

Sandringham Yacht Club

Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders

Race 14 of the winter series, held 5 July 2023

33 boats crossed the start line with one failing to sign on using MemberPoint. The wind was from the north at 6 to 12 knots, the water was flat and the temperature was too cold. The race officer chose course #25 with a distance of 9.4M.

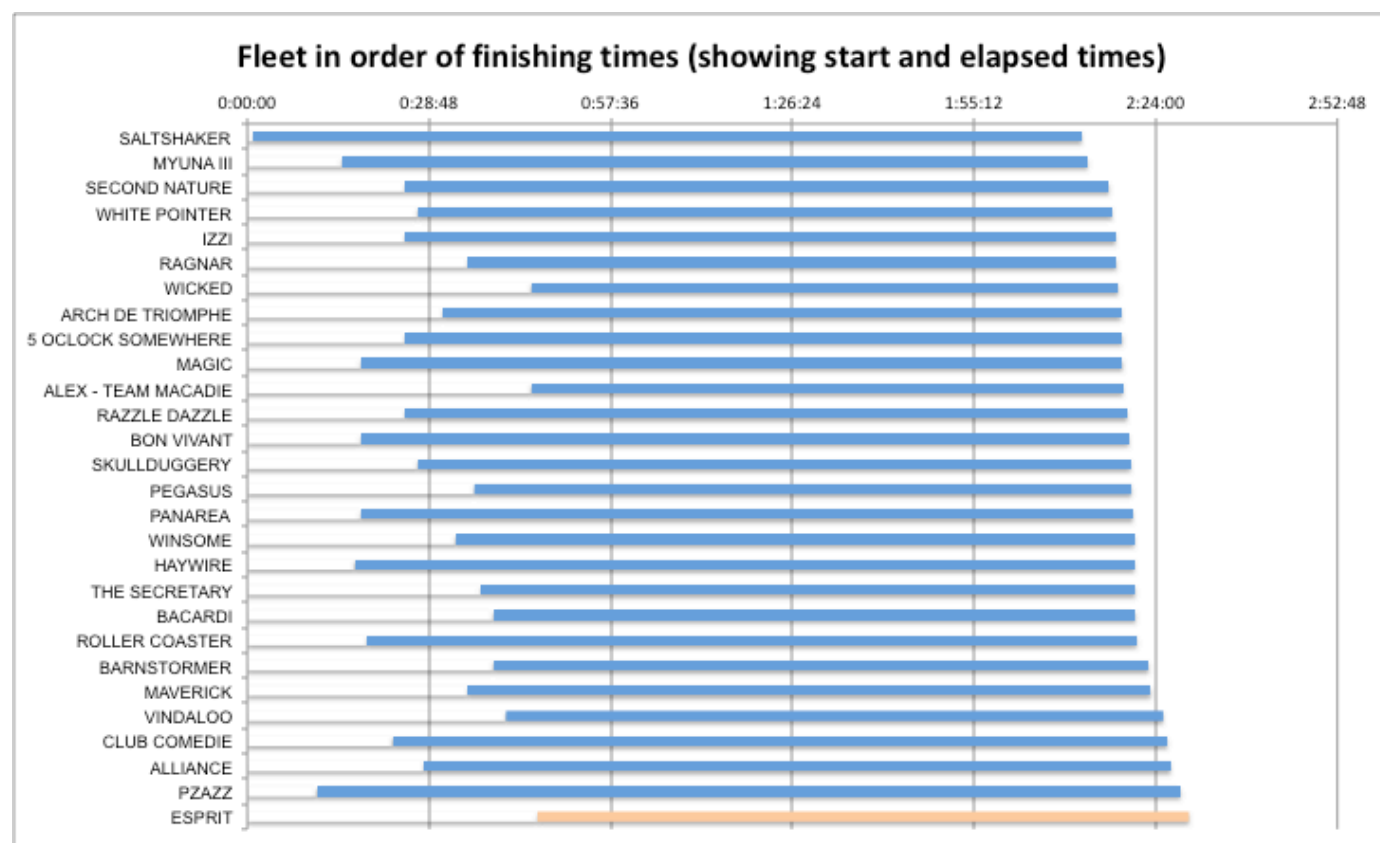
Race management

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

Pursuit race results

- 1st ***Saltshaker*** (Ken Gayler) – 1st to start on a handicap of 1 min, sailed for 2:11:14 and finished 57 sec ahead of...
- 2nd ***Myuna III*** (Geoffrey Nixon) – 3rd to start on a handicap of 15 min, sailed for 1:58:11 and finished a respectable 3 min 24 sec ahead of ...
- 3rd ***Second Nature*** (Paul Mentiplay) – 12th to start on a handicap of 25 min, sailed for 1:51:35 and finished 29 sec ahead of ***White Pointer*** (Tom Raft & Mal Billings).

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.



Esprit (Garry Anderson) failed to sign on via MemberPoint and suffered an ENP (event nominated penalty) of 5 min.



Saltshaker – 1st
across the line

Myuna III – 2nd across the line





Second Nature – 3rd across the line

Buoy room !!



Fleet in order of finishing times

Place		H'cap	Elapsed	Finish	Score
1	SALTSHAKER	0:01:00	2:11:14	15:42:14	1
2	MYUNA III	0:15:00	1:58:11	15:43:11	2
3	SECOND NATURE	0:25:00	1:51:35	15:46:35	3
4	WHITE POINTER	0:27:00	1:50:04	15:47:04	4
5	IZZI	0:25:00	1:52:36	15:47:36	5
6	RAGNAR	0:35:00	1:42:45	15:47:45	6
7	WICKED	0:45:00	1:33:03	15:48:03	7
8	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	0:31:00	1:47:29	15:48:29	8
9	5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE	0:25:00	1:53:42	15:48:42	9
10	MAGIC	0:18:00	2:00:45	15:48:45	10
11	ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	0:45:00	1:33:47	15:48:47	11
12	RAZZLE DAZZLE	0:25:00	1:54:27	15:49:27	12
13	BON VIVANT	0:18:00	2:01:44	15:49:44	13
14	SKULLDUGGERY	0:27:00	1:52:59	15:49:59	14
15	PEGASUS	0:36:00	1:44:08	15:50:08	15
16	PANAREA	0:18:00	2:02:22	15:50:22	16
17	WINSOME	0:33:00	1:47:36	15:50:36	17.5
17	HAYWIRE	0:17:00	2:03:36	15:50:36	17.5
19	THE SECRETARY	0:37:00	1:43:44	15:50:44	19
20	BACARDI	0:39:00	1:41:47	15:50:47	20
21	ROLLER COASTER	0:19:00	2:02:00	15:51:00	21
22	BARNSTORMER	0:39:00	1:43:51	15:52:51	22
23	MAVERICK	0:35:00	1:48:12	15:53:12	23
24	VINDALOO	0:41:00	1:44:11	15:55:11	24
25	CLUB COMEDIE	0:23:00	2:02:48	15:55:48	25
26	ALLIANCE	0:28:00	1:58:20	15:56:20	26
27	PZAZZ	0:11:00	2:16:55	15:57:55	27
ENP	ESPRIT	0:46:00	1:43:16	15:59:16	29

Fastest times around the course

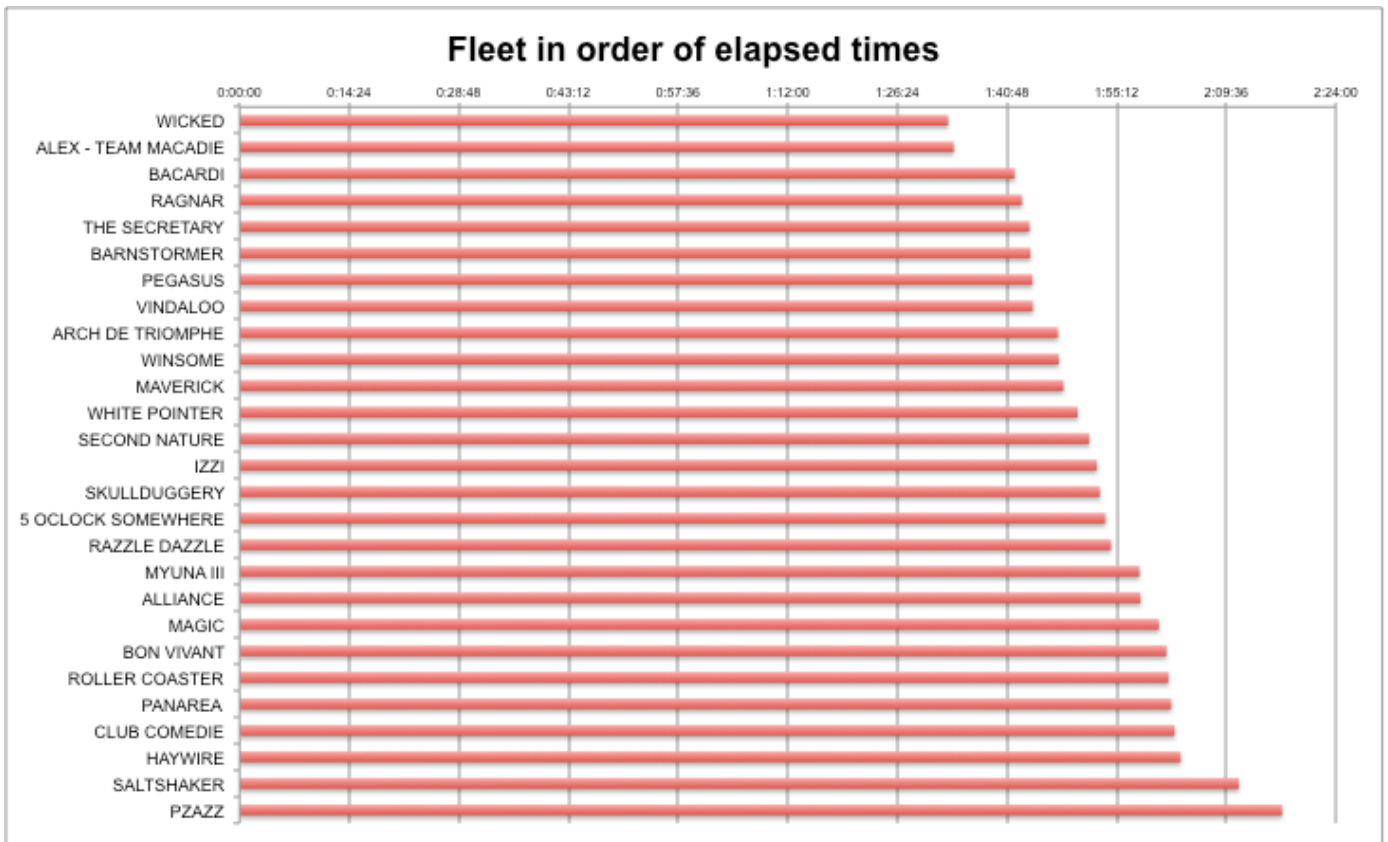
Wicked (Mike Welsh) – completed the course in 1:33:03, which was 44 sec faster than ...

Alex – Team Macadie (Jock Macadie) – completed the course in 1:33:47, which was a whopping 8 min faster than ...

Bacardi (Marin Power) – completed the course in 1:41:47.



Wicked – fastest on the day



P'zazz (Michael Vandertop) enjoyed the best value for effort, enjoying the joys of the race course for 2 hrs 17 min.

Start of the day

Start of the day went to **Arch de Triumph** (Al Murray & James Taylor) which once again crossed the line exactly on her allocated start time. Good one Al, it must be that Ronstan watch!



Arch de Triumph – start of the day

Series aggregate

Scheduled races = 14

Abandoned = 1

Races completed = 13

Races counted = 7 best

Club Comedie (Darren Egar) continues to lead the aggregate competition on 16 points.

The top ten leaders in the aggregate competition are:

Series aggregate leaders

Place	Boat Name	Series Score
1	CLUB COMEDIE	16
2	IZZI	35
3	PZAZZ	36
4	BON VIVANT	49
5	FOGGY DEW	52
6	BACARDI	53
7	SKULLDUGGERY	53
8	PANAREA	54
9	RAZZLE DAZZLE	59
10	HAYWIRE	60.5

Getting to know Don Cullen



I asked Don if he would write a few sentences about himself to enable the Wednesday Wonders crew to know a little more about a person who gives us so much time and expertise in race administration.

This is what Don wrote:

“I started sailing at age eight at Hobsons Bay Yacht Club in Cadets, Gwen 12s, Star Class and Sharpies. I built a Moth while in high school, which I raced out of both Hobsons Bay and Royals. My father built two keelboats, one of which was a Daydream class sloop on which I cut my teeth doing my first ocean race to Devonport as a 12 year old. I have done many ocean races in Australia and New Zealand, plus of course, bay racing in Port Phillip. I sailed out of Mornington on **Caraid** and then SYC for many years with Bob Barr.

I sailed with the legendary Stan Gibson for eight years on **Four Winds 2** and can confirm to any of the older members who remember the stories about Stan – they are true, I was there for most if not all of them!

I joined SYC around 10 years ago. Having hung around the club for 60 years, I felt it was time to pay my dues. I sail with Brendan Kruger on **Baby Doll** and have done so for around 9 years.

Corporate life was spent in the Soft Drink, Dairy and Baking industries.

Leaving corporate life, a new life of adventure emerged doing expeditions and then tour guiding in Tibet for 20 years, including setting up self help programs for the population.

Volunteer work with SYC is Wednesday Wonders in the tower, plus the start boat on the occasional Saturdays and Sundays. I also do some volunteer work within the community on other programs.”

Editor's note:

Don Cullen OAM

Don briefly referred to his voluntary work in Tibet. He's a modest man. As can be read in the 2022 edition of “*Off the Wind*”, Don was awarded an OAM in 2018 for establishing a charity which over 20 years, has provided education, medical and agricultural assistance to the poor of Tibet.

On behalf of all the Wednesday Wonders crew, thank you Don.

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Good sailing
David Lynch

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