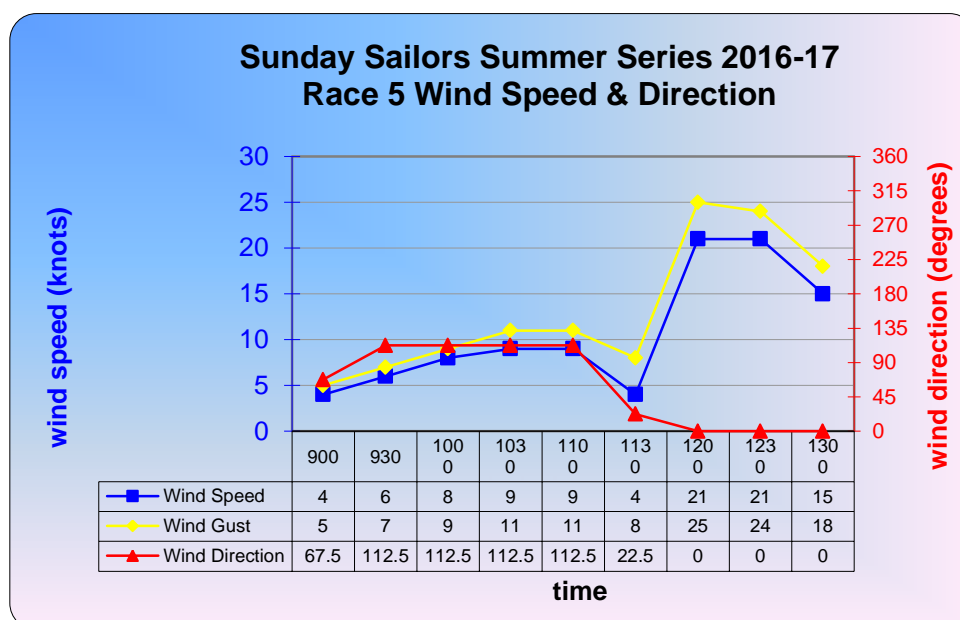


Expect the Unexpected

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 5



HIGH HANDED (Guy Dwyer) not only won her first race but also recorded her 2nd podium finish of the series. Joining her on the podium was NEW WAVE (Nigel Derricks) and CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) who both had their first podium finish of the series. These 3 yachts established a 6 minute 22 second lead over the rest of the fleet around what was a shortened course 7. Start of the Day was won by WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) who was only 3 seconds late for her 29 minute handicap and the race progressed well until the third leg from number 2 to number 3. With the majority of the 21 starters close to number 3 the breeze became “light and variable” and setting sails to catch a shifting breeze was a challenge. The challenge was made more difficult by swarms of assorted flies that were attracted to yachts in the light breeze. At one stage the Sunday Sailors were trying to sail south in a north easterly whilst a bit further to seaward, the one design fleet were sailing north in a southerly.



Whilst making their way along the breakwater the last third of the Sunday fleet received the benefit of a 20+ knot north easterly that swept them across the finish line in a surprising finish.



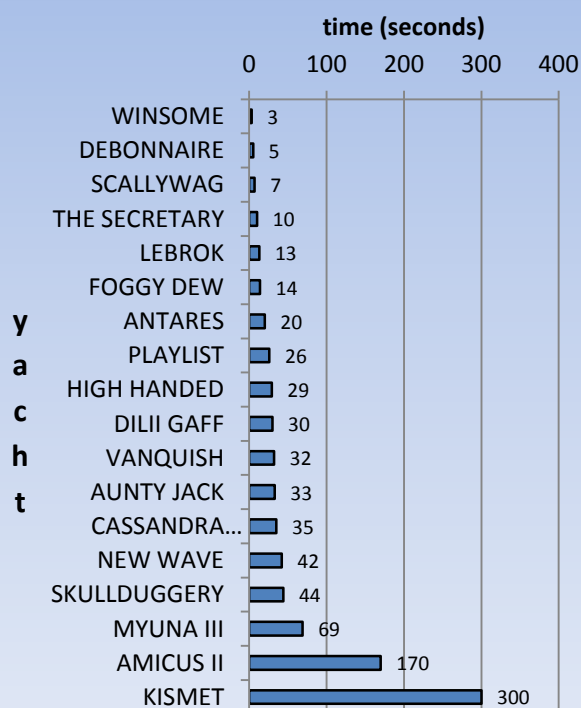
HIGH HANDED was the first yacht to start this race 29 seconds late for her 2 minute handicap. Although she was overtaken by CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE, CASSANDRA received an additional 3 minutes for use of a spinnaker, allowing HIGH HANDED to be declared the winner. HIGH HANDED sailed the course in 1:29:12 which was better than the elapsed average of 1:32:02. She crossed the line at 11:01:12 just 39 seconds ahead of NEW WAVE. HIGH HANDED is now currently tied for 4th place in the aggregate on 23 points.

After recording a DNF in race 4 this was the first race completed by NEW WAVE this series. She was the 3rd yacht to start the race 42 seconds late for her 5 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 1:26:51 – 2 minutes 21 seconds faster than HIGH HANDED and only 27 seconds slower than the larger yacht DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) – crossing the finish line at 11:01:51. With only 1 completed race NEW WAVE is 17th in the aggregate.



CASSANDRA has completed 3 races this series and has improved her finish position each time she sailed. This was her first podium finish for the series and helps put CASSANDRA 3rd in the aggregate and 2nd in the contest for the Noelle Coram Trophy. CASSANDRA started this race from 7th place 35 seconds late for her 14 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 1:18:59 the 4th fastest elapsed time of the race and crossed the finish line at 11:02:59 (after application of the spinnaker factor). CASSANDRA had started 3 seconds behind VANQUISH (Bob Beresford) but finished 37 minutes 2 seconds ahead.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 5 Start of the Day

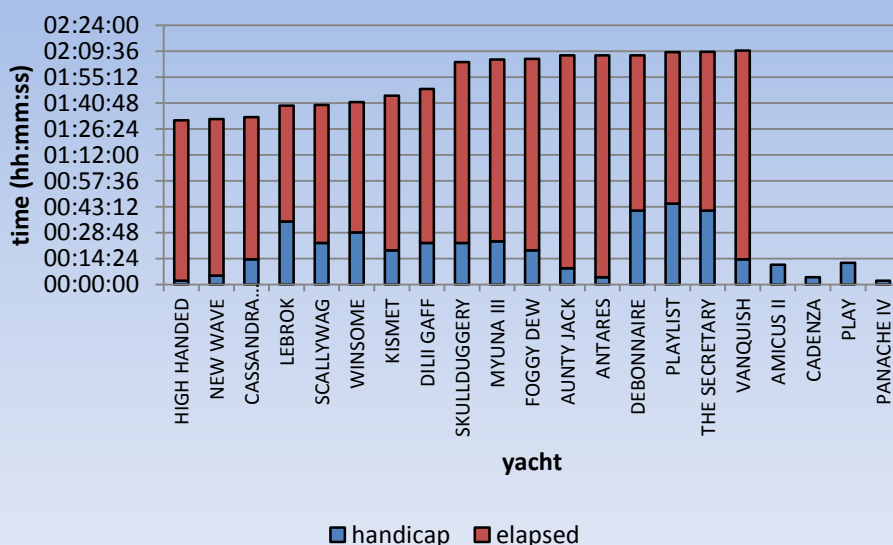


It was WINSOME that won Start of the Day on a day that saw 3 yachts record DNS; a further 3 yachts starting more than a minute late including 1 that was penalised for starting too soon. The median start time for the race was 29 seconds – the highest of the series so far.



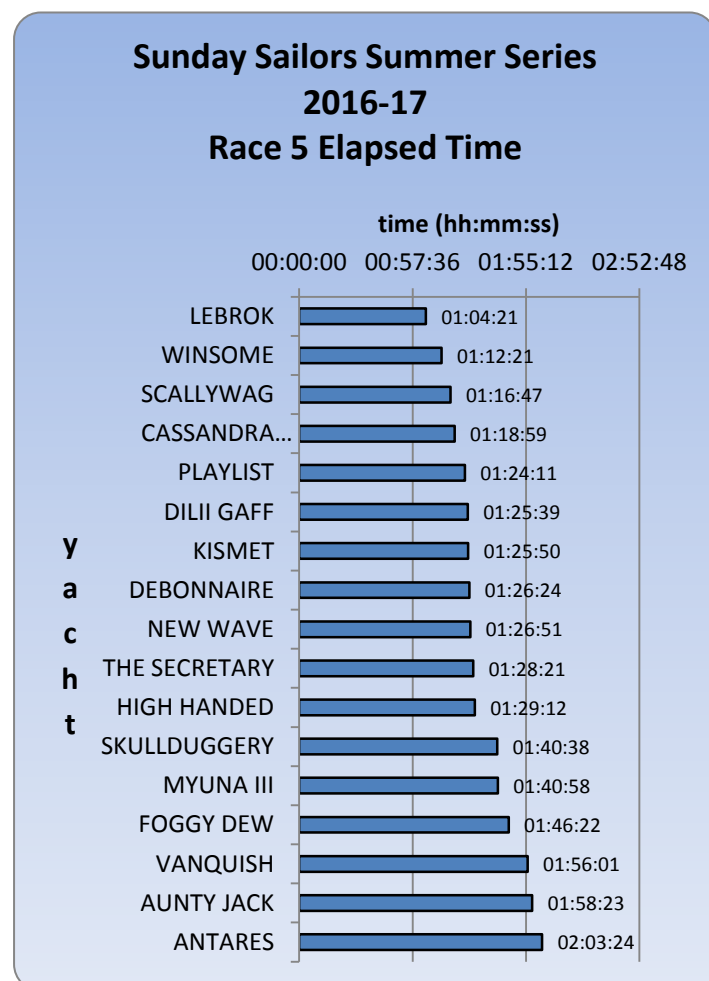
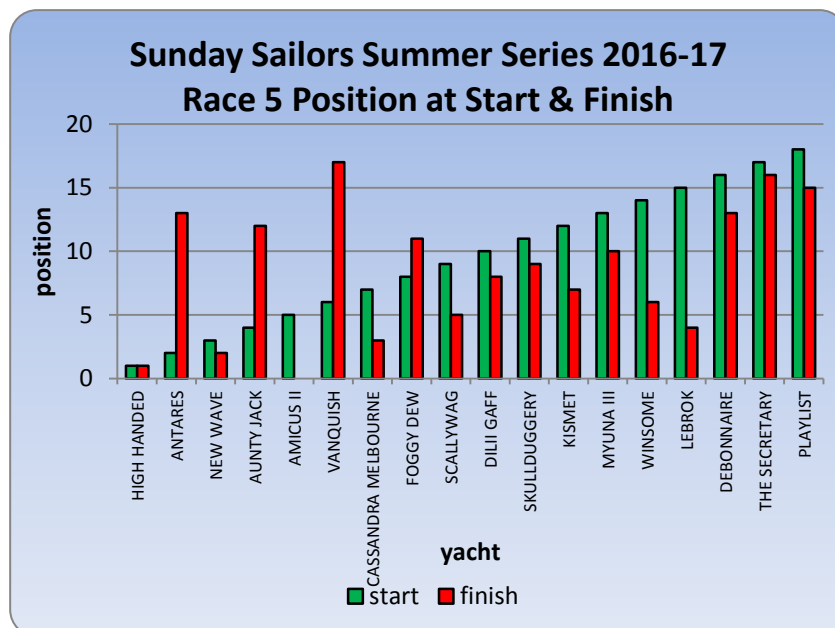
The gap between the 18 yachts at the start of the race was 42 minutes 57 seconds. The very light and variable breeze around number 3 combined with the shortened course made it difficult for the fleet to consolidate and they finished 38 minutes 49 seconds apart.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 5 Result



Nevertheless, there was a tie for 13th place when ANTARES (G Stewart & D Pearce) both crossed the line at 11:37:24. Both were narrowly beaten by AUNTY JACK (Robert Lepore) who finished only 1 second ahead.

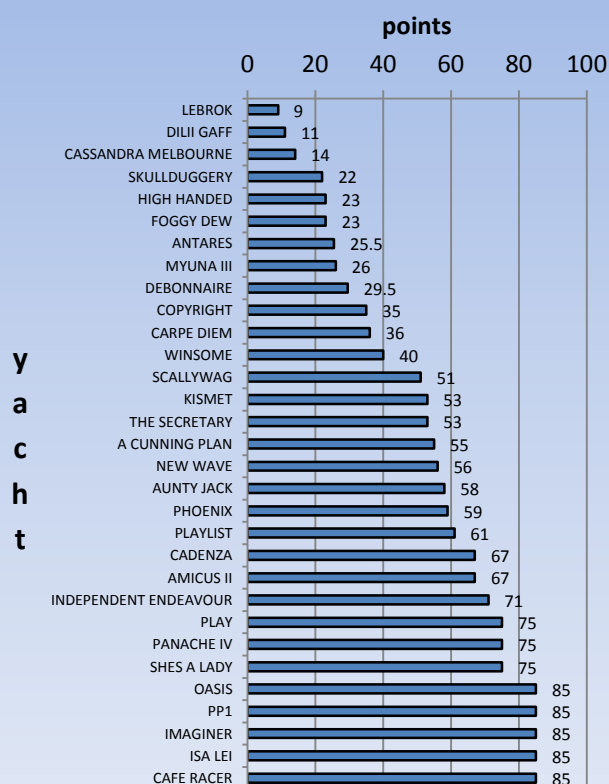
Of the first 6 yachts to finish the race 2 were early starters HIGH HANDED & NEW WAVE), 2 from mid fleet (CASANDRA & SCALLYWAG) and 2 were late starters (LEBROK & WINSOME).



There was 59 minutes 3 seconds between the elapsed time of the fastest and slowest yachts. LEBROK recorded the fastest time -8 minutes faster than her closest rival WINSOME.



Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Aggregate



At the completion of race 5
LEBROK leads DILII GAFF (Paul
MacBain) by 2 points in the
aggregate. CASSANDRA of
Melbourne is 3rd with 14 points.

There are 7 Sunday Sailors competing for the Noelle Coram Trophy. This is awarded to the boat having the lowest combined score based on their placings in the Wednesday Wonders Summer Series and Sunday Sailors Summer Series. Current placings are as follows:

NOELLE CORAM TROPHY SUMMER SERIES 2016-17					
POSITION	YACHT	SKIPPER	WW	SS	TOTAL
1	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	14	9	23
2	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	28	14	42
3	FOGGY DEW	Joe O'Grady	53	23	76
4	THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	37	53	90
5	CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	65	36	101
6	MYUNA III	Geoffrey Nixon	110	26	136
7	CAFE RACER	Rob Hartnett	169	85	254

Race 6, the last for 2016, is scheduled for 18th Dec 2016.

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