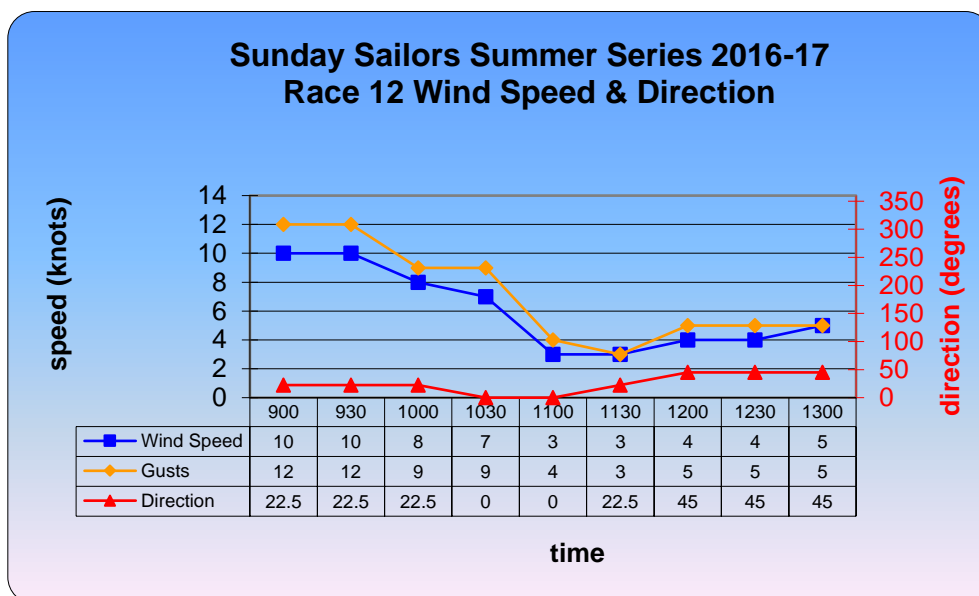


The Vanishing Breeze Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 12



It was a very promising start to the 12th race of the series with blue skies, flat seas and a warm 10 knot north easterly breeze. This was in keeping with the forecast for the morning, with a change to the south east forecast for the afternoon. With such a light breeze a shorter course than usual was chosen. Selected for the first time was the 6 leg 7.6 nautical mile course 17. This course has the option of being shortened after the first three legs.

The 20 yacht fleet was away to a reasonable start with ANTARES (G Stewart & D Pearce) and CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) joint winners of Start of the Day. However the breeze was easing, so although there was 10 knots of breeze around 0930 there was less than 5 knots recorded at Fawkner Beacon at 1100. It was around this time that the fleet started to approach number 4. The course wasn't shortened and the fleet limped on in very light conditions to tackle the remainder of the course. For example, CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) sailed the first 3 legs of the course in 1:09:53 – an apparent speed of about 3.9 knots. After rounding number 4 for the first time at 11:31:09 it took her about 40 minutes to cover the 0.6 nautical miles to number 3 – a speed of about 0.9 knots.



Led by COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) the fleet tackled the final 3 legs of the course without success. The race was abandoned before the leaders reached number 1 for the 2nd time and 5 yachts where unable to complete the first 3 legs of the race.



After sailing for 1:03:53 COPYRIGHT was first around number 4 for the first time. She completed the 4th leg of the race but not the 5th.

AMICUS II rounded number 4 for the first time at 11:05:40 in 2nd place.



ANTARES was 3rd around number 4 but was unable to arrive at the next mark



SILVERADO (John Barbieri) looking for a way past FOGGY DEW (Joe O'Grady). This was the first race for SILVERADO since race 6 of the 2016 Winter Series.

Not enough breeze to put shape into the sails.



Not even a spinnaker could help DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) to the finish line.

The final race of the series is scheduled for 2 April 2017

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