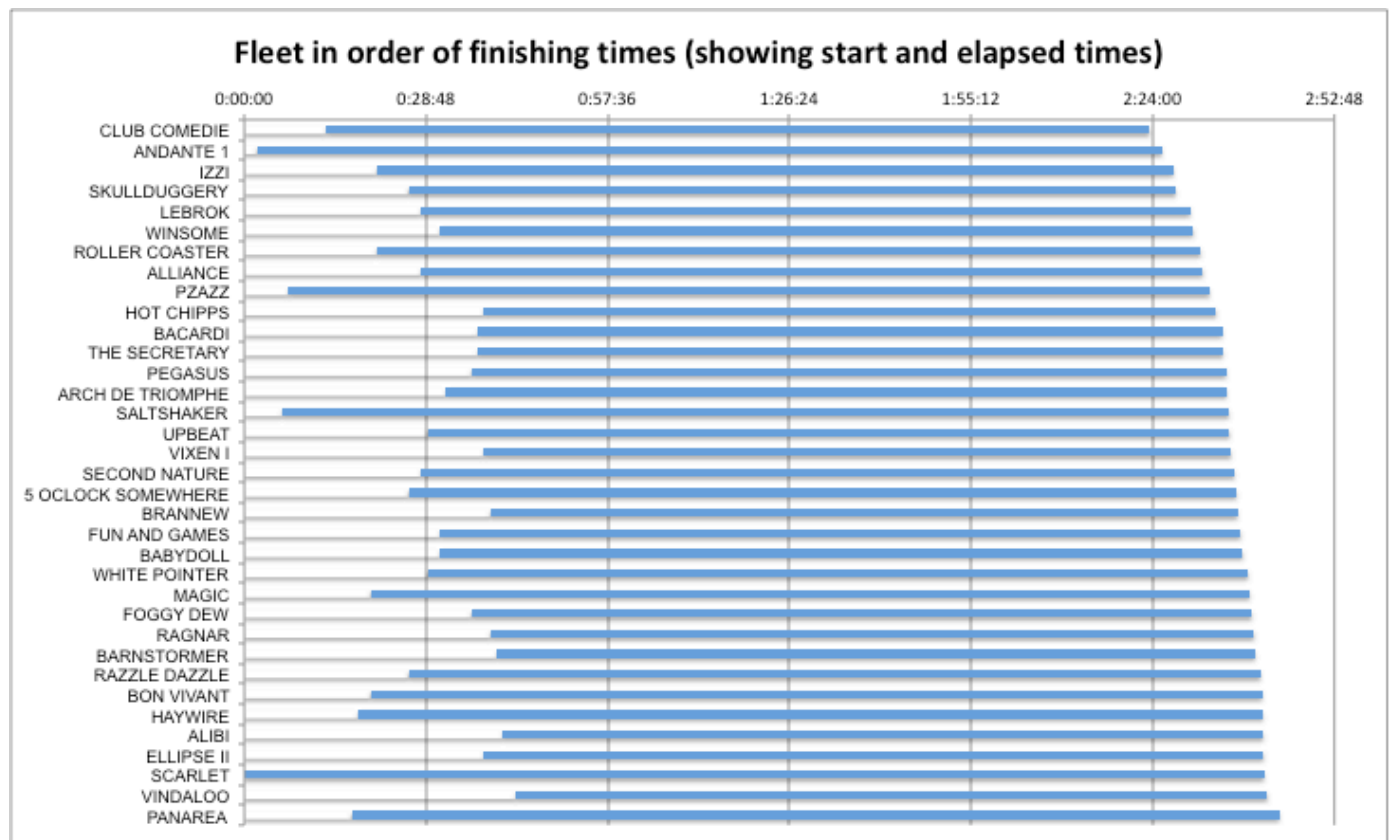
Race management

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

Pursuit race results

- 1st **Club Comedie** (Darren Eger) – started on 13 min, sailed for 2:10:29 and finished a respectable 1 min 58 sec ahead of...
- 2nd **Andante** (Keith Woodruff) – started on 2 min, sailed for 2:23:27 and finished 1 min 50 sec ahead of ...
- 3rd **Izzi** (Patrick O'Brien) – started on 21 min, sailed for 2:06:17 and finished 22 sec ahead of **Skullduggery** (Garry McCarten).

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.



After leading the fleet **Willarie** (Graeme Kaufman) retired due to a navigational error. Graeme was unable to tame his enthusiasm and sailed past his next mark heading for Queenscliffe.



Club Comedie – 1st home (and start of the day)



Andante – 2nd home



Izzi – 3rd home

<u>Place</u>		<u>H'cap</u>	<u>Elapsed</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Score</u>
1	CLUB COMEDIE	0:13:00	2:10:29	15:53:29	1
2	ANDANTE 1	0:02:00	2:23:27	15:55:27	2
3	IZZI	0:21:00	2:06:17	15:57:17	3
4	SKULLDUGGERY	0:26:00	2:01:39	15:57:39	4
5	LEBROK	0:28:00	2:01:55	15:59:55	5
6	WINSOME	0:31:00	1:59:27	16:00:27	6
7	ROLLER COASTER	0:21:00	2:10:35	16:01:35	7
8	ALLIANCE	0:28:00	2:03:56	16:01:56	8
9	PZAZZ	0:07:00	2:26:00	16:03:00	9
10	HOT CHIPPS	0:38:00	1:56:03	16:04:03	10
11	BACARDI	0:37:00	1:58:00	16:05:00	11
12	THE SECRETARY	0:37:00	1:58:08	16:05:08	12
13	PEGASUS	0:36:00	1:59:37	16:05:37	13
14	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	0:32:00	2:03:42	16:05:42	14
15	SALTSHAKER	0:06:00	2:30:05	16:06:05	15
16	UPBEAT	0:29:00	2:07:12	16:06:12	16
17	VIXEN I	0:38:00	1:58:25	16:06:25	17
18	SECOND NATURE	0:28:00	2:08:56	16:06:56	18
19	5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE	0:26:00	2:11:17	16:07:17	19
20	BRANNEW	0:39:00	1:58:26	16:07:26	20
21	FUN AND GAMES	0:31:00	2:06:56	16:07:56	21
22	BABYDOLL	0:31:00	2:07:16	16:08:16	22
23	WHITE POINTER	0:29:00	2:10:07	16:09:07	23
24	MAGIC	0:20:00	2:19:22	16:09:22	24
25	FOGGY DEW	0:36:00	2:03:42	16:09:42	25
26	RAGNAR	0:39:00	2:01:04	16:10:04	26
27	BARNSTORMER	0:40:00	2:00:15	16:10:15	27
28	RAZZLE DAZZLE	0:26:00	2:15:05	16:11:05	28
29	BON VIVANT	0:20:00	2:21:21	16:11:21	29
30	HAYWIRE	0:18:00	2:23:27	16:11:27	30
31	ALIBI	0:41:00	2:00:31	16:11:31	31
32	ELLIPSE II	0:38:00	2:03:34	16:11:34	32
33	SCARLET	0:00:00	2:41:37	16:11:37	33
34	VINDALOO	0:43:00	1:59:12	16:12:12	34
35	PANAREA	0:17:00	2:27:04	16:14:04	35

At the time of writing this report, the findings of a protest are outstanding. **Arch de Triomphe** has alleged that **Pegasus** infringed rules 10 and 13 in the vicinity of the finishing line to the detriment of **Arch de Triomphe**. The alleged infringement is disputed by Pegasus. As the skipper of the boat alleged to have infringed the rules, I take the liberty of climbing onto a soapbox and expressing a long-held view. There appears to be a reluctance and a discomfort by Wednesday Wonders sailors in referring disputes to a protest committee; too frequently we resort to a “friendly chat” in the bar after the race. Disputes which are not exonerated on the water by either the withdrawal of the protest or the taking of an on-water penalty should be adjudicated and brought to a conclusion by a protest committee. In our form of yacht racing there is no referee or umpire; adherence to the rules is fundamental to fair play and ultimately to safety. We should feel comfortable in taking, or being taken by, a competitor before a protest committee.

Fastest times around the course

Hot Chipps (John Chipp) – completed the course in 1:56:03, which was a significant 1 min 57 sec faster than

Bacardi (Martin Power) – completed the course in 1:58:00, which was just 8 sec faster than ...

The Secretary (George Shaw) – completed the course in 1:58:08.



Hot Chipps – Fastest on the day (and start of the day)



Scarlet (Mark Watson) enjoyed the flat water, sunshine and the warm breeze for 3 hours 24 mins.

Start of the day

Start of the day was shared by **Club Comedie** (Darren Eger) also pursuit winner and **Hot Chipps** (John Chipp) also fastest boat around the course. Both boats crossed the start line 2 sec after her allocated start times.

Series aggregate

Scheduled races = 4

Abandoned = 0

Races completed = 4

Races counted = 2 best

Club Comedie (Darren Eger) leads the aggregate completion on just 3 points.

The top ten leaders in the aggregate competition are:

Place	Boat Name	Series Score
1	CLUB COMEDIE	3
2	PZAZZ	3
3	WILLARIE	7
4	HAYWIRE	9
5	SKULLDUGGERY	10
6	BON VIVANT	10
7	IZZI	12
8	ANDANTE 1	13
9	ALLIANCE	13
10	WINSOME	13

Century Class

The first race of the Century Class competition saw **Lebrok** (Theo Korbel) take out 1st place.

Place	Boat Name	Series Score
1	LEBROK	1
2	THE SECRETARY	2
3	SALTSHAKER	3
4	FUN AND GAMES	4
5	MAGIC	5
6	BARNSTORMER	6
7	RAZZLE DAZZLE	7
8	BON VIVANT	8
9	SCARLET	9
10	WILLARIE	11

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Good sailing
David Lynch

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