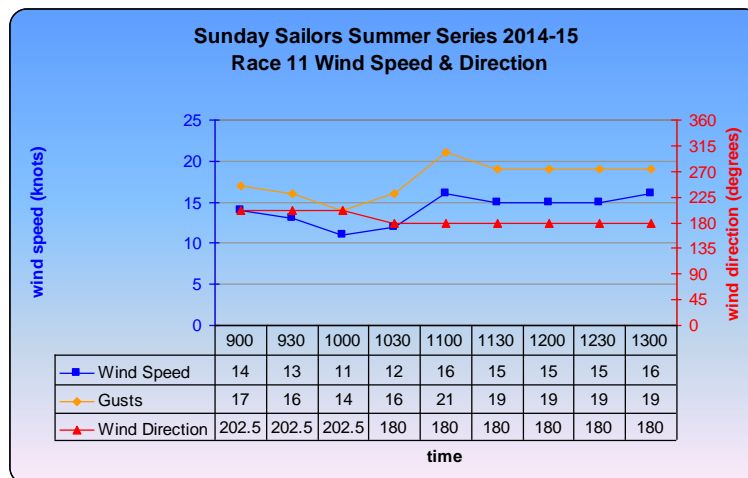


Sunday Sailors Race 11 Morning After the Night Before

At approximately 2030 on Saturday evening Fawkner Beacon recorded a wind gust of 71 knots. This was an extreme gust of wind which averaged 11 knots for the whole of Saturday. The breeze did go on to average around 25 knots in the early hours of Sunday morning before dropping back to about 15 knots. Nevertheless, the chop on Port Philip during race 11 was testament to the earlier breezes.



The average was about 14 knots which started in the south south west then settled in the south at about 1030 for the remainder of the morning. With such a breeze most yachts would successfully complete the 9.8 nautical mile 7 leg course 16. Fifteen of the original 16 yacht fleet finished the race before midday with the remaining having retired.





After completing 9 of the 11 races so far, DILII GAFF (Paul McBain) became the 10th yacht to win a race this series. She did not have the best of starts being 1 minute 26 seconds late for her 13 minute handicap from 5th place but she established a significant lead before the first rounding of number 4. DILII GAFF held the lead for the remainder of the race and after sailing for 1:54:56 she was first across the finish line at 11:37:56. This was her second podium finish and fourth top ten finish for the series. The win was enough to lift DILII GAFF from 13th to 10th place in the aggregate.

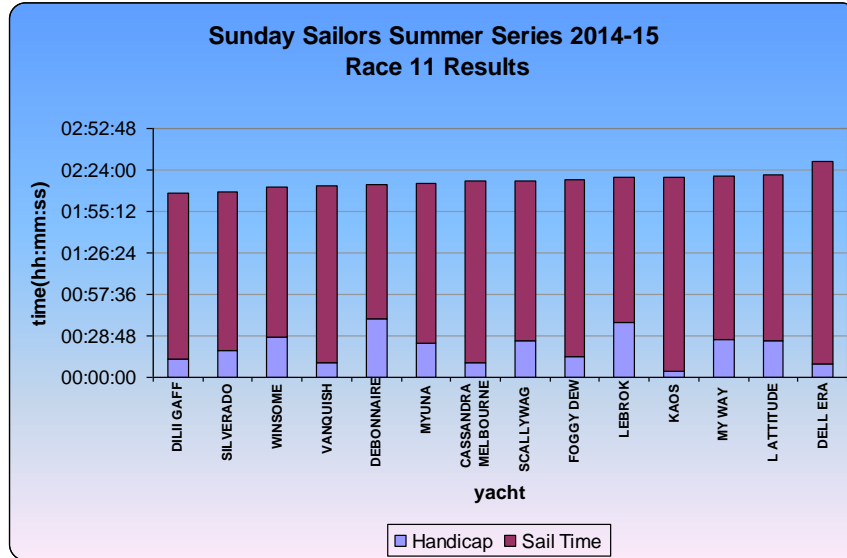


Crossing the finish line in 2nd place only 42 seconds behind DILII GAFF was SILVERADO (John Barbieri). SILVERADO started from 8th place, 8 seconds late for her 19 minute handicap and sailed very competitively to cross the line at 11:38:38 after sailing the course in 1:49:38. This was the 3rd podium and 6th top ten finish for SILVERADO consolidating her 4th place in the aggregate with a total of 68.5 points

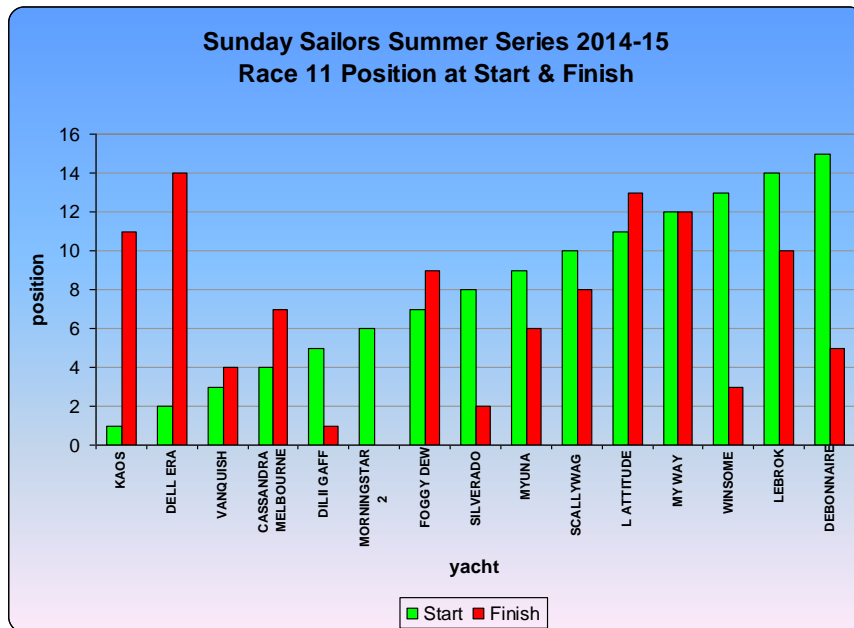


WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) left her challenge for 3rd place until the last leg of the race. It was on the leg from number 3 to the finish line that WINSOME overtook VANQUISH (Bob Beresford) crossing the line 22 seconds ahead. WINSOME started from 13th place 7 seconds late for her 28 minute handicap. She had moved into 8th place at the first rounding of number before improving her position by 5 more places during the remaining 3 legs of the race. She sailed the course in 1:44:19 to cross the finish line at 11:42:19. Winsome has completed 9 races this series and is currently 6th in the aggregate with 83 points.

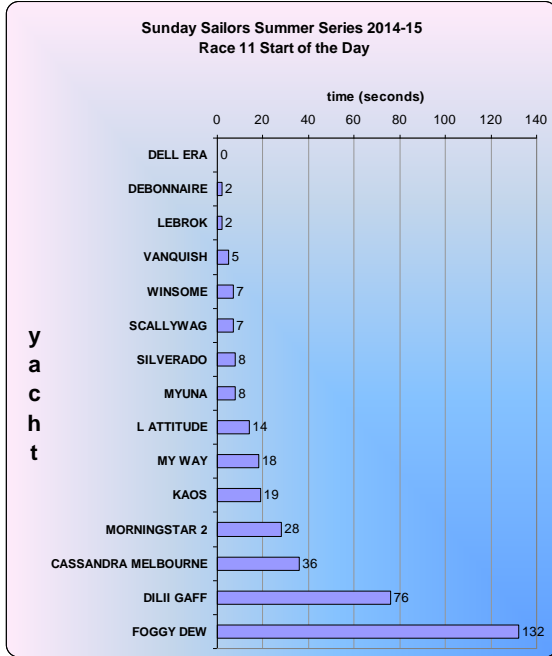
There were 37 minutes separating the fleet at the start of the race which had become 22 minutes 44 seconds at the finish. There was a close contest for 7th place when CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) crossed the finish line 2 seconds ahead of SCALLYWAG (Bill Hutchison)



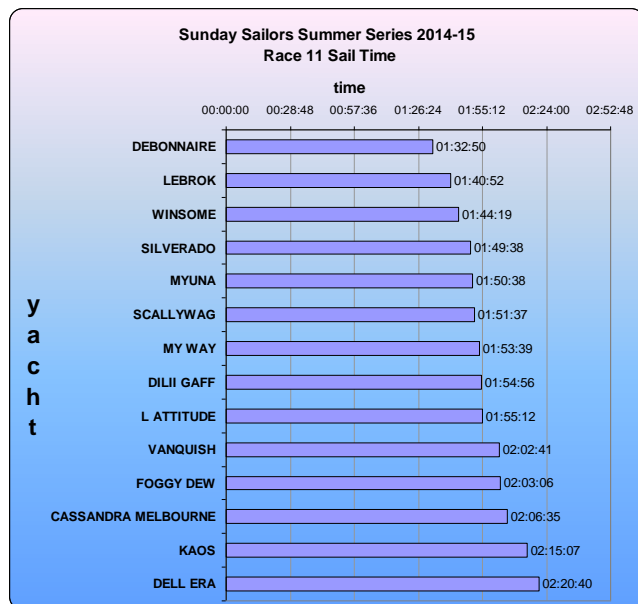
Of the 5 early starters, 2 were amongst the early finishers, 1 amongst the mid fleet and 2 amongst the late finishers. The mid fleet finishers were composed of 1 early starter and 4 from mid fleet. The late finishers comprised 2 early starters, 1 from mid fleet and 2 late starters.



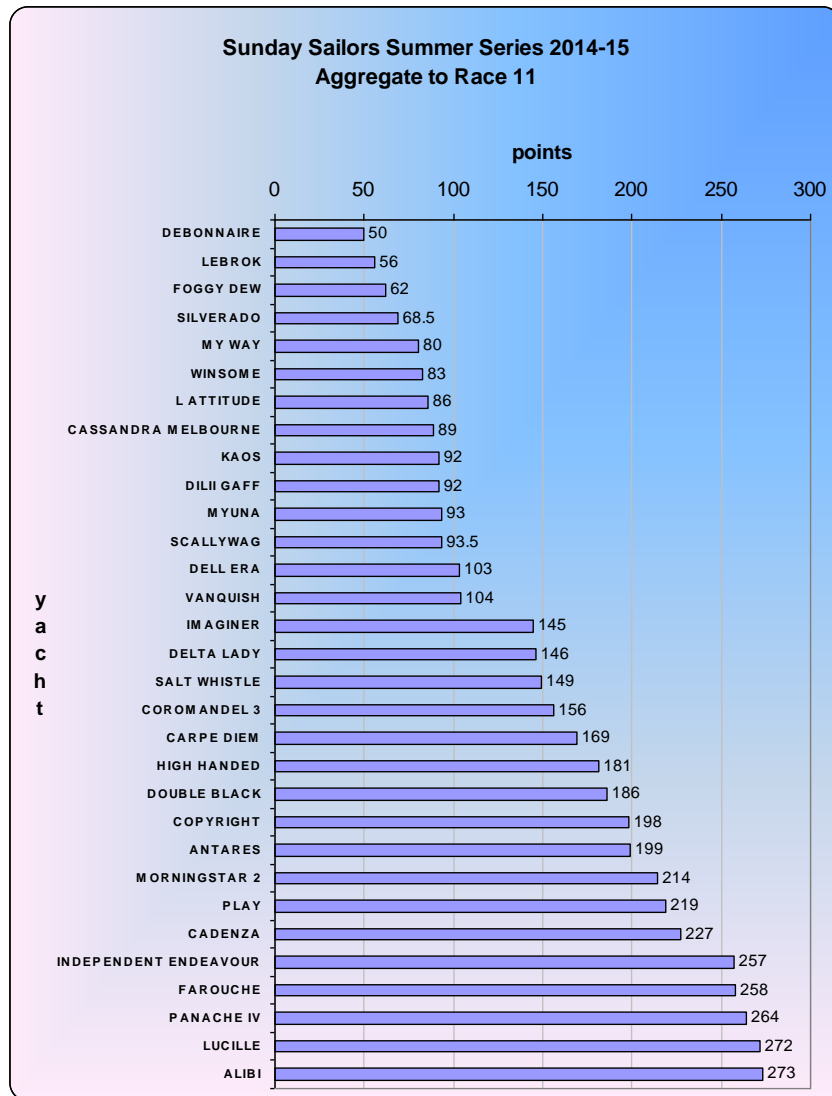
DELL ERA (Mike Coulter) recorded the best start of the day when she started exactly on her handicap. Both DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) and LEBROK (Theo Korbelt) did make strong challenges starting 2 seconds away from their respective handicaps. The median start time was 8 seconds.



The average sail time for race 11 was 1:55:51 with a range of 47 minutes 50 seconds. DEBONNAIRE recorded the fastest time of 1:32:50 – 8 minutes 2 seconds faster than her nearest rival LEBROK.



There was little change in the aggregate top ten following the latest race. The top five remained the same as the previous race with WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) moved into 6th place whilst L'ATTITUDE (Peter Grey) dropped into 7th. CASSANDRA OF MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) lifted 1 place to be 8th whilst KAOS (Dawn Cleaver) dropped a place to be 9th. DILLI GAFF (Paul MacBain) entered the top ten at number 10 whilst SCALLYWAG (Bill Hutchison) dropped out to 13th.



There are 3 scheduled races left in the series with race 12 scheduled for Sunday 15th March 2015.

