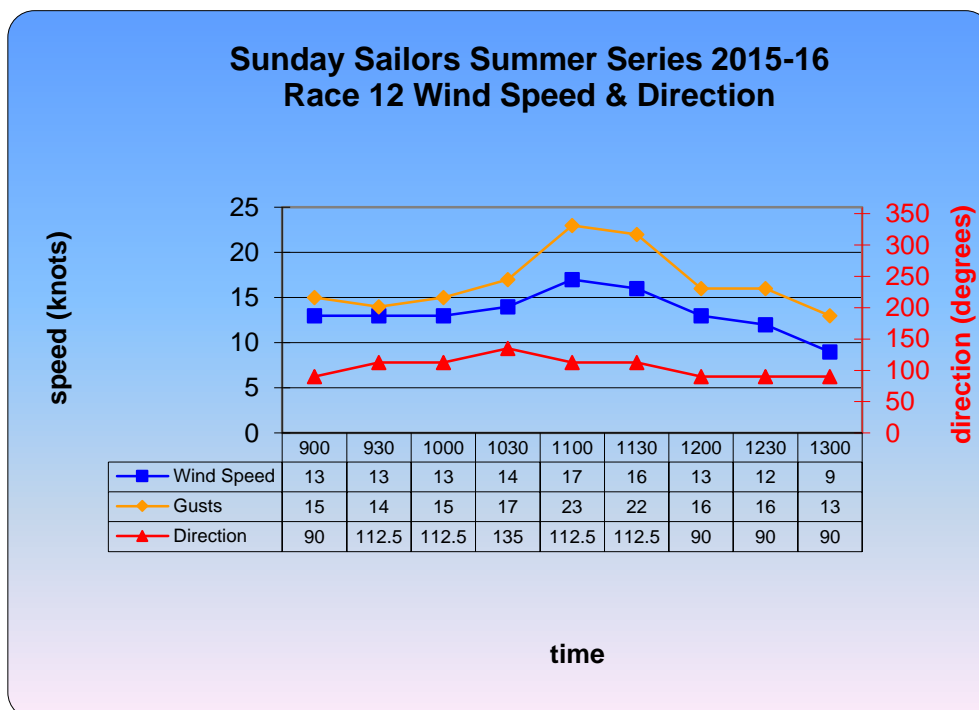


A Record Breaker



Despite being one of the longer courses, this race had the biggest winning margin (6 minutes 4 seconds) and the earliest finish of the series. The first yacht finished at 11:09:04 and last yacht finished at 11:28:29. It was also the closest finish of the series and had the fastest average yacht speed of 6.3 knots. Both HIGH HANDED (Guy Dwyer) and SHILO (Doug Jackson) had their first podium finish for the series, whilst the winner, PANACHE IV (Egils E Stokans), had her second. All three podium finishers started from low handicaps. DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) recorded the fastest elapsed time for the 5th time with her 2nd best of the series. There was a tie for Start of the Day between PLAY (Ian Pridgeon) and LEBROK (Theo Korbel) who both started 7 seconds late for their respective handicaps. The result brought a change to the top of the aggregate with CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) taking the lead at the expense of COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack).

It wasn't only the wind speed, which averaged 13 knots for the morning, but the direction that was a key factor in making this a "fast race". Most yachts were able to sail close to the rhumb line for most if not all of the 7 legs of the 9.8 nautical mile course 16.





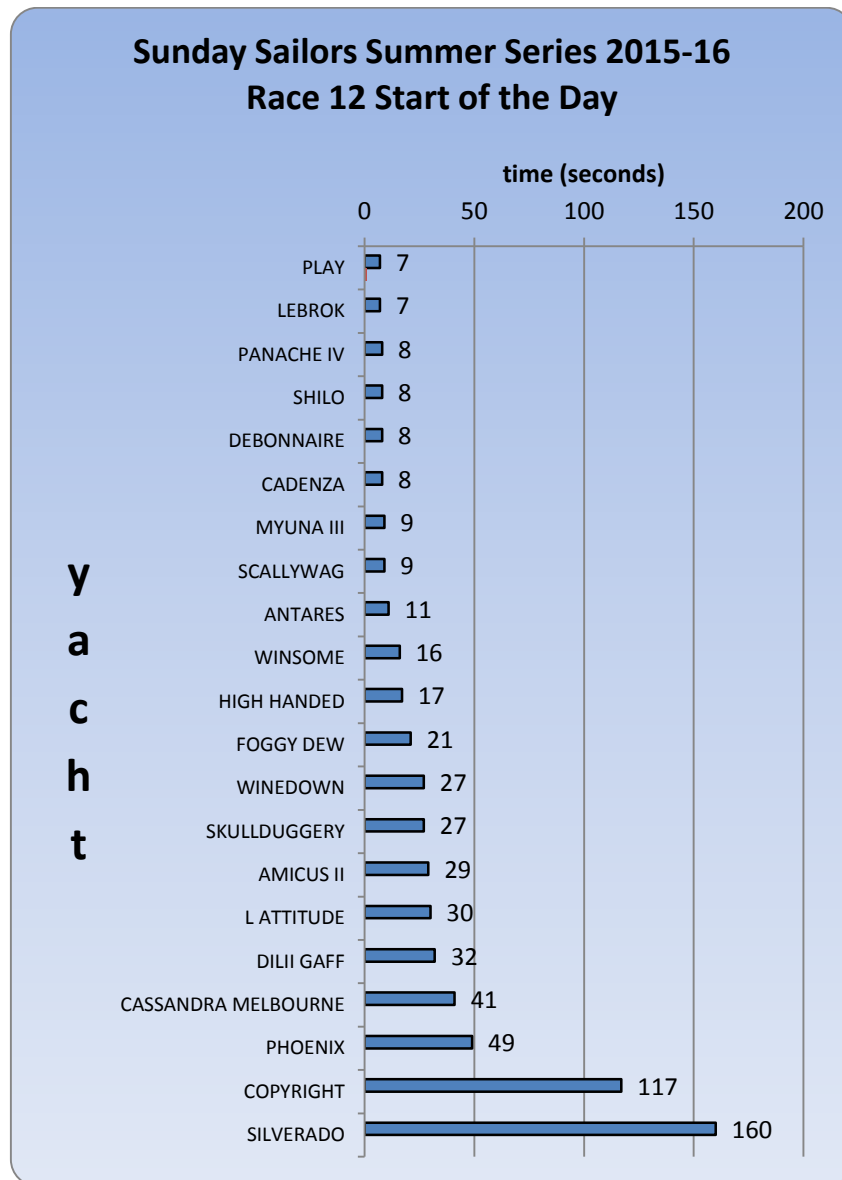
It was the Salar 40, PANACHE IV, sailing her 5th race that made this her first win of the series. She was the first yacht to start and the first to finish the race. PANACHE IV started well only 8 seconds late for a -2 minute handicap. After sailing 1:41:04 PANACHE IV was first across the finish line at 11:09:04 – 6 minutes 4 seconds ahead of her closest rival to record her first win and second podium finish of the series. The win improved her position in the aggregate from 21st to 20th place.

Also off a -2 minute handicap was the Cavalier 32 HIGH HANDED. She started from 2nd place just 10 seconds after PANACHE IV and never made up that time difference. She sailed the course in 1:47:38 which was 6 minutes 34 seconds slower than PANACHE IV, but recorded a 2nd place when she crossed the finish line at 11:15:38. This is the best finish time for HIGH HANDED in 8 races this series. HIGH HANDED has been sitting in 15th position in the aggregate for the past 3 weeks but this podium finish puts her into 13th place.



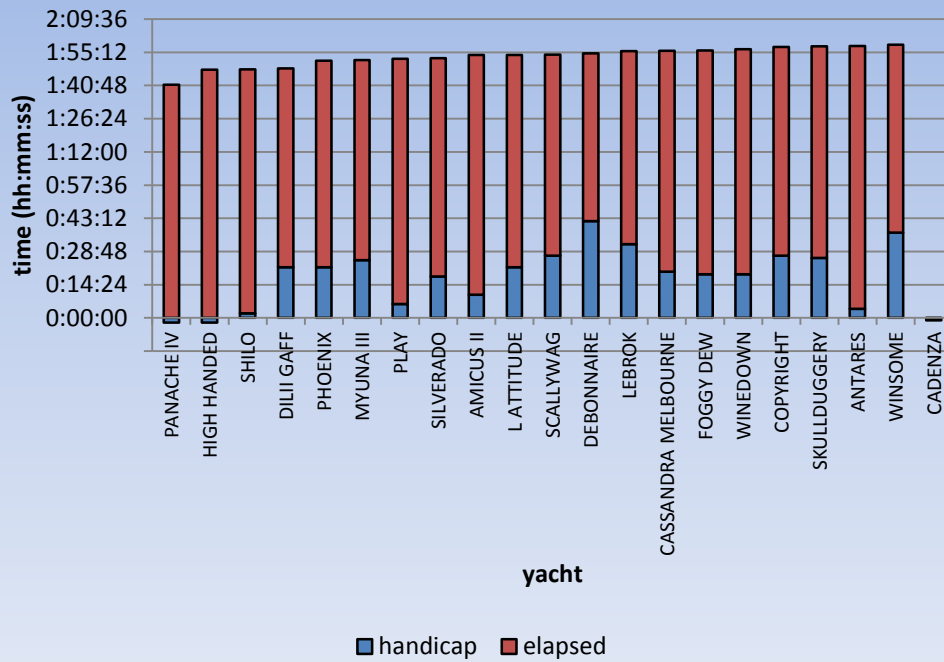
This series of Sunday Sailors is the first one contested by the Beneteau First 29 SHILO and she is building up an impressive record. So far she has sailed in 7 races and completed 5. Nevertheless, she has won Start of the Day on 2 occasions and now has a podium finish to her credit. SHILO maintained her record of good starts only 8 seconds late for a 2 minute handicap and sailed the course in 1:45:49. She crossed the finish line in 3rd place at 11:17:49 - 2 minutes 11 seconds behind HIGH HANDED, the yacht she was 3minutes 51 seconds behind at the start. Despite her 3rd place she remains 24th in the aggregate.

The median start time for this race was 17 seconds, well below the average median for the series of 24 seconds. However, the best time recorded by both PLAY and LEBROK was the second highest winning start time of the series. Nineteen of the 21 starters began the race within 49 seconds of their handicaps with eight yachts starting within 9 seconds or less.

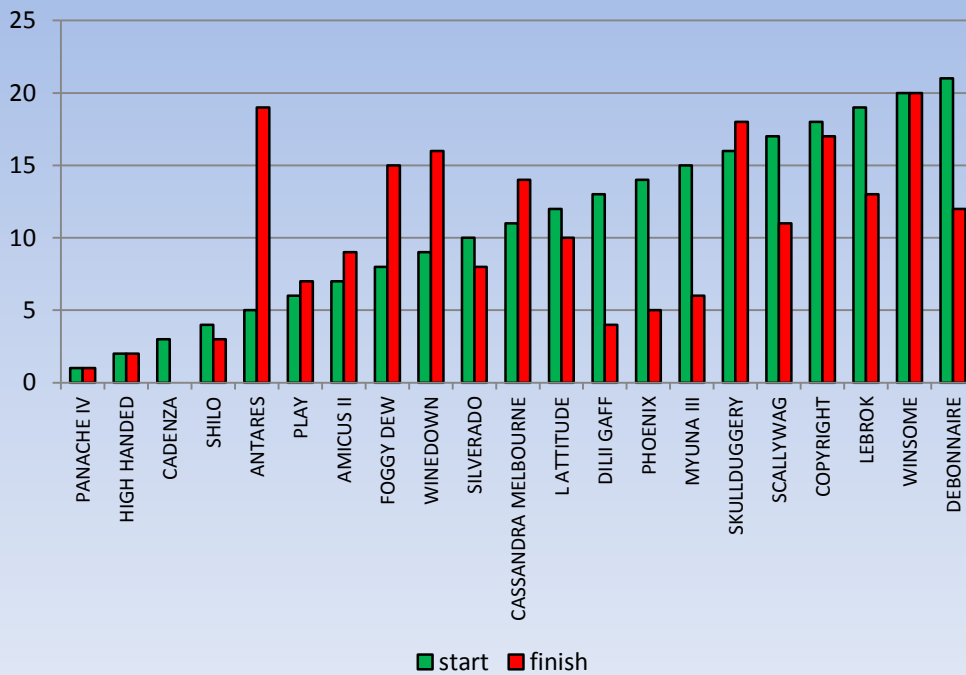


There was a gap of 44 minutes between the first and last yacht to start the race but at the finish this gap was only 19 minutes 25 seconds. The closest finish was a gap of 5 seconds between LEBROK and CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE who finished 13th and 14th respectively.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2015-16 Race 12 Results

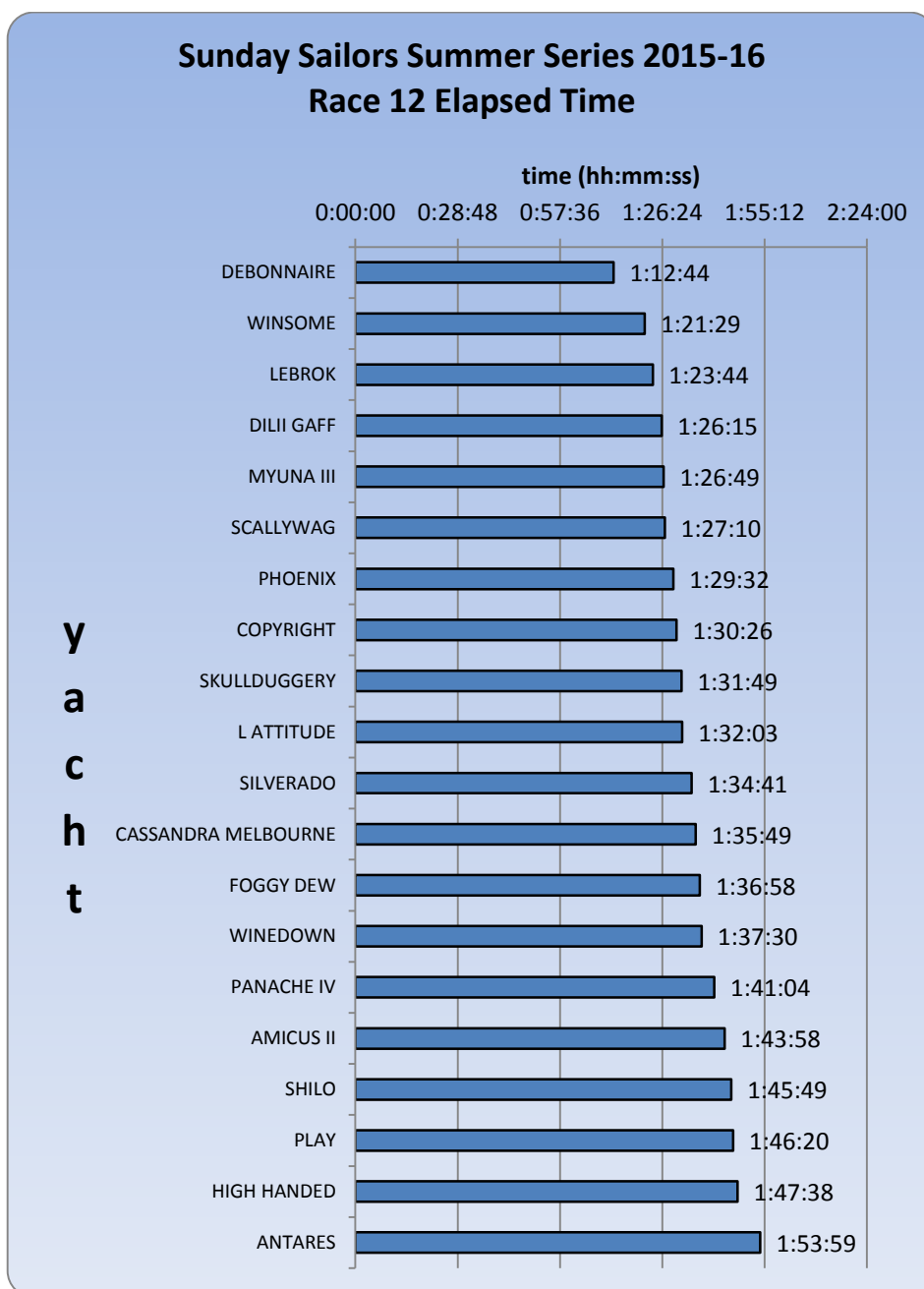


Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2015-16 Race 12 Position at Start & Finish

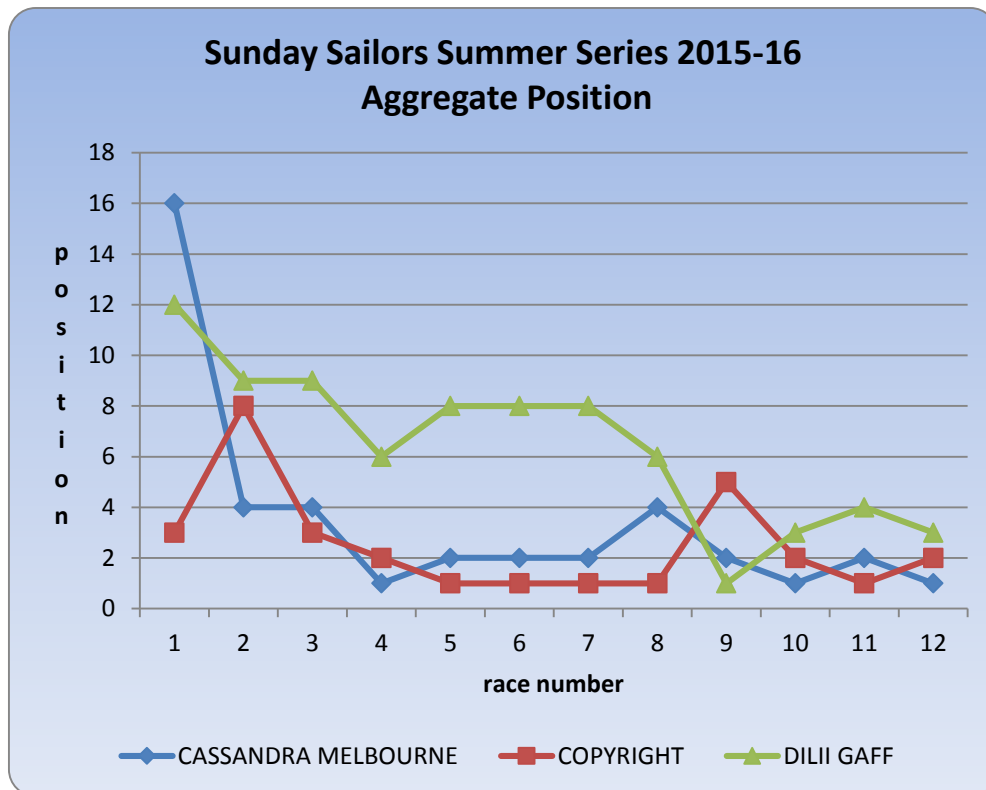


This was a race dominated by the 7 early starters, with 4 of them finishing among the first seven yachts to finish. Of the late starters only MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon) finished in the first seven along with DILII GAFF (Paul MacBain) and PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg) who started mid fleet.

For the 5th time in 8 races it was DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) who sailed the course in the fastest time of 1:12:44. The average elapsed time was 1:34:17, with each yacht finishing well within the 1230 time limit. The closest elapsed time difference was between SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) (1:39:49) and L'ATTITUDE (Peter Grey) (1:32:03) who sailed the course within 14 seconds of each other.



It appears that the final race of the series will determine the aggregate winner. Two points separate the three leading yachts, with a fourth yacht another 4 points behind. The chart below shows the aggregate position throughout the series of the three current leaders. It seems COPYRIGHT has been the more consistent performer throughout the series, followed by CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE with a late charge being mounted by DILII GAFF.



The last scheduled and deciding race of the series is on 3 April 2016.

Windward Buoy