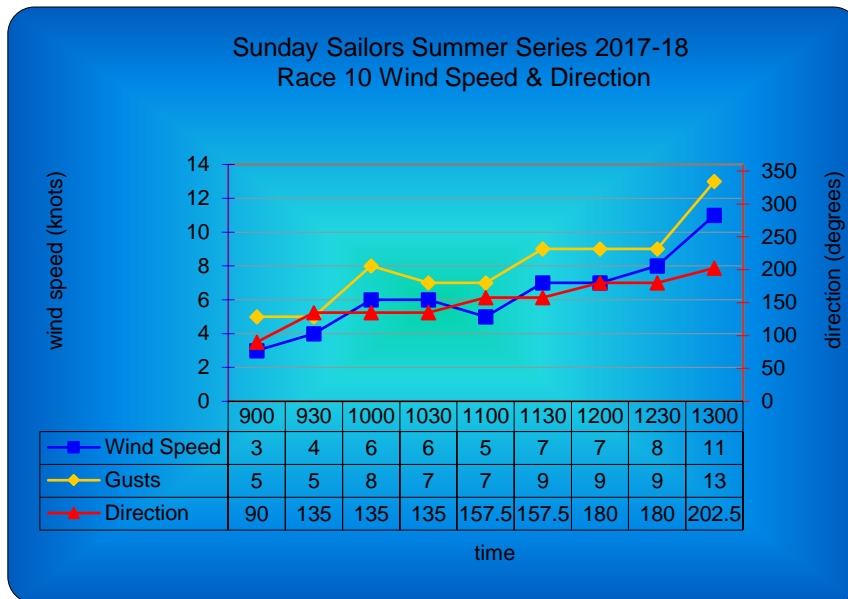


More Breeze Please, We're Sailors Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Race 10



The largest fleet of the series (26 yachts) lined up to contest this race but only 15 made it across the finish line within the time limit. The last yacht to finish line, HI JAC (J Gledhill), did so with a mere 3 seconds to spare. That was after the start had been delayed for 20 minutes and course 8 shortened to finish at number 7. There just wasn't enough breeze to carry all the fleet around the course. As the morning progressed the breeze shifted from the east to finish in the SSW increasing slowly from about 4 to 10 knots – an average of about 6 knots. A win for COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) by 15 seconds puts her back on top of the aggregate after an absence of two races. It was a second place for 38 DEGREES SOUTH (J. Chatham & K. Mitchell) in only her second outing of the Sunday series. THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) recorded a 3rd place – her first podium finish of the series.

For the third time this series WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) won the start with a time of 3 seconds – her best of the series. With a time of 1:39:52, 38 DEGREES SOUTH recorded the fastest the elapsed time. This was 20 minutes 16 seconds faster than the 120 minute and 8 second fleet average.

The top three yachts in the aggregate are COPYRIGHT, KAOS (Dawn Cleaver) and ENDURANCE (Eric Clarke).



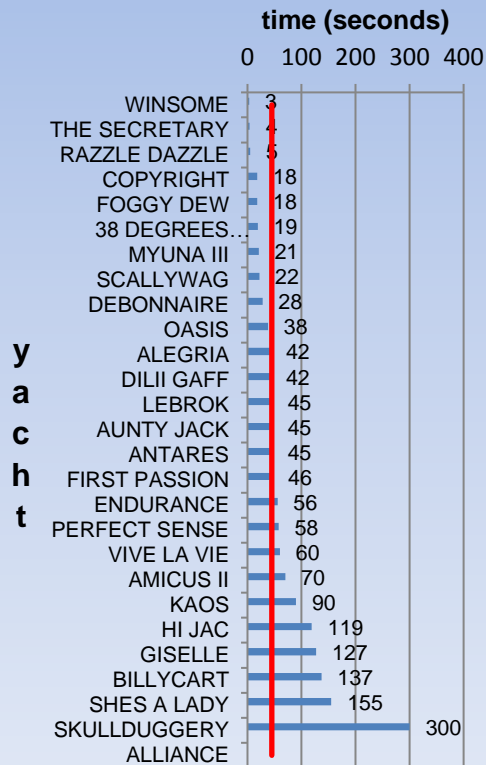
COPYRIGHT is one of three yachts to have completed all 9 races. She started this one from 16th place 18 seconds late for her 31 minute handicap. This was not her best start of the series but it did become her best finish. She sailed the course in 1:53:37 and crossed the finish line at 12:14:57. COPYRIGHT stated 3 minutes and 3 seconds ahead of MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon) and increased her lead to 5 minutes 20 seconds at the finish line. This win takes COPYRIGHT to the top of the aggregate with a 1 point lead. She is also leads the chase for the SUNDAY PLATE.

38 DEGREES was next to the last yacht to start but next to the first yacht to finish the race. She was 19 seconds late for her 45 minute handicap and sailed the course 1 minute 40 seconds faster than her closest rival. She crossed the finish line at 12:14:52 in what was the second closest finish of the series. 38 DEGREES had started 45 seconds ahead of THE SECRETARY and was able to increase her lead to finish 2 minutes 40 seconds ahead. This was the second race in the series for 38 DEGREES, her other race was the ill fated race 9 which was abandoned.



THE SECRETARY was the last yacht to start the race when she crossed the line at 10:36:04 – only 4 seconds late for her 46 minute handicap. This was the second best start of the day and she went on to record the second fastest elapsed time of 1:41:32. THE SECRETARY made a valiant effort to win the race from last place but fell 2 minutes 55 seconds short. This was the best result this series for THE SECRETARY even though it was off her highest handicap. She has completed 3 races this series and is in 22nd place in the aggregate.

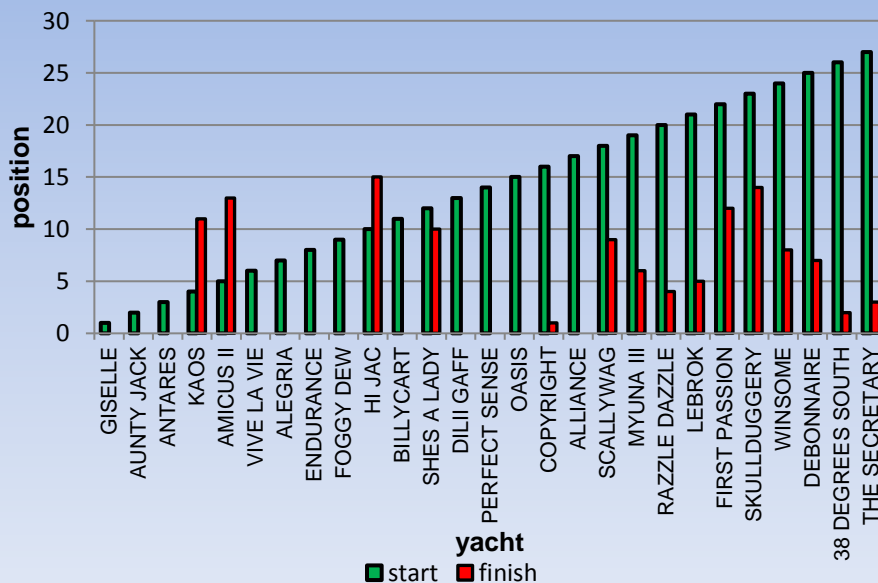
Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Race 10 Start of the Day



The median start time for the race was 45 seconds (red line) with only 3 yachts starting within 10 seconds or less of their handicap. SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) crossed the start line 4 seconds too soon and incurred the 5 minute penalty. WINSOME made the best start for the 3rd time this series.

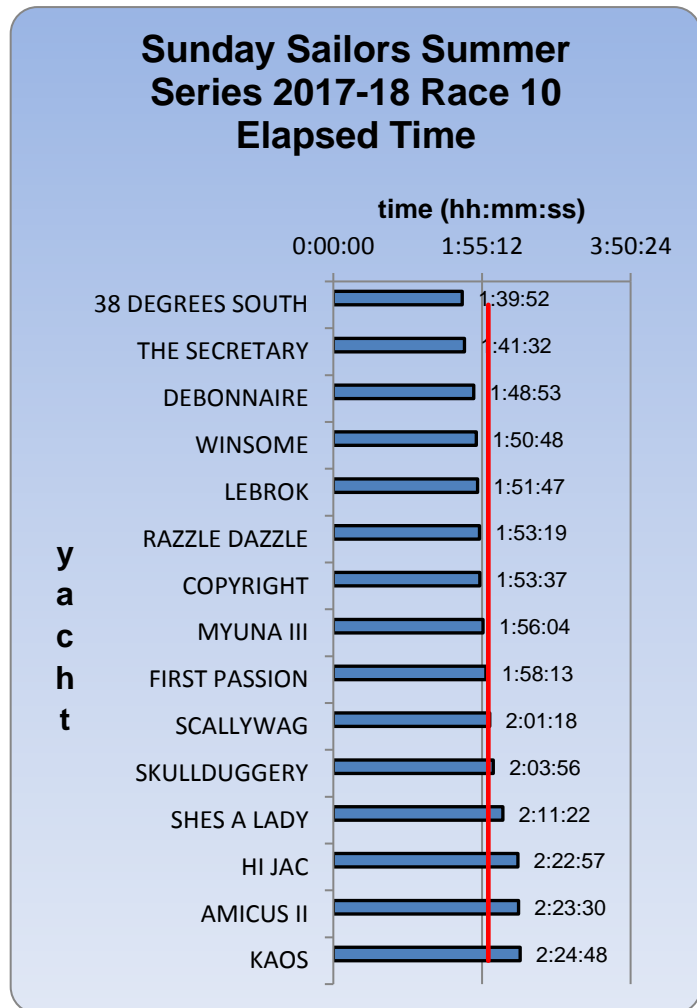


Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Race 10 Position at Start & Finish



It was not much of a race for the early starters. None of the first 9 yachts to start were among the first ten to finish. It was a much better day for the late starters with 7 of them finishing among the first 9.

38 DEGREES SOUTH became the 7th different yacht this series to record the fastest elapsed time for the race. She was 1 minute 40 seconds faster than her closest rival – THE SECRETARY. The average elapsed time of 02:00:16 (red vertical line) proved to be the second longest elapsed time of the series. Not too surprising since the race received the 3rd lowest wind speed.



Some Sunday Sailors from the (not to distant) Past

There was the Sydney 47 CR JEM that sailed in the 2013-14 summer series.





Taking advantage of a sunny winter's day in June 2013 is the Bounty 35 CHEQUEMATE (left). On the right is MISTY BLUE. There are enough stories to fill a couple of books about MISTY. Some are even printable!



The 65 foot ketch INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOUR (left) was always an impressive sight under full sail.



The 22 foot Sonata 7 CADENZA made "INDY" appear so much larger.



The Beneteau 367 MY WAY seems to have gone her own way to find another marina.



THE NEXT RACE IS SCHEDULED FOR 4 MARCH 2018

Windward Buoys