

Sandringham Yacht Club

Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders

Race 17 of the winter series, held 26 July 2023

At approximately 11:00 am, the wind swung from the north to the south and by the start time had settled in the range 5 to 9 knots, not quite strong enough to generate a sea state. The sun struggled and the wind chill made it feel just like a winter's day.

Thirty two boats crossed the start line and all finished. The race officer chose course #12 and found it necessary to shorten the course to just 7.1 NM.



Race management

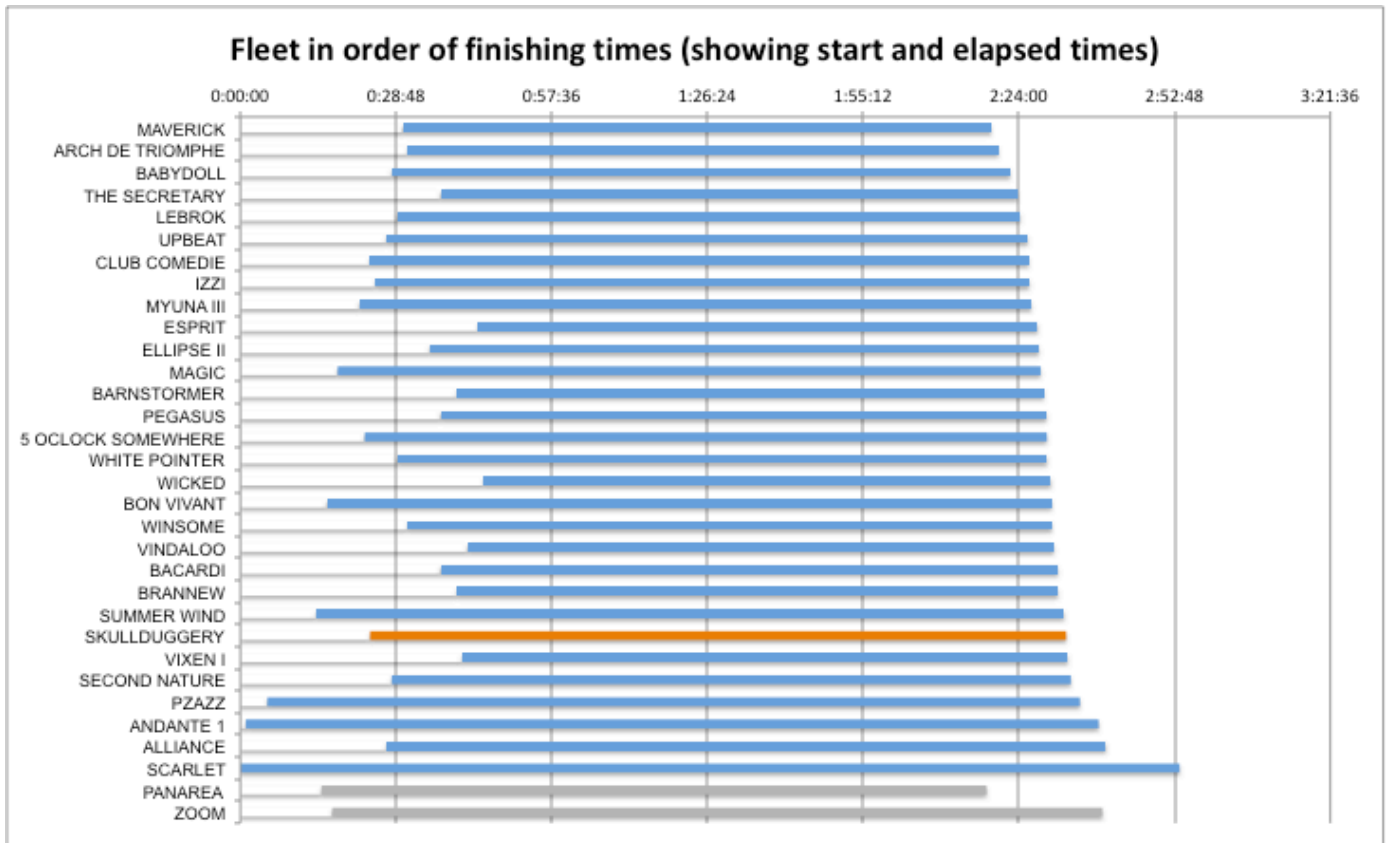
A big “thank you” goes to the race management crew: Margaret Whitbread as RO ably assisted by Don Cullen and Di Tyndall. Thanks also to the boating office for having a rescue rib on stand-by.

Pursuit race results

Panarea (Chris Ravesi), starting on a handicap of 15 min, was first to cross the finish line but was awarded an ENP (event nominated penalty) for not signing on via MemberPoint. Otherwise, a nice performance Chris.

- 1st **Maverick** (Tony Hammond) – started on a handicap of 30 min, sailed for 1:48:51 and finished 1 min 22 sec ahead of...
- 2nd **Arch de Triumph** (Al Murray & James Taylor) – started on a handicap of 31 min, sailed for 1:49:13 and finished 2 min 9 sec ahead of ...
- 3rd **Babydoll** (Brendan Kruger) – started on a handicap of 28 min, sailed for 1:54:22 and finished 1 min 24 sec ahead of **The Secretary** (Geo 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.



Zoom (Daniel Drummond) failed to sign on via MemberPoint thereby earning an ENP and **Skullduggery** (Garry McCarten) was too anxious at the start and earned a 5 min penalty.



Maverick – 1st to finish – happy boys



Arch de Triomphe – 2nd across the line



Babydoll – 3rd across the line

Fleet in order of finishing times

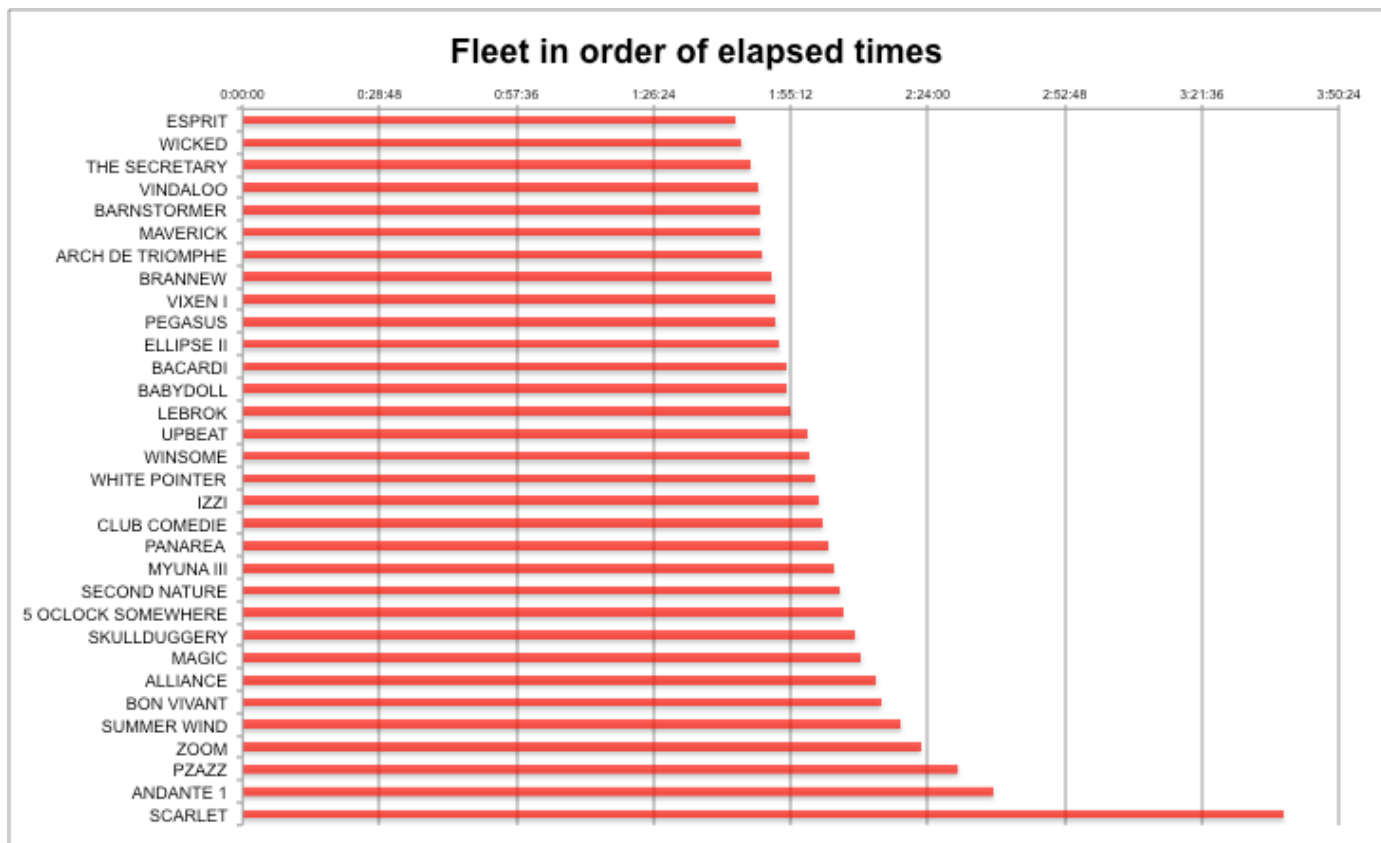
Place		H'cap	Elapsed	Finish	Score
1	MAVERICK	0:30:00	1:48:51	15:48:51	2
2	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	0:31:00	1:49:13	15:50:13	3
3	BABYDOLL	0:28:00	1:54:22	15:52:22	4
4	THE SECRETARY	0:37:00	1:46:46	15:53:46	5
5	LEBROK	0:29:00	1:55:15	15:54:15	6
6	UPBEAT	0:27:00	1:58:39	15:55:39	7
7	CLUB COMEDIE	0:24:00	2:01:49	15:55:49	8
8	IZZI	0:25:00	2:00:55	15:55:55	9
9	MYUNA III	0:22:00	2:04:16	15:56:16	10
10	ESPRIT	0:44:00	1:43:30	15:57:30	11
11	ELLIPSE II	0:35:00	1:52:41	15:57:41	12
12	MAGIC	0:18:00	2:10:01	15:58:01	13
13	BARNSTORMER	0:40:00	1:48:36	15:58:36	14
14	PEGASUS	0:37:00	1:52:06	15:59:06	15
15	5 OCLOCK SOMEWHERE	0:23:00	2:06:10	15:59:10	16
16	WHITE POINTER	0:29:00	2:00:13	15:59:13	17
17	WICKED	0:45:00	1:44:57	15:59:57	18
18	BON VIVANT	0:16:00	2:14:04	16:00:04	19
19	WINSOME	0:31:00	1:59:06	16:00:06	20
20	VINDALOO	0:42:00	1:48:28	16:00:28	21
21	BACARDI	0:37:00	1:54:11	16:01:11	22
22	BRANNEW	0:40:00	1:51:14	16:01:14	23
23	SUMMER WIND	0:14:00	2:18:23	16:02:23	24
24	SKULLDUGGERY	0:24:00	2:08:44	16:02:44	25
25	VIXEN I	0:41:00	1:52:02	16:03:02	26
26	SECOND NATURE	0:28:00	2:05:36	16:03:36	27
27	PZAZZ	0:05:00	2:30:17	16:05:17	28
28	ANDANTE 1	0:01:00	2:37:45	16:08:45	29
29	ALLIANCE	0:27:00	2:13:08	16:10:08	31
30	SCARLET	0:00:00	2:53:43	16:23:43	32
ENP	PANAREA	0:15:00	2:03:01	15:48:01	6
ENP	ZOOM	0:17:00	2:22:26	16:09:26	33

Fastest times around the course

Esprit (Garry Anderson) – completed the course in 1:43:30, which was 1 min 27 sec faster than ...

Wicked (Mike Welsh) – completed the course in 1:44:57, which was 1 min 49 sec faster than ...

The Secretary (Geo Shaw) – completed the course in 1:46:46.



Scarlet (Mark Watson) really got value, being on the course for 3 hours and a bit.

Every second counts, so don't throw them away. **Pegasus** (me) went around the course 4 seconds slower than **Vixen I** (Christine Matheou-Fox). I know exactly where I dropped those 4 seconds. Equally, we need to keep up the concentration to gain valuable seconds. **Vindaloo** (John Taylor) can probably recall those two beautiful tacks that resulted in an 8 seconds faster time than **Barnstormer** (Brian Barnes). Just 8 seconds is no doubt the equivalent of a sheep station.

Start of the day

Start of the day was won by **Maverick** (Tony Hammond). She crossed the start line just 1 second after her allocated start time.



Maverick – start of the day

Series aggregate

Surprise !! **Club Comedie** (Darren Egar) continues to hold on to lead the aggregate competition on 21 points.

The top ten leaders in the aggregate competition are:

Series aggregate leaders

Place	Boat Name	Series Score
1	CLUB COMEDIE	21
2	IZZI	44
3	PZAZZ	50
4	PANAREA	60
5	RAZZLE DAZZLE	62
6	BON VIVANT	62
7	BACARDI	63
8	WHITE POINTER	66
9	SKULLDUGGERY	68
10	FOGGY DEW	69

Scheduled races = 17

Abandoned = 1

Races completed = 16

Races counted = 8 best

Century Class

The Century Class race within the main race was won by **The Secretary** (Geo Shaw) ahead of **Lebrok** (Theo Korbel) and **Myuna III** (Geoff Nixon).



After the fourth race in the Century Class series, **The Secretary** (Geo Shaw) is in the lead on just 5 points.

Getting to know **Stewart Simmons** sailor and race manager

Stewart is often in the tower on a Wednesday. I asked him if he would write a few sentences about himself.

Here's what Stewart wrote:

My first experience of sailing was in the mid-1960s on a lake near my home town in SW Scotland. Our woodwork teacher offered to show us the ropes - but there was a catch; first we had to build a boat! He organised the materials, fittings and plans for a plywood Mermaid class dinghy. It was a great 2-person boat for beginners, and we sailed it regularly during the following summers.

The same lake was home to a small but active dinghy club, sailing mainly GP14s and of course, there were always skippers on the lookout for crew. That was my chance to experience racing and learn from some 'old hands'. The renamed Annandale Sailing Club is still going strong, and I enjoy catching up with their activities on-line.



At the helm of *Cafe Racer*, with former skipper Alan Clapham just out of view.

By the late 1990s my wife Jan and I were living in Hampton, renovating our home and enjoying the recently renourished beachfront. Walks along the shore often involved watching the passing parade of watercraft on the Bay, with Jan being obliged to hear about my teenage sailing experiences. Fortunately she soon got tired of this and encouraged me to book into a dinghy course run by Tim Say out of a shipping container in the NE corner of SYC's yard. Tim and his instructors offered training in Pacers, and introduced me to the joys and challenges of dinghy sailing on Port Phillip.

In 2000 I joined Hampton Sailing Club and bought the first of a series of dinghies (a Sabre) which I sailed over the following years. I also served in various committee roles with Hampton, including as Sailing Secretary, Secretary, and then Commodore from 2009-11.

In 2003 I volunteered to assist Sandringham Yacht Club as a safety boat crew member during Sail Melbourne, and encouraged other Hampton members to become involved. I like to think this began a closer association between the two clubs, which continues with Hampton's on-water support during the Sail Sandy regatta.

Over the following years, Sail Melbourne involvement led to regular volunteering with SYC's race management team and to my first experience of keelboat racing as crew during Thursday Twilights. By 2013 I was feeling guilty about having so much fun on an informal basis, and joined Sandringham as a Crew member, later converting to Full membership.

I retired from the Victorian Public Service in 2018 and am greatly enjoying the opportunity to sail regularly (most recently on *Debonnaire* and *Winsome*) and contribute to Sandringham's busy race management program as a Regional Race Officer.

In addition to sailing, I'm an active member of the local State Emergency Service (Moorabbin SES) which involves being rostered on-call every third week. All-in-all, an excellent balance as the SES gets busy when the weather's too stormy for sailing.

I have made many lasting friendships through sailing and race management and hope to remain involved for many years to come. As the saying goes, *It's great to belong*

Thanks Stewart.

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Good sailing
David Lynch

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