

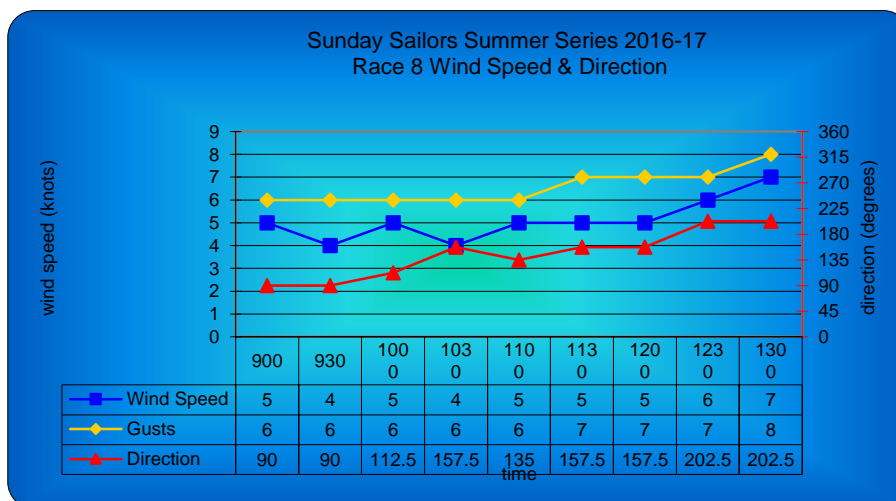
A Great Way to Start Sunday Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 8



This was a magnificent day on the water but would have been better with more breeze. The breeze was relatively constant averaging a little more than 5 knots for the morning but it did change direction. It shifted from the east at the start of the race and finished from the south. The light breeze coupled with a longish course resulted in 3 yachts not finishing within the time limit, and a fourth yacht retiring from the race. Five yachts elected to fly spinnakers, with all 5 completing the race and 2 recording podium finishes.

Sixteen yachts contested the race around the 7 leg, 9.1 nautical mile course 22, which resulted in the longest elapsed time of any race so far this series. The race was won by the current aggregate leader, LEBROK (Theo Korbel). This was her first win in 7 races. In second place was SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) who recorded her first podium finish of the series. It was MELTEMI SYC (Ian Howarth) who, with the benefit of a spinnaker, finished in 3rd place. Only 24 seconds separated these three at the finish line.

WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) won Start of the day for the second time this series. Her first win was in race 5 with a 3 second start whilst she had a 4 second start in this race. LEBROK consolidates her place at the top of the aggregate. FOGGY DEW (Joe O'Grady) enters the aggregate top ten in 8th place whilst COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) slips into 11th place.





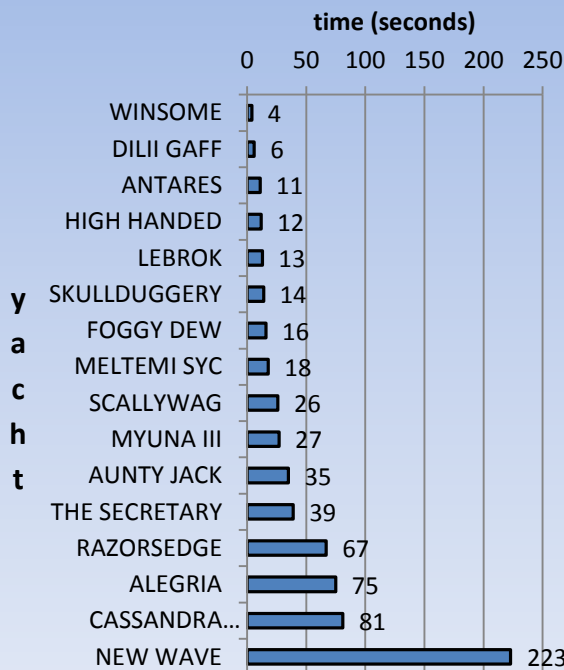
LEBROK is the only yacht to have completed all 7 races in the series. She has performed well in every race finishing in the top ten on every occasion including 3 podium finishes. LEBROK started from 13th place, 13 seconds late for her 35 minute handicap. She sailed the course without a spinnaker in 1:59:08 - the second fastest time of the , crossing the finish line at 12:04:08. LEBROK started the race 12 minutes 59 seconds behind SKULLDUGGERY but finished 17 seconds ahead. This win increased the lead at the top of the aggregate held by LEBROK. She has occupied top spot since the completion of race 4.

SKULLDUGGERY is one of 4 yachts to have completed 6 races this series. This was her first podium finish and was achieved with the aid of a spinnaker. She started from 8th place 14 seconds late for her 22 minute handicap. SKULLDUGGERY sailed the course in 2:12:25 and crossed the finish line at 12:04:25. She started 1 minute 12 seconds behind SCALLYWAG (Bill Hutchinson) but gained a further 41 seconds to finish 1 minute 53 seconds ahead. This 2nd place helps SKULLDUGGERY from 9th to 4th pace in the aggregate – 24 points behind the leader.



This was the first race in the series for MELTEMI SYC and she made great use of her spinnaker. It helped her finish a close 3rd only 7 seconds astern of SKULLDUGGERY. MELTEMI SYC started from 14th place 18 seconds late for her 36 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 1:38:52 the fastest time of the race by a margin of 36 seconds. MELTEMI SYC started off the same handicap as another visitor, RAZORSEDGE (Simon Lipman), but sailed the course 10 minutes 33 seconds faster.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Start of the Day

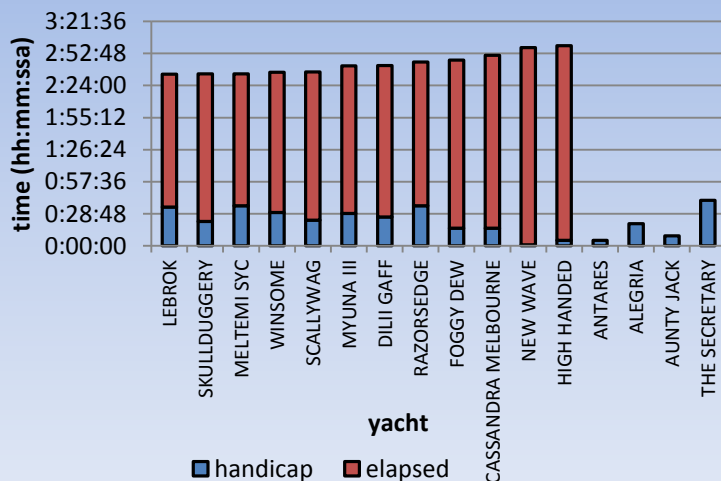


Although the median start of 16 seconds for the race was below the average for the series, only 2 yachts started within 10 seconds or less of their handicaps, whilst 4 yachts were over a minute late. WINSOME won Start of the day with a time of 4 seconds.

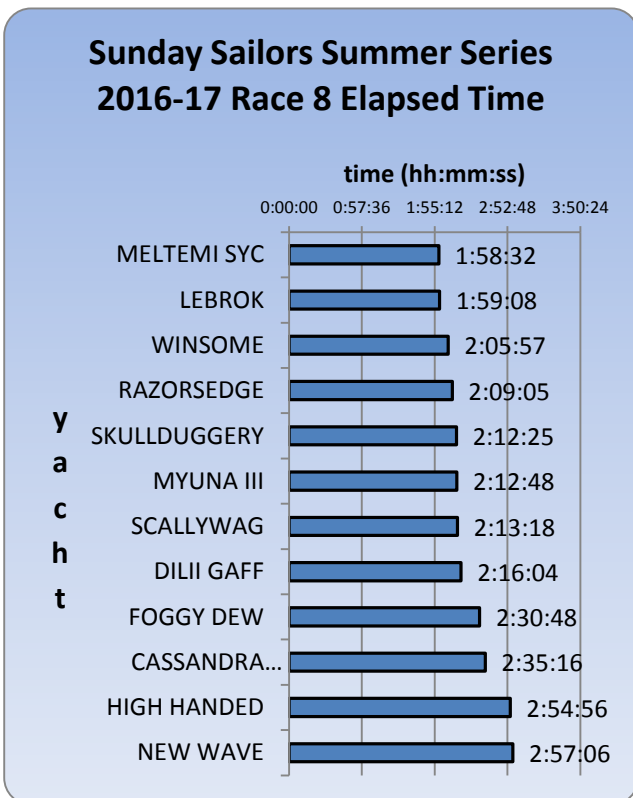
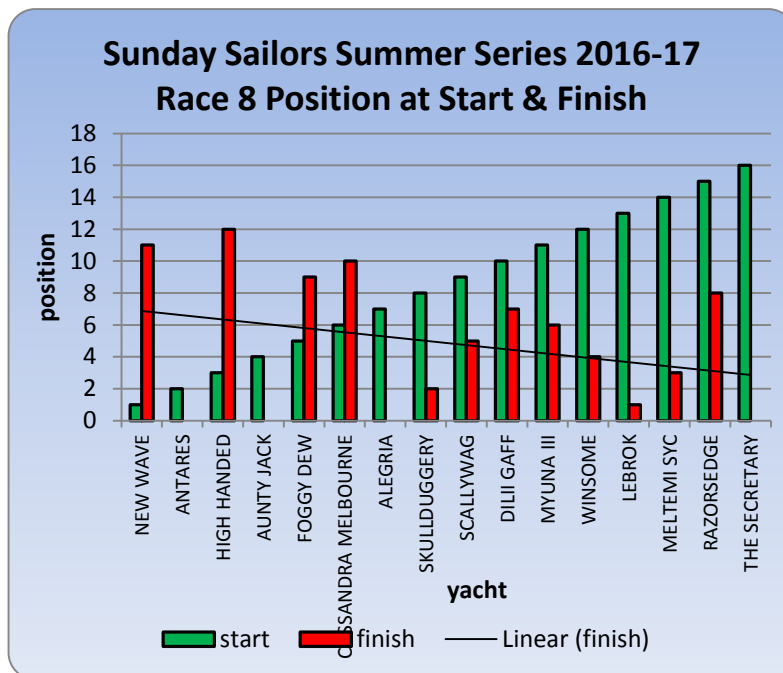


The 16 yacht fleet started the race 36 minutes 56 seconds apart with 12 yachts completing the race 25 minutes 48 seconds apart. This was one of the most wide spread finishes of the series with 7 seconds separating SKULLDUGGERY from MELTEMI SYC the closest. The widest finish was the 6 minutes 50 seconds that separated NEW WAVE (Nigel Derricks) and HIGH HANDED (Guy Dwyer).

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 8 Result



With 7 of the earlier starters finishing well back in the fleet, or not finishing the race, the way was open for the mid fleet and late starters to do well. Of the 5 late starters 3 finished in the first 5 with one yacht retiring and the other finishing in 8th place.



With an average elapsed time of 2:20:27 this was the longest race of the series. Only two yachts were able to break the “2 hour barrier” with two yachts attempting to break the “3 hour barrier”. Despite a 7 minute difference in handicap MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon) and SKULLDUGGERY had a close contest sailing the course within 23 seconds of each other.

Capitalising on the absence of some faster yachts it was MELTEMI SYC, LEBROK and WINSOME that sailed the course in the fastest elapsed times.

Race 9 is scheduled for 5 Feb 2012

