

# Sandringham Yacht Club

## Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders

### Race 6 of the winter series, held 10 May 2023

This race was held on flat water in a warm breeze which moved from SSW to S and ranged from 5 to 12 knots. In view of the light wind, the RO chose course #12 with a distance of 9.3M but found it necessary to shorten the course to 8.7M. A total of 30 boats crossed the start line and 28 finished.

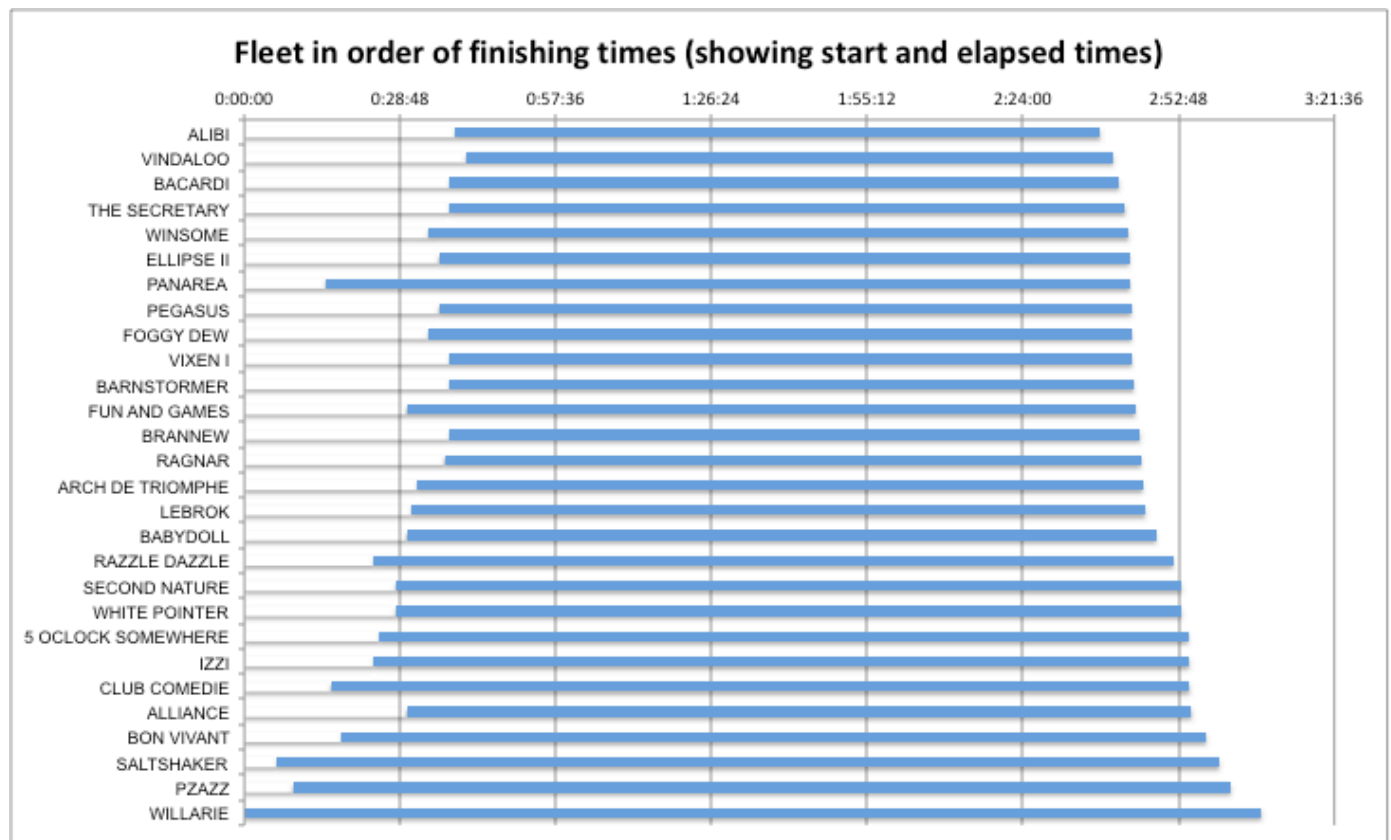
### Race management

Thanks to the race management crew: Margaret Whitbread as race officer ably assisted by Di Tyndall and Don Cullen. (***More about Margaret on a later page***). Thanks also to the boating office for having a rescue rib on the water on stand-by.

### Pursuit race results

- 1<sup>st</sup> ***Alibi*** (Dennis Hambleton) – started on 39 min, sailed for 1:59:17 and finished a respectable 2 min 26 sec ahead of...
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ***Vindaloo*** (John Taylor) – started on 41 min, sailed for 1:59:43 and finished 1 min 4 sec ahead of ...
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ***Bacardi*** (Martin Power) – started on 38 min, sailed for 2:03:47 and finished 1 min 9 sec ahead of ***The Secretary*** (George Shaw).

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.



The chart clearly shows the extent to which the late starters pushed through the fleet. This was due primarily to the light conditions and the post start wind shift during the first upwind leg.

**Skulduggery** (Garry McCarten) inadvertently crossed the start line more than 5 min before her allocated start time and were therefore recorded as a DNS. **Andante** (Keith Woodruff) started successfully but subsequently retired from the race.



By the second leg, in the light conditions, the fleet was bunched up



**Abili** on her way to the front, where she stayed



***Bacardi and  
The Secretary***

That's how they spent most of the race .... and that's how they finished.

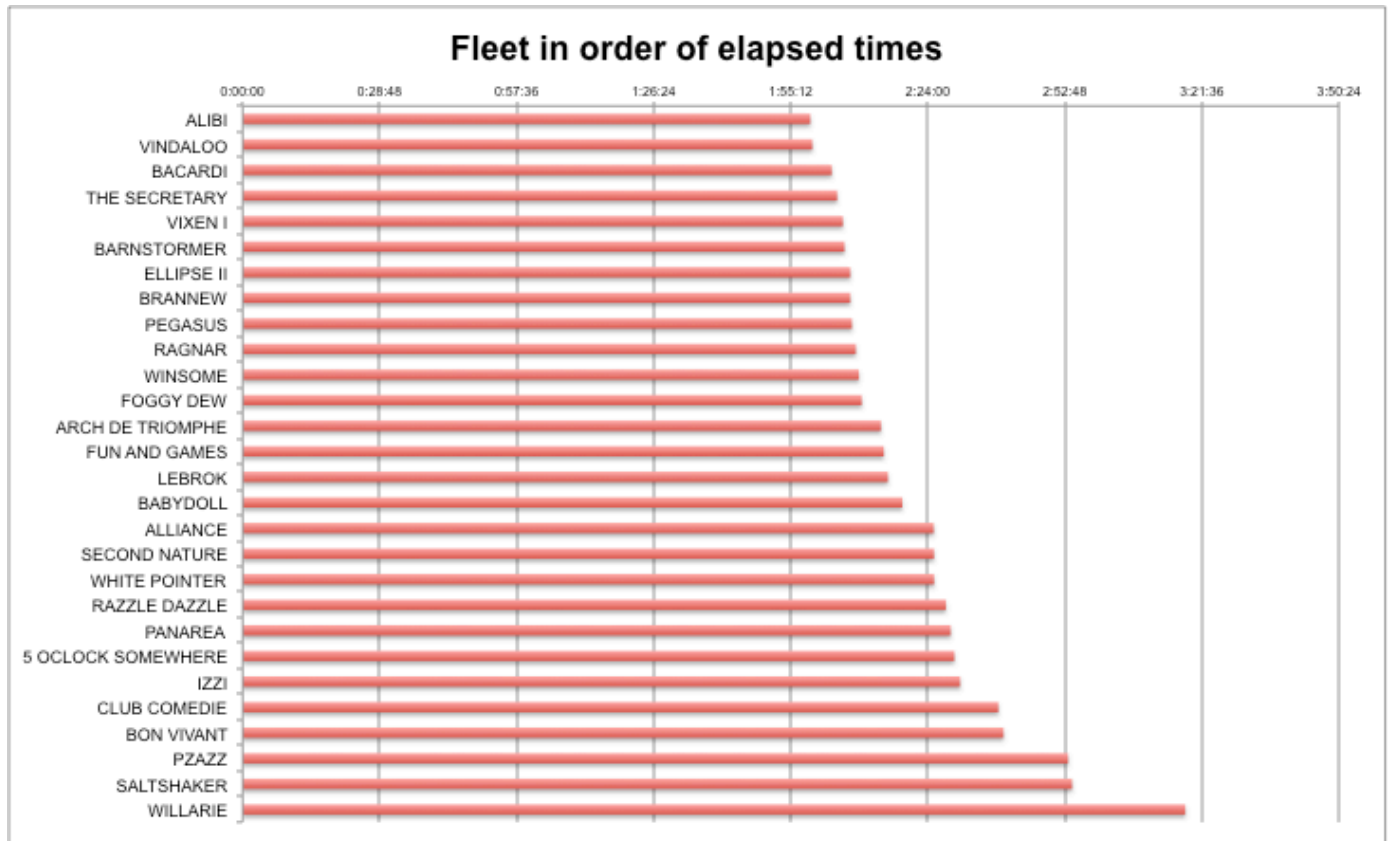
Place		H'cap	Elapsed	Finish	Score
1	ALIBI	0:39:00	1:59:17	16:08:17	1
2	VINDALOO	0:41:00	1:59:43	16:10:43	2
3	BACARDI	0:38:00	2:03:47	16:11:47	3
4	THE SECRETARY	0:38:00	2:04:56	16:12:56	4
5	WINSOME	0:34:00	2:09:30	16:13:30	5
6	ELLIPSE II	0:36:00	2:07:41	16:13:41	6
7	PANAREA	0:15:00	2:28:47	16:13:47	7
8	PEGASUS	0:36:00	2:08:02	16:14:02	8
9	FOGGY DEW	0:34:00	2:10:05	16:14:05	9
10	VIXEN I	0:38:00	2:06:08	16:14:08	10
11	BARNSTORMER	0:38:00	2:06:28	16:14:28	11
12	FUN AND GAMES	0:30:00	2:14:44	16:14:44	12
13	BRANNEW	0:38:00	2:07:41	16:15:41	13
14	RAGNAR	0:37:00	2:08:51	16:15:51	14
15	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	0:32:00	2:14:08	16:16:08	15
16	LEBROK	0:31:00	2:15:36	16:16:36	16
17	BABYDOLL	0:30:00	2:18:37	16:18:37	17
18	RAZZLE DAZZLE	0:24:00	2:27:47	16:21:47	18
19	SECOND NATURE	0:28:00	2:25:17	16:23:17	19
20	WHITE POINTER	0:28:00	2:25:18	16:23:18	20
21	5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE	0:25:00	2:29:34	16:24:34	21
22	IZZI	0:24:00	2:30:46	16:24:46	22
23	CLUB COMEDIE	0:16:00	2:38:49	16:24:49	23
24	ALLIANCE	0:30:00	2:25:13	16:25:13	24
25	BON VIVANT	0:18:00	2:39:53	16:27:53	25
26	SALTSHAKER	0:06:00	2:54:18	16:30:18	26
27	PZAZZ	0:09:00	2:53:27	16:32:27	27
28	WILLARIE	-0:10:00	3:18:05	16:38:05	28

## Fastest times around the course

**Alibi** (Dennis Hambleton) – completed the course in 1:59:17, which was just 26 sec faster than ...

**Vindaloo** (John Taylor) – completed the course in 1:59:43, which was 4 min 04 sec sec faster than ...

**Bacardi** (Martin Power) – completed the course in 1:58:08.



**Willarie** (Graeme Kaufman) enjoyed the flat water, sunshine and the warm breeze for 3 hours 18 mins thereby gaining the best value for money.

## Start of the day

Start of the day went to **Arch de Triomphe** (Al Murray and James Taylor). Could do better boys ... late by 01 sec !! (When they're so damned good, they can take some harsh criticism.)





**Arch de Triomphe (AM AM)** – heading for an almost perfectly timed pursuit start

## Series aggregate

Scheduled races = 6

Abandoned = 1

Races completed = 5

Races counted = 3 best

**Pzazz** (Michael Vandertop) leads the aggregate completion on 12 points.

The top ten leaders in the aggregate competition are:

Place	Boat Name	Series Score
1	PZAZZ	12
2	WILLARIE	18
3	WINSOME	18
4	HAYWIRE	21
5	ALLIANCE	21
6	BACARDI	24
7	BON VIVANT	24
8	CLUB COMEDIE	26
9	SKULLDUGGERY	26
10	IZZI	27

**Getting to better know:**

## **Margaret Whitbread**

***.... amazingly generous with her time and expertise; highly respected by all***

I asked Margaret if she would write a few sentences about herself to enable Wednesday Wonders sailors to know a little more about the person who gives so much of her time and expertise.

This is what Margaret wrote:

"I joined SYC 18 years ago. George Shaw *"The Secretary"* introduced me to the Wednesday Wonders tower with Faye Armstrong and Denise Seeley. I enjoyed it so much I also joined the roster for Twilights, Sunday Sailors and the regattas . I did the Race Officer course and also got my Radio Operator's licence. I tried racing on our boat '*Chequemate*' but got nervous; I have a theory "that happiness is an upright mast"! My husband - Ian and I would quite often sail out to Falkner Beacon at sunset which was very enjoyable.

I have also sailed The Med from Turkey to Sicily and Spain to Monte Carlo on a 50 foot Beneteau. Surprisingly, when we did encounter rough weather I wasn't sea sick. We lived in Whyalla for a few years and bought a Hawk Surf Catamaran which was fun. I also sailed the Gippsland Lakes aboard our Catalina 27.

I enjoy volunteering, having delivered Meals on Wheels back in Glen Waverly and taking the primary school children for Bike Ed. I also joined the SYC social committee and was secretary for our Neighbourhood Watch branch.

I love preparing for the two Wednesday Wonders presentation nights and enjoy making the table decorations."



Margaret at the helm of *Chequemate*, looking very relaxed with an "upright mast"





*Chequemate* (Margaret and Ian Whitbread) in beautiful trim just loving the breeze

## About our sponsor

There are many players who make the Wednesday Wonders series a success, one being our generous sponsor Noorden Property.

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Good sailing  
**David Lynch**

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