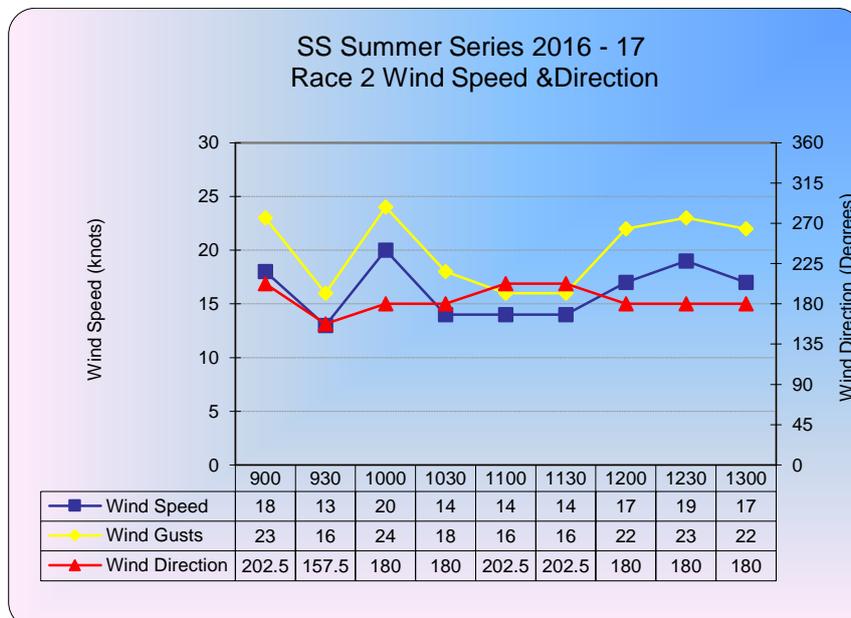


Still a Hint of Winter for the Start of the Summer Series Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 2



It may have been the bleak conditions, threatening sky or the 9 degree temperature that deterred participation in what was, in effect, the first race of the summer series. Nevertheless, 11 determined skippers and crew did make it out on the water. The race was around the shortened 7 leg, 10.7 nautical mile course 30. Had the course not been shortened, estimates indicate 2 yachts may not have completed the course and the result would have been different.

It proved to be a good morning for DILII GAFF (Paul MacBain) who not only won start of the day but also won the race. She was followed over the finish line by ANTARES (G Stewart & D Pearce). (These were the first two yachts over the finish line in the last race of the winter series.) LEBROK (Theo Korbel) finished in 3rd place. With the last yacht crossing the finish line at 11:33:02 it was a quick race with the fastest elapsed time recorded by CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) who was 8 minutes 29 seconds faster than the rest of the fleet.



Observations at Fawkner Beacon indicated the breeze averaged about 16 knots for the morning mainly from the south. By about 1030 it had eased a little but picked about one hour later.



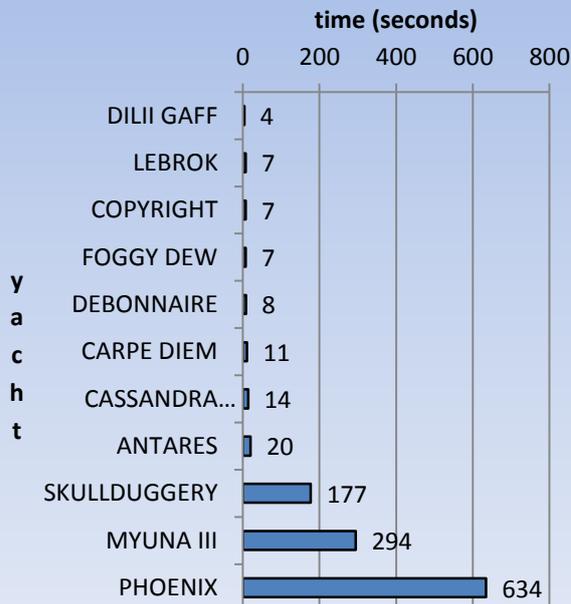
DILII GAFF carried over her good form found towards the end of the winter series with a win in this race. She started 4 seconds late for her 21 minute handicap from 4th place – 17 minutes 44 seconds behind ANTARES the first yacht to start. DILII GAFF not only made up this deficit but went on to extend the lead over ANTARES by a further 2 minutes 7 seconds and crossed the finish line at 11:21:17. DILII GAFF had sailed the 6.7 nautical mile course in 1:30:17 – the 5th fastest time of the race. This win puts DILII GAFF at the top of the aggregate.

ANTARES finished 5 of her 8 races in the winter series and recorded her best result, a 2nd, in her last race. She repeated that result in this race when she crossed the finish line at 11:23:24. ANTARES was first to start the race 20 seconds late for her 3 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 11:23:24 finishing 16 seconds ahead of LEBROK. ANTARES finished 14th in the winter series aggregate so this is a great beginning for her in this summer.



LEBROK started this race from 8th place only 7 seconds late for her 33 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 1:20:40 the 3rd fastest elapsed time of the race and crossed the finish line at 11:23:40. LEBROK's closest rival at the start of the race was PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg) who started 1 place 1 minute and 27 seconds behind her. LEBROK increased her lead during the race to finish 5 minutes and 1 second ahead. Although LEBROK finished 4th in the winter aggregate she did not record a podium finish in that series. Her last podium finish was the last race of the 2015-16 summer series.

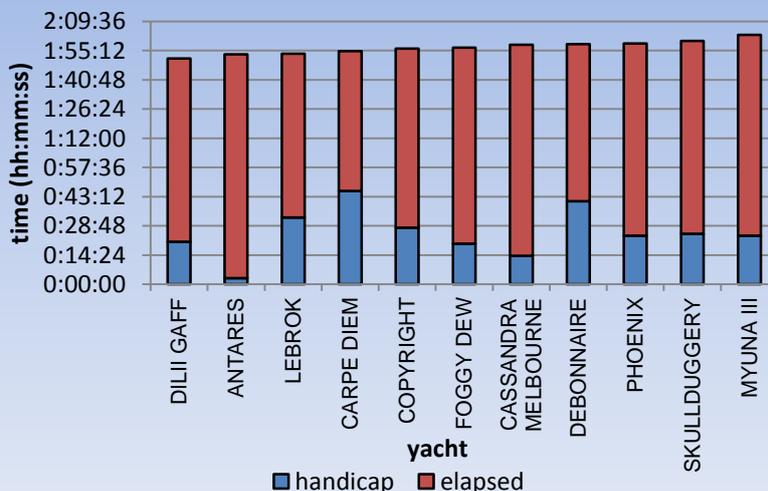
Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Start of the Day



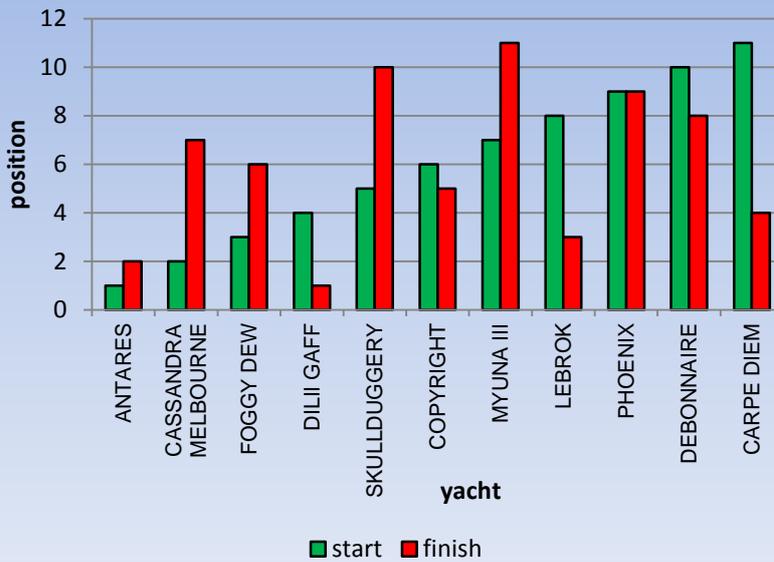
Start of the day was won by DILII GAFF in what was in general a mixed result. Eight yachts were able to start within 20 seconds or less of their handicaps whilst the remaining 3 yachts missed their starts by quite a wide margin. PHOENIX was more than 10 minutes late for her start with MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon) almost 5 minutes late and SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) 2 minutes 57 seconds late. The median start time was 11 seconds with 3 yachts recording a 7 second start.

There was 11 minutes 45 seconds separating the 11 yachts at the finish line after they had started 42 minutes 51 seconds apart. The closest finish was the 14 seconds that separated DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) and PHOENIX. The next closest was 16 seconds separating ANTARES from LEBROK.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 2 Result



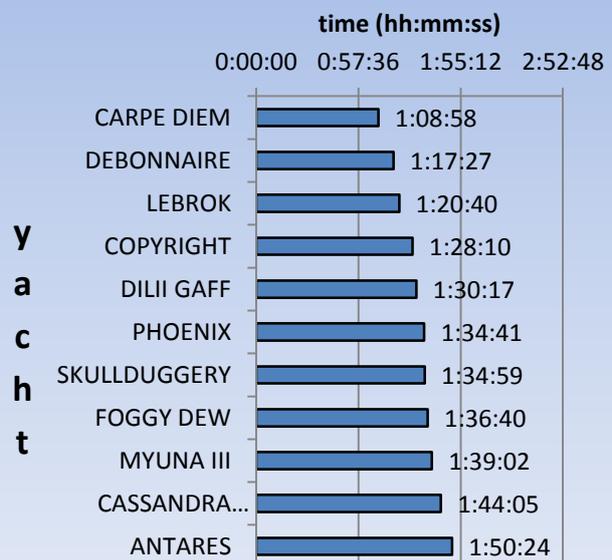
Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 2 Position at Start & Finish



On average each yacht finished 4 places away from where it started. Both CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) and SKULLDUGGERY lost 5 places. PHOENIX started and finished in 9th place whilst COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) improved her position by 1 place. CARPE DIEM made the best improvement starting 11th and finishing 4th.

It was CARPE DIEM who sailed the course in the fastest time of 1:08:58. This was 8 minutes 29 seconds faster than her closest rival DEBONNAIRE. The average elapsed time was 1:31:24 with a range of 41 minutes 26 seconds. The average yacht speed was 4.5 knots in a breeze that averaged 16 knots. The breeze in race 11 of the winter series also averaged 16 knots but average yacht speed was noticeably higher at 6.7 knots.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 2 Elapsed Time



The next race is scheduled for 6 November 2016

