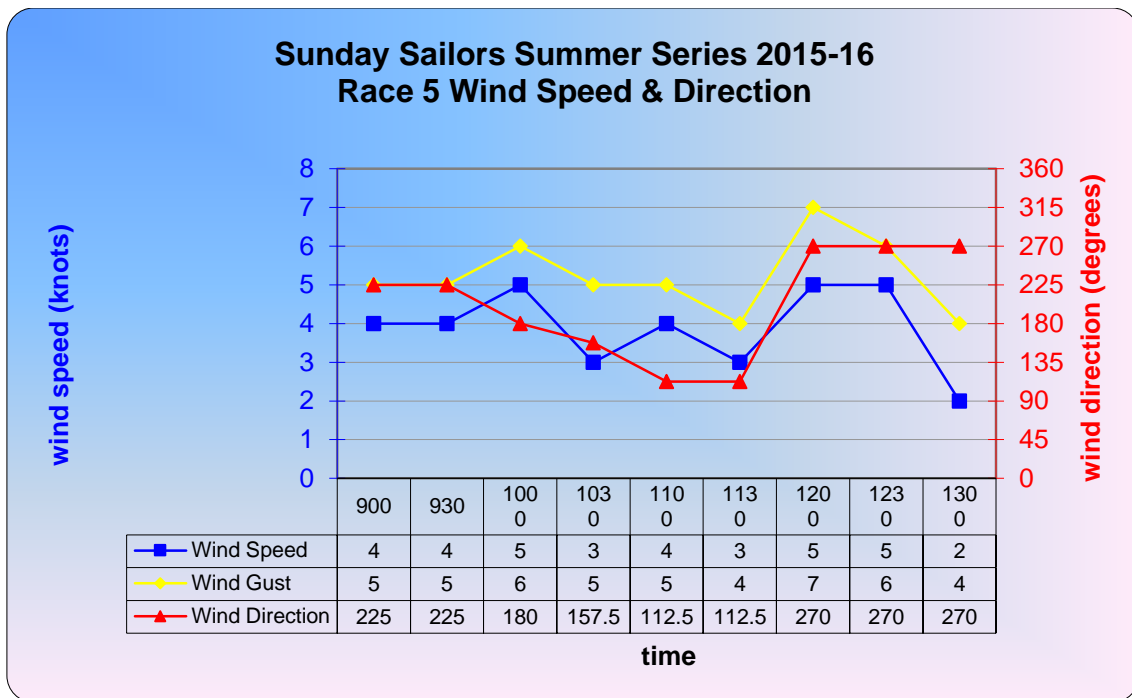


RACE 5 Searching for that Elusive Breeze



Well before the start of the race a grey mist hung over the water limiting visibility and indicating light conditions. The breeze was light and variable for the duration of the race. It was in the south west at the start, moved through the south into the east south east, before going back into the south west. The maximum gust recorded at Fawkner Beacon was 7 knots with an average speed for the race of around 4 knots. On only one occasion in 5 races has the average wind speed exceeded 8 knots.



The largest fleet of the series, 25 yachts, started race 5 but only 16 were able to finish the 4 leg shortened course 13. (Shortened course 13 is the same as course 1 – the shortest course around fixed marks in the Sailing Instructions). Of the yachts that did finish, 5 were among the 8 early starters, 6 from mid fleet and 5 from the late starters. It was the ability to find the breeze that provided the key to success in this race. The average speed of the fleet was the slowest of the series – less than 2 knots. The fleet started 40 minutes and 34 seconds apart and reduced by only 37 seconds to a gap of 39 minutes 57 seconds at the finish.



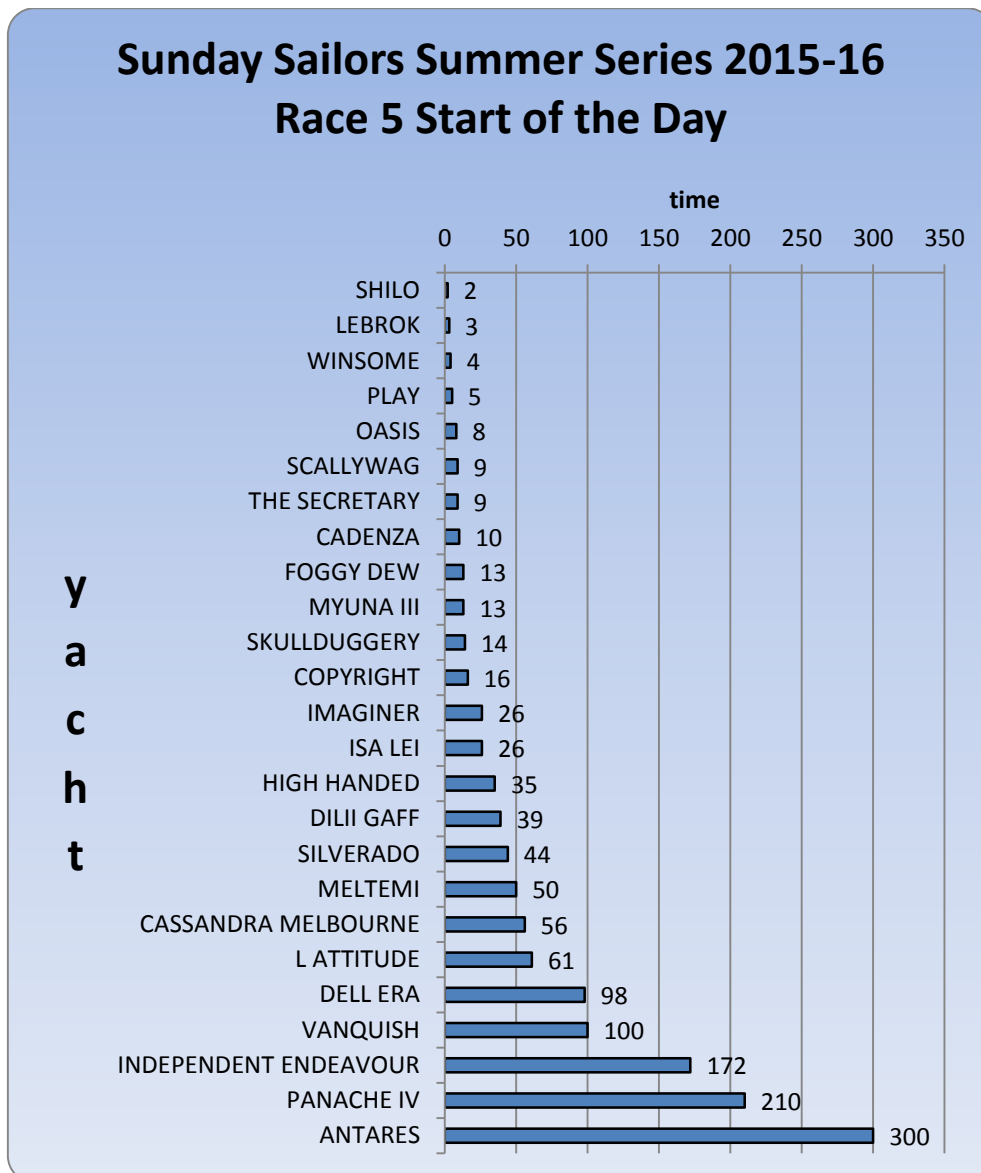
It was a great day for the shortest yacht in the fleet – the Sonata 7 CADENZA (Kenneth Foxworthy). She had her best start of the series, 10 seconds late for a -1 minute handicap from 2nd place. She flew a spinnaker that helped her to record the 8th best elapsed time of the day. CADENZA sailed the course in 2:08:46 and finished with a time of 11:37:46. CADENZA has completed 4 races in the series and this win helped her up the aggregate from 17th to 12th place.

The Van D Stadt, ANTARES (G Stewart & D Pearce) was first to cross the finish line but she had started too soon from 6th place and the 5 minute penalty had her finish in second place. She had an elapsed time of 2:08:41 and a finish time of 11:40:41- 2 minutes 55 seconds after CADENZA. ANTARES has completed 2 races and moved from 25th to 22nd place in the aggregate.



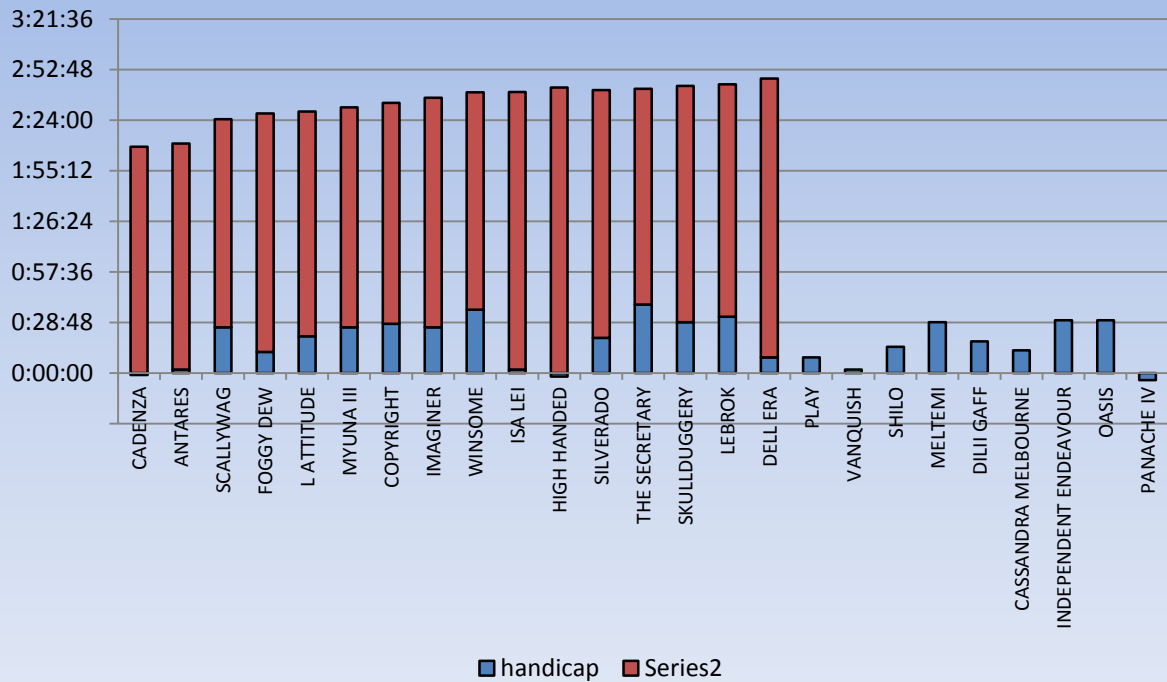
One of the best overall performances of the morning was by the Jeaneau 40.3 SCALLYWAG (Bill Hutchison). SCALLYWAG had her best start of the series, 9 seconds late for her 26 minute handicap from 15th place. She recorded the best elapsed time of the day sailing the course in 1:58:26 (the only yacht to sail the course in less than 2 hours) and recorded her first podium finish of the series when she crossed the finish line at 11:54:26. Despite having the best elapsed time SCALLYWAG finished 13 minutes 45 seconds behind ANTARES. SCALLYWAG has completed 3 races and is 15th in the aggregate with a total of 50 points.

The light breeze appeared to make a good start difficult to achieve with 6 yachts more than a minute late for their starts. At the other extreme, 8 yachts started within 10 seconds of their handicap. Start of the Day was won by the Beneteau First 29, SHILO (Doug Jackson). The start has been won by a different yacht each race and the time recorded by SHILO, 2 seconds, equals the best so far this series. The median start time was 26 seconds almost 2 seconds more than the average median per race of 24.2 seconds.



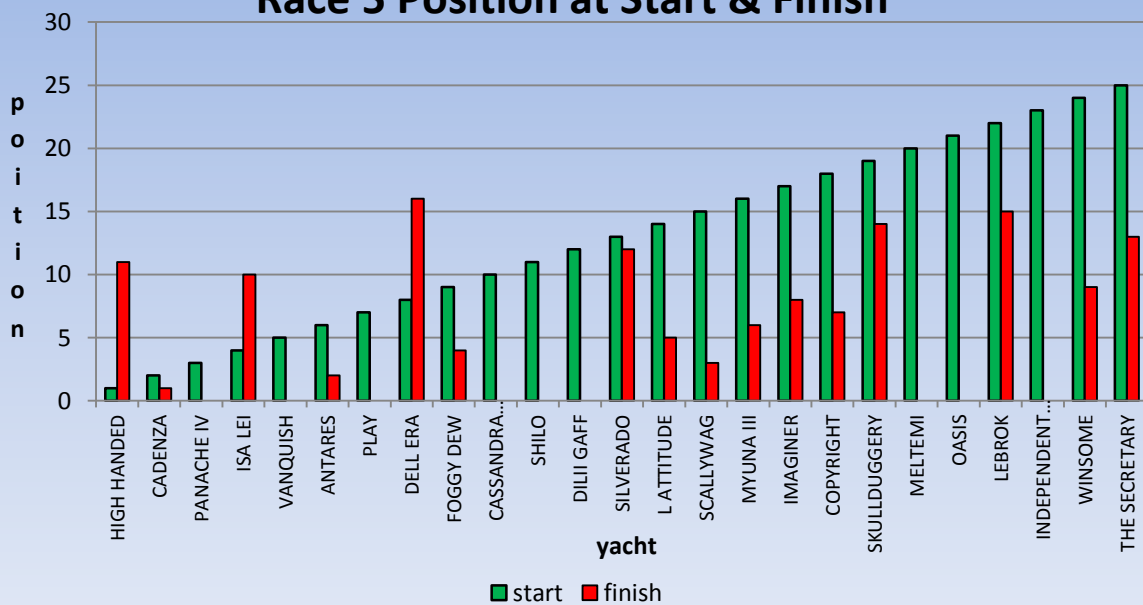
As mentioned earlier there was very little time difference between the first and last starter and first and last finisher. The 12 seconds difference between WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) and ISA LIE (Andrew Chapman) finishing 9th and 10th was the closest to a tie in the race.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2015-16 Race 5 Result

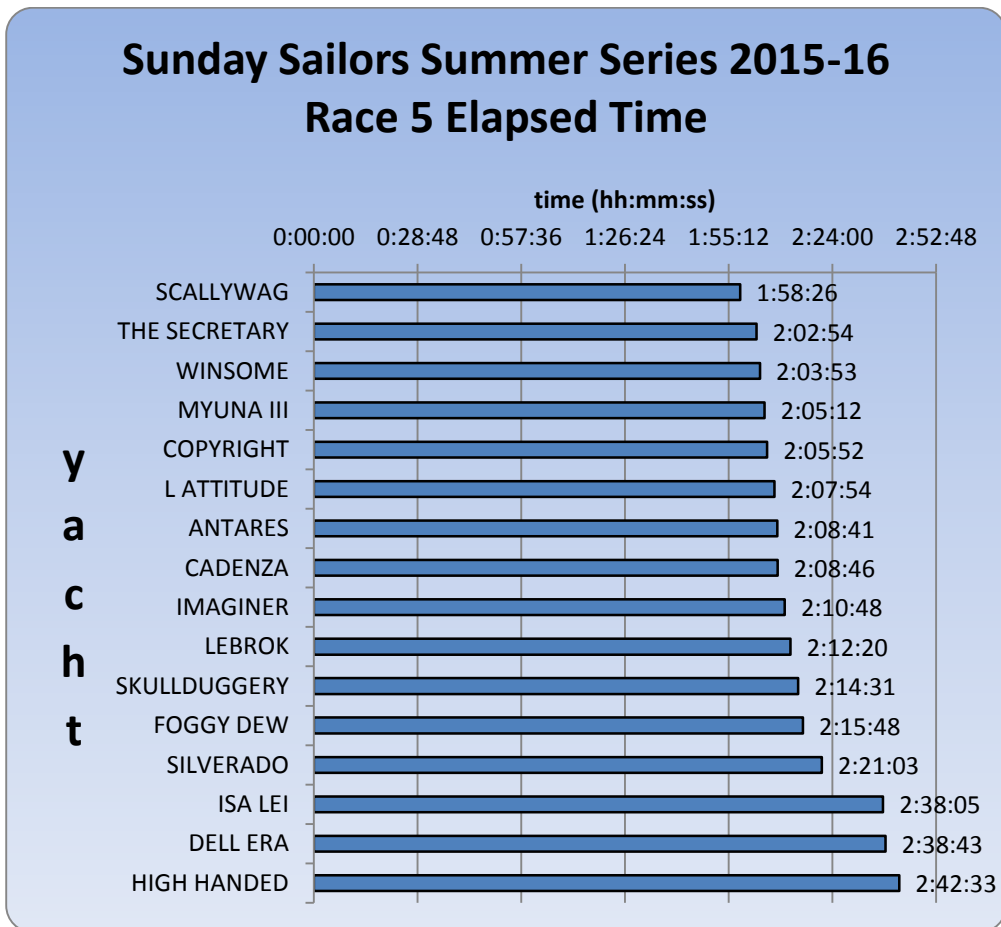


A large and colourful spinnaker helped the last starter, the J44 THE SECRETARY finish within the 1230 time limit. She was one of 5 late starters to finish the race.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2015-16 Race 5 Position at Start & Finish



The average elapsed time was 2:14:43 with SCALLYWAG the only yacht to sail the course in less than 2 hours. She was 4 minutes 28 seconds faster than THE SECRETARY who sailed the course in 2:02:54.



The race did bring about changes in the aggregate. Most notable among the top ten was the inclusion of FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard) in 5th place and IMAGINER (Chris Byrne) in 10th place

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2015-16 Aggregate Position		
YACHT	Race 4	Race 5
COPYRIGHT	2	1
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	1	2
SILVERADO	3	3
WINSOME	5	4
FOGGY DEW	11	5
L ATTITUDE	9	6
OASIS	4	7
DILII GAFF	6	8
LEBROK	8	9
IMAGINER	12	10

The following table summarises yacht performance to date.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2015-16 – Summary to Race 5						
YACHT	SKIPPER	Number of Races	Average Handicap	Aggregate Position Race 5	Average Finish Position	Average Start Time
AMICUS II	Warwick Stenford	1	07:00	25	4.00	25.00
ANTARES	G Stewart D Pearce	2	02:00	22	8.50	157.50
CADENZA	Kenneth Foxworthy	4	00:00	12	10.25	79.00
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	4	08:30	2	6.75	62.60
COPYRIGHT	Stuart Morrison-Jack	5	27:00	1	7.20	12.80
DEBONNAIRE	Phil Gomez	4	44:15	11	10.25	60.00
DELL ERA	Mike Coulter	3	11:00	23	17.33	56.67
DILII GAFF	Paul Macbain	4	16:00	8	8.75	14.40
FOGGY DEW	Frank Hilliard	5	13:12	5	11.00	22.40
HIGH HANDED	Guy Dwyer	4	00:45	18	15.50	42.50
IMAGINER	Chris Byrne	4	26:15	10	8.00	89.25
INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOUR	Malcolm Mohr	3	32:00	19	12.67	134.00
ISA LEI	Andrew Chapman	3	02:00	21	12.33	36.67
KAOS	Dawn Cleaver	3	05:00	16	9.00	29.00
L ATTITUDE	Peter Gray	5	21:48	6	9.60	49.60
LEBROK	Theo Korbelt	4	31:30	9	9.50	104.25
MYUNA III	Geoffrey Nixon	3	25:00	14	5.67	26.67
OASIS	David Keyes-Tilley	4	28:30	7	8.75	32.60
PANACHE IV	Egils E Stokans	2	01:30	24	16.50	98.33
PLAY	Ian Pridgeon	2	08:00	20	7.00	8.33
SCALLYWAG	Bill Hutchison	3	25:40	15	7.33	15.00
SHILO*	Doug Jackson	0		26		13.50
SILVERADO	John Barbieri	5	19:48	3	9.20	28.00
SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	4	28:30	13	11.25	17.50
VANQUISH*	Bob Beresford	0		27		100.00
WINEDOWN	Brian Horley	3	18:20	17	10.33	44.33
WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	5	36:00	4	9.40	13.60

*Yachts started but not finished races.

There is one more race remaining this year scheduled for 20th December 2015.

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