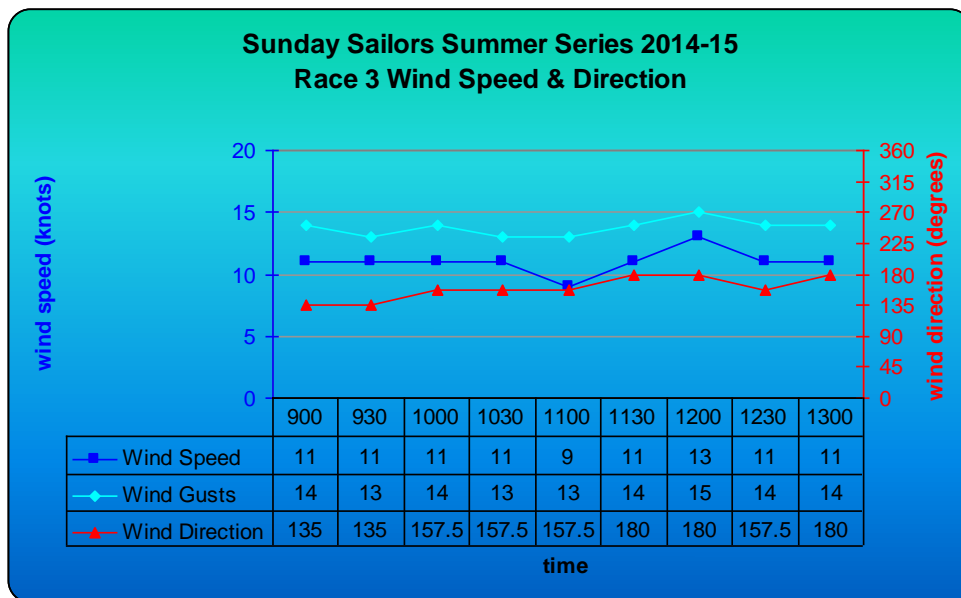


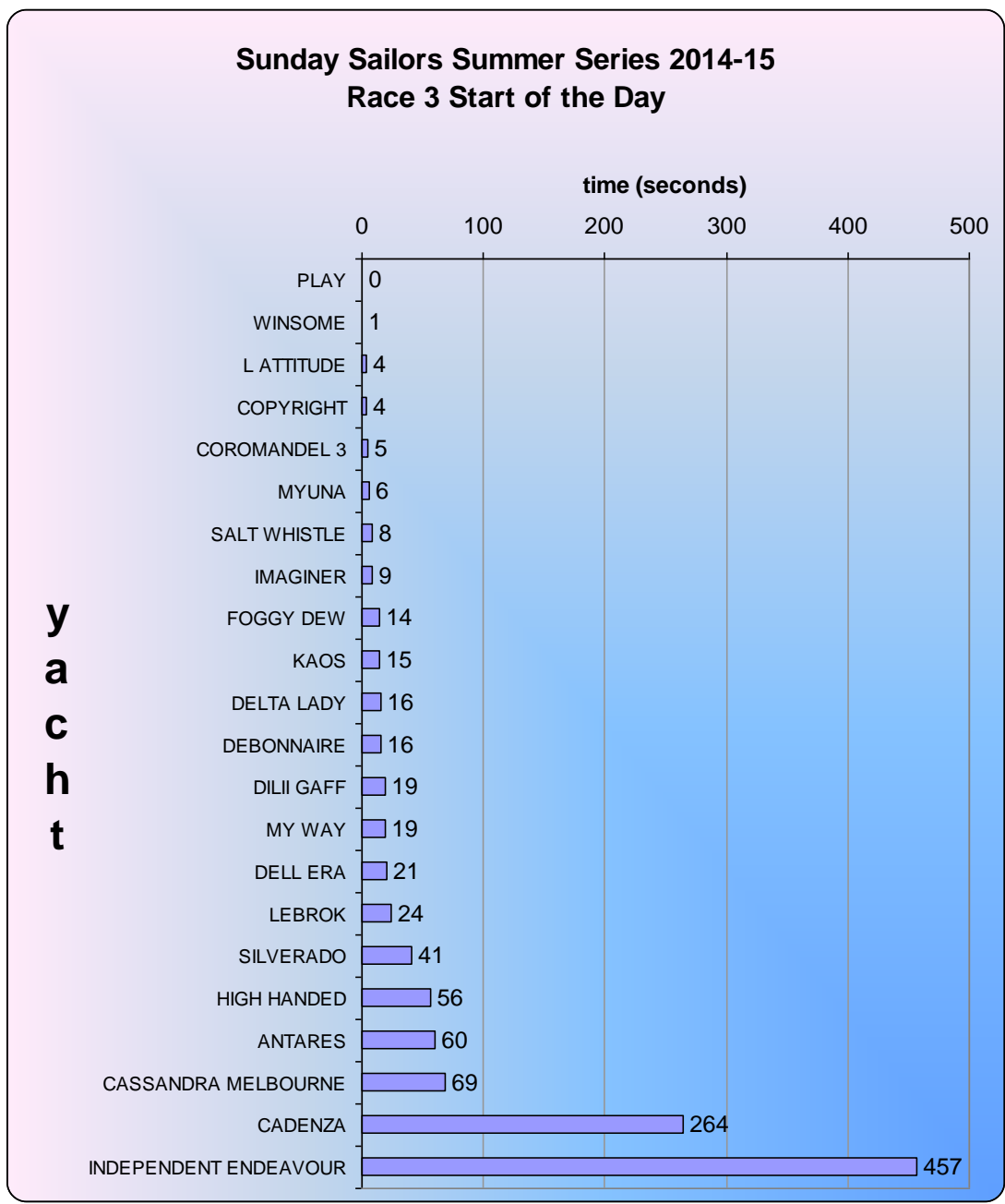
## Race 3 A Good Day for a Race



On a bright sunny morning, flat seas and a steady southerly breeze of about 11 knots made race 3 to be the first Sunday race to be sailed this series around a complete course. The first two races had to be shortened due to a lack of breeze. Unfortunately three of the 22 starters were still unable to complete the course within the time limit with ANTARES (G Stewart D Pearce) the last yacht to finish with 1 minute 25 seconds to spare. The 6 leg Course 14 at 9.8 nautical miles is one of the longer courses used for pursuit racing and in a southerly breeze yachts are either beating or running.



With 19 yachts starting within 60 seconds of their respective handicaps and a median time of 16 seconds this could be considered the best start of the series. On the other hand CADENZA (Kenneth Foxworthy) and INDEPENDANT ENDEAVOUR (Malcolm Mohr) missed their starts by more than 4 and 7 minutes respectively.



PLAY (Ian Pridgeon) had the perfect start to win Start of the Day and she was closely challenged by WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) one second late for her start.



It was COPYRIGHT (Stewart Morrison-Jack) who had a convincing victory in race 3 crossing the line 2 minutes 7 seconds ahead of her nearest rival. COPYRIGHT had a good start only 4 seconds late for her 25 minute handicap from 13<sup>th</sup> position. She was able to sail the course in 2:05:07 - the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest time of the day and was first across the finish line at 12:00:07. After sailing in all three races this was her best result and first podium finish this series. She is equal 5<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate on 31 points, twenty behind the leader.

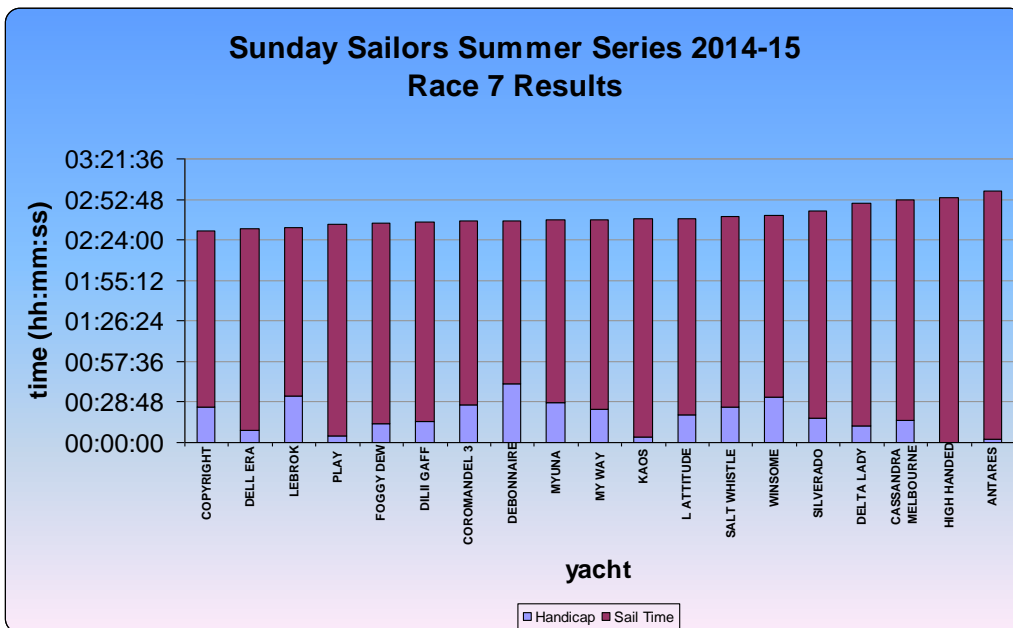
DELL ERA (Mike Coulter) has also participated in all three races this series and race 3 provided her with her best result so far. DELL ERA was the 5<sup>th</sup> yacht to start the race 21 seconds late for her 9 minute handicap. With a sail time of 2:23:14 she recorded the 11<sup>th</sup> fastest sail time of the race crossing the finish line in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 12:02:14. DELL ERA is one of 3 yachts to be on 31 points in the aggregate in equal 5<sup>th</sup> place.



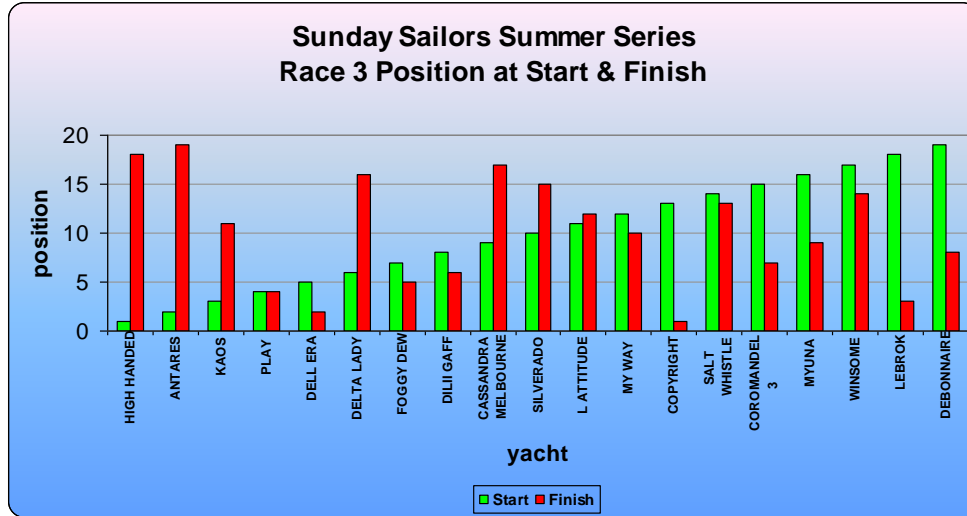


Recording her 2<sup>nd</sup> podium finish in three races was the current aggregate leader LEBROK (Theo Korbel). LEBROK started the race from 18<sup>th</sup> place 24 seconds late for her 33 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 1:59:27 – the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest time of the day and finished the race in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 12:02:27. She was only 13 seconds behind DELL ERA but 2 minutes 19 seconds ahead of PLAY (Ian Pridgeon) who finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place. LEBROK has had an excellent summer series to date as she leads both the Sunday and Wednesday aggregates.

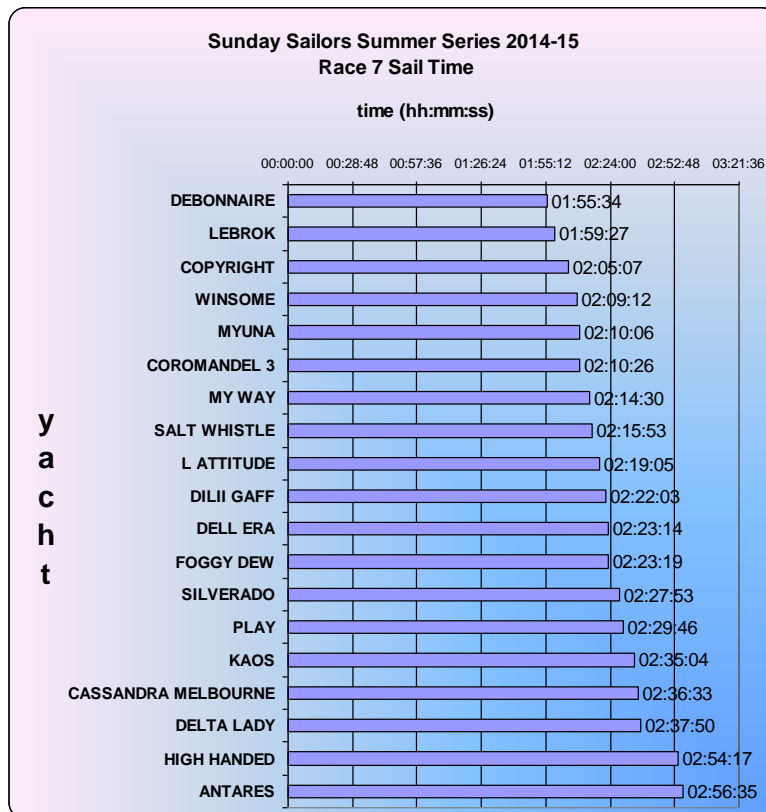
There was a gap of 42 minutes separating the yachts at the start of the race but this difference was reduced to 28 minutes 28 seconds at the end of the race.



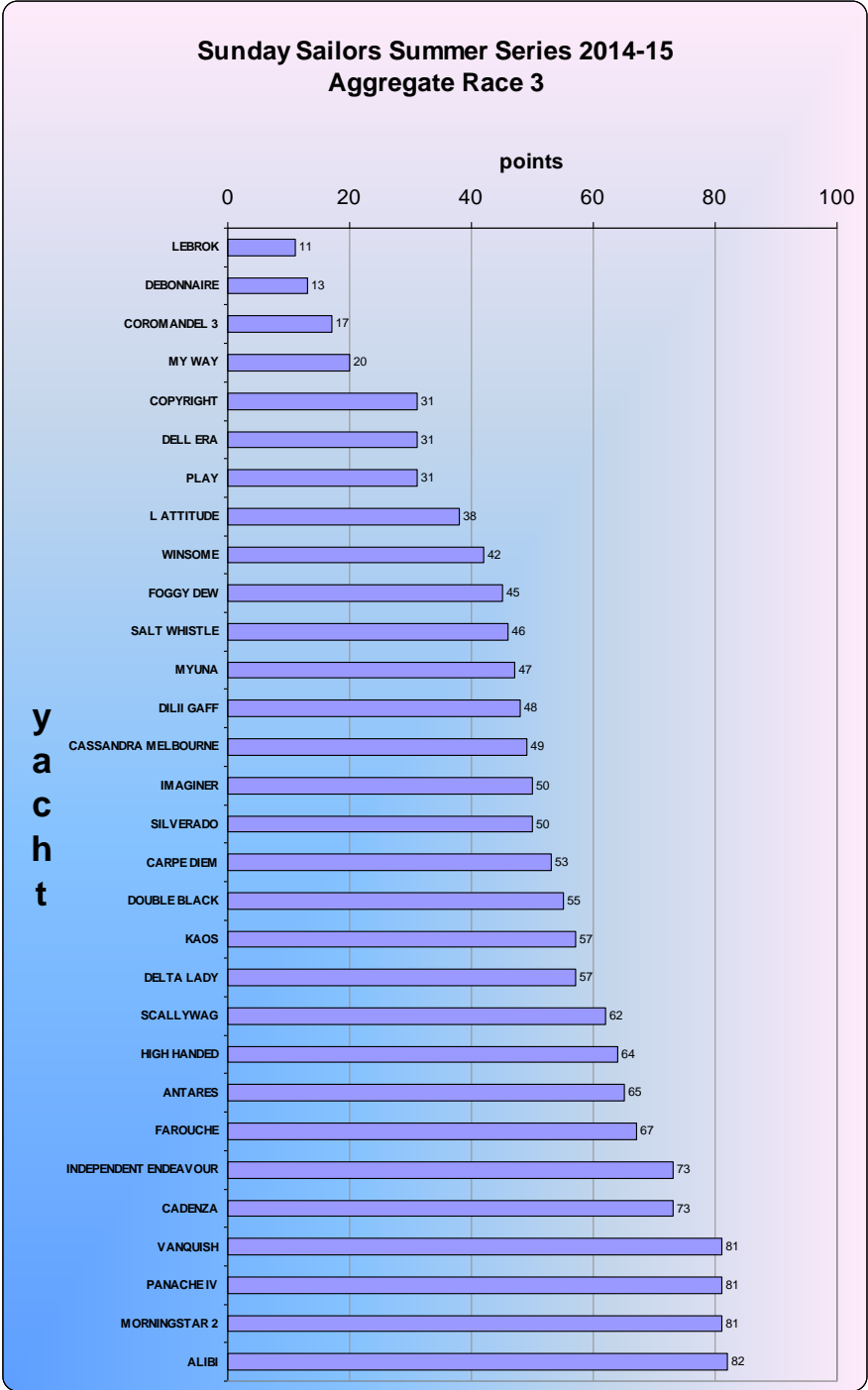
Only one yacht amongst the last 6 yachts to start the race managed to feature amongst the first 6 yachts to finish the race. It was the early and mid fleet starters that recorded the better results.



The average sail time for the race was 2:22:25 with only 2 yachts completing the course in less than 2 hours.



DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) flying her bright red spinnaker sailed the course in the fastest time whilst LEBROK sailed the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest time. There was over one hour's difference between the shortest and longest sail time.



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Sunday Sailors race 4 is scheduled for 23 Nov 2014.

