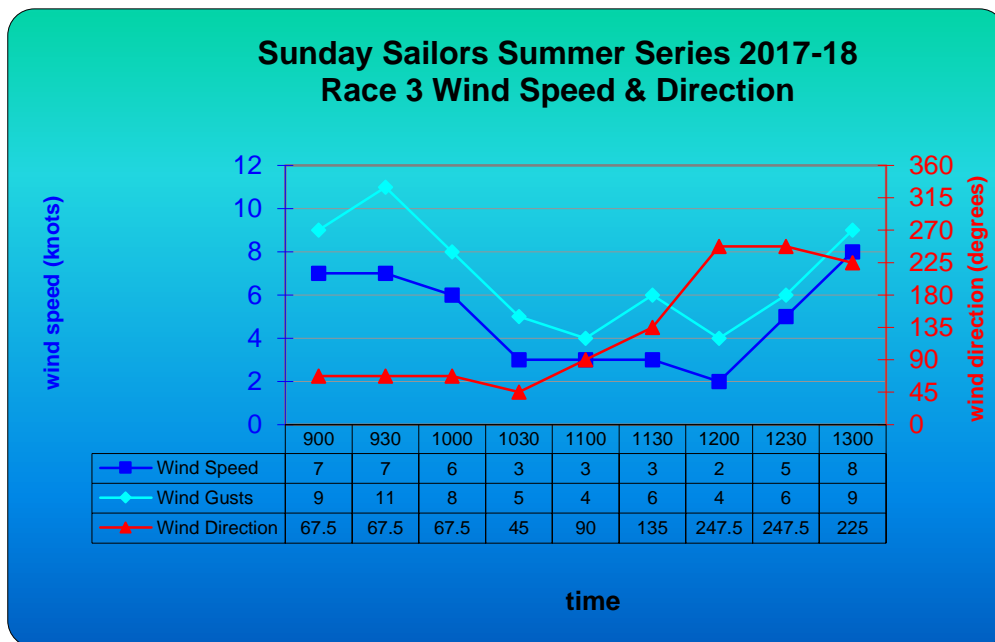


Gloomy Start Bright Finish Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Race 3



Twenty three yachts lined up for a race with forecast light winds and a touch of summer weather. The breeze started light and variable and became lighter and more variable as it , in general from the east, through the south towards the west. It was a slow race with yachts travelling at about half their usual speed. Nevertheless, twenty yachts completed the shortened course 17 by the time limit with the last one crossing the line at 12:21:26. The average elapsed time was 2 hours and 1 second.



MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon), COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) and SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) finished 1, 2, & 3. They had started 14th, 13th & 15th respectively. It was the first time “on the podium” this series for the first two yachts but the 2nd time in the series for SKULLDUGGERY. ANTARES won START of the DAY with a start of 1 second - an excellent effort in the light conditions when the median start time was 77 seconds. ENDURANCE (Eric Clarke) finished in 10th place which was good enough to keep her at the top of the aggregate for the 2nd successive week.



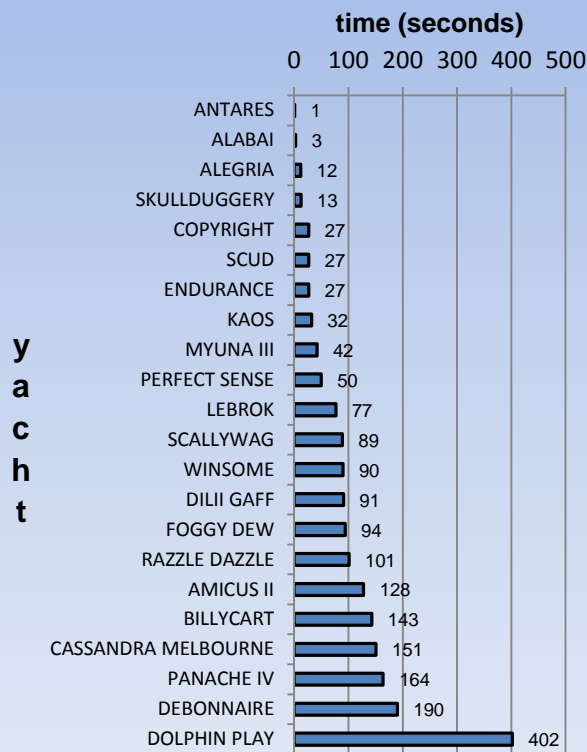
This was the 2nd race in this series for MYUNA III with a completely different result – from last to first. She started this race from 14th place, 42 seconds late for her 32 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 1:30:20 the fastest time of the race being 3 minutes 20 seconds faster than her closest rival. MYUNA III was 1st to finish crossing the line at 11:32:20. Her win was achieved without the aid of a spinnaker and she sailed the course 5 minutes 13 seconds faster than SKULLDUGGERY who had the best results of yachts with spinnakers. MYUNA III is 11th in the aggregate up from 17th the previous week.

COPYRIGHT is one of 7 yachts to have sailed each of the three races. She has improved her position in each successive race. She started this race from 13th place 27 seconds late for her handicap. COPYRIGHT sailed the course in 1:33:40 the second fastest time of the race and crossed the finish line in 2nd place at 11:34:40. She had started 1 minute 15 seconds before MYUNA III but finished 2 minutes 20 seconds behind. COPYRIGHT started the series 10th in the aggregate, moved into 4th place following race 2 and is now in 3rd place.



Third across the finish line was SKULLDUGGERY. She had started from 15th place 13 seconds late for her 33 minute handicap. She completed the course in 1:35:33 the 3rd fastest time of the day crossing the finish line at 11:38:33. She started 31 seconds behind MYUNA III but finished 6 minutes 13 seconds behind. SKULLDUGGERY finished the best of the yachts that flew spinnakers. The next best was SCALLYWAG (Bill Hutchison) who finished in 11th place – 14 minutes and 5 seconds later. SKULLDUGGERY has completed all 3 races and is 2nd in the aggregate for the 2nd successive race. She is 2 points behind the leader.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Race 3 Start of the Day

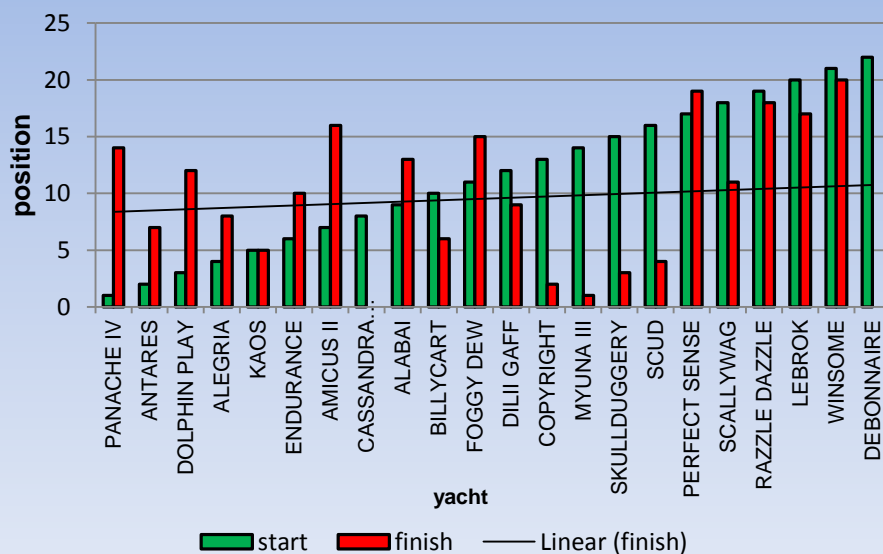


Only 10 yachts were able to start within 60 seconds of their handicaps. The light and variable conditions did not help. They only deteriorated as the start times progressed. ALLIANCE (Alex Hall et al) did line up to start but the breeze was insufficient to take to the line.

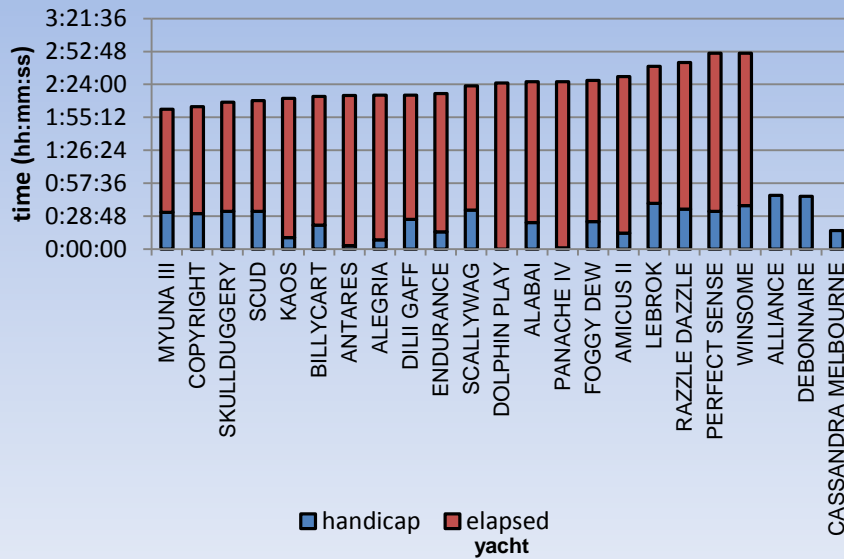


It proved just as difficult for the late starters to catch the early starters as it was for the early starters to stay near the front.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Race 3 Position at Start & Finish



Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Race 3 Result

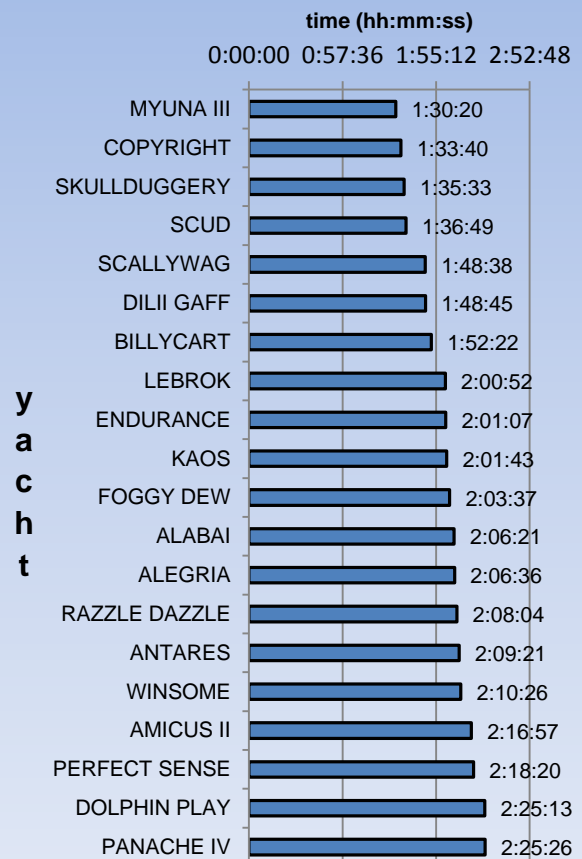


The fleet started the race 45 minutes 26 seconds apart and finished even further apart with a gap of 49 minutes 6 seconds. The last yacht to finish did so 8 minutes 34 seconds before the 1230 time limit.

With a rhumb line length of 4.2 nautical miles this was the shortest course of the series so far. However it proved to be the longest race with an average elapsed time of 2:00:03.



Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Race 3 Elapsed Time



In addition to SKULLDUGGERY, 3 other yachts RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp), SCALLYWAG & WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) also flew spinnakers. As it turned out, only about 26 per cent of the course was suitable for kite flying. Nevertheless the added some colour to the race.



Race 4 is the next race and is scheduled for 26 November 2017.

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