

Sandringham Yacht Club

Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders

Race 16 of the winter series, held 19 July 2023

There was some pre-race speculation as to whether there was enough wind to run the race. However, as the start time drew near, a very light wind came in from the NW and a fleet of 33 boats managed to get away. During the race the wind varied a few degrees either side of NW and ranged from 2 to 8 knots. The race officer chose course #24 and found it necessary to shorten the course at the first passing of SYC4, thereby reducing the course length to a mere 6 NM.

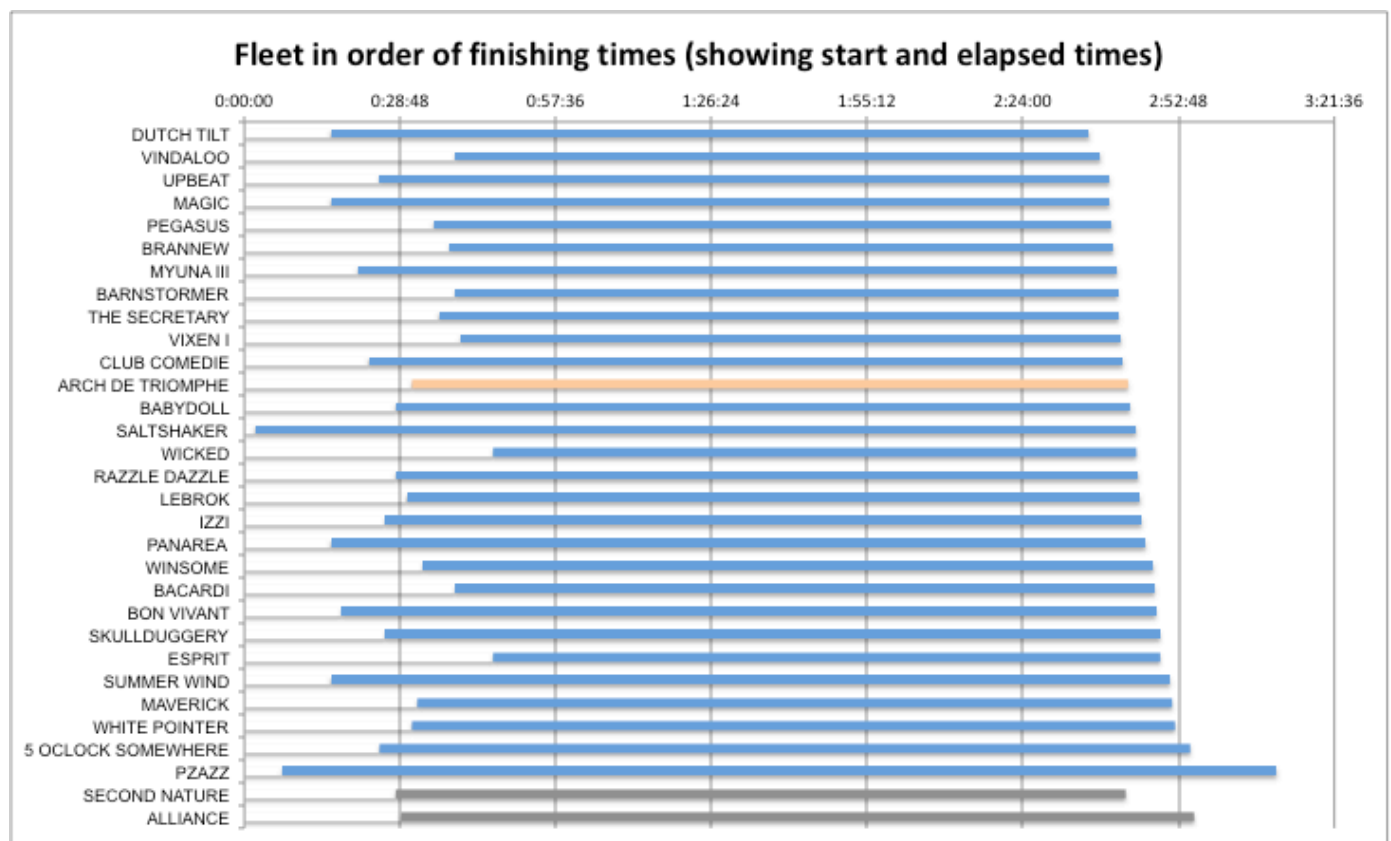
Race management

A big “thank you” goes 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 stand-by.

Pursuit race results

- 1st **Dutch Tilt** (Daniel Gallagher) – started on a handicap of 16 min, sailed for 2:20:16 and finished 2 min 5 sec ahead of...
- 2nd **Vindaloo** (John Taylor) – started on a handicap of 39 min, sailed pretty fast for 1:59:21 and finished 1 min 40 sec ahead of ...
- 3rd **Upbeat** (Peter Dunn) – started on a handicap of 25 min, sailed for 2:15:01 and finished a mere 3 sec ahead of **Magic** (Phil Spry-Bailey).

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.



As we all know, the crew of **Arch de Triumph** (Al Murray and James Taylor et al) pride themselves on starting within 1 or 2 seconds of their allocated start time. For the second week running, **Arch de Triumph** got away 1 whole second too early thereby earning a 5 minute penalty. OMG, should have been a second after, not before! It was all too much for Hughie who has bought a new battery for Al 's Ronstan starting watch and arranged for James to visit SpecSavers.

Second Nature (Paul Mentiplay) and **Alliance** (Alex, Simon & Paul) each failed to sign on via MemberPoint and were awarded an ENP (that's an "event nominated penalty" – aka "see ya later alligator").

Scarlet (Mark Watson) and **Andante I** (Keith Woodruff) each retired. Mark thought the motor needed a run and Keith's crew complained about the cold ... to the whole fleet via a VHF broadcast.



Dutch Tilt – 1st across the line

(Apology for the poor quality photo. If this isn't **Dutch Tilt**, it's her sister ship **Panarea** – too far away to detect)



Vindaloo – 2nd across the line



Upbeat– 3rd across the line

Fleet in order of finishing times

Place		H'cap	Elapsed	Finish	Score
1	DUTCH TILT	0:16:00	2:20:16	16:06:16	1
2	VINDALOO	0:39:00	1:59:21	16:08:21	2
3	UPBEAT	0:25:00	2:15:01	16:10:01	3
4	MAGIC	0:16:00	2:24:04	16:10:04	4
5	PEGASUS	0:35:00	2:05:27	16:10:27	5
6	BRANNEW	0:38:00	2:02:43	16:10:43	6
7	MYUNA III	0:21:00	2:20:27	16:11:27	7
8	BARNSTORMER	0:39:00	2:02:33	16:11:33	8
9	THE SECRETARY	0:36:00	2:05:43	16:11:43	9
10	VIXEN I	0:40:00	2:02:08	16:12:08	10
11	CLUB COMEDIE	0:23:00	2:19:30	16:12:30	11
12	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	0:31:00	2:12:27	16:13:27	13
13	BABYDOLL	0:28:00	2:15:48	16:13:48	14
14	SALTSHAKER	0:02:00	2:42:56	16:14:56	15
15	WICKED	0:46:00	1:58:59	16:14:59	16
16	RAZZLE DAZZLE	0:28:00	2:17:24	16:15:24	17
17	LEBROK	0:30:00	2:15:43	16:15:43	18
18	IZZI	0:26:00	2:19:58	16:15:58	19
19	PANAREA	0:16:00	2:30:42	16:16:42	20
20	WINSOME	0:33:00	2:15:10	16:18:10	21
21	BACARDI	0:39:00	2:09:24	16:18:24	22
22	BON VIVANT	0:18:00	2:30:37	16:18:37	23
23	SKULLDUGGERY	0:26:00	2:23:22	16:19:22	24
24	ESPRIT	0:46:00	2:03:23	16:19:23	25
25	SUMMER WIND	0:16:00	2:35:12	16:21:12	26
26	MAVERICK	0:32:00	2:19:36	16:21:36	27
27	WHITE POINTER	0:31:00	2:21:08	16:22:08	28
28	5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE	0:25:00	2:29:57	16:24:57	29
29	PZAZZ	0:07:00	3:03:56	16:40:56	31
ENP	SECOND NATURE	0:28:00	2:15:00	16:13:00	17
ENP	ALLIANCE	0:29:00	2:26:40	16:25:40	34

Fastest times around the course

Wicked (Mike Welsh) – completed the course in 1:58:59, which was 22 sec faster than ...

Vindaloo (John Taylor) – completed the course in 1:59:21, which was a handsome 2 min 47 sec faster than ...

Vixen I (Christine Matheou-Fox) – completed the course in 2:02:08.



Wicked – fastest on the day (photographed on a windy day)



P'zazz (Michael Vandertop) got maximum value for effort, enjoying the race course for just over 3 hours.

Start of the day

Start of the day was shared by **The Secretary** (Geo Shaw) and **Vindaloo** (John Taylor) each crossing the start line just 3 seconds after their allocated start time.



The Secretary – start of the day – nice one Geo.
(an honour shared with **Vindaloo**)

Series aggregate

Scheduled races = 16

Abandoned = 1

Races completed = 15

Races counted = 8 best

Club Comedie (Darren Egar) continues to hold on to lead the aggregate competition on 21 points. Watch out Darren, the rest of the fleet has you in sight!

The top ten leaders in the aggregate competition are:

Series aggregate leaders

Place	Boat Name	Series Score
1	CLUB COMEDIE	21
2	IZZI	48
3	PZAZZ	50
4	RAZZLE DAZZLE	62
5	BON VIVANT	62
6	BACARDI	63
7	SKULLDUGGERY	68
8	WHITE POINTER	69
9	FOGGY DEW	69
10	PANAREA	71

Getting to know **Bruce Reidy** sailor and race manager

Bruce gives a lot of his time to race management and is often in the tower on a Wednesday. I asked him if he would write a few sentences about himself.

This is what Bruce wrote:



Bruce at the helm of ***Upbeat***

“My introduction to sailing was bareboat charters in the Whitsunday’s with friends and family. My corporate lifestyle took me to Singapore where I sailed with a friend on weekends around the Indonesian islands. Later, more bareboat charters in the Caribbean and San Francisco Bay.

Returning to Australia I decided I should learn to sail properly so I spent time on Moreton Bay with some Brisbane mates doing crew quals. I enquired about sailing in Melbourne and found myself on ***Upbeat*** with Peter Dunne where I did my first racing and soon was a regular. Other SYC boats I have crewed on are ***LeBrok, Primo, Alibi, White Noise*** and ***Tatu Miti***.

Peter took me on my first ocean race to Launceston and introduced me to the ORCV. I have subsequently sailed in many offshore races and deliveries including the Queensland race weeks with the hospitality of Daniel Edwards. The year I planned to crew on ***White Noise*** in the Sydney to Hobart I had a major fall, which identified health issues that put a stop to active crewing.

I had been volunteering with the ORCV, doing a lot of training to enable me to be a Race Director and Incident Manager along with assisting with training and other activities. Daniel invited me to join the SYC Race Management team in which capacity I have been doing Wednesdays and other races and regattas. I also participate as an auditor at SYC.

I worked with Chris Mrakas, founder of *sailor.com.au* starting a yacht delivery business moving yachts from Tahiti, Indonesia, to Mauritius and locally, managing the recruiting of crew, auditing the safety of the vessel, and preparing supplies, layover ports and visa along with running skeds and solving problems was all consuming.

I have been the shore manager for six Sydney to Hobart campaigns, the first two for Lou Abrahams’ ***Challenge***, with owner Chris Mrakas and the rest for ***Carrera S*** and Gerry Cantwell. It has been an eventful, busy and varied 12 years since I joined SYC. I am proud to be a volunteer and lucky to have met so many great people around the club.”

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Good sailing
David Lynch

*The sailor has a ship's wheel stuffed into the front of his trousers.
The bartender says, "Hey, you've got a ship's wheel in your trousers!"
The 'ol salt says, "Aye mate and it's driving me nuts!"*

From: Yachting Monthly

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