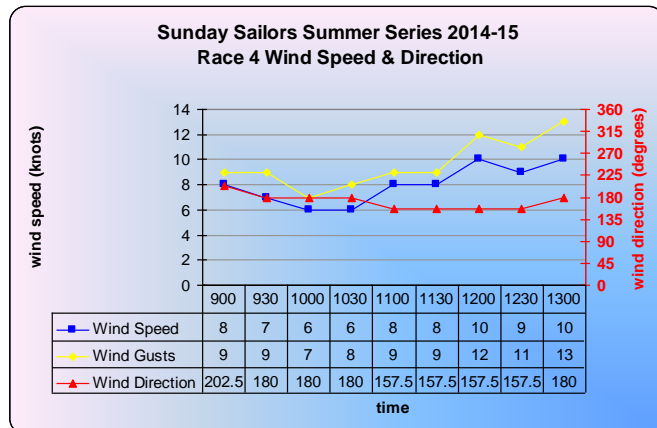


Race 4



Race 4 was an intriguing race with one yacht not only starting too soon but also flying a spinnaker so collecting an eight minute penalty but only losing 5 places. Four other yachts also flew spinnakers including the last two yachts to start the race and both recorded podium finishes for the second time this series. Four yachts excelled at the start when they tied for Start of the Day. The fleet started the race 47 minutes apart, closed in on each other so by the first rounding of number 4 they were 27 minutes 38 seconds apart but by the end of the race 30 minutes separated the first from last yacht to finish. Despite sailing course 13, one of the shorter courses with a rhumb line length of 8.5 nautical miles, one yacht was unable to complete the course within the time limit.

The conditions for sailing were excellent with blue skies, flat seas and a breeze of about 8 knots coming from the south to south south east. Fawkner Beacon Observations indicated the breeze increased throughout the morning but not enough to get water on the deck.





After winning race 2, her first of the series, the Farr 40 DOUBLE BLACK (Rob Pitts) started race 4 with an extra 5 minutes added to her handicap. She started from last place 11 seconds late for her 45 minute handicap but after the first 4 legs of the race DOUBLE BLACK had moved up 17 places to be in 11th place. She sailed the remaining 3 legs of the course in 50 minutes 52 seconds to be first across the line at 11:56:52 the fastest time of the day – 1:41:52. This was her second win of the series and lifted her from 18th to be 8th in the series aggregate.

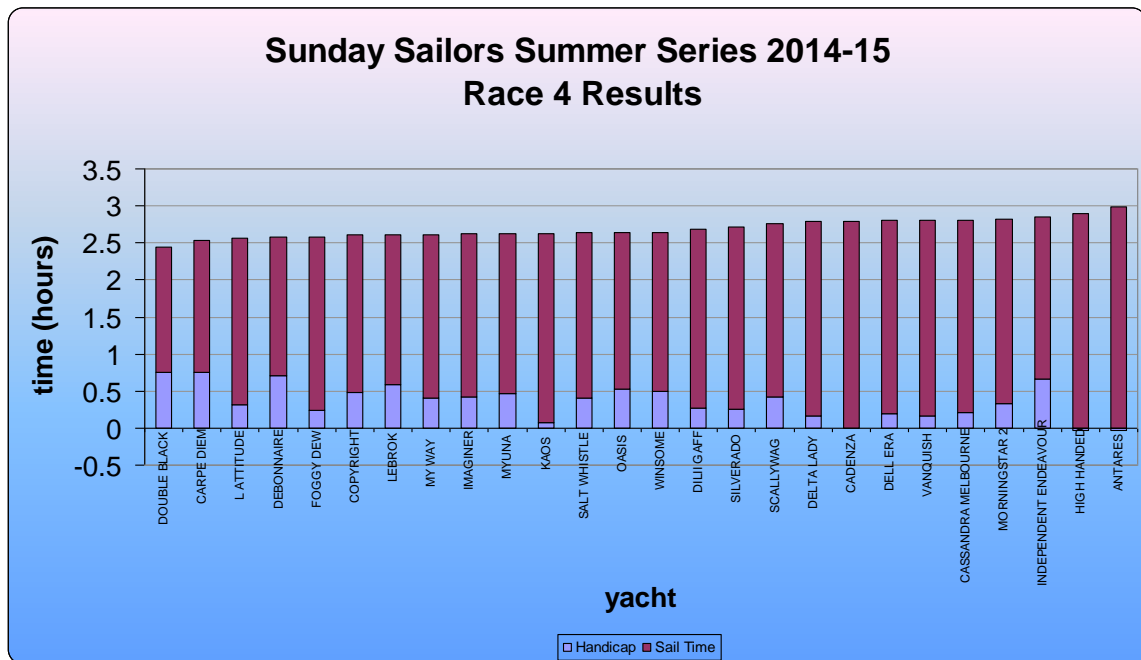
CARPE DIEM was 5 minutes 21 seconds behind DOUBLE BLACK when she crossed the line in 2nd place to record her second, 2nd place in 3 races. CARPE DIEM started 1 second late for her 45 minute handicap – one of four yachts to tie for start of the day. By the first rounding of number 4 she was in 18th place, 7 places and 2 minutes behind DOUBLE BLACK. During the last 3 legs of the race she made up 15 positions to cross the finish line in 2nd place at 12:02:13. CARPE DIEM recorded the second fastest time of the day recording a time of 1:47:13. This result helped her from 17th to be 7th in the aggregate.



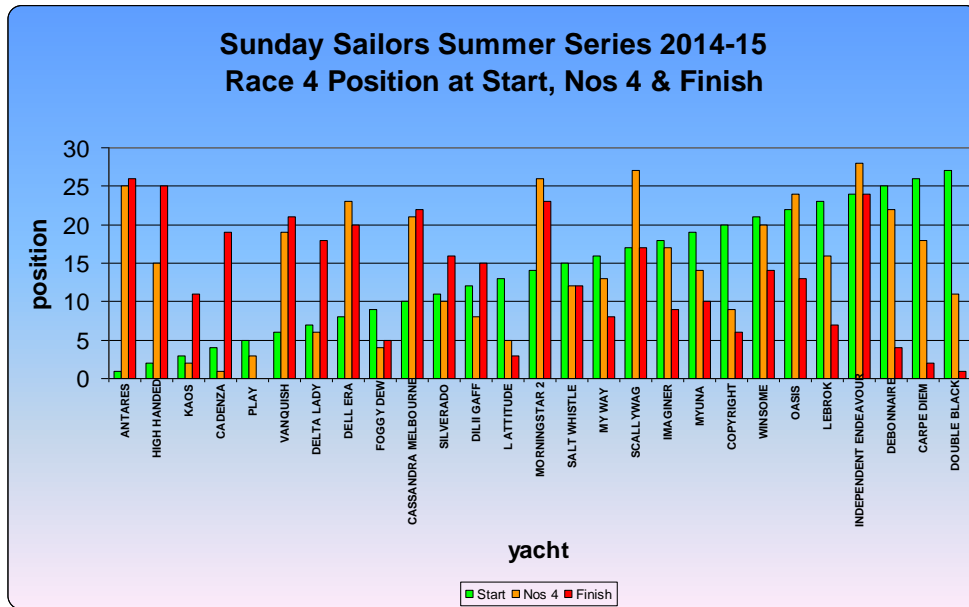


Race 4 saw L'ATTITUDE (Peter Gray) record her second podium finish in three attempts. L'ATTITUDE was the 13th yacht to start the race 23 seconds late for her 19 minute handicap. After sailing the first 4 legs of the course in 1:11:41 she rounded number 4 for the first time in 5th place. She completed the remainder of the course in 1:02:41 to finish 3rd at 12:03:54 just 46 seconds ahead of DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez). L'ATTITUDE is sitting equal 4th in the aggregate on 18 points, 9 points behind the leader DEBONNAIRE.

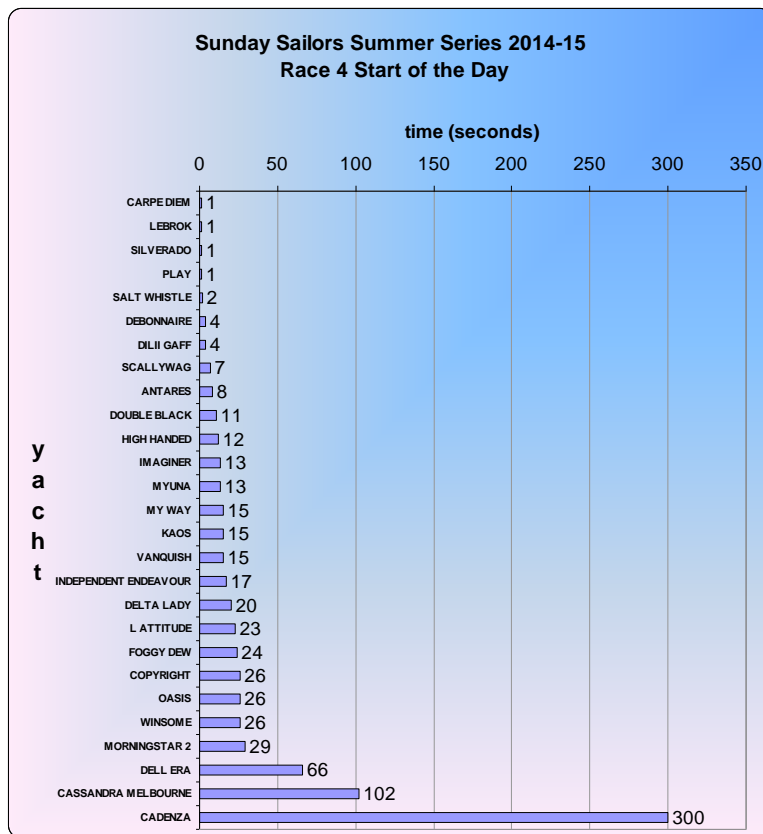
Although this was one of the shorter courses sailed in light breezes there was enough time for the late starters to get to the front of the fleet. Of the first 9 yachts to cross the finish line 5 were amongst the last 9 yachts to start.



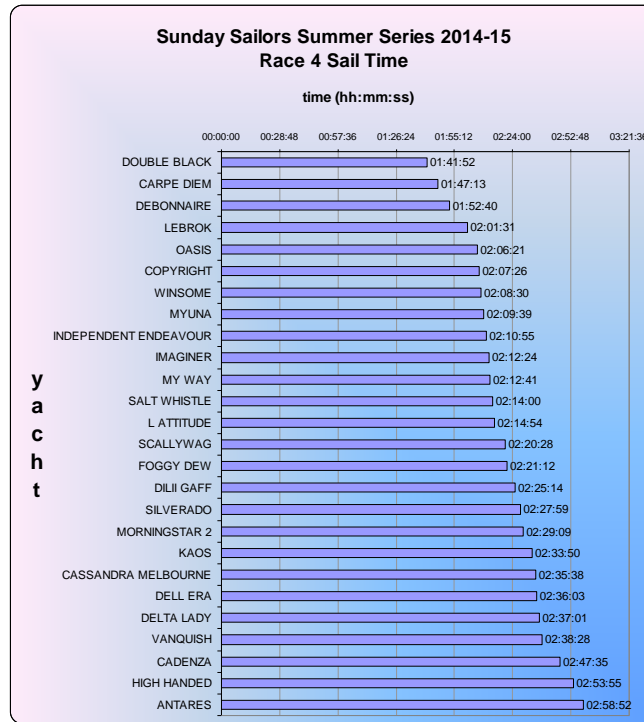
Of the last 9 yachts to finish, 8 were amongst the first 9 to start the race



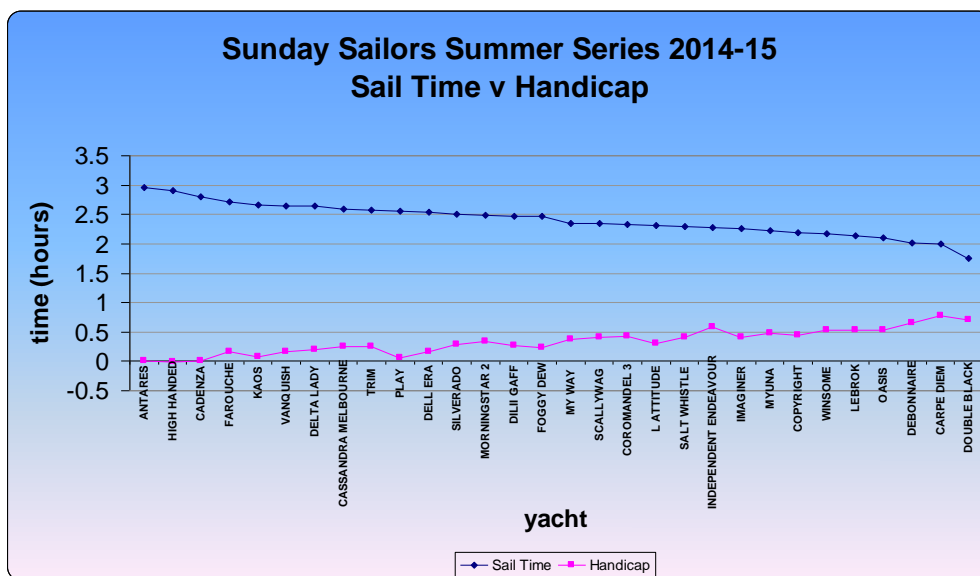
The following four yachts tied for Start of the Day: CARPE DIEM, LEBROK, SILVERADO and PLAY. Unfortunately CADENZA (Kenneth Foxworthy) started early and received the 5 minute penalty.



Only three yachts sailed the course in less than 2 hours which had an average sail time of 2:20:13. The difference between the fastest and slowest sail time was 1 hour 17 minutes.



The graph below shows the average sail time and average handicap. Although there are some anomalies the graph indicates what may be expected, that is handicaps increase as sail time decreases.





At the completion of race 4 DEBONNAIRE has regained 1st place in the aggregate from LEBROK with COROMANDEL 3 (Gus McLennan) in 3rd place. Three yachts share 4th place all on 18 points – COPYRIGHT, L'ATTITUDE and MY WAY.

The next Sunday Sailors Race 5 is scheduled for 7th Dec 2014.

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