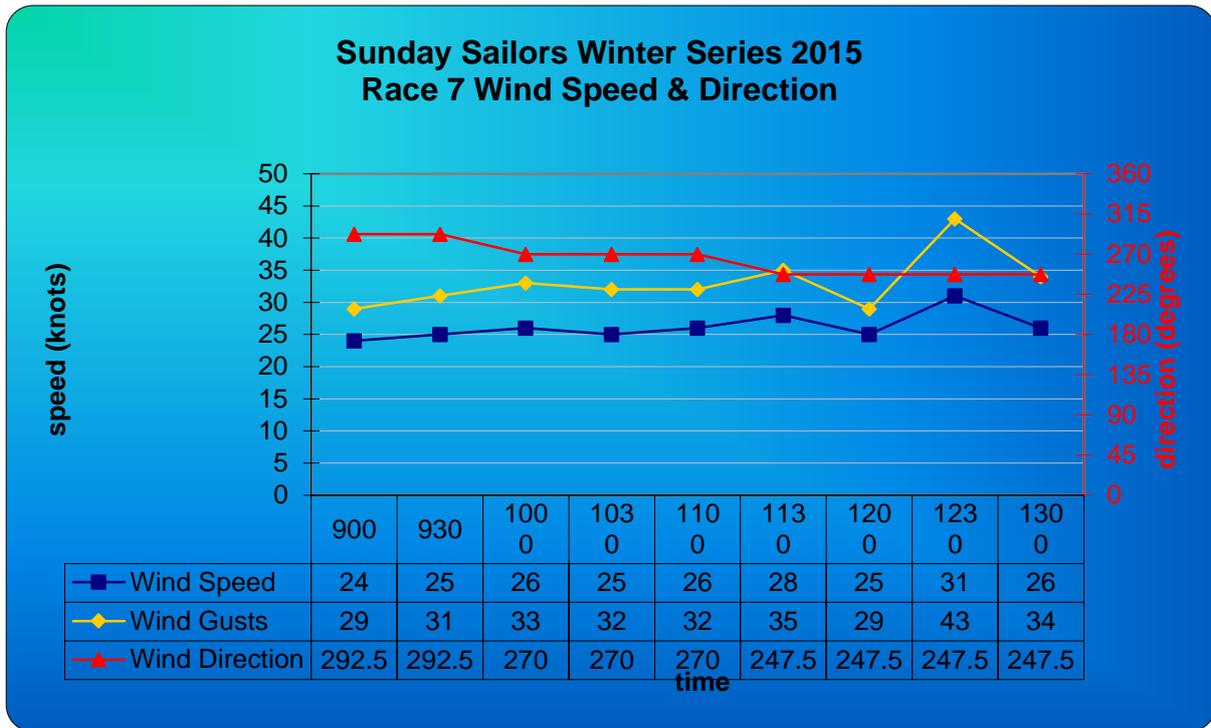


Sunday Sailors Race 7 Abandoned

Light winds have seen 4 of the six races in this series shortened because of light winds but race seven was abandoned due to too much breeze. BOM issued a gale warning for Port Philip with westerly winds, 1.5 to 2.5 metre seas, 60% chance of showers and a chance not only of a thunderstorm but also hail.

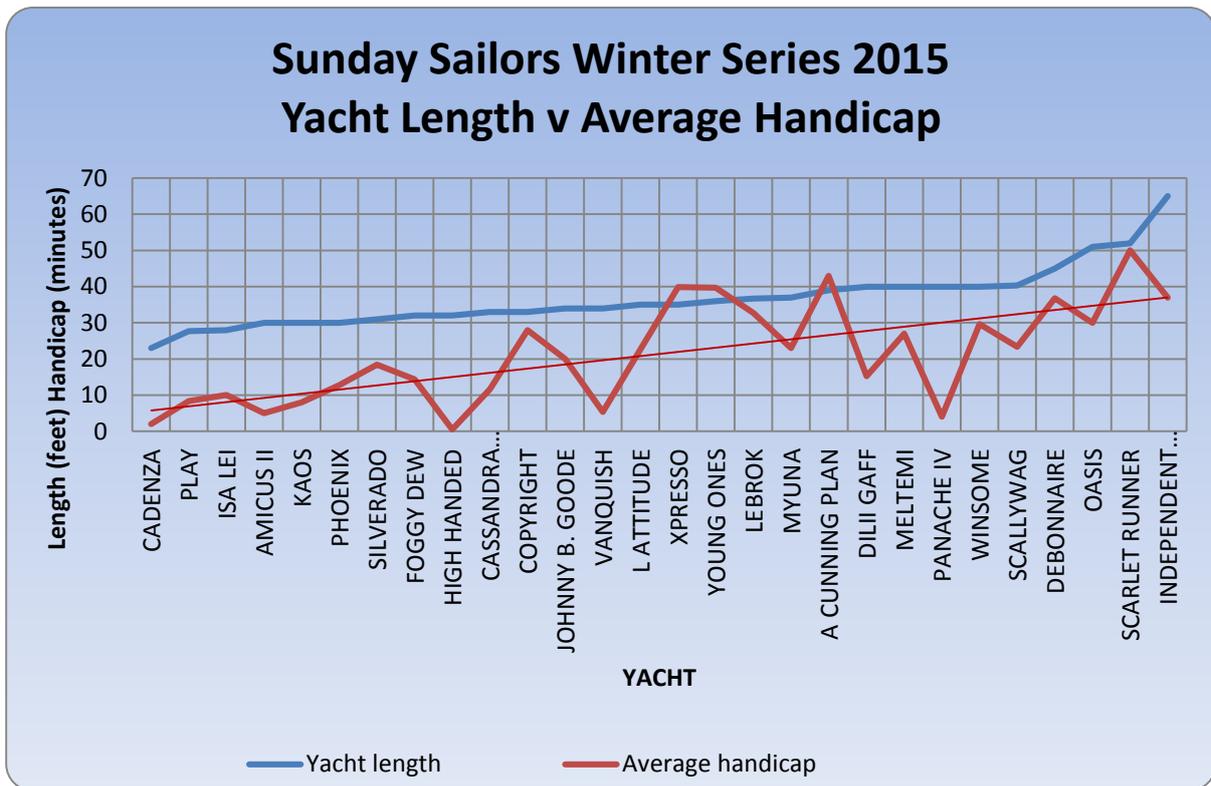


Observations at Fawkner Beacon during the morning were not quite that bad but indicated an average breeze of about 26 knots with gusts averaging 33 knots. No rain was recorded at Moorabbin Airport nor was there a temperature of over 10 degrees centigrade. The only yachts that could be seen on the SYC Camera at 0930 were in the marina. (You could spare a thought for anyone around Cape Sorell on the West Tasmanian coast where 17+ metre waves were recorded in a breeze that averaged over 40 knots.)

So far, the series has experienced some varied conditions with a mixture of light and strong breezes. The 6 completed races have seen the “spoils” distributed amongst 5 different winners and 12 different placegetters. Three yachts have completed all 6 races with a further six yachts completing 5 races. An average of 19 yachts per race have sailed around 5 different courses which have an average rhumb line length of 6.8 nautical miles. The average start time has been about 27 seconds and the time taken to sail each race has been 1:53:31. The series is by no means at an end with

another 4 scheduled races to go. There is still a chance to become a race winner and improve the aggregate positions.

The chart below plots the length of each yacht in the aggregate against the average handicap for this current series. The trend line shows the average handicap generally increases as the length of the yacht increases.



However, there are some exceptions suggesting that it is not only length that matters but other factors including performance. Keel boats that are more oriented towards cruising tend to have a lower handicap for their length, whilst those more race oriented yachts tend to have higher handicaps for their length.

The next race is scheduled for 9 August 2015.

