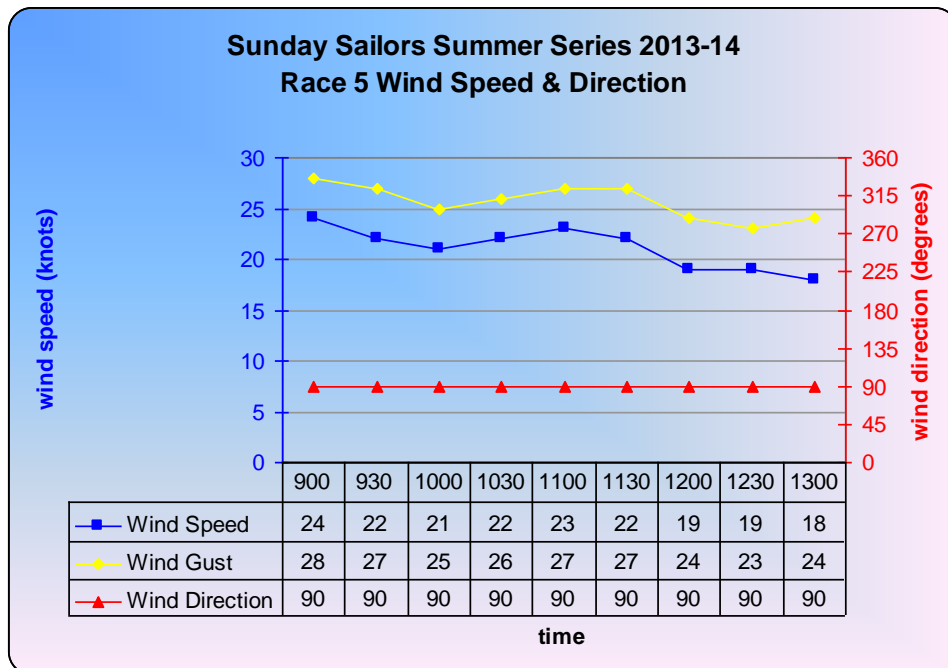


## Sunday Sailors Race 5 One for the Aggregate

The races before race 5 had an average wind speed of 7 knots and the conditions had been very pleasant. In contrast, there was very little enticing about early Sunday morning with rain, overcast skies, a 1 to 2 metre swell and a strong easterly breeze that average 21 knots. It was probably the weather that kept the fleet to 11 yachts but all competitors were able to complete the 8.5 nautical mile course 13 in the shortest time of the series and record a good position in the aggregate.



The breeze did ease as the race progressed but was still blowing 22 knots and gusting 27 at Fawkner Beacon when the last yacht crossed the finish line at 11:22:32.





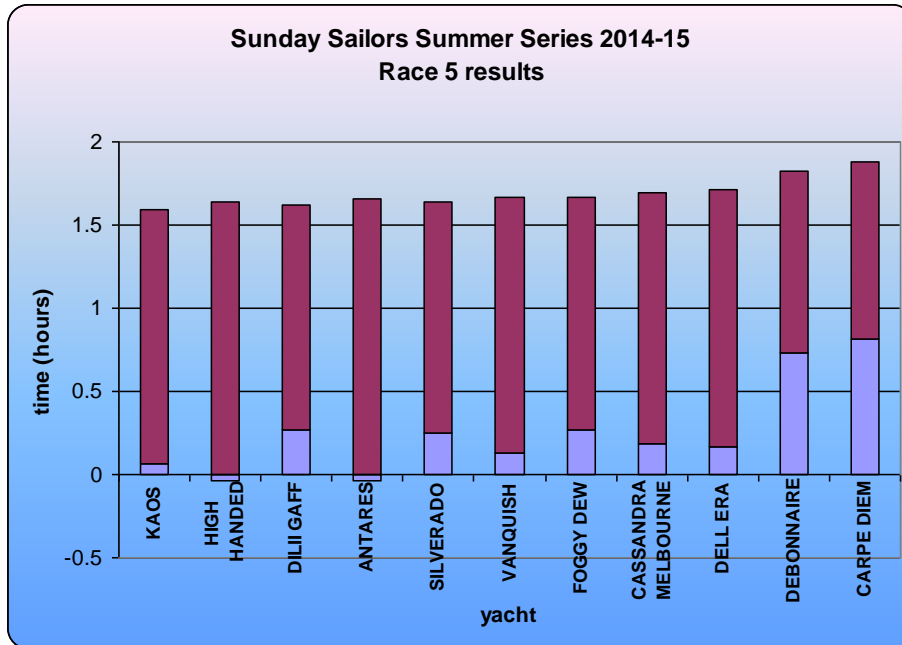
It was KAOS (Dawn Cleaver) that won race 5 after starting from 3<sup>rd</sup> place 27 seconds late for a 4 minute handicap. It wasn't until the final leg of the 7 leg course that KAOS got ahead of the fleet to record her first podium finish of the series after sailing the course in 1:31:23. She crossed the finish line at 11:05:23 just 52 seconds ahead of HIGH HANDED (Guy Dwyer). KAOS has completed 4 of the 5 races this series and moved from 17<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate on 47 points.

HIGH HANDED also recorded her first podium finish in race 5 after sailing in every race this series. She started from 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 164 seconds late for her 2 minute handicap start. This late start proved costly for HIGH HANDED as she finished only 59 seconds behind KAOS. She sailed the course in 1:38:15 finishing the race at 11:06:15. HIGH HANDED is 20<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate with 65 points.

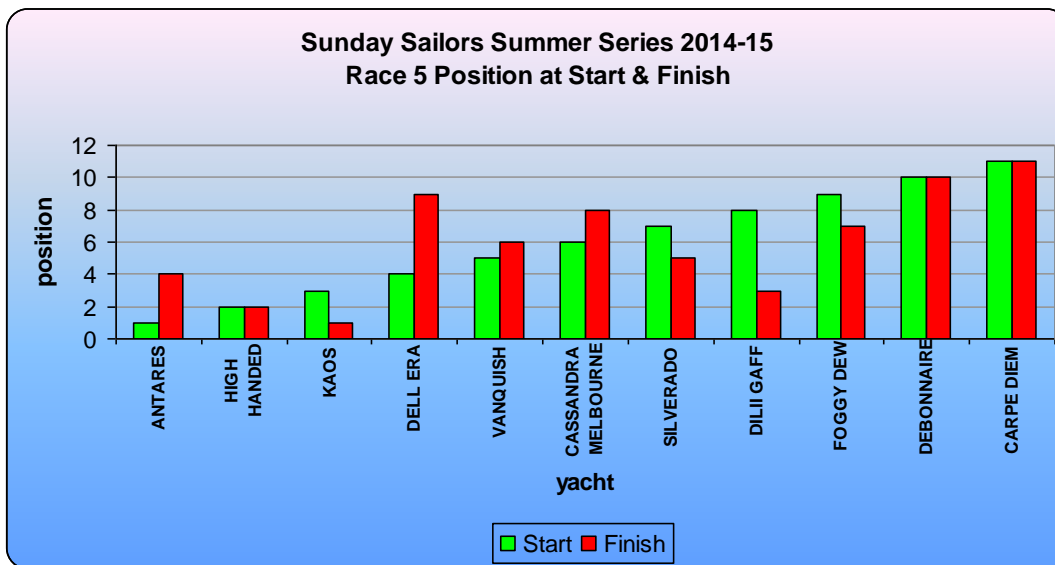


In 3<sup>rd</sup> place exactly 1 minute astern of HIGH HANDED was DILII GAFF (Paul Macbain). She was the 8<sup>th</sup> yacht to start the race 38 seconds late for her 16 minute handicap. After sailing for 1:21:15 DILII GAFF recorded her first podium finish of the series when she crossed the line at 11:07:15. She had improved on her start position moving up 5 places – the most of any yacht in the race. DILII GAFF has completed 4 races in the series and is 10<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate with a total of 43 points.

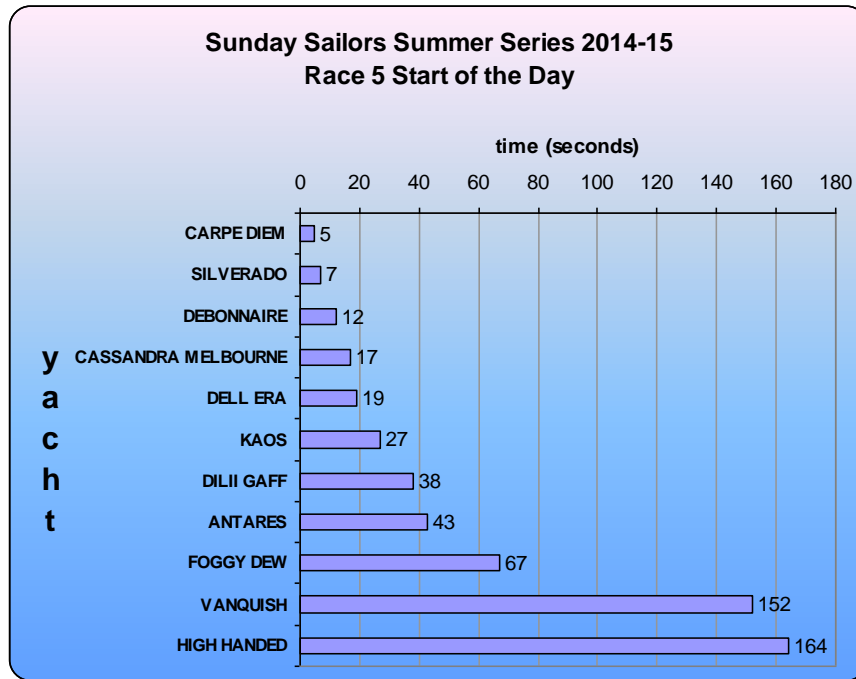
Although only 11 yachts contested the race there was still a gap of 51 minutes separating them at the start. The fleet did come together and this difference had reduced to 17 minutes 9 seconds by the end of the race.



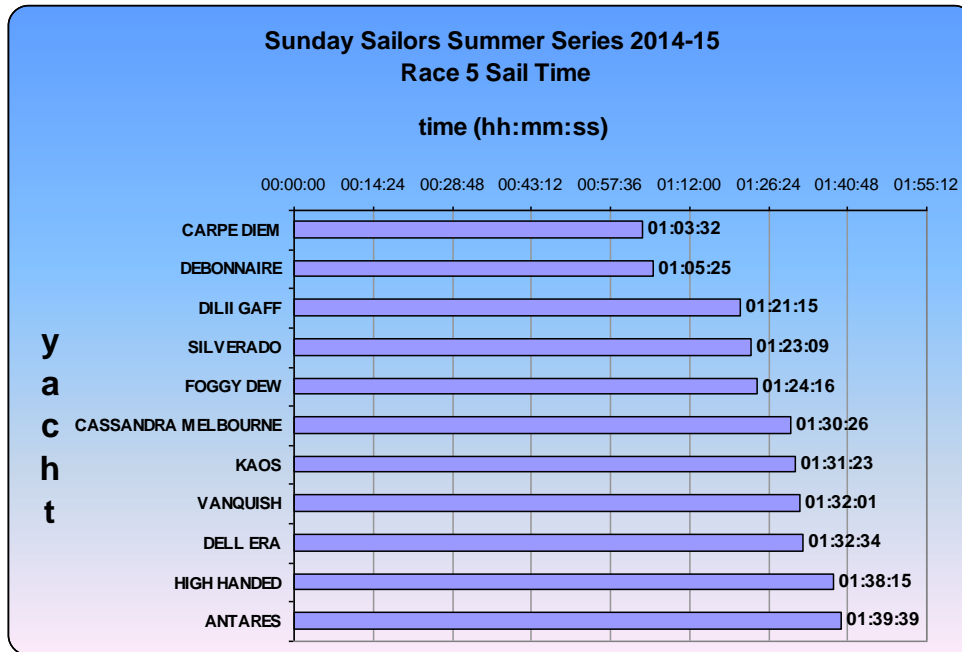
Being a stronger than average breeze and a relatively short course there was not much difference between the start and finish positions of the yachts. Four of the first 6 yachts to start the race were amongst the first six to finish the race.



CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) won Start of the Day only 5 seconds late for her 49 minute handicap. The median start time was 27 seconds.



CARPE DIEM created a record by sailing the course in the shortest in any race this series – 1:03:32. The average sail time was 1:25:38



Despite appearances neither KAOS nor ANTARES stopped by the pub during the race.



The next Sunday Sailors Race and last for the year is scheduled for 21 Dec 2014.

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