

Sandringham Yacht Club

Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders

Race 8 of the winter series, held 24 May 2023

This was a fast race in a northerly breeze which ranged from 18 to 22 knots with the occasional gust at 25 knots. The RO chose course #24 with a distance of 9.3M. A total of 24 boats crossed the start line and all finished.

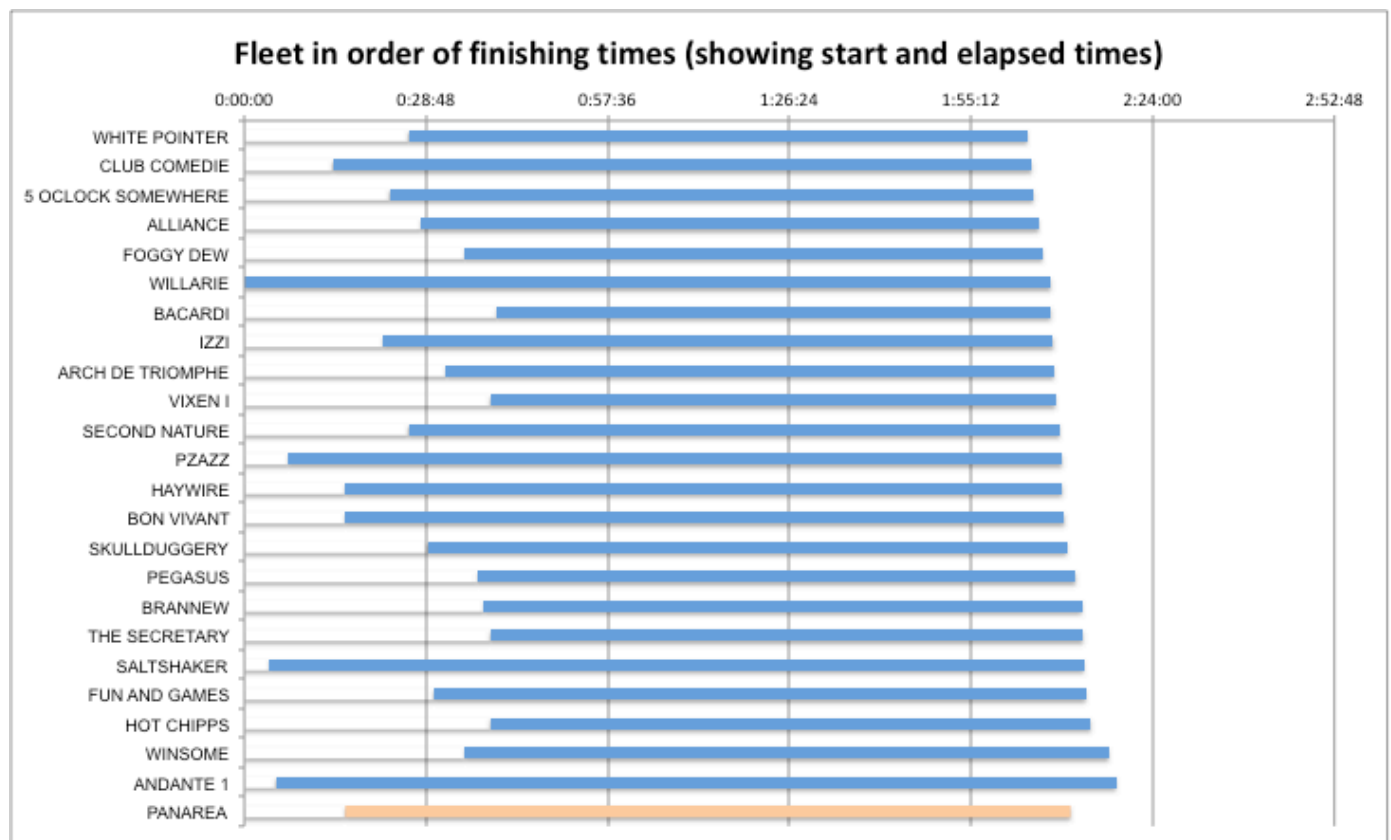
Race management

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

Pursuit race results

- 1st **White Pointer** (Mal Billings, Tom Raft) – started on 26 min, sailed for 1:38:07 and finished 39 sec ahead of...
- 2nd **Club Comedie** (Darren Egar) – started on 14 min, sailed for 1:50:46 and finished 18 sec ahead of ...
- 3rd **5 O'Clock Somewhere** (Chris, Kate, Greg & Tony) – started on 23 min, sailed for 1:42:04 and finished 52 sec sec ahead of **Alliance** (Alex, Simon & Paul).

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.





White Pointer – 1st to finish (and apologies for the low resolution photo)



Club Comedie – 2 up and 2nd to finish



5 O'Clock Somewhere – 3rd to finish (at this stage, leading *White Pointer*)

Place		H'cap	Elapsed	Finish	Score
1	WHITE POINTER	0:26:00	1:38:07	15:34:07	1
2	CLUB COMEDIE	0:14:00	1:50:46	15:34:46	2
3	5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE	0:23:00	1:42:04	15:35:04	3
4	ALLIANCE	0:28:00	1:37:56	15:35:56	4
5	FOGGY DEW	0:35:00	1:31:32	15:36:32	5
6	WILLARIE	-0:10:00	2:07:49	15:37:49	6
7	BACARDI	0:40:00	1:27:51	15:37:51	7
8	IZZI	0:22:00	1:46:14	15:38:14	8
9	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	0:32:00	1:36:20	15:38:20	9
10	VIXEN I	0:39:00	1:29:33	15:38:33	10
11	SECOND NATURE	0:26:00	1:43:15	15:39:15	11
12	PZAZZ	0:07:00	2:02:37	15:39:37	12
13	HAYWIRE	0:16:00	1:53:40	15:39:40	13
14	BON VIVANT	0:16:00	1:54:01	15:40:01	14
15	SKULLDUGGERY	0:29:00	1:41:23	15:40:23	15
16	PEGASUS	0:37:00	1:34:46	15:41:46	17
17	BRANNEW	0:38:00	1:34:45	15:42:45	18
18	THE SECRETARY	0:39:00	1:33:56	15:42:56	19
19	SALTSHAKER	0:04:00	2:09:03	15:43:03	20
20	FUN AND GAMES	0:30:00	1:43:21	15:43:21	21
21	HOT CHIPPS	0:39:00	1:35:09	15:44:09	22
22	WINSOME	0:35:00	1:42:01	15:47:01	23
23	ANDANTE 1	0:05:00	2:13:10	15:48:10	24
ENP	PANAREA	0:16:00	1:54:59	15:40:59	21

Panarea (Chris Ravesi) earned an ENP (event nominated penalty) of 5 minutes for failing to sign on via MemberPoint.

Fastest times around the course

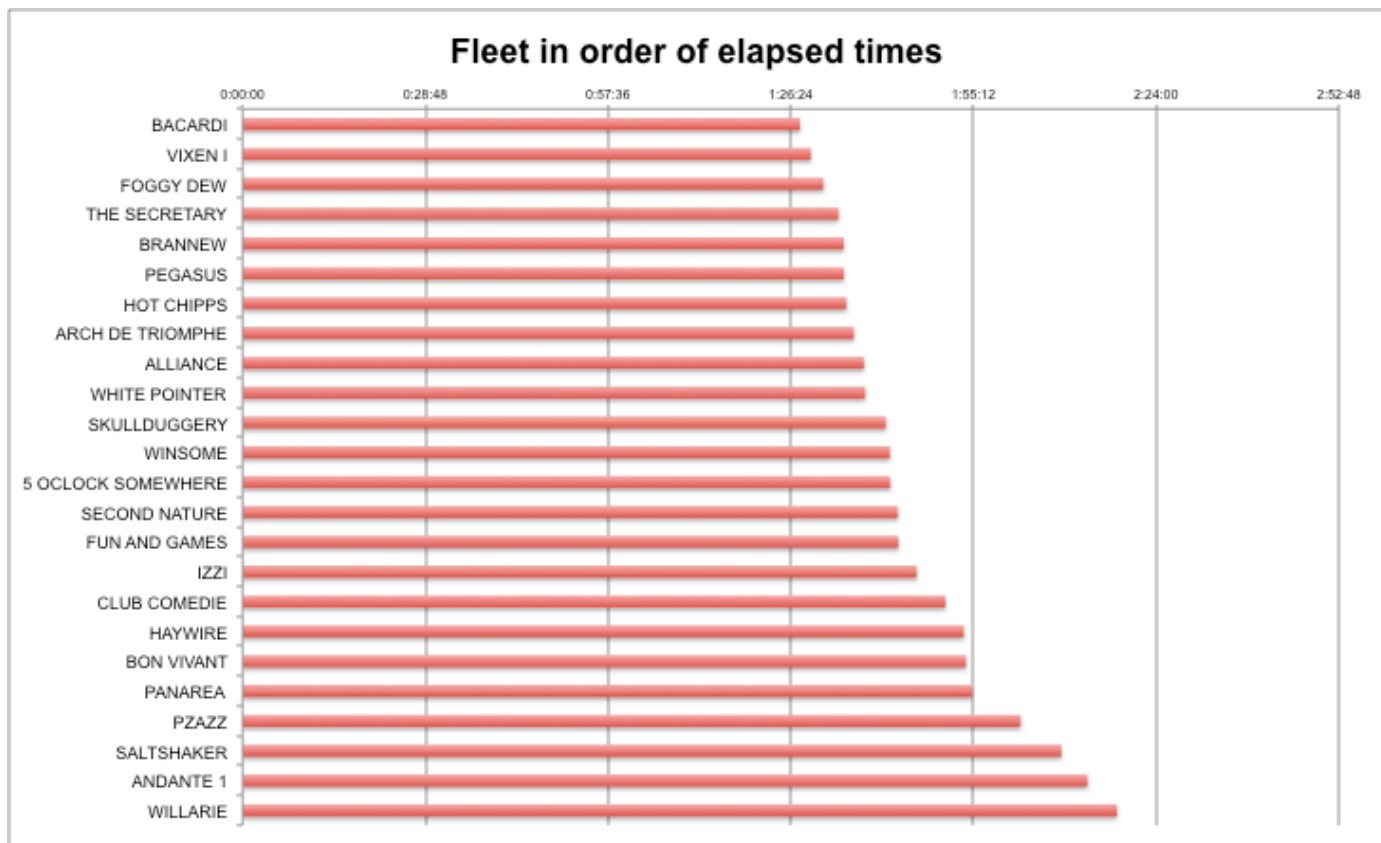
Bacardi (Martin Power) – completed the course in 1:27:51, which was 1 min 42 sec faster than

Vixen 1 (Phil Strong, Christine Matheou-Fox) – completed the course in 1:29:33, which was 1 min 59 sec faster than ...

Foggy Dew (Rob D'Arcy) – completed the course in 1:31:32.



Look twice! That's ***Bacardi*** (Martin Power) chasing down ***The Secretary*** (George Shaw) to take the fastest time of the day. No sail reefing called for on ***Bacardi***.



Start of the day

Start of the day went to *Arch de Triomph* (Al Murray, James Taylor), which started a whole 6 sec after her allocated start time. What happened Al? Six seconds is definitely an unacceptable margin for you guys! I'll ask for it to be scrubbed from the official records if you wish.



Arch de Triomph – start of the day

Series aggregate

Scheduled races = 8

Abandoned = 1

Races completed = 7

Races counted = 4 best

Club Comedie (Darren Egar) leads the aggregate competition on 6 points based on two first and two second places.

The top ten leaders in the aggregate competition are:

Place	Boat Name	Series Score
1	CLUB COMEDIE	6
2	WILLARIE	16
3	IZZI	22
4	FOGGY DEW	23
5	PZAZZ	24
6	ALLIANCE	25
7	HAYWIRE	26
8	WINSOME	26
9	BACARDI	31
10	SALTSHAKER	36

Arbitration as a means of resolving disputes

Readers may recall that there was a protest lodged during race #4 the findings of which were outstanding at the time of the report on that race. In brief, **Arch de Triomphe** alleged that **Pegasus** infringed rules 10 and 13 in the vicinity of the finishing line to the detriment of **Arch de Triomphe**.

The RRS make provision for disputes being arbitrated as a prelude to, or an alternative to a formal protest hearing. In this case, an arbitrator, who is an expert in interpreting the RRS, explained the process to the representatives of both boats and both agreed to proceed with arbitration.

I can speak as the representative of **Pegasus**. The process was efficient and gave me a better understanding of the relevant rules and how they are interpreted ... and that understanding will definitely influence my decisions on the water. It was far from being an uncomfortable exchange with a "good mate", which is how many of us feel about protest hearings. It was certainly a far better option than trying to resolve a dispute at the bar with input from well intentioned but sometimes unqualified third parties.

Oh, the outcome. The arbitrator's learned opinion was that in the event of the dispute going to a protest committee, it would be found that the "burden" would be with **Pegasus** which would most likely result in a disqualification. Pursuant to the established remedies, **Pegasus** agreed to accept a 30% scoring penalty and **Arch de Triomphe** agreed to withdraw the protest.

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Good sailing
David Lynch

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