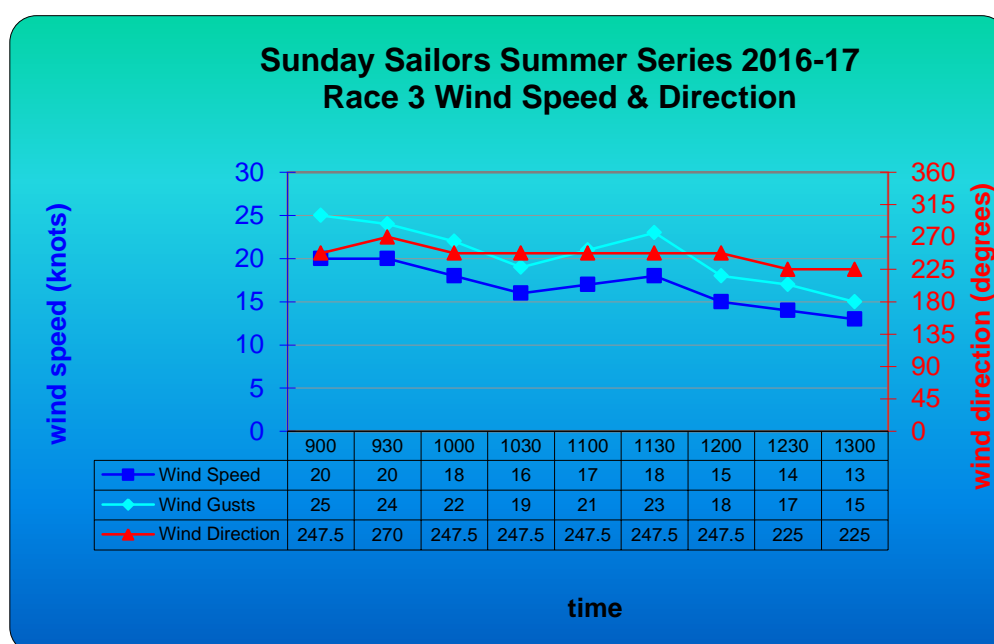


## Fast Race Around a New Course Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 3



Fourteen of the fifteen starters completed the 9.1 nautical mile course 22 in what was a fast race. This was the first time the course was selected for a Sunday race. In a south westerly breeze only 2 of the 7 legs are to windward. Observations at Fawknor Beacon indicated the breeze averaged 17 knots from the west south west for the morning. (No one seemed to want to fly a spinnaker). The breeze decreased as the morning progressed from about 20 to 14 knots at 1230. So far the breeze has averaged over 15 knots for each Sunday race – unusual for the morning.



This was enough breeze to provide BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch) her first win in her first Sunday race. She sailed the course in the second fastest elapsed time and in doing so overtook HIGH HANDED (Guy Dwyer) and DILII GAFF (Paul MacBain) who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. Start of the Day was won By COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) who last won a start in race 4 of the 2015 winter series. CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) sailed the course in the fastest time of 1:22:59. This was 25 seconds faster than her closest rival BLUE TACK.



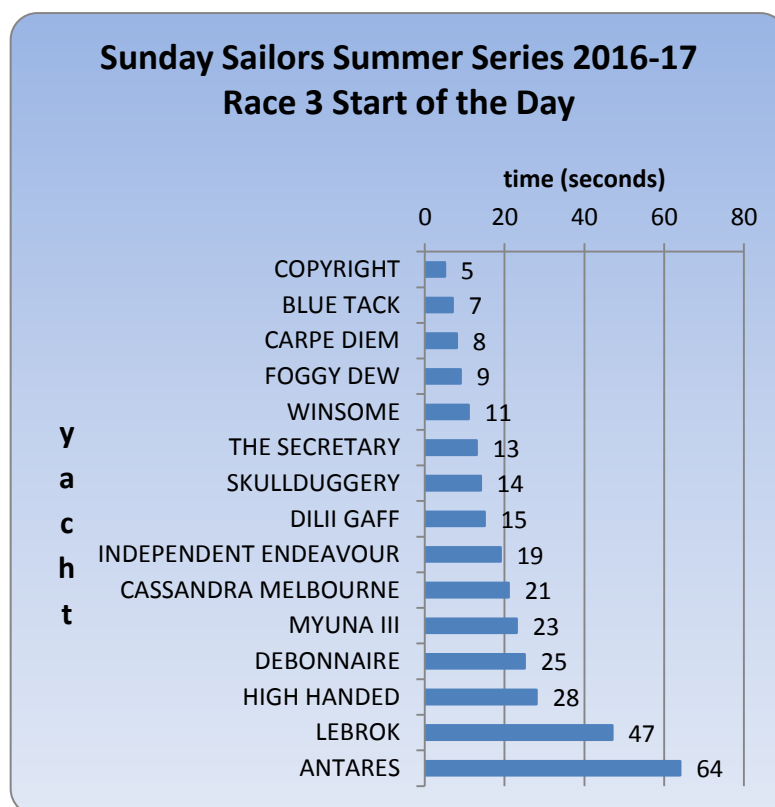
BLUE TACK sailed the same course in Wednesday Wonders but without the same result. She seemed to have learned from her earlier experience and made significant improvement to her finish position. BLUE TACK started this race from 12<sup>th</sup> place only 7 seconds late for her 35 minute handicap – the 2<sup>nd</sup> best start of the day. She sailed the course in 1:23:24 crossing the finish at 11:28:24. BLUE TACK had started 6 minutes 18 seconds ahead of DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) but finished 7 minutes 14 seconds and 8 places ahead.

This was the first race in this series for HIGH HANDED and it was a successful one. She was the first yacht to start, 28 seconds late for her handicap. She sailed the course in 1:59:14 and crossed the finish line in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 11:29:14 – only 50 seconds behind the winner. HIGH HANDED started 5 minutes 36 seconds before ANTARES (G Stewart & D Pearce) but during the race she was able to extend her lead and finished 10 minutes 30 seconds ahead. High HANDED is now 11<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.

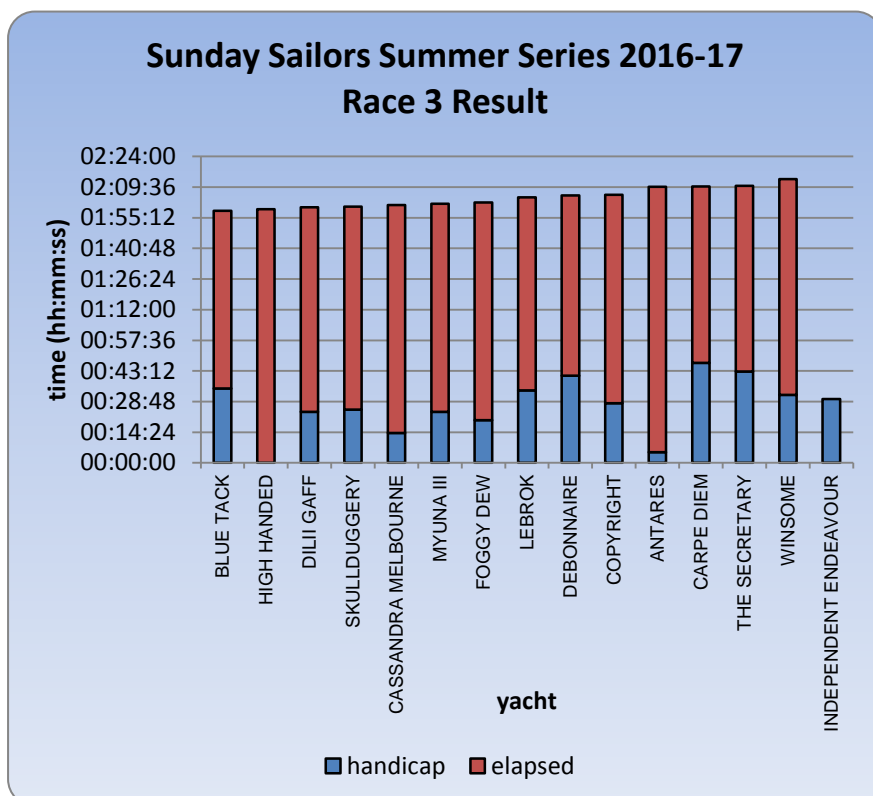


DILII GAFF became the first yacht this series to record 2 podium finishes. She followed up her win in race 2 with a 3<sup>rd</sup> in this race even after a 3 minute increase to her handicap. DILII GAFF was the 5<sup>th</sup> yacht to start the race, 15 seconds late for her 24 minute handicap. She started the race 8 seconds ahead of MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon), increasing her lead throughout the race to finish 1 minute 34 seconds ahead. DILII GAFF crossed the finish line at 11:30:10 after sailing the course in 1:36:10. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place in this race consolidates her position at the top of the aggregate.

COPYRIGHT won Start of the DAY as one of 5 yachts to start within 11 seconds or less of their handicap. Fourteen of the fifteen yachts started within 60 seconds or less. The median start time was 15 seconds.

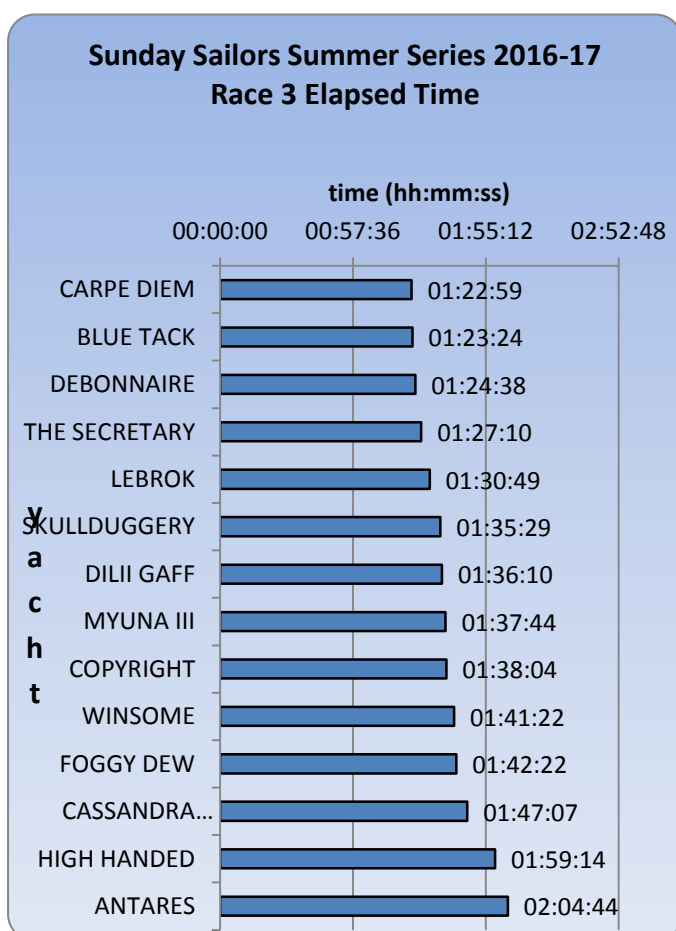
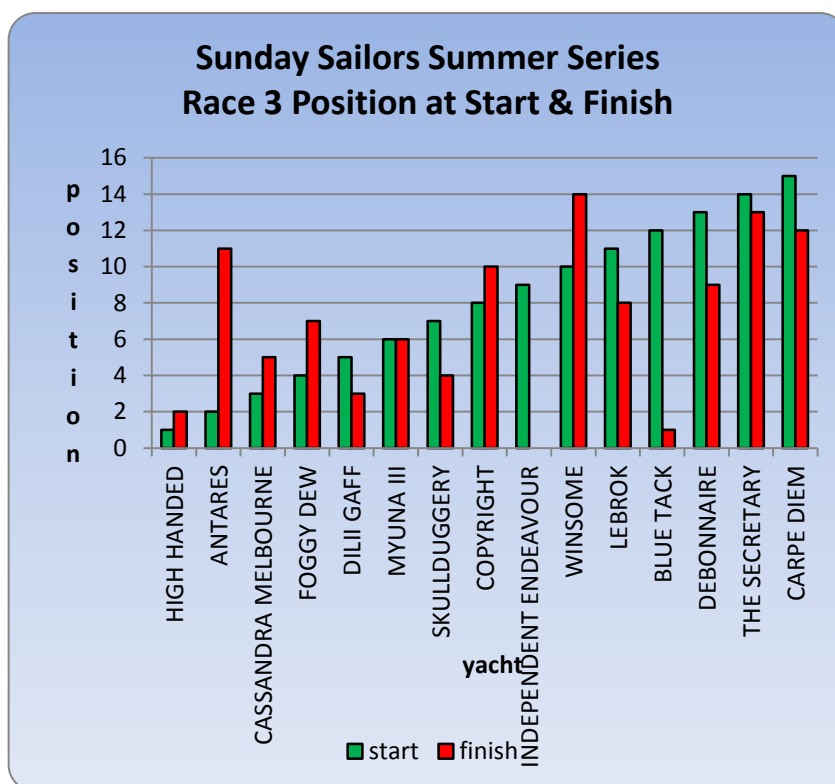


The 15 yacht fleet began the race 46 minutes 40 seconds apart and came closer together to finish 14 minutes 58 seconds apart. The closest finish was between



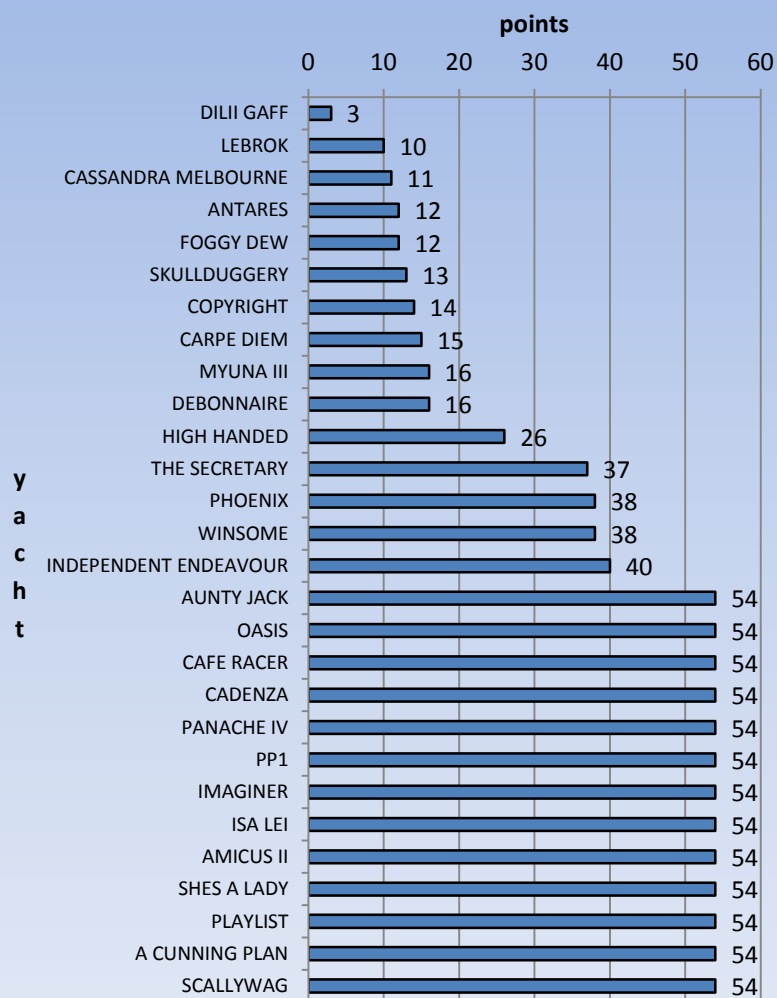
CARPE DIEM and THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) who finished 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> respectively. The widest gap between two yachts was the 3 minutes 40 seconds that separated COPYRIGHT from ANTARES in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> place.

Three of the 5 early starters were among the 5 early finishers. The remaining two early finishers were BLUE TACK (a late starter) and SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) a mid fleet starter.



MYUNA III recorded an elapsed time closest to the race average of 1:37:57. For the second successive race CARPE DIEM recorded the fastest elapsed time 14 minutes 58 seconds faster than average.

## Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Series Aggregate to Race 3



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