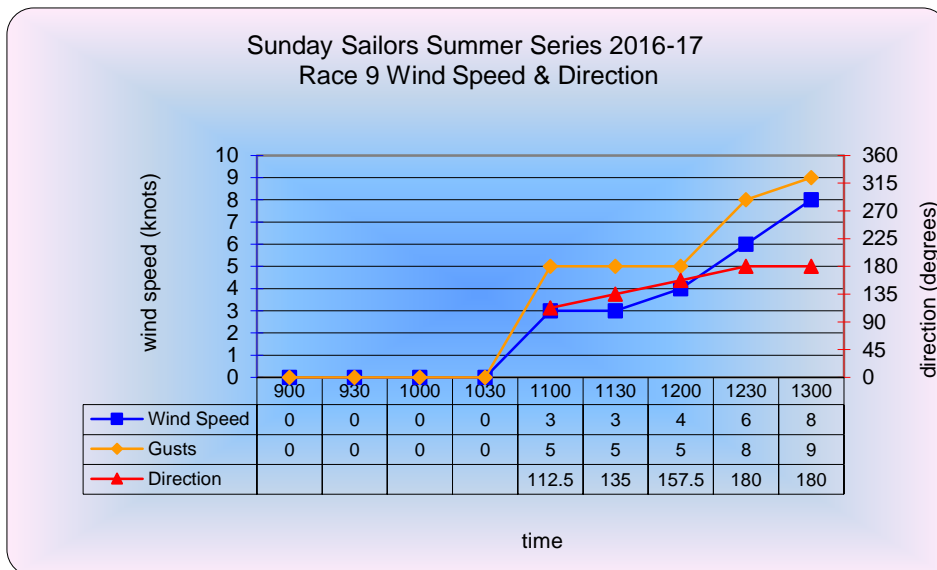


A Race in Slow Motion Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Race 9



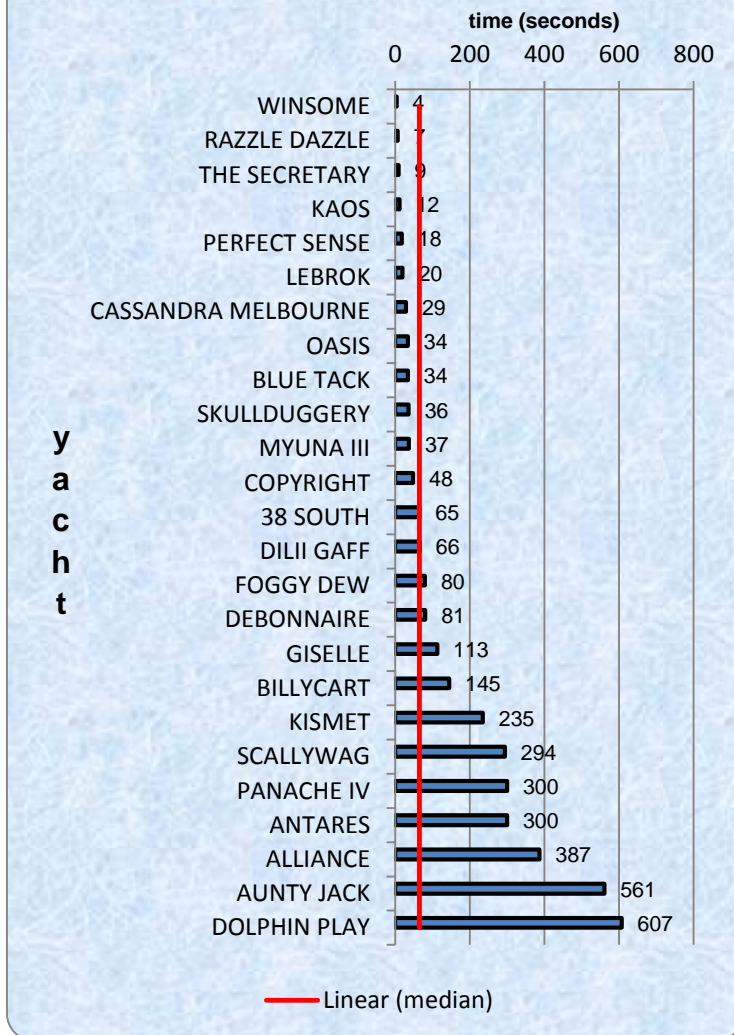
It was the breeze or lack of it that dictated the outcome of this race. Twenty eight yachts – the largest fleet of the series – gathered to contest race 9 around the 7 leg 8.7 nautical mile course. None finished. The start took place in slow motion producing a bewildering array of start times. It took a long time for conditions to improve as the breeze started in the east and moved to the south. No breeze was recorded at Fawkner Beacon until 1030 but there were slivers of breeze closer to shore near the start line.



The yachts progress depended upon careful observation and concentration of the slowly changing conditions. The early starters had the most difficult time. The first half of the fleet started an average of 192 seconds late with the last half of the fleet starting an average of 85 seconds late. Three yachts started more than a minute too soon so recorded DNS. A further 2 yachts also started too soon and received the 5 minute penalty whilst a further 3 yachts started more than 5 minutes late.

Progress towards the first mark was slow and irregular but improved on the second leg. This was downwind and saw the use of spinnakers. They could still be flown on the third leg but it was all too late as the race was abandoned at about 1200. With most yachts still having to sail about 2.4 nautical miles in a breeze of less than 7 knots few, if any yachts would have finished.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Race 9 Start of the Day



WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) won Start of the Day with a time of 4 seconds. This is the second win for WINSOME who won the start of the first race. The median start time was 65 seconds.



BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch) was leading the fleet when the race was abandoned. She had started from 27th place but the spinnaker helped make the most of the light conditions.

There was enough breeze to fill the nicely set sails of THE SECRETARY - at least for the time being.



The crew of CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE braced themselves approaching the next set of ripples.



PANACHE IV (Egils Stokans) found some breeze but it was taking her back towards the start line.

| Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Aggregate Top Race 9 | |
|--|-------|
| YACHT | Place |
| KAOS | 1 |
| ANTARES | 2 |
| COPYRIGHT | 3 |
| ENDURANCE | 4 |
| SKULLDUGGERY | 5 |
| RAZZLE DAZZLE | 6 |
| ALEGRIA | 7 |
| FOGGY DEW | 8 |
| WINSOME | 9 |
| DILII GAFF | 10 |

With race 9 being abandoned the aggregate remains the same for another week. KAOS (Dawn Cleaver) is on top tied on 24 points with ANTARES (G Stewart & D Pearce)



With a combined score of 4 points COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) leads the charge for the Sunday Plate. There are still 4 scheduled races to go.



| Sunday Sailors 2017-18 Sunday Plate Progress Score | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| YACHT | WINTER | SUMMER | COMBINE |
| COPYRIGHT | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| SKULLDUGGERY | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| RAZZLE DAZZLE | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| LEBROK | 2 | 11 | 13 |
| WINSOME | 4 | 9 | 13 |
| FOGGY DEW | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| KAOS | 18 | 1 | 19 |
| CASSANDRA MELBOURNE | 12 | 12 | 24 |
| DILII GAFF | 15 | 10 | 25 |
| MYUNA III | 10 | 16 | 26 |
| ALEGRIA | 20 | 7 | 27 |
| ANTARES | 25 | 2 | 27 |
| BLUE TACK | 8 | 22 | 30 |
| AMICUS II | 13 | 17 | 30 |
| SCALLYWAG | 17 | 13 | 30 |
| HI JAC | 16 | 19 | 35 |
| SILVERADO | 11 | 29 | 40 |
| GISELLE | 21 | 28 | 49 |
| THE SECRETARY | 24 | 27 | 51 |
| KISMET | 22 | 32 | 54 |

RAZZLE DAZZLE is the current leader of the Noelle Coram Trophy. Again there are still 4 scheduled races to go.

| NOELLE CORAM TROPHY 2017-18 Progress Score | | | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| YACHT | WED WONDERS | SUNDAY SAILORS | COMBINE |
| RAZZLE DAZZLE | 12 | 6 | 18 |
| FOGGY DEW | 13 | 8 | 21 |
| LEBROK | 19 | 11 | 30 |
| THE SECRETARY | 11 | 27 | 38 |
| BLUE TACK | 17 | 22 | 39 |
| CASSANDRA MELBOURNE | 28 | 12 | 40 |
| MYUNA III | 27 | 16 | 43 |
| ALLIANCE | 31 | 25 | 56 |
| DOLPHIN PLAY | 42 | 14 | 56 |
| VIVE LA VIE | 43 | 15 | 58 |
| PERFECT SENSE | 47 | 26 | 73 |



Race 10 is scheduled for 18 Feb 2018

Windward Buoy