

Sandringham Yacht Club
Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders
Race 18 of the winter series, held 2 Aug 2023

A northerly wind increased in strength during the morning and by 1330 hours had settled in the range 15 to 20 knots. The flat water and occasional break in the clouds made it a perfect winter sailing day.

Thirty boats crossed the start line and one retired (see later). The race officer chose course #24 with a distance of 9.3 NM.

Race management

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

Pursuit race results

- 1st **Summer Wind** (Martyn Sly) – started on a handicap of 12 min, sailed for 1:46:39 and finished a respectable 2 min 25 sec ahead of...
- 2nd **Bacardi** (Martin Power) – started on a handicap of 36 min, sailed for 1:25:04 and finished just 13 sec ahead of ...
- 3rd **Alliance** (Alex, Simon & Paul) – started on a handicap of 25 min, sailed for 1:36:17 and finished 1 min 08 sec ahead of **Maverick** (Tony Hammond).



Summer Wind – 1st to finish

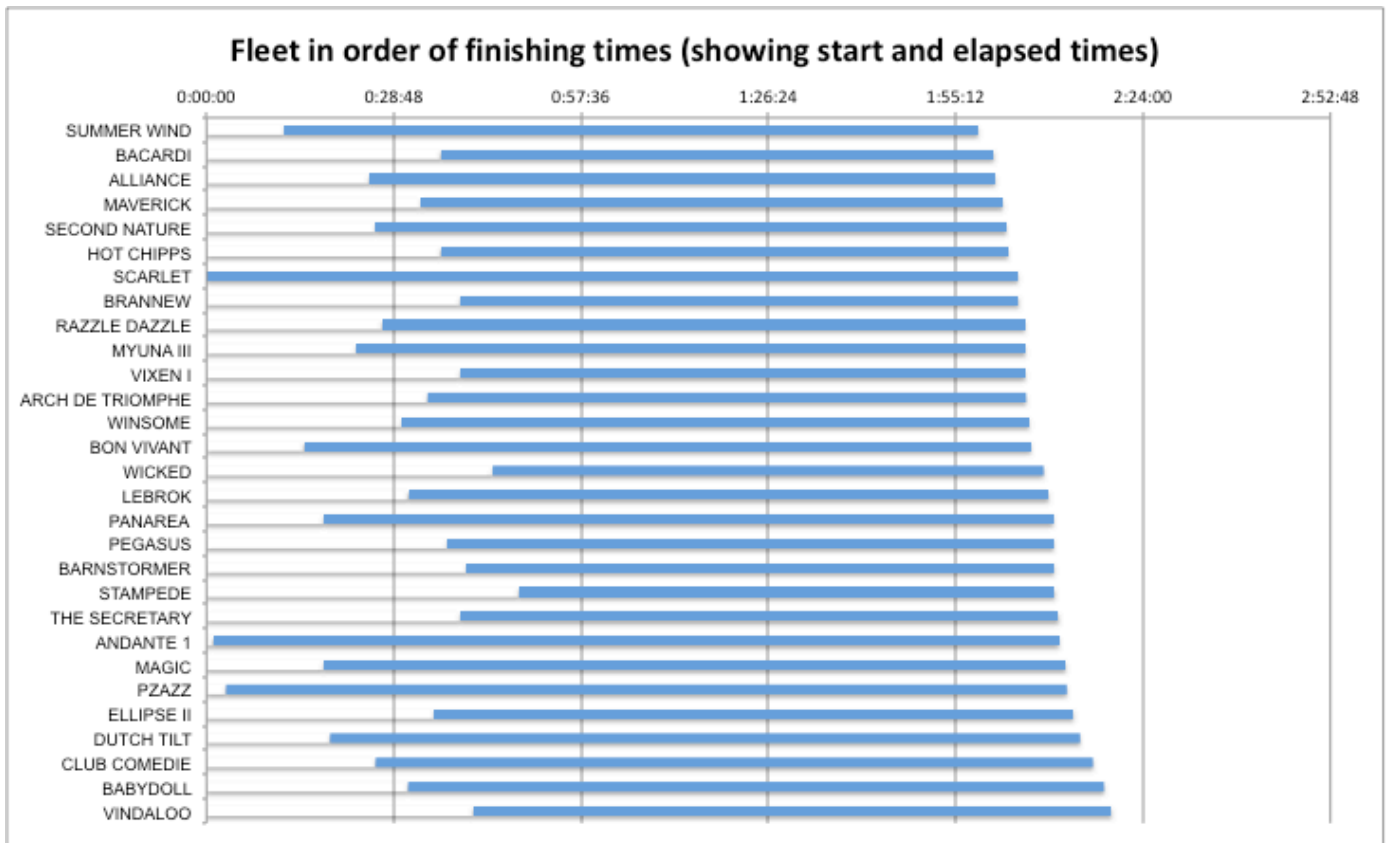


Bacardi – 2nd across the line



Alliance – 3rd across the line

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.



Man overboard – the call we all dread.

Izzi (Pat O'Brien) was on a comfortable downwind run from SYC3 to SYC5; suddenly a crew member was in the water and everything changed! Fortunately, the crew member was fit and a strong swimmer and the rescue was well executed. There was a collective sigh of relief when the fleet heard the radio broadcast between the **rescue rib** and **Izzi** and learned that all was ok.

Unfortunately, that was not the end of **Izzi's** misfortune. On returning to the marina, having retired from the race, Patrick tried to fend off another boat and suffered a major injury to his hand which resulted in surgery and an over night stay at The Alfred. Pat may be able to manage the steering wheel with one hand during recovery but he can put the golf clubs in storage for a while.

In deference to Pat and the crew on **Izzi**, we should take these unfortunate events as prompts to ensure:

- a) that all crew members have practiced the boat's MOB procedures in windy conditions and a rough running sea state (which are the likely MOB conditions); and
- b) that a complete and easily accessible medical kit is on board.

It's a fact that sailing is a high risk sport and accidents happen, sometimes in quick succession.

Fleet in order of finishing times

Place		H'cap	Elapsed	Finish	Score
1	SUMMER WIND	0:12:00	1:46:39	15:28:39	1
2	BACARDI	0:36:00	1:25:04	15:31:04	2
3	ALLIANCE	0:25:00	1:36:17	15:31:17	3
4	MAVERICK	0:33:00	1:29:25	15:32:25	4
5	SECOND NATURE	0:26:00	1:36:58	15:32:58	5
6	HOT CHIPPS	0:36:00	1:27:14	15:33:14	6
7	SCARLET	0:00:00	2:04:45	15:34:45	7
8	BRANNEW	0:39:00	1:25:54	15:34:54	8
9	RAZZLE DAZZLE	0:27:00	1:38:50	15:35:50	9
10	MYUNA III	0:23:00	1:42:54	15:35:54	10.5
10	VIXEN I	0:39:00	1:26:54	15:35:54	10.5
12	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	0:34:00	1:32:01	15:36:01	12
13	WINSOME	0:30:00	1:36:29	15:36:29	13
14	BON VIVANT	0:15:00	1:51:45	15:36:45	14
15	WICKED	0:44:00	1:24:43	15:38:43	15
16	LEBROK	0:31:00	1:38:29	15:39:29	16
17	PANAREA	0:18:00	1:52:11	15:40:11	17
18	PEGASUS	0:37:00	1:33:15	15:40:15	18
19	BARNSTORMER	0:40:00	1:30:19	15:40:19	19
20	STAMPEDE	0:48:00	1:22:26	15:40:26	20
21	THE SECRETARY	0:39:00	1:32:02	15:41:02	21
22	ANDANTE 1	0:01:00	2:10:04	15:41:04	22
23	MAGIC	0:18:00	1:54:06	15:42:06	23
24	PZAZZ	0:03:00	2:09:17	15:42:17	24
25	ELLIPSE II	0:35:00	1:38:18	15:43:18	25
26	DUTCH TILT	0:19:00	1:55:19	15:44:19	26
27	CLUB COMEDIE	0:26:00	1:50:18	15:46:18	27
28	BABYDOLL	0:31:00	1:47:00	15:48:00	28
29	VINDALOO	0:41:00	1:38:08	15:49:08	29

Fastest times around the course

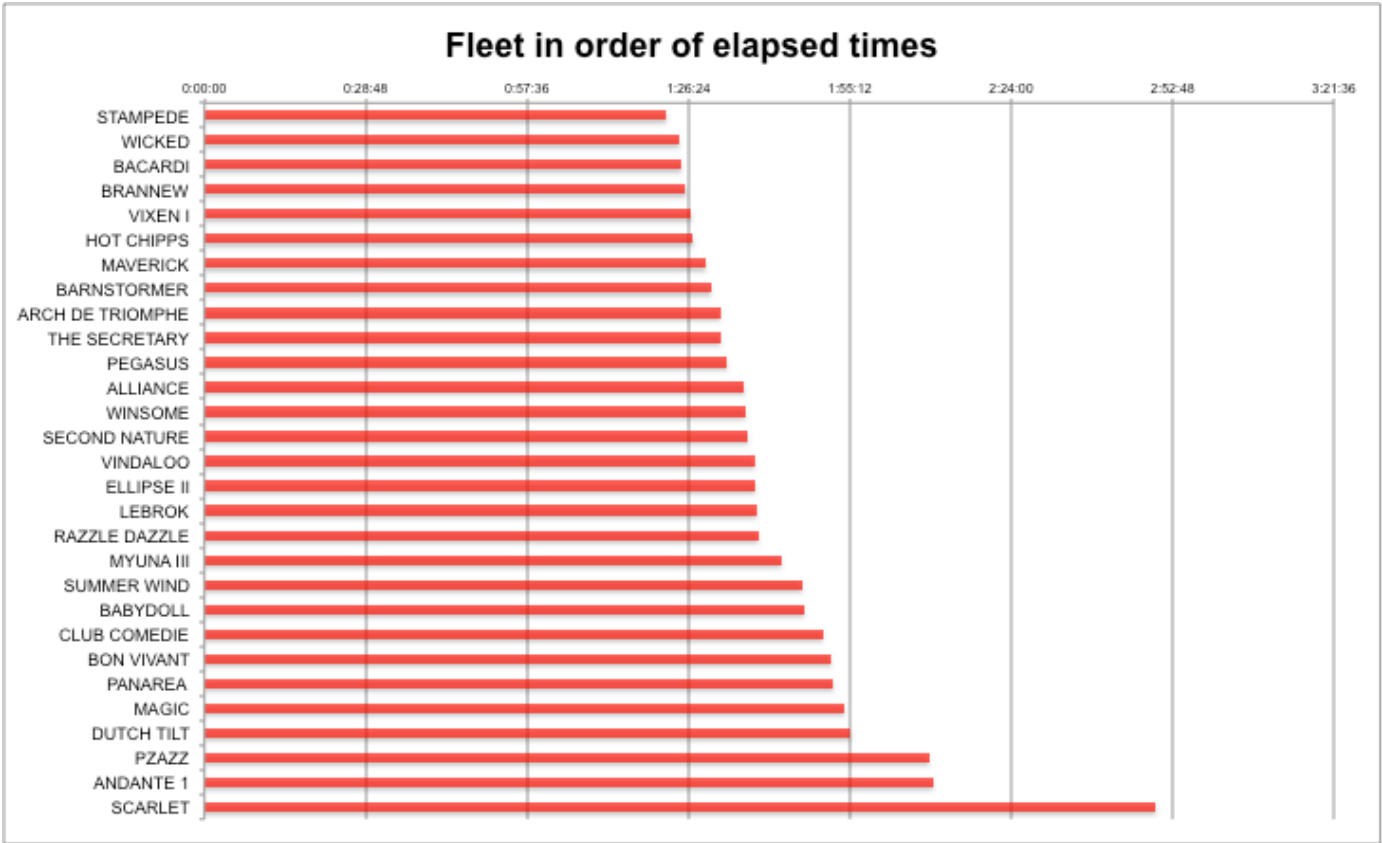
Stampede (Christopher Gendala) – went around the course in 1:22:26, which was 2 min 17 sec faster than ...

Wicked (Mike Welsh) – completed the course in 1:24:43, which was just 21 sec faster than ...

Bacardi (Martin Power) – completed the course in 1:25:04.



Stampede – fastest around the course



Start of the day

Start of the day was won by ***Vixen I*** (Christine Matheou-Fox) which crossed the start line just 3 seconds after her allocated start time.



Vixen I - start of the day

Series aggregate

Club Comedie (Darren Eger) continues to comfortably hold the lead in the aggregate competition on 29 points.



Darren, as previously seen only by his dentist

The top ten leaders in the aggregate competition are:

Series aggregate leaders		
Place	Boat Name	Series Score
1	CLUB COMEDIE	29
2	IZZI	57
3	BACARDI	65
4	RAZZLE DAZZLE	71
5	PZAZZ	74
6	ALLIANCE	75.5
7	BON VIVANT	76
8	PANAREA	77
9	SKULLDUGGERY	84
10	WHITE POINTER	86

Scheduled races = 18

Abandoned = 1

Races completed = 17

Races counted = 9 best

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Good sailing

David Lynch

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Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.

From "With a Pinch of Salt", by Nick Bates