Sandringham Yacht Club Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders Race 22 of the winter series, held 30 Aug 2023

This was a beautiful day for fishing but not so good for sailing. By midday, the morning drizzle had receded, the clouds had thinned and a chilly 10 knot SW breeze looked very threatening – threatening to disappear that is! And that's exactly what happened on the first and second legs of the course. A fleet of 21 boats drifted aimlessly in zero breeze for about an hour before the breeze slowly reappeared. The race officer chose course #22 but found it necessary to shorten it to only 5.5M.



Race management

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



SYC Rescue Rib on station

Pursuit race results

- 1st **Panarea** (Chris Ravesi) started on a handicap of 15 min, sailed for 2:30:57 and finished a respectable 1 min 4 sec ahead of...
- 2nd **Arch de Triomph** (Al Murray and James Taylor) started on a handicap of 32 min, sailed for 2:15:01 and finished just 50 sec ahead of ...
- 3rd *Maverick* (Anthony Hammond) started on a handicap of 33 min, sailed for 2:14:51 and finished 19 sec ahead of *Bon Vivant* (Rusty Keays).



Panarea – 1st to finish (photographed on a windy day)

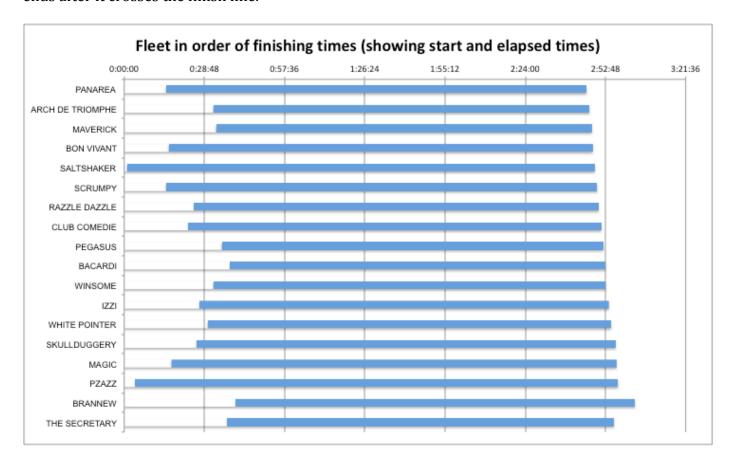


Arch de Triomph – 2nd across the line



Maverick – 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.



The Secretary (Geo Shaw) earned a penalty for failing to sign on via MemberPoint. Three boats, as they drifted in without wind, succumbed to the attraction of the bar and pulled the plug – **Babydoll** (Brendan Kruger), **Hot Chipps** (John Chipp) and **Stampede** (Chris Gendala).

Fleet in order of finishing times							
Place	_	H'cap	Elapsed	Finish	Score		
1	PANAREA	0:15:00	2:30:57	16:15:57	1		
2	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	0:32:00	2:15:01	16:17:01	2		
3	MAVERICK	0:33:00	2:14:51	16:17:51	3		
4	BON VIVANT	0:16:00	2:32:10	16:18:10	4		
5	SALTSHAKER	0:01:00	2:47:56	16:18:56	5		
6	SCRUMPY	0:15:00	2:34:48	16:19:48	6		
7	RAZZLE DAZZLE	0:25:00	2:25:19	16:20:19	7		
8	CLUB COMEDIE	0:23:00	2:28:14	16:21:14	8		
9	PEGASUS	0:35:00	2:16:55	16:21:55	9		
10	BACARDI	0:38:00	2:14:47	16:22:47	10		
11	WINSOME	0:32:00	2:20:52	16:22:52	11		
12	IZZI	0:27:00	2:27:00	16:24:00	12		
13	WHITE POINTER	0:30:00	2:24:48	16:24:48	13		
14	SKULLDUGGERY	0:26:00	2:30:22	16:26:22	15		
15	MAGIC	0:17:00	2:39:48	16:26:48	16		
16	PZAZZ	0:04:00	2:53:18	16:27:18	17		
17	BRANNEW	0:40:00	2:23:23	16:33:23	18		
ENP	THE SECRETARY	0:37:00	2:18:51	16:25:51	19		

Fastest times around the course

Bacardi (Martin Power) – went around the course in 2:14:47, which was a mere 4 sec faster than ...Maverick (Tony Hammond) – completed the course in 2:14:51, which was just 10 sec faster than ...Arch de Triomph (Al Murray & James Taylor) – completed the course in 2:15:01.



Bacardi – fastest around the course



Pzazz (Michael Vandertop) enjoyed the best value for money being on the course for 2hours 53 minutes.

Start of the day

Start of the day was won by *Pegasus* (David Lynch) crossing the line 1 second after her allocated start time.



Pegasus - start of the day

Series aggregate

Club Comedie (Darren Eger) continues to comfortably hold the lead in the aggregate competition on 37 points with and *Izzi* (Pat O'Brien and Bruce Parry) on 63 points and *Pzazz* (Michael Vandertop) on 68.

The top ten leaders in the aggregate competition are:

Series aggregate leaders					
Place	Boat Name	Series Score			
1	CLUB COMEDIE	37			
2	IZZI	63			
3	PZAZZ	68			
4	BON VIVANT	71			
5	PANAREA	75			
6	BACARDI	75			
7	RAZZLE DAZZLE	78			
8	WINSOME	82			
9	SKULLDUGGERY	86			
10	ARCH DE TRIOMPHE	89.5			

Scheduled races = 22 Abandoned = 3

Races completed = 19

Races counted = 10 best

Century Class

The Century Class race within the main race was won by **Bon Vivant** (Russell Keays) ahead of **Salt Shaker** (Ken Gayler) and **Razzle Dazzle** (Grahame Jones).

After the fifth race, the Century Class series is being led by **Bon Vivant** (Russell Keays) and **The Secretary** (Geo Shaw), both on 11 points.

Place	Boat Name	Series Score
1	BON VIVANT	11
2	THE SECRETARY	11
3	MAGIC	15
4	SALTSHAKER	22
5	RAZZLE DAZZLE	24
6	LEBROK	29
7	ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	34
8	BARNSTORMER	37
9	MYUNA III	42
10	SCARLET	42



The Secretary – equal 1st in the Century Class aggregate

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Good sailing **David Lynch**

Photos courtesy of **Sharon Parsons** (*Izzi*)