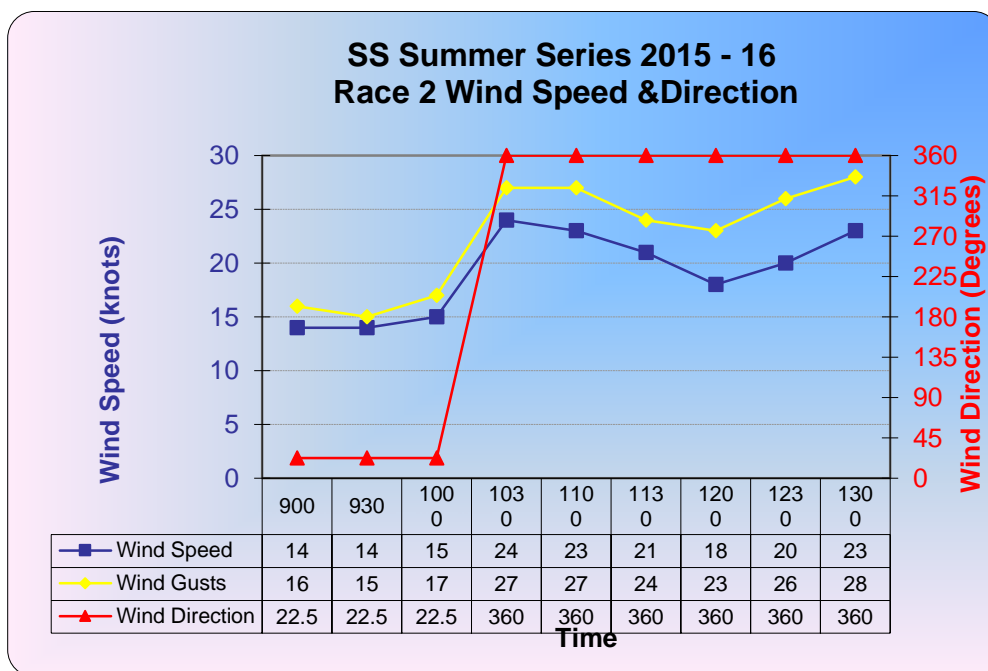


Plenty of Breeze, Long Course, Quick Race Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2015-16 Race 2



By the time the last two yachts started the race, the leaders of the 18 yacht fleet were already around the 3rd mark. They were sailing close hauled along the 4th leg of the course towards number 4 for the first time. It was always going to be difficult for the back markers (pursuers) to catch the leaders (pursuee's) in a breeze that was north north easterly at about 15 knots at the start but increased quickly to about 23 knots and shifted into the north at around 1030. With gusts of 27 knots recorded at Fawkner Beacon this was always going to be a fast race with yachts well heeled over along the windward legs. Course 7, the 7 leg 9.8 nautical mile course with a northerly start was able to provide 4 windward legs – about 51% of the course.



All 18 yachts were away to a good start – the median time was 10 seconds – and they all successfully completed the course. The last yacht crossed the finish line at 11:50:09 more than 5 minutes earlier than the first yacht crossed the finish in the shortened course race 1. The fleet all finished within 22 minutes and 6 seconds of each other and included a dead heat for 12th place. Arguably the most difficult part of the race was at the end, dropping the sails and returning safely to the pen in the gusting 20+ knot northerly.



The Mottle 33 CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) was the 3rd yacht to start the race 33 seconds late for her 6 minute handicap. By the first rounding of number she was leading the fleet, a position she held for the remainder of the race. She completed the course in a very timely 1:52:03 and crossed the finish line at 11:28:03 – 3 minutes 20 seconds ahead of her closest rival. This was a great result for CASSANDRA who has sailed in both races of the series. She is currently in 4th place in the aggregate.

Making a remarkable turnaround following her 18th place in race 1 was the Beneteau Cyclades 39.3 WINEDOWN (Brian Horley). WINEDOWN started the race from 7th place only 9 seconds late for her 16 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 1:45:23 – the 8th fastest time of the day and crossed the finish line in 2nd place at 11:31:23. This 2nd place helped lift WINEDOWN into 10th place in the aggregate only 1 point behind 3 yachts tied on 19 points in 7th place.

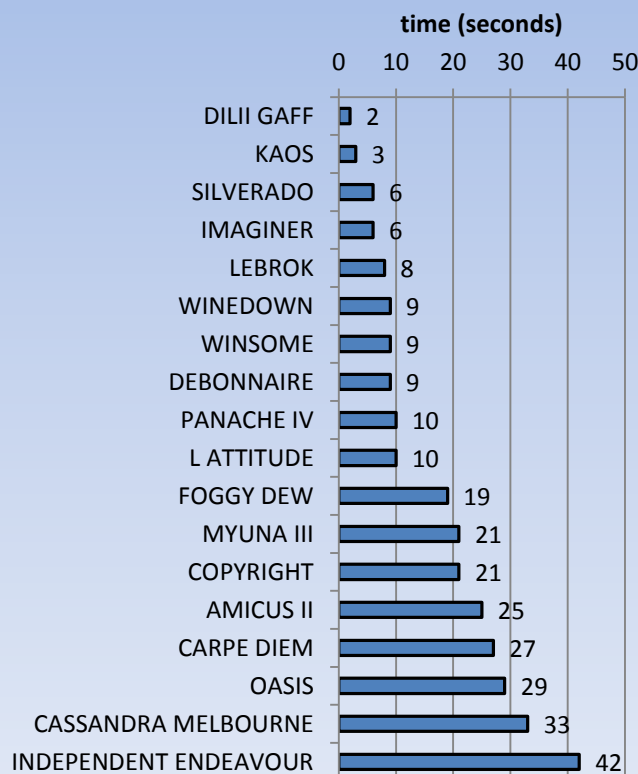




Crossing the finish line in 3rd place, 1 minute 47 seconds behind WINEDOWN, was the Skye 51 OASIS (David Keyes-Tilley). OASIS started from 13th place, 29 seconds late for a 28 minute handicap. With a time of 1:35:10 she sailed the course in the 3rd fastest time of the day and finished 10 places ahead of her start position – the best improvement of any yacht in the race. She finished the race at 11:33:10 just 27 seconds ahead of AMICUS II (Warwick Stenford). Following her 4th place in the first race of the series this podium finish has put OASIS at the top of the aggregate.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2015-16 Race 2 Start of the Day

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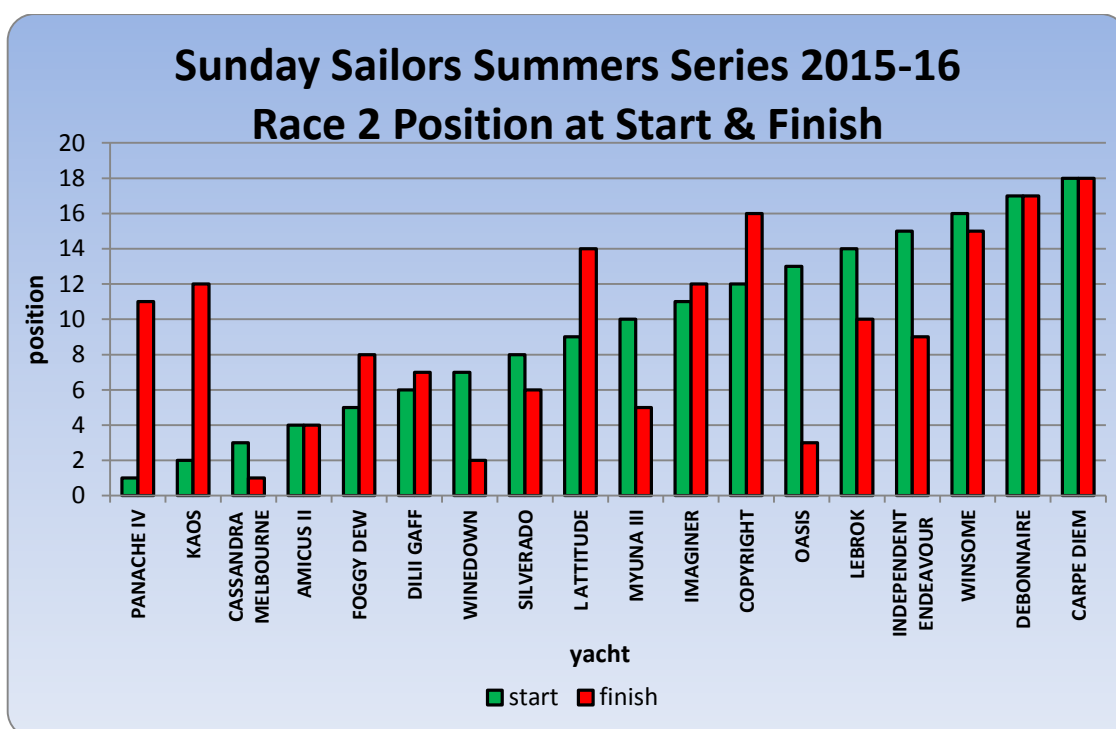
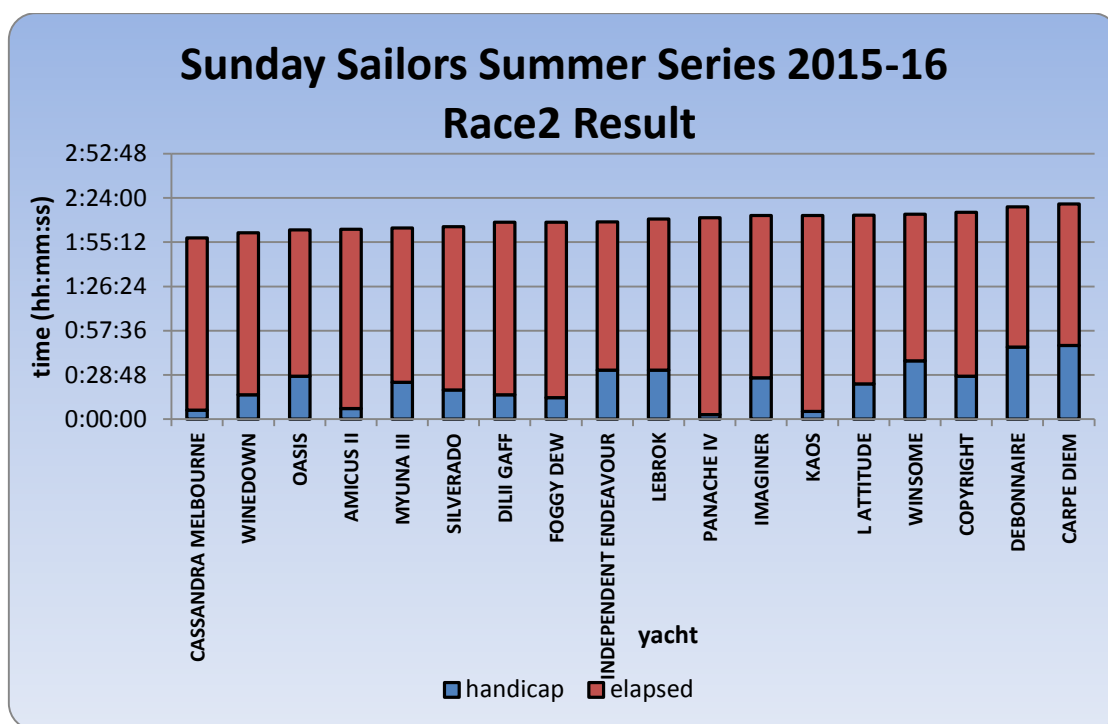


With a start of 2 seconds it was DILII GAFF (Paul MacBain) that had the best Start of the Day. All yachts started within 42 seconds of their handicaps and the median start was 10 seconds.



The fleet started 45 minutes 17 seconds apart but came together to finish 22 minutes and 6 seconds apart. There was a dead heat for 12th place between the S80 IMAGINER (Chris

Byrne) and the Defiance 30 (Dawn Cleaver) who both finished at 11:42:34. Higher up the list DILII GAFF beat the Bavaria 32 FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard) by 2 seconds to gain 7th place.

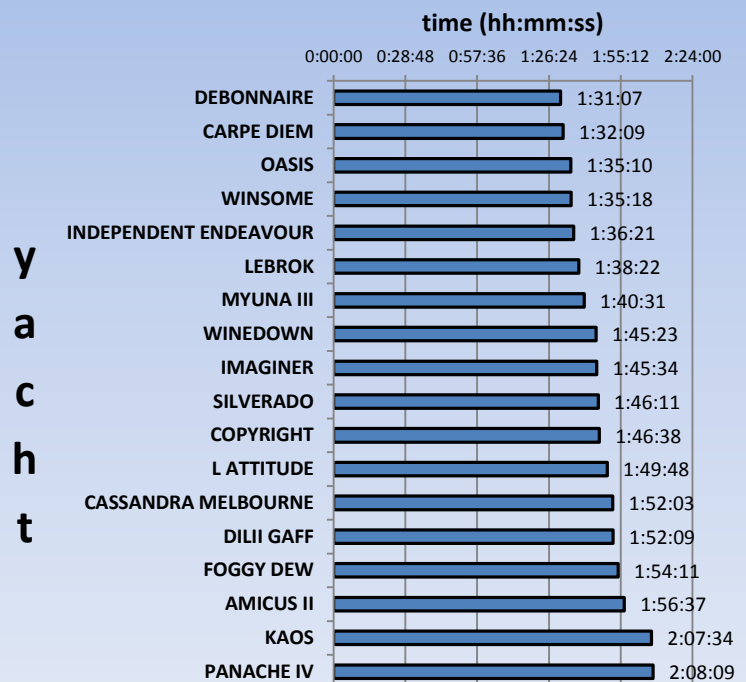


Of the early starters, 2 were among the early finishers whilst 4 finished mid fleet. Three mid fleet starters were among the early finishers with 2 finishing mid fleet and 1 with the late finishers. One of the late starters was among the early finishers with 2 finishing mid fleet and 3 late finishers.



Recording the fastest elapsed time of the race was the Beneteau First 45 DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) who sailed the course in 1:31:07. There was only 37 minutes and 2 seconds difference between elapsed times with 1:46:17 the average.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2015-16 Race 2 Elapsed Time



If a prize was awarded for the yacht that had the greatest angle of heel then 2 of the main contenders in a very competitive fleet, would be CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) and PANACHE IV (Egils E Stokans).



Race 3 of the Summer Series 2015-16 is scheduled for Sunday 8th November 2015.

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