

A Most Fascinating Result Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 9

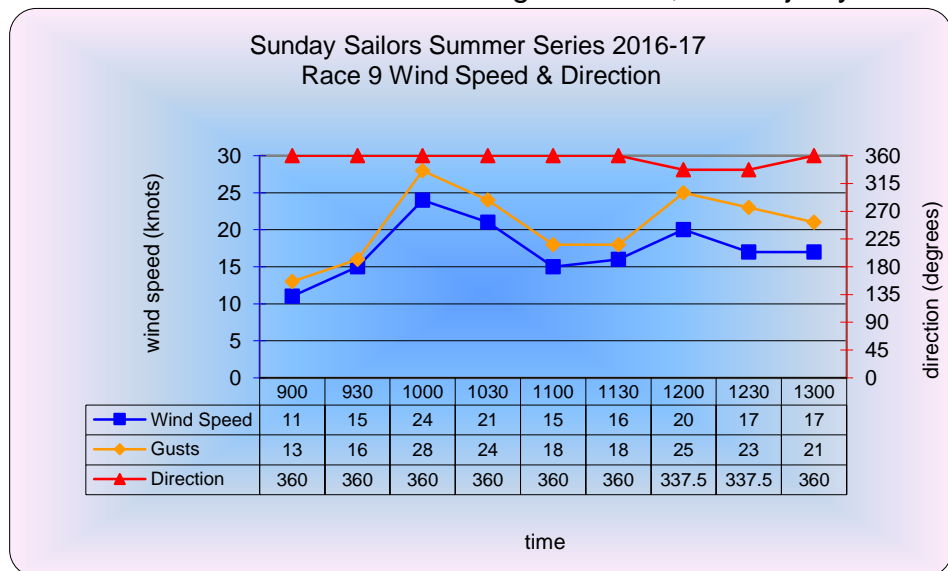


It was the yachts that sailed downwind with poled out headsails rather than spinnakers that enjoyed most success in this race. The winner, MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon), not only won the race by a significant margin she also recorded the best elapsed time of 1:34:24. Her elapsed time was not only faster than yachts with a longer waterline length but also faster than yachts that choose to fly spinnakers. MYUNA III was joined on the podium by two other non spinnaker contestants, ANTARES (G Stewart D Pearce) and HIGH HANDED (Guy Dwyer). Was the lack of success with spinnakers due to the course, the breeze or other factors?

The 7 leg 9.8 nautical course 24 comprised only 2 downwind legs amounting to about 3.8 nautical miles or 39% of the total course length. That is, the majority of the course was to windward.

Alternatively the breeze was probably stronger than anticipated with 24 knots being recorded at Fawkner Beacon before easing and averaging 17 knots for the

morning. The direction was more consistent – due north for the majority of the race.



The breeze did not help to produce a good start. Start of the Day was won for the 3rd time by WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) with a time of 10 seconds – the latest start time of the series. The median start time was 30.5 seconds also the highest of the series.

On completion of this race DILII GAFF (Paul MacBain), LEBROK (Theo Korbel) and MYUNA III still occupy the top 3 positions in the aggregate. However, DILII GAFF took over top spot from LEBROK who has been leading for the past 5 races.



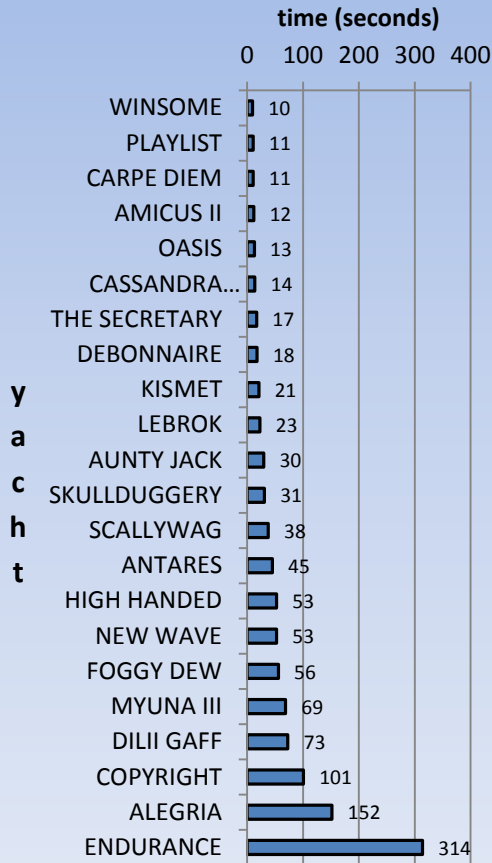
MYUNA III has completed 7 races this series and recorded 5 top ten finishes. She finished 11th in the remaining 2 races. For the past 3 races she has held onto 3rd place in the aggregate. MYUNA II began this race from 15th place, 69 seconds late for her 29 minute handicap. This was only 1 second ahead of WINSOME who started off a 30 minute handicap. However, whilst WINSOME sailed the course in 1:40:37 MYUNA III sailed the course 6 minutes 13 seconds faster. She had the fastest elapsed time of the race, 2 minutes 4 seconds faster than DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) her closest rival. MYUNA III finished the race at 11:33:34 for her 1st podium finish of the series.

Two minutes ten seconds later ANTARES crossed the finish line in 2nd place to complete her 4th race. She was the first yacht to start, 45 seconds late for her 3 minute handicap. ANTARES kept ahead of all the fleet except MYUNA III sailing the course in 2:02:34 and crossing the finish line at 11:35:34. ANTARES had started the race 2 minutes 8 seconds ahead of NEW WAVE (Nigel Derricks) but finished 22 minutes 51 seconds ahead. This was the second time this series that ANTARES has claimed a 2nd place and she moves from 13th to 11th place in the aggregate.



HIGH HANDED was the 3rd yacht to start and the 3rd to finish. She crossed the start line with NEW WAVE at 9:35:53, 53 seconds late for her 5 minute handicap. HIGH HANDED sailed the course in 2:02:34 which was 6 seconds faster than ANTARES but finished 1 minute 54 seconds behind. HIGH HANDED finished the race at 11:37:38 to record her 3rd podium finish of the series in 6 races. She started the series with a zero handicap but this increased to 2 minutes following a 2nd place in the first race and then a further 3 minutes following a win in race 5. High handed is currently 5th in the aggregate.

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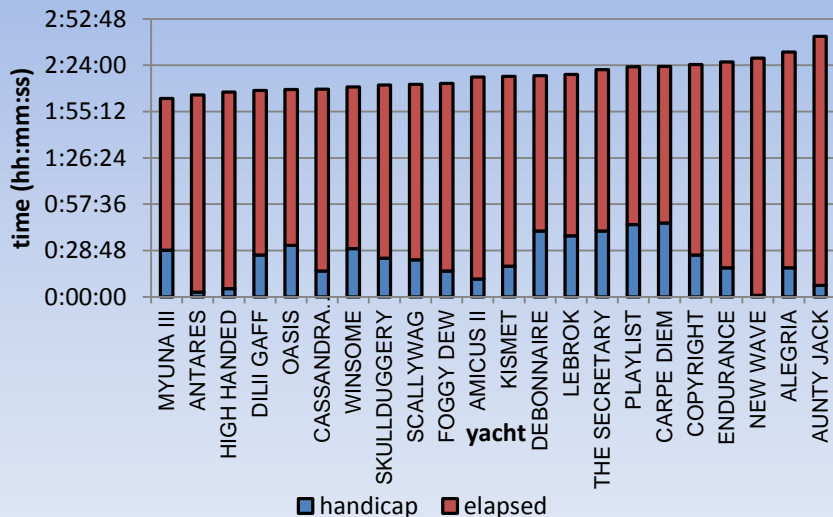


Until this race the Start of the Day had been won with an average time of 3 seconds. This win by WINSOME has increased that average. Of the 22 yachts, 5 started more than a minute late including the race winner.

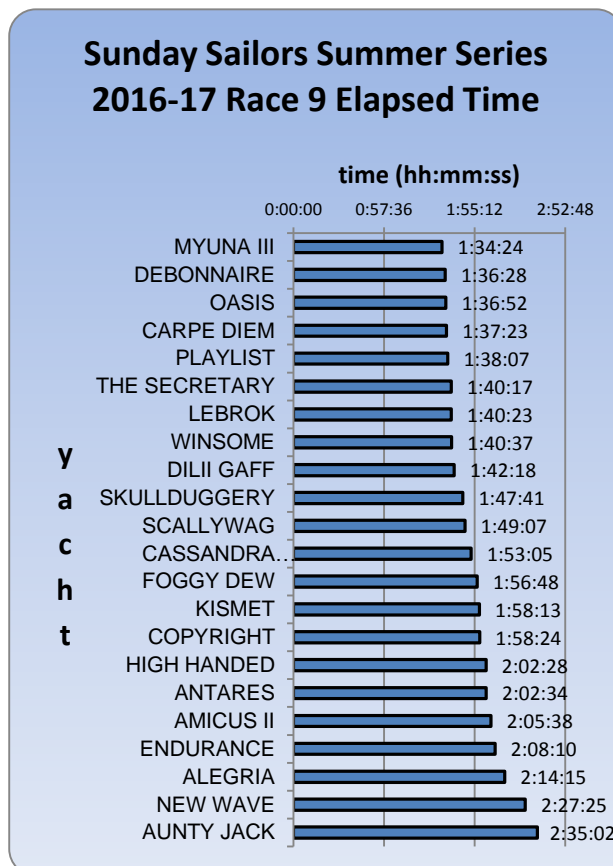
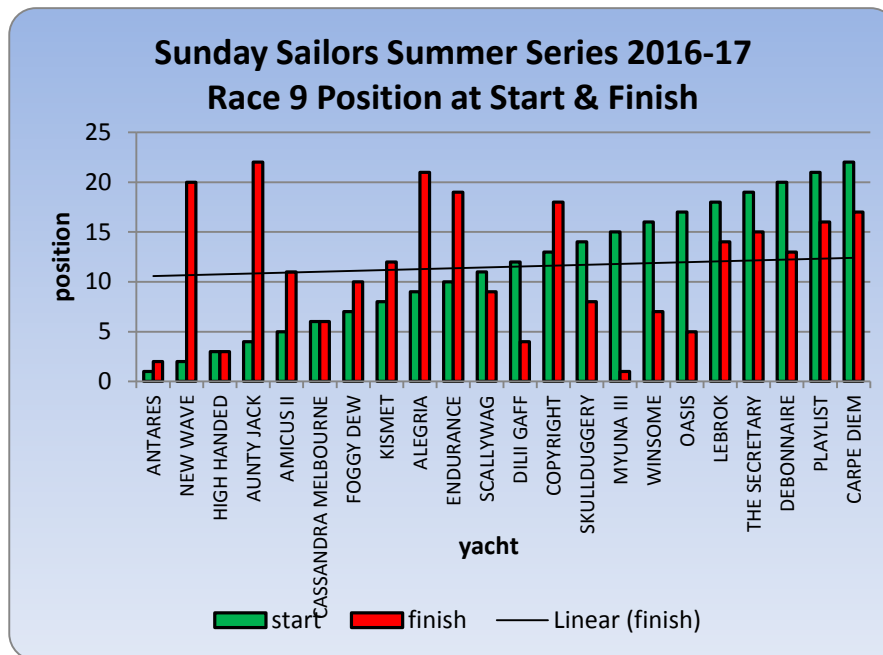


The 22 yacht fleet started the race 48 minutes and finished 38 minutes 38 seconds apart. The closest finish was 13 seconds between OASIS (David Keyes-Tilley) and CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves).

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The first third of the fleet (7 yachts) to complete the race comprised 3 early starters, 2 mid fleet and 2 late starters. Among the 7 late finishers were 2 early starters, 3 mid fleet and 1 late starter.



The average elapsed time for the race was 1:53:54 with a range of 1:00:38. After sailing for over 100 minutes only 6 seconds separated the elapsed time of THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) from LEBROK whilst 11 seconds separated KISMET (Doug Jackson) from COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack)

Three quite different yachts made their series debut in this race with a 4th yacht completing her 2nd race of the series.



OASIS (David Keyes-Tilley) finished 5th.



ENDURANCE (Eric Clarke) finished 19th.



ALLEGRIA (left)
(Simon May) finished
21st.

AUNTY JACK
(Robert Lepore)
sailed single handed
(?) finished 22nd.



RACE 10 is scheduled for 19th Feb 2017

