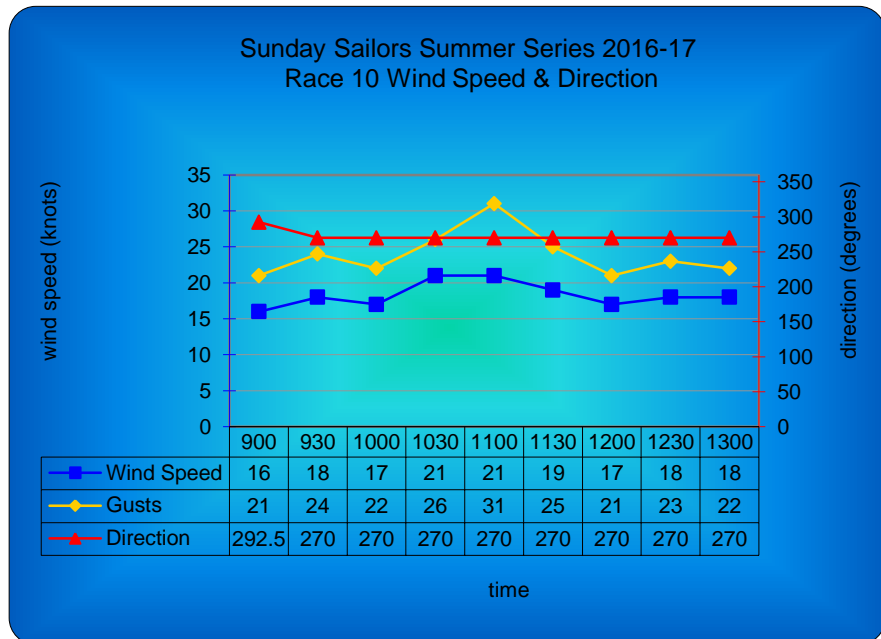


## A Hint of Winter Hits the Summer Series Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 10



It was a small fleet of 11 yachts that contested race 10. Of the 11 yachts only 8 finished with CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) and ZUTEM (Stephen Hunter) retiring and SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) crossing the start line too soon recording a DNS. However, SKULLDUGGERY continued on and sailed the 7 leg, 9.1 nautical mile course 22.

Conditions were much less than ideal with a blustery westerly that averaged 18 knots for the morning with a gust of 31 knots recorded at Fawkner Beacon. There were rain squalls to contend with which reduced visibility and gave the race a definite wintry feel. The



yachts that completed the race all had good results with 8<sup>th</sup> place the highest. After sailing the course in the fastest elapsed time DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) made this her first win of the series in 7 races. She was followed across the finish line by FOGGY DEW (Joe O'Grady) who also won Start of the Day. Nineteen seconds behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) who claimed her 2<sup>nd</sup> podium finish in 7 races.

The result did not alter the top three yachts in the aggregate with DILII GAFF (Paul McBain) LEBROK (Theo Korbel) and MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon) in the lead. CARPE DIEM slipped out of the top ten whilst COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) entered the top ten in 10<sup>th</sup> place after an absence of two races.



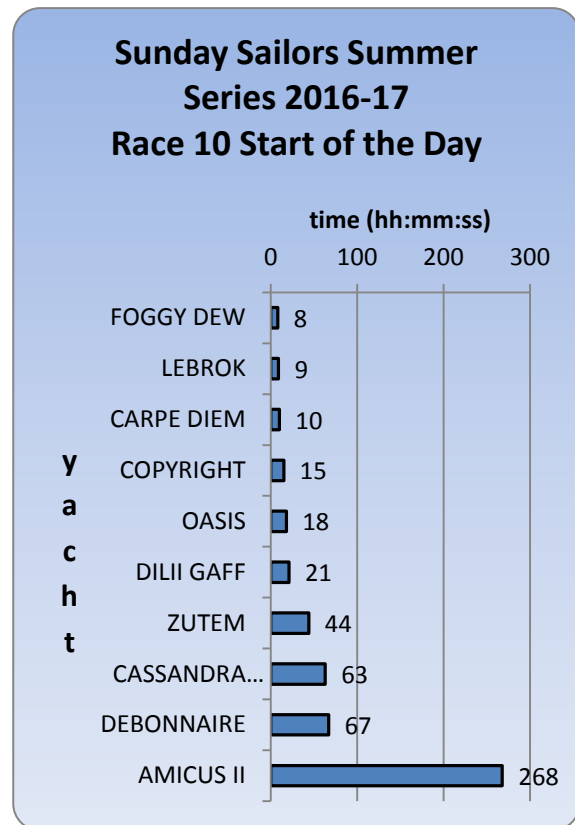
With a handicap of 40 minutes this was her lowest of the series. However, starting 67 seconds late from 9<sup>th</sup> place DEBONNAIRE did not take full advantage. In the end, it did not matter too much as she crossed the finish line at 11:33:07 – 1 minute 2 seconds ahead of her closest rival. At the completion of the first 4 legs DEBONNAIRE had moved up from 9<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> place overtaking 6 yachts in the remaining 3 legs of the course. She sailed the course in 1:23:07 – 8 minute 28 seconds faster than the rest of the fleet. DEBONNAIRE has completed 7 races this series and this was her first podium finish. She moved up 2 places in the aggregate to be in 7<sup>th</sup> position

A 2<sup>nd</sup> place by FOGGY DEW was enough to lift her from 8<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> place in the aggregate. She started this race from 2<sup>nd</sup> place only 8 seconds late for her 16 minute handicap. She was leading the fleet at the first rounding of number 4. FOGGY DEW was overtaken by DEBONNAIRE during the last three legs of the race and after sailing the course in 1:48:09 she crossed the finish line at 11:34:09. FOGGY DEW is one of two yachts to have completed 8 out of 9 races this series and this is her best result to date. Out of the 8 races she has recorded 5 top ten finishes.

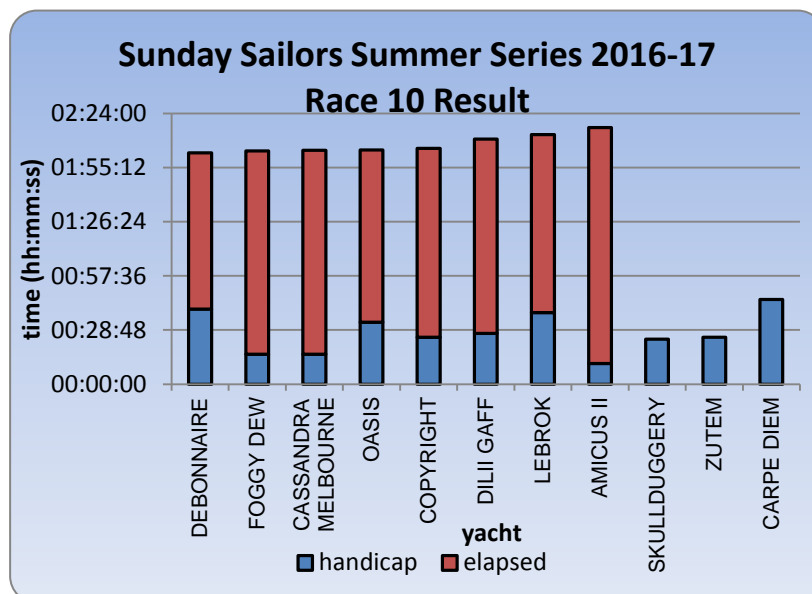


CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE had the same 16 minute handicap as FOGGY DEW but she started 55 seconds and 1 place behind. They were very close as they both rounded number 4 for the first time but the gap at the finish line was 19 seconds in favour of FOGGY DEW. CASSANDRA sailed the course in 1:48:28 and crossed the finish line at 11:34:28 in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. On this occasion a better start would have given her a better finish. CASSANDRA has started 9 races this series and completed 7. This was her 2<sup>nd</sup> podium finish and helps put her into 4<sup>th</sup> place in the aggregate – 2 places and 7 points above her close rival FOGGY DEW.

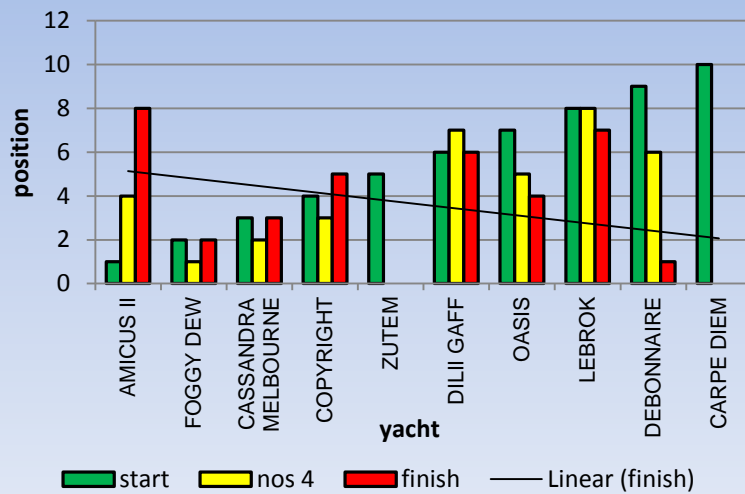
As well as finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the race FOGGY DEW won Start of the Day with a time of 8 seconds. The other two podium finishers, DEBONNAIRE and CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE were two of the three yachts that started more than a minute late for their respective handicaps. The median start time was 19.5 seconds which is the same as the series average start time.



The 11 yacht fleet began the race 29 minutes 42 seconds apart. On completion of the first 4 legs the gap was reduced to 15 minutes and when the last yacht crossed the finish line at 11:46:34 the 8 yachts were 13 minutes 27 seconds apart. The closest finish was between CASSANDRA and OASIS (David Keyes Tilley) who finished 7 seconds apart in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.



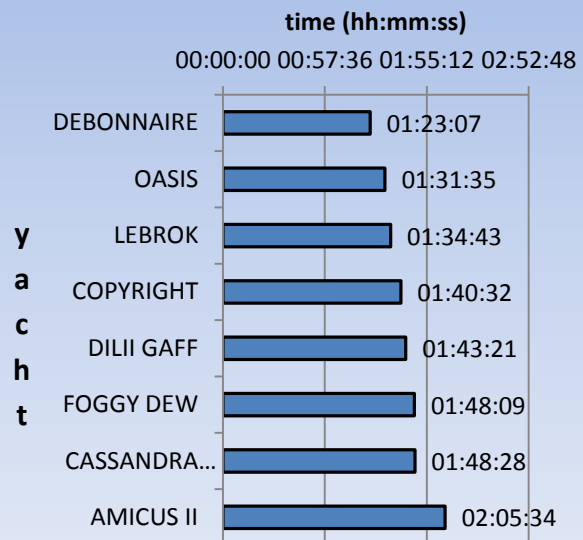
### Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 10 Position at Start, Nos4 & Finish



It was AMICUS II who started first and finish 8<sup>th</sup> and DEBONNAIRE who started 9<sup>th</sup> and finished 1<sup>st</sup> that had the greatest positional change. The remaining yachts in the fleet moved, on average, only 1 place.

The median elapsed time for the race was 101.94 minutes with a range of 42 minutes 27 seconds between fastest and slowest. DEBONNAIRE recorded the fastest elapsed time of 1:23:07 which was her second fastest of the series.

### Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 10 Elapsed Time





SKULLDUGGERY follows AMICUS II into some threatening weather

**RACE 11 is scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

PS. Rumour has it that the Cavalier 32 HIGH HANDED (Guy Dwyer) has now been sold and will move to another club in the bay. HIGH HANDED has been a regular Sunday Sailor for at least 8 series and was out on the water in both summer and winter being sailed double handed. She finished this series on a high note with 3 podium finishes from 6 races – a first, a second and a third.

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