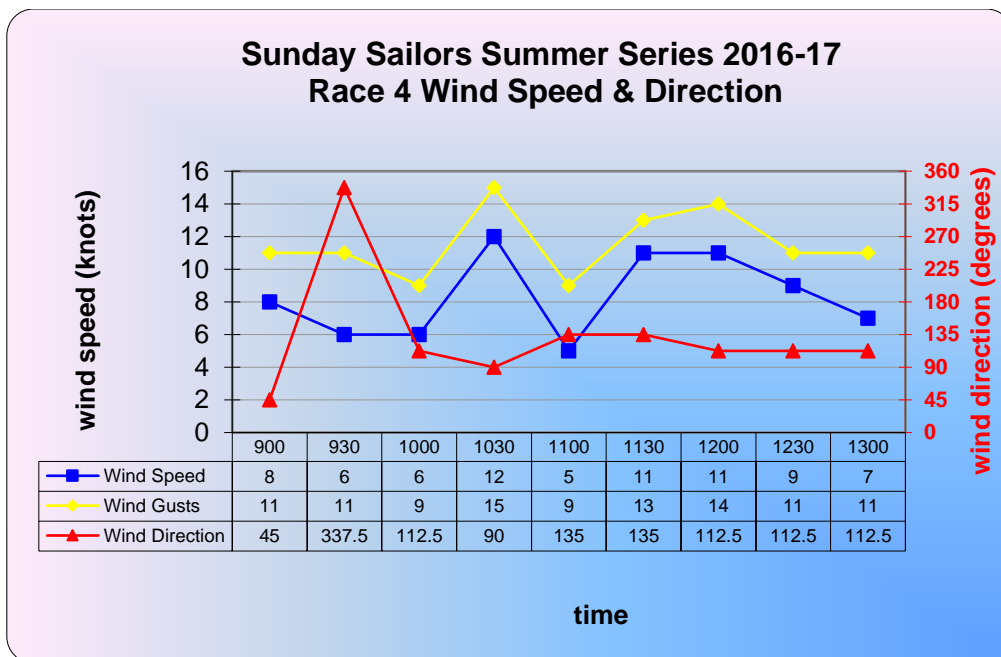


Thunder Out Yonder Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Race 4



Flashes of lightening with claps of thunder punctuated race 4. The rain fell in short but heavy bursts reducing visibility and producing some stronger wind gusts. The breeze averaged about 8 knots for the morning at Fawkner Beacon but varied in both strength and direction throughout the race. The breeze was predominantly from the southeast rather than north to north westerly as forecast.



A good mixed fleet of 19 yachts contested the race which was won by KAOS (Dawn Cleaver) by a margin of 3 minutes 19 seconds. This was her second win in three races. ANTARES (G Stewart D Pearce) crossed the line in 2nd place for the second time in the series whilst VIVE LA VIE (Mark Sutherland) recorded her first podium finish of the summer.

There was a tie for Start of the Day with both COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) and THE SECRETARY (George Shaw) starting within 4 seconds of their handicaps. Fastest yacht around the 6 leg 7.6 nautical mile course 17 was THE SECRETARY with a time of 1:23:45.

The win by KAOS took her to the top of the aggregate replacing ENDURANCE (Eric Clarke). MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon) entered the aggregate top ten for the first time this series whilst ALEGRIA (Simon May) slipped from 8th to 11th place.

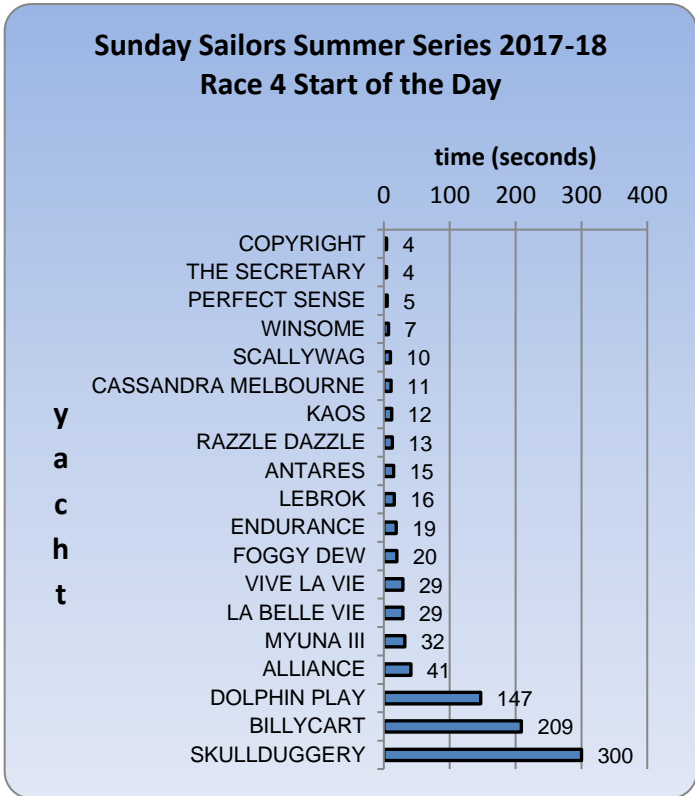


With a handicap of 7 minutes, which was 4 minutes later than the previous yacht and 8 minutes earlier than the next, KAOS was able to start in “clear air”. She started from 3rd place only 12 seconds late for her handicap. KAOS was first across the finish line at 11:21:23 after sailing the course in 1:44:23. She had started 4 minutes 45 seconds after DOLPHIN PLAY (John Brennan) the lead yacht but finished 8 minutes 11 seconds and 3 places ahead. KAOS leads the aggregate with a total of 6 points - a margin of 4 points.

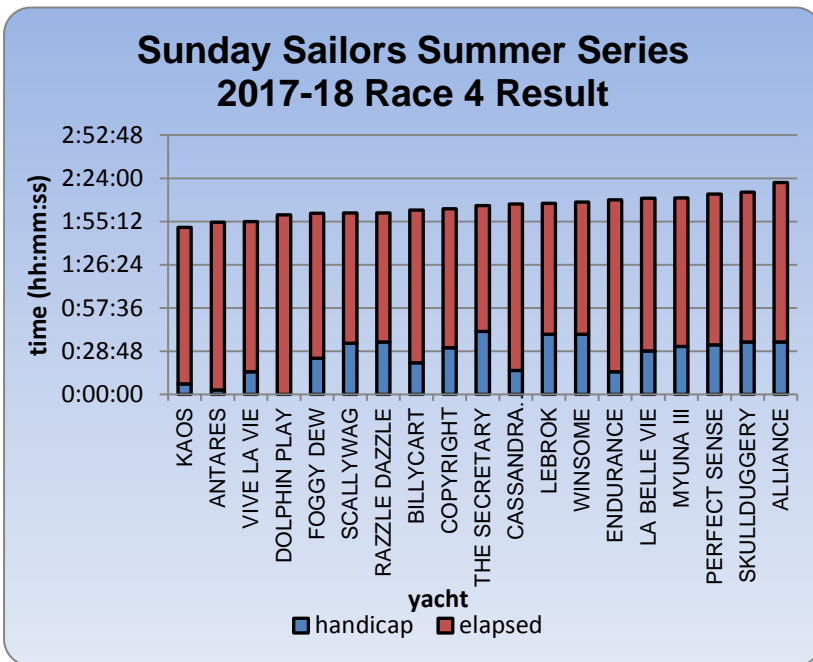
After missing the opening race, this was the 3rd race of the series for ANTARES. She started from 2nd place, 14 seconds late for her 3 minute handicap. This was a good start but possibly disappointing for a yacht that won Start of the Day in the two previous races. She sailed the course in 1:51:42 and crossed the finish line in 2nd place at 11:24:42. ANTARES started 3 minutes 57 seconds ahead of KAOS but finished 3 minutes 19 seconds later. ANTARES is now 2nd in the aggregate with a total of 10 points.



This was the first race of the series for VIVE LA VIE. She started from 5th place 29 seconds late for her 15 minute handicap. She started 10 seconds after ENDURANCE but overtook her during the race and extended her lead at the finish to 14 minutes 27 seconds. VIVE LA VIE sailed the course in 1:40:11 and crossed the finished line at 11:25:11 – only 29 seconds behind ANTARES. This 3rd place for VIVE LA VIE lifts her 27th to 21st in the aggregate.

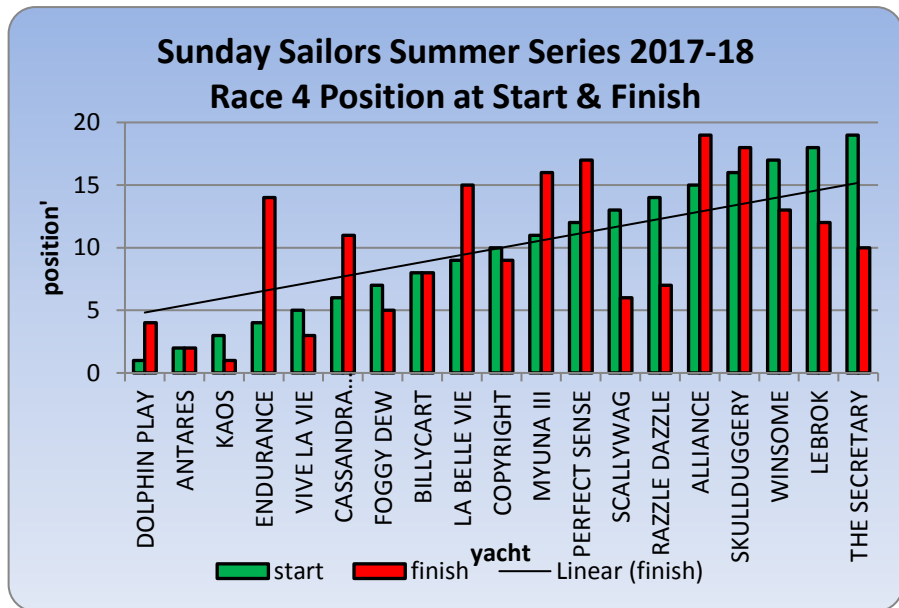


This was the first time this series there was a tie for START of the Day. Both COPYRIGHT and THE SECRETARY started 4 seconds late. The median start time for the race was 16 seconds with 5 yachts starting within 10 seconds or less of their handicaps. SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) started 10 seconds too soon and was penalised 5 minutes.

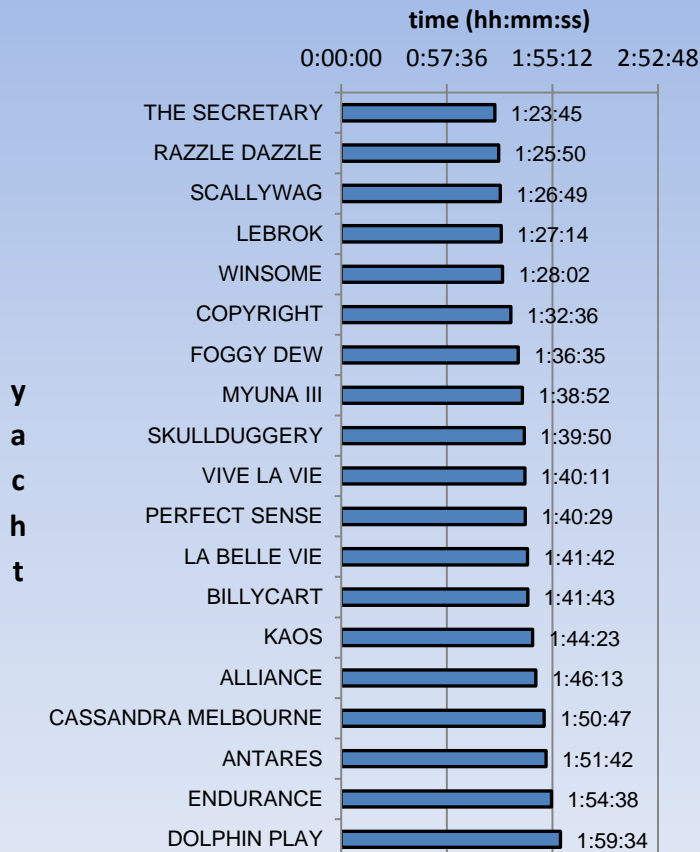


The 19 yacht fleet started the race 39 minutes 37 seconds apart and finished 29 minutes 50 seconds apart. There was a close finish for 6th place with SCALLYWAG (Bill Hutchison) finishing 1 second ahead of RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp).

It proved difficult for the back markers to catch the early starters. Four of the first 6 yachts to start the race were among the first 6 to finish.



Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Race 4 Elapsed Time



The average elapsed time for the race was 1:39:31 with a range of 35 minutes 49 seconds. THE SECRETARY recorded the fastest elapsed time for the first time in the series. It was 2 minutes 5 seconds faster than her closest rival.

The rain reduced visibility but not enough to prevent all 19 starters finishing the race.



Race 5 is scheduled for 10th December 2017

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