LMYC Race Data Season 23-24

Velocity made Good

VMG

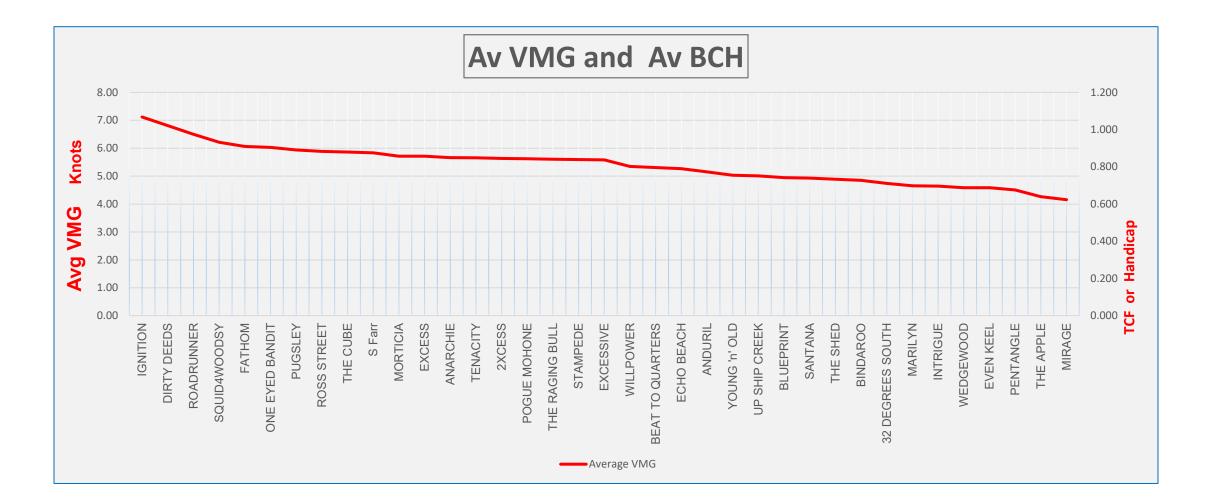
Velocity Made Good or VMG

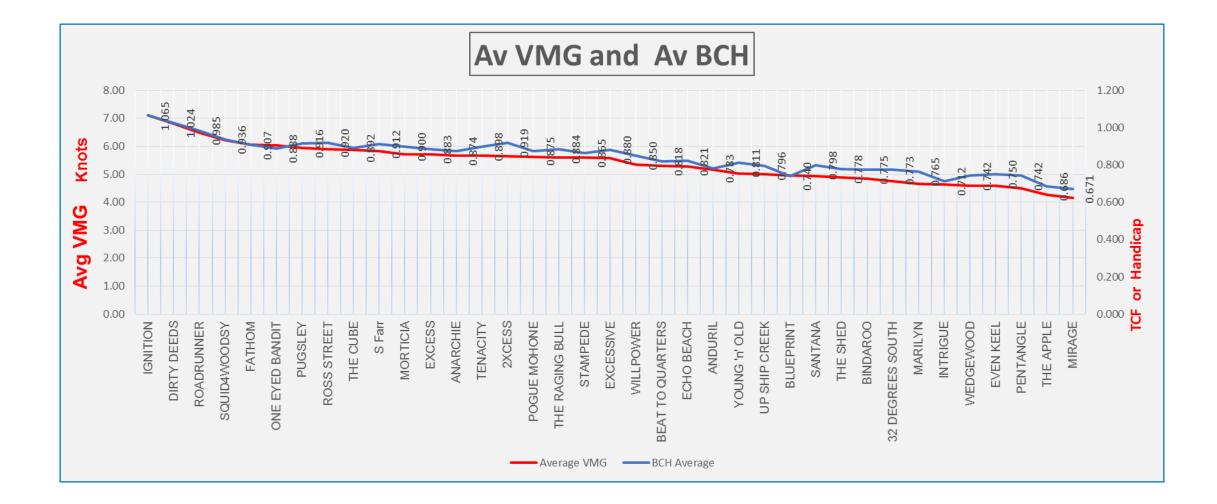
- This Year the handicapper recorded the average boat speed around the Course for a race
- This was done by dividing the race Length By the Elapsed time for a particular boat

Race length (Nautical miles) / Elapsed time (Hrs) = Knots

- This was then averaged over <u>all the races sailed that year</u>
- Where boats sailed less than 6 races the data was not used as being too small a sample to be a useful comparison

We then obtained the following graph VMG



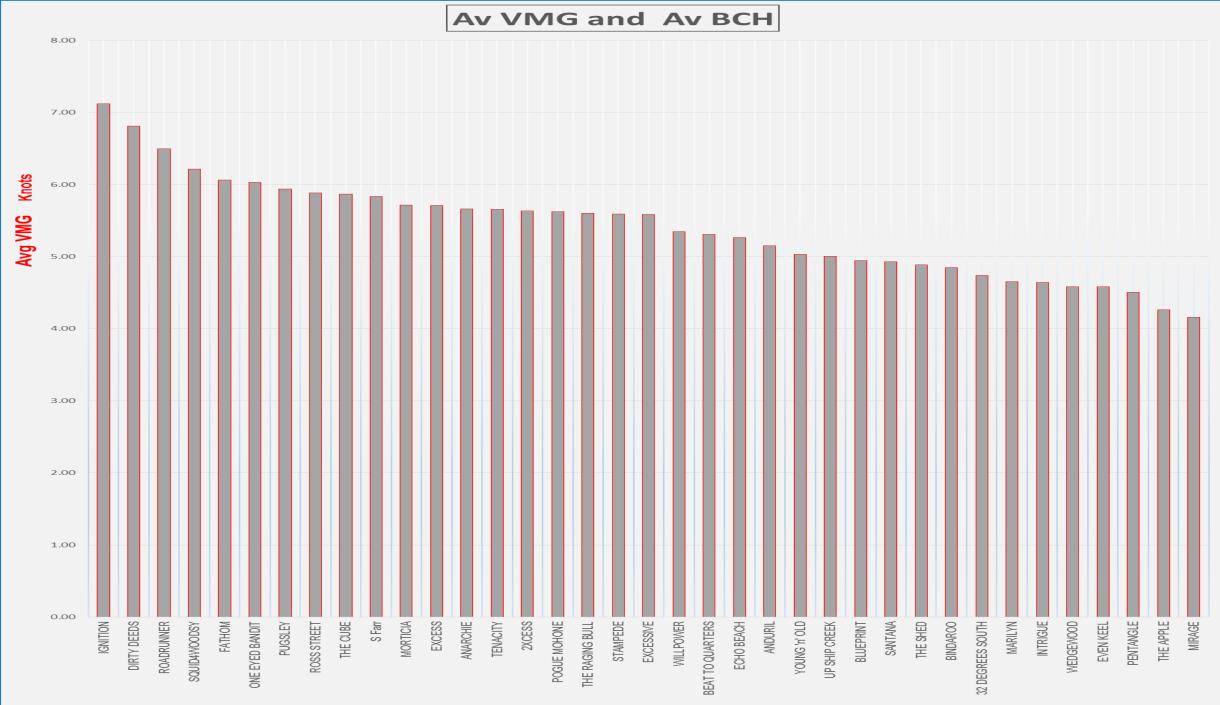


Comparing the Two

- This shows a reasonable correlation between Average VMG and the average of the BCH's for each race
- It is not perfect but looks reasonable
- However, the BCH for <u>one division</u> is not directly comparable to <u>another Division</u>
- But it does provide **some** information

So what do we think that means?

- It is a reasonable to compare yachts on their average Velocity Made Good over a year
- VMG can be used to help determine a starting handicap for the season
 - If **Boat 10** is 5% faster than **boat 20** then **Boat 10's** starting (season starting) Handicap should be about 5% more than **Boat 20**
 - Or if **boat 1** is 40 % faster than **boat 39**, then **boats 's1** Handicap should be about 40% more than **boat 39**



Divisional Splits

- Where should a divisional split if we go from Four (4) Divisions to Three (3) divisions ?
- Where should the Divisional split from Four (4) divisions to two (2) divisions ?
- The data helps us work through this but we are also trying to cater for a wide range of boats and we want to encourage boats to continue sailing and supporting the club

