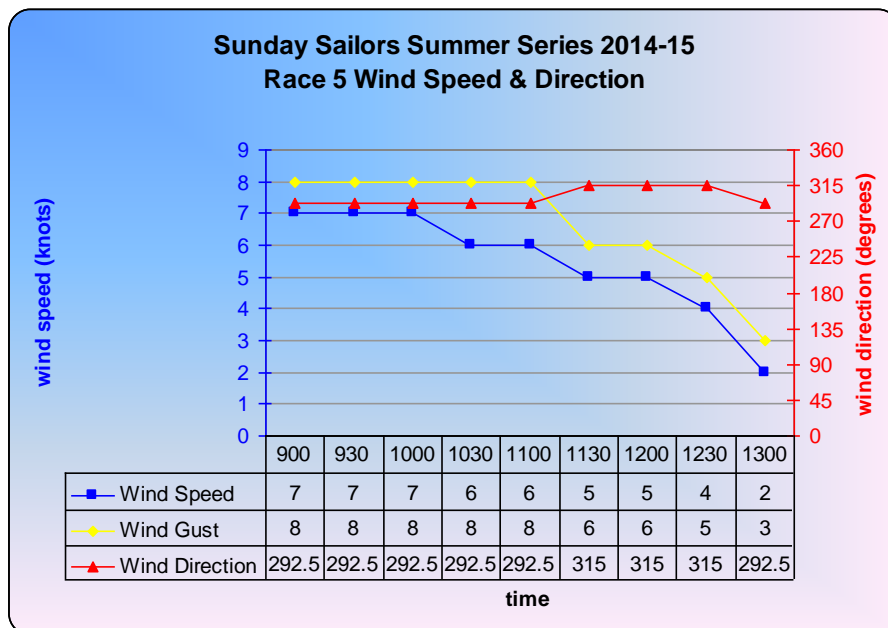


## Race 5 Another Spinnaker Sunday

There were similarities between races 4 and 5 both being won by yachts flying spinnakers. Both races were sailed around shortened courses; they comprised a wide variety of keelboats; the breeze was light with a significant northerly component and eased as the race progressed; the first 3 yachts across the line in both races flew spinnakers. In contrast the sea was choppier during race 5 than race 4 but most importantly all but one yacht completed the race. In race 4 less than a third of the fleet finished.



At the beginning of the race, observations at Fawkner Beacon recorded a wind speed of 7 knots from the west north west. This continued until about 1000 when it began to ease. The breeze continued to ease for the remainder of the morning down to around 2 knots at 1300. By this time the race was well and truly over with the last finisher, ISA LEI (Andrew Chapman) crossing the line at 12:00:32.





Recording a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in race 4 but improving to win race 5 was the Wright 10 COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack). She had the second best start of the day only 6 seconds late for her 28 minute handicap from 15<sup>th</sup> place. She made her way through more than half the fleet to cross the finish line at 11:32:45 after sailing the shortened course 6 in 1:34:45. This was the 5<sup>th</sup> shortest elapsed time of the race. COPYRIGHT has completed all the 5 races this series and is getting closer to the top of the aggregate. She is currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> place on 17 points only 2 points behind the leader.



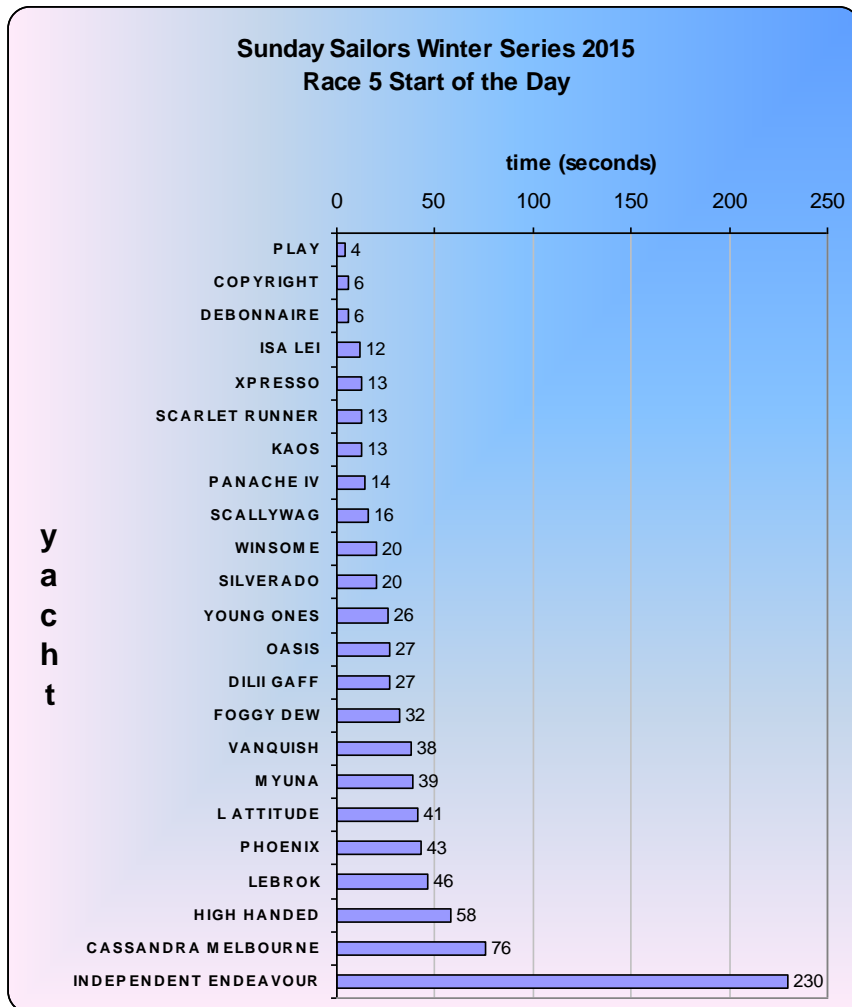
Completing only her 2<sup>nd</sup> race this series with a podium finish was the Cavalier 37 MYUNA (Geoffrey Nixon). MYUNA was the 12<sup>th</sup> yacht to cross the start line 39 seconds late for her 23 minute handicap. After sailing the 4 legs of the shortened course in 1:40:12, MYUNA crossed the finish line at 11:33:12 in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. She finished 27 seconds behind COPYRIGHT and 30 seconds ahead of the 35 foot X yacht XPRESSO (D&A Abrahams). MYUNA is 17<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate with 65 points.



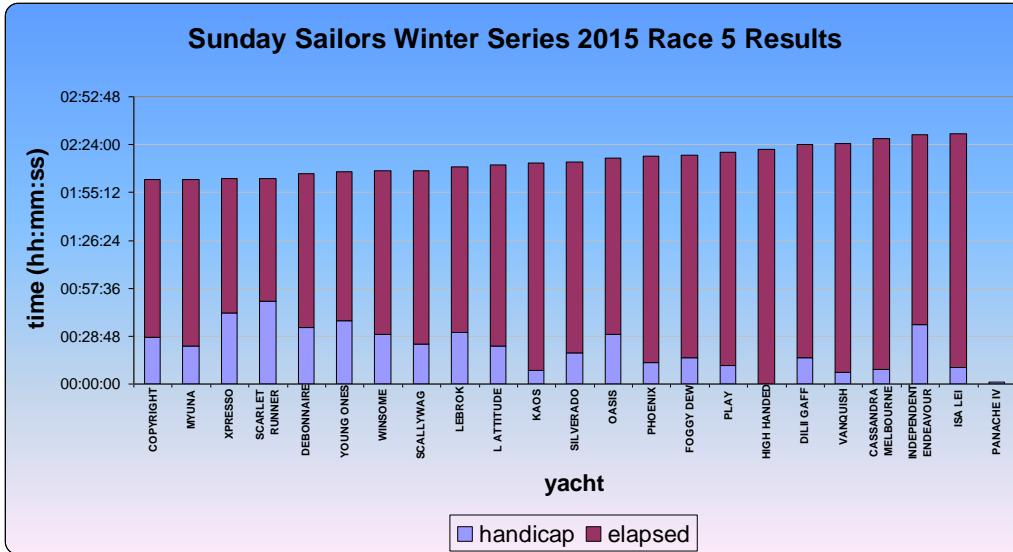
After completing all 5 of the races in the series so far XPRESSO is a very serious contender in the aggregate. She already has 2 wins and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the series and currently leads the aggregate on 15 points. She started this race from 22<sup>nd</sup> place, 13 seconds late for her 43 minute handicap. XPRESSO started the series with a 33 minute handicap but continued to record good results with successive increases. XPRESSO crossed the finish line at 11:33:42 in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 5 seconds ahead of the RP 51 SCARLET RUNNER (Rob Date), after sailing the course in the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest time of the race – 1:20:42.



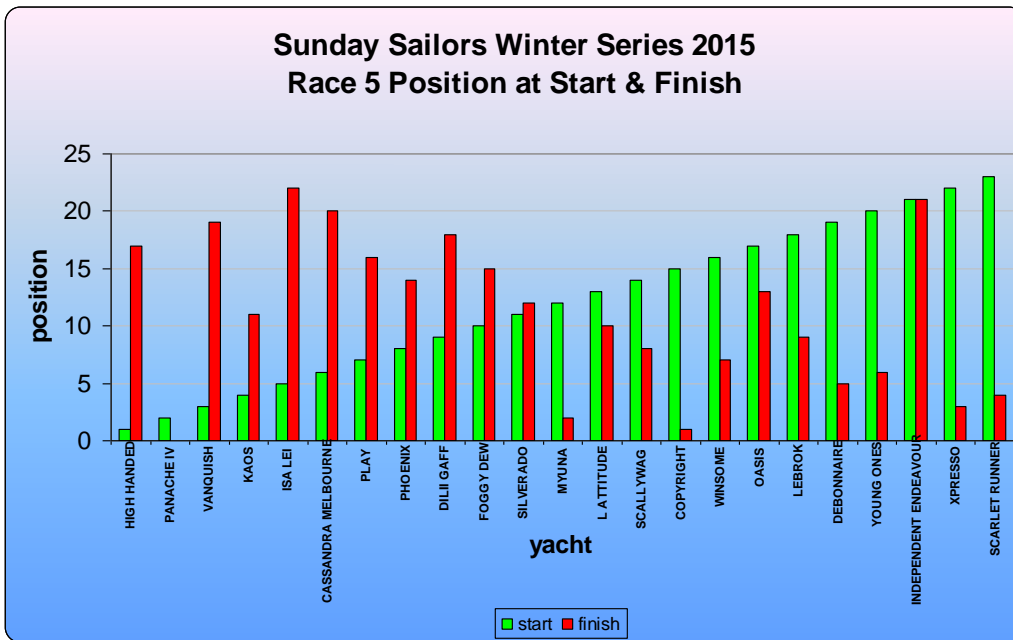
The Beneteau 27.7 PLAY (Ian Pridgeon) won Start of the Day only 4 seconds late for her 11 minute handicap. She is the 5<sup>th</sup> different yacht to the start this series. The median start time was 26 seconds and only two yachts were a minute or more late for their start.



The fleet started the race 49 minutes 15 seconds apart but the gap narrowed so that they finished 27 minutes 47 seconds apart. There was a close contest for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place with 2 seconds separating WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) from SCALLYWAG (Bill Hutchison).

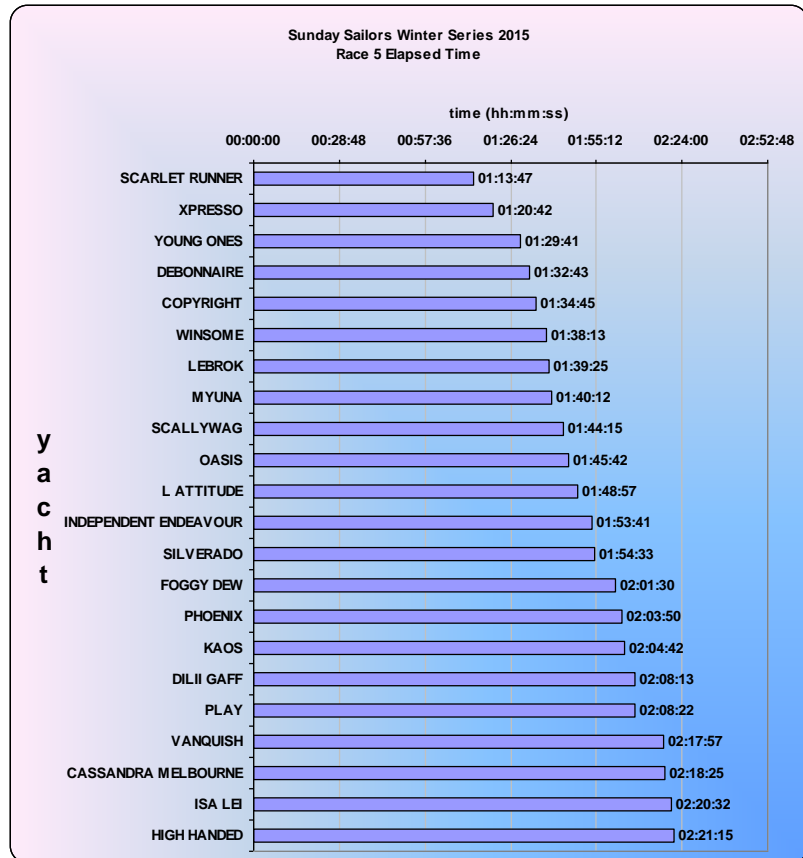


This was a race in which the late starters had most success. Of the 7 late starters 4 of them were amongst the first 7 yachts to cross the finish line.





The average time taken to sail the 4.8 nautical mile shortened course 6 was 1:51:53 with a range of 1:07:28. The fastest time was recorded by one of the more recognizable yachts in the club and winner of the Pacific Cup 2014 - SCARLET RUNNER. This was her first race of the series and she sailed the course in 1:13:47, without the aid of a spinnaker, to finish in 4<sup>th</sup> place.



The next race is scheduled for 12 July 2015. This marks the mid point in the series with 6 races gone and 6 left to go.

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