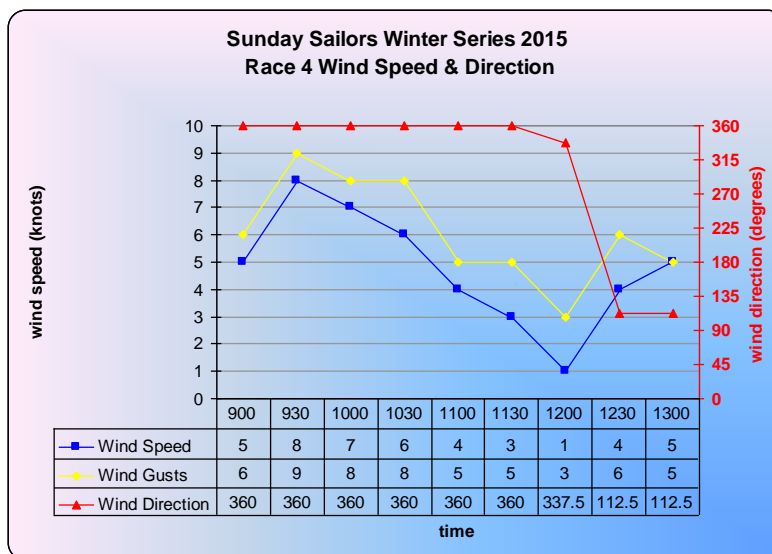


Race 4 Spinnaker Sunday Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2015



Although 28 yachts started the race, only 10 crossed the finish line before the 1230 cut off time. That was after course 33 with a relatively short rhumb line length of 7.9 nautical miles was shortened further. Even the shortened course length of 4.5 miles proved too far for the majority of the largest fleet of the series. This is the third time in four races that a course has been shortened as a result of light and variable winds of 10 knots. Flying a spinnaker seemed to be one successful strategy on the day with 4 of the ten finishers doing just that. Even with a spinnaker it was still necessary to sniff out the breeze and hope it was going to be where it was expected.

There was more than enough breeze to start the race, but as the morning progressed it eased and eventually shifted from the north to east south east. A maximum of 8 knots was recorded at Fawkner Beacon at 0930 before easing to 1 knot at 1200 before strengthening. The average wind speed for the morning was about 5 knots.





One yacht that not only flew a spinnaker but also found the breeze was the X Yacht 35, XPRESSO (D&A Abrahams). This was her 2nd win this series following a win in race 1 which was contested in similar conditions around a shortened course. On this occasion XPRESSO started 2 seconds too soon for her 36 minute handicap from 25th place but was able to record the 2nd fastest elapsed time of 2:06:26. XPRESSO has completed all 4 races this series and leads the aggregate with 12 points.



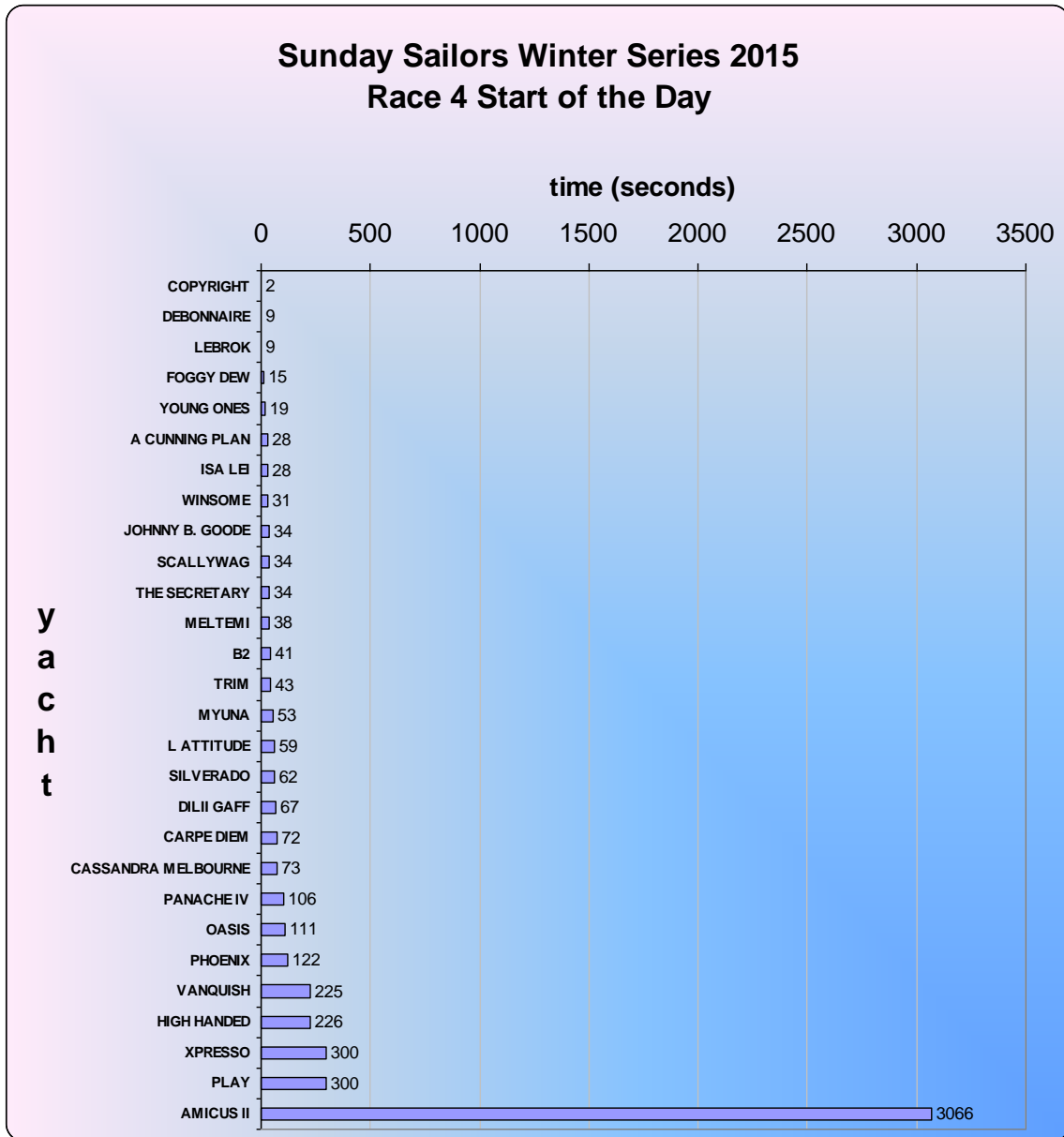
A second yacht to fly a spinnaker, pick the breeze and sail her first race of the series was the Cookson 12, A CUNNING PLAN (John Lechte). She started from 26th place 28 seconds late for her 43 minute handicap. She recorded the fastest elapsed time of the race - 2:04:27 and crossed the finish line at 12:17:27 in second place. This 2nd place has lifted A CUNNING PLAN up the aggregate and is in 19th place on 51 points.



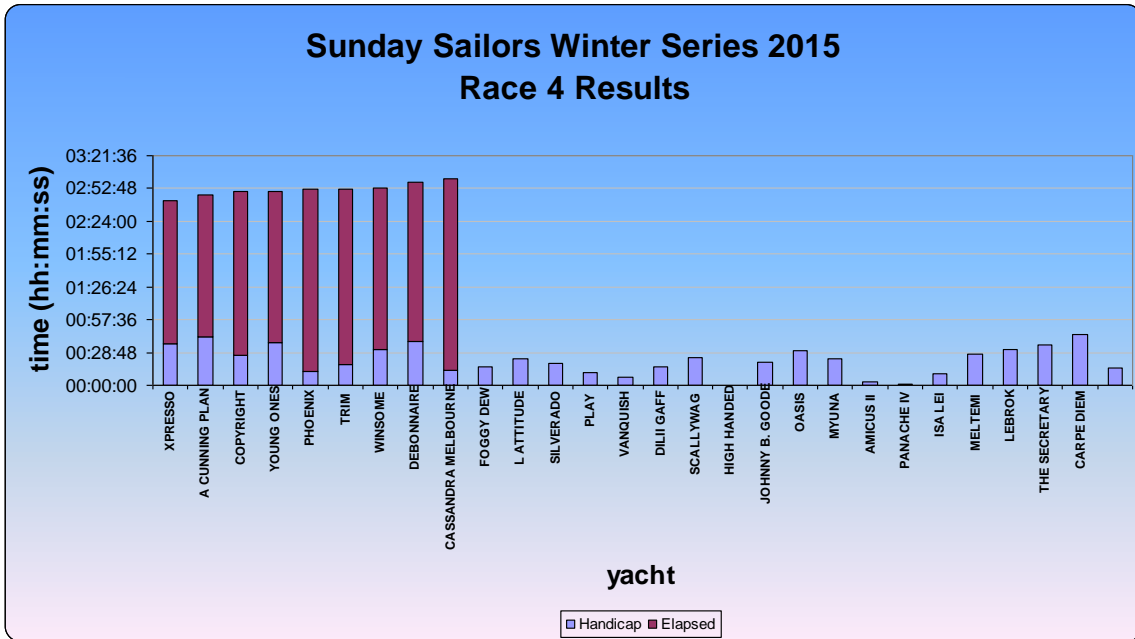
The third yacht not only flying a spinnaker but also finding the breeze was the Wright 10, COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack). COPYRIGHT has contested all 4 races this series but this was her best result so far. She won Start of the Day only 2 seconds late for her 26 minute handicap from 17th place. COPYRIGHT finished 3rd, 2 minute 21 seconds behind A CUNNING PLAN at 12:19:48 with an elapsed time of 2:23:48. COPYRIGHT sits in 3rd place in the aggregate with 16 points.

A wide variety of different keel boats had starts to the race with a wide variety of success. The median start time was 43 seconds – by far the highest of the series and included a start by AMICUS II that was 51 minutes 6 seconds late. (It's about

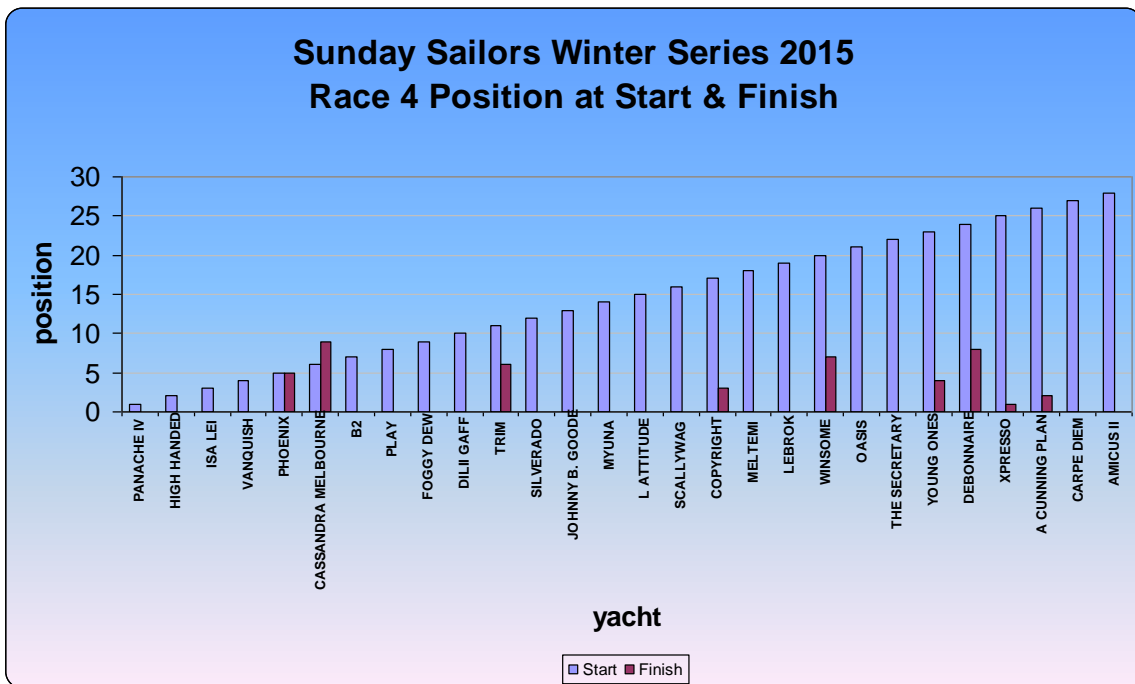
participation not just winning). As already mentioned COPYRIGHT won Start of the Day being one of only 3 boats to start within 10 seconds of their start times. Twelve yachts started 60 seconds or more late for their start with 2 yachts starting too soon.



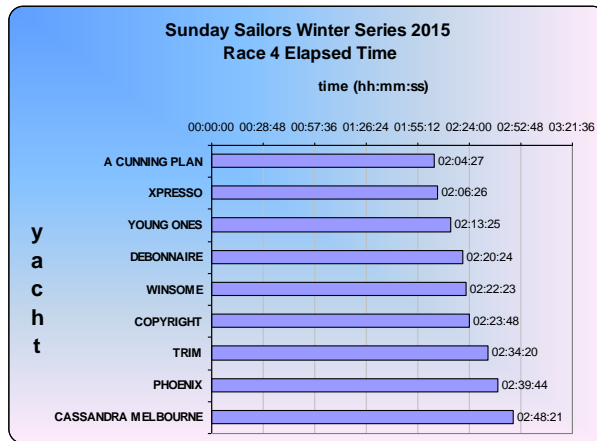
The 28 yachts in race 10 started 45 minutes apart with the 10 that finished race crossing the line within 18 minutes 55 seconds of each other.



Four of the yachts to finish the race were amongst the last 9 yachts to start.



The average elapsed time of the yachts completing the race was 2:32:42 – the longest average elapsed time of the 4 races this series. The range was 43 minutes 54 seconds.



XPRESSO has a 2 point lead in the aggregate followed by WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) on 14 points then COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) on 16 points.

