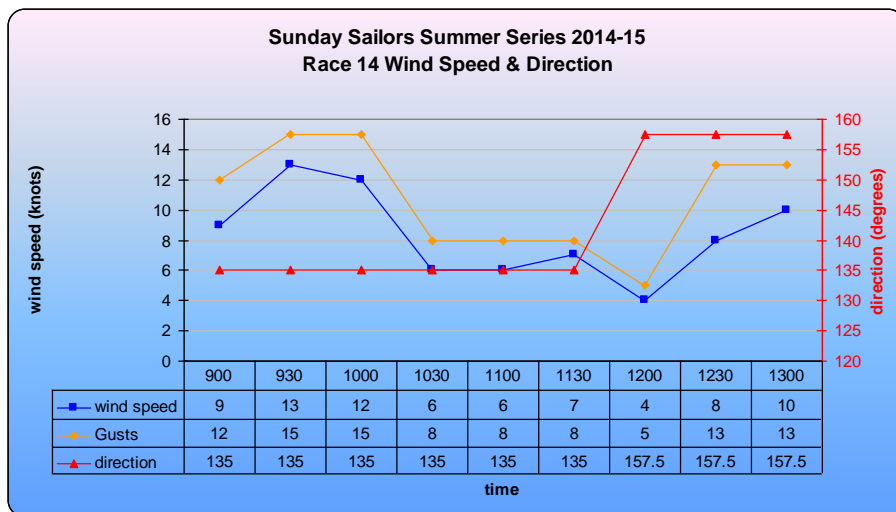


## Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2014-15 Race 14 Myuna Saves Her Best Til Last

This race brought to a close a remarkable series which provided a result in each of the 14 scheduled races. The light breezes throughout the series which averaged 10.7 knots – 2.5 knots less than the 2013-14 series - required 6 courses to be shortened. On average each course was 7.7 nautical miles long compared with 8.13 nautical miles in the previous summer. Surprisingly, the average elapsed time for both series was identical at 1:57:25.



Although the conditions for the sail were very pleasant they were quite demanding. There was a healthy breeze of around 13 knots for the 0930 start of race but this eased throughout the morning before increasing after the race was completed. One skipper reported that the last 200 metres to the first mark, number 5, took as long as the first 2,000 metres.



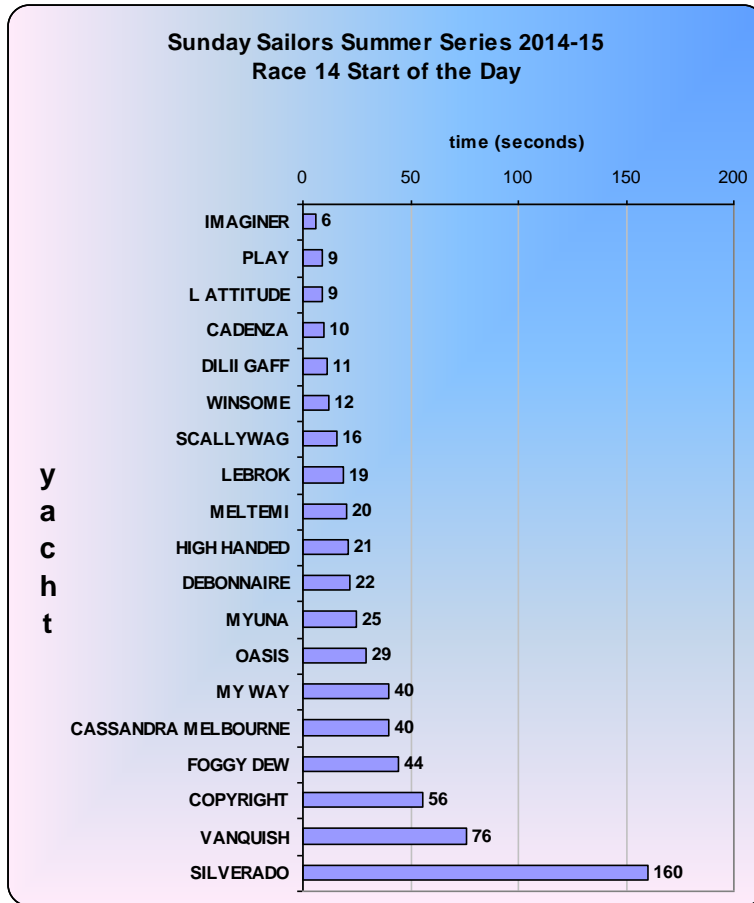


It took MYUNA (Geoffrey Nixon) 12 races to record her first win of the series. She collected 6 top ten finishes throughout the series but waited until the last race for her first podium finish. It was a very notable win, sailing the 6.6 nautical mile shortened course 15 in the fastest time of 1:51:40 and crossing the finish line at 11:41:40 - 5 minutes 35 seconds ahead of the fleet. This included a 3 minute penalty for flying a spinnaker, the only yacht to do so in this race. MYUNA started the race from 8<sup>th</sup> place 25 seconds late for a 20 minute handicap – her lowest of the series. The win helped lift her up 2 places in the aggregate finishing 9<sup>th</sup>.

CADENZA (Kenneth Foxworthy) is another yacht to save her best performance until the last race of the series. Although CADENZA sailed 5 races in the series she completed only 3. She was the first yacht to start this race only 10 seconds late for handicap of zero. However, she did remarkably well to keep sailing through the light breeze and complete the course in 2:17:15 crossing the finish line in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 11:47:15. With only 3 completed races in the series CADENZA finished 24<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate.



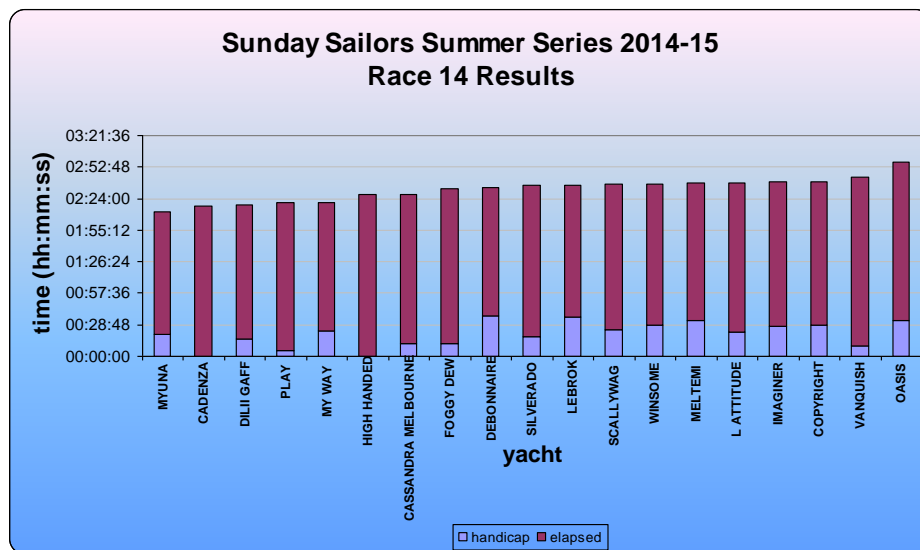
Finishing exactly 1 minute behind CADENZA was DILII GAFF (Paul MacBain). This was her 4<sup>th</sup> podium finish of the series; three of them in the last 4 races. DILII GAFF started 7<sup>th</sup> in the race 11 seconds late for a 16 minute handicap. She crossed the finish line at 11:48:15 after sailing the course in 2:02:15. This was her 12<sup>th</sup> race of the series and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place lifted her 2 places in the aggregate to finish in 7<sup>th</sup> place on 89 points.



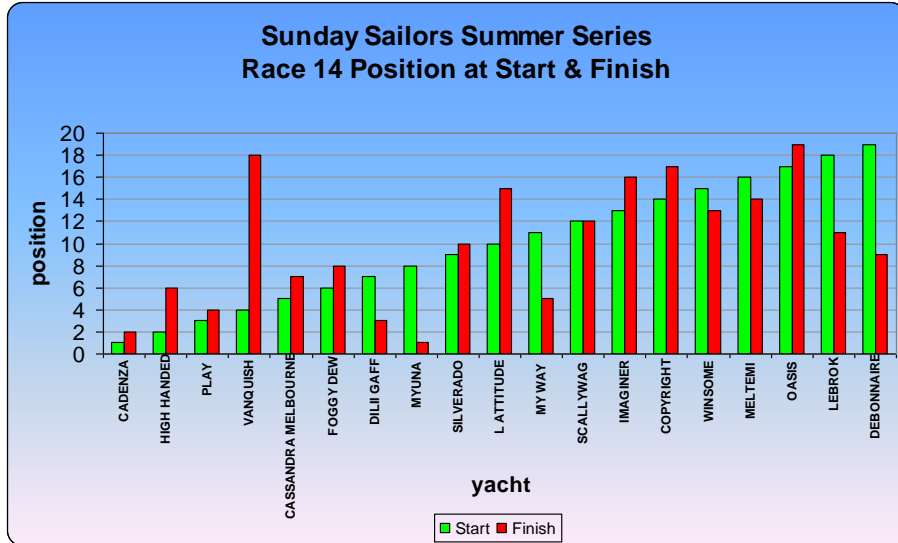
IMAGINER (Chris Byrne) won Start of the Day 6 seconds late for her 27 minute handicap. The median start time was 21 seconds with only 2 yachts starting more than a minute late.



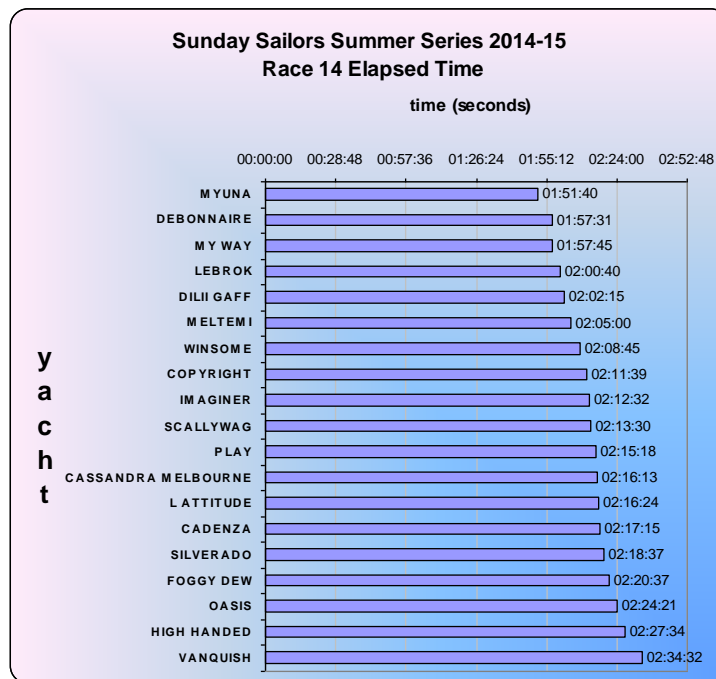
With yachts finishing further apart than when they started this was not the ideal pursuit race. This was probably due, at least in part; to the softening breeze which at times made sailing difficult.



Two mid fleet starters were amongst the first 6 yachts to finish with 3 early starters and 1 late starter making up the six. None of the late starters were amongst the early finishers with 3 finishing mid fleet and 3 finishing amongst the last 6 yachts to complete the race.



Despite being a shortened course the average elapsed time for the race was 2:12:13 with 16 yachts enjoying more than 2 hours on the water. MYUNA sailed the course in the fastest time followed by DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) and MY WAY (Magdy Eskander).



DEBONNAIRE won the series aggregate with 67 points, 4 ahead of LEBROK (Theo Korbel) and 8 ahead of FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard 7 Joe O'Grady). DEBONNAIRE topped the aggregate for 12 of the 14 races. She sailed in every race and completed 13, recording 3 podium finishes and only 3 finishes outside the top ten.



DEBONNAIRE RACE RECORD									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
1	12/10/2014	3	02:18:54	12:24:54	00:36:00	37	6	4.8	4
2	26/10/2014	2	01:55:02	12:03:02	00:38:00	21	14	6.3	5
3	9/11/2014	8	01:55:34	12:07:34	00:42:00	16	14	9.8	11
4	23/11/2014	4	01:52:40	12:04:40	00:42:00	4	13	8.5	8
5	7/12/2014	10	01:05:25	11:19:25	00:44:00	12	13	8.5	21
6	21/12/2014	1	01:11:40	11:20:40	00:39:00	37	6	4.8	6
7	4/01/2015	11	01:41:46	11:54:46	00:43:00	5	13	8.5	14
8	14/01/2015	8	01:33:57	11:44:57	00:41:00	3	16	9.8	15
9	1/02/2015	DNF				64	16	9.8	17
10	15/02/2015	9	02:04:25	12:15:25	00:41:00	20	6	4.8	5
11	1/03/2015	5	01:32:50	11:43:50	00:41:00	2	16	9.8	14
12	15/03/2015	8	01:29:10	11:41:10	00:42:00	11	16	9.8	16
13	29/03/2015	13	01:37:59	11:46:59	00:39:00	2	7	6.1	7
14	12/04/2015	9	01:57:31	12:04:31	00:37:00	22	15	6.6	8

The winter series is scheduled to start at 0930 on 3 May 2015.

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