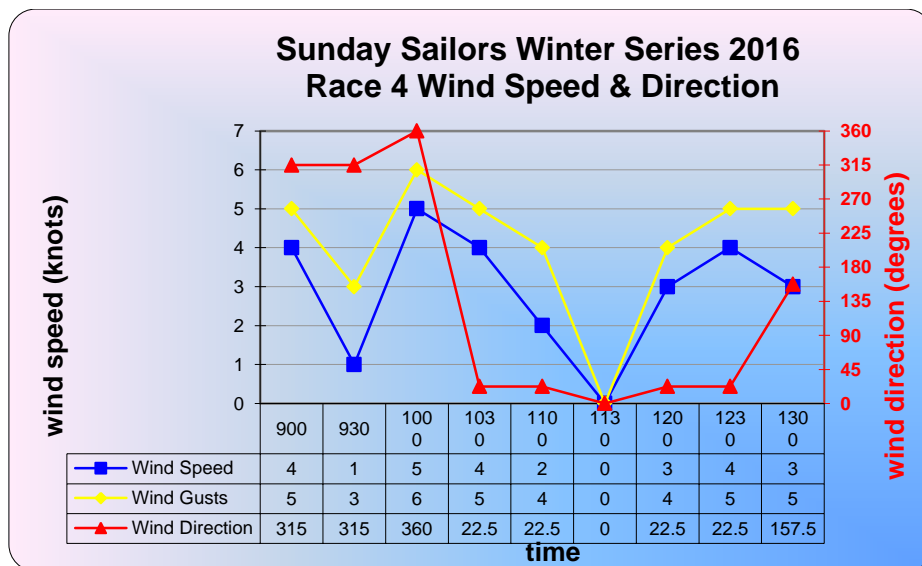


## Nice Day Just Not Enough Wind



Six of the 21 yacht fleet opted to fly spinnakers probably hoping that this would drive them round the course faster. However, there was not sufficient wind to drive the fleet fast enough and only one of the 2 yachts to finish in time flew a spinnaker. Even course 5 was reduced to 3 legs and 4.2 nautical miles, but was still too far for the majority of the fleet. The half hour delay to the start was probably worthwhile as the breeze did increase slightly during this time. However, this 30 minute delay to the start time reduced the total sailing time which was sorely missed by most of the fleet.

The start proved unusual with 2 yachts starting way too soon and recording DNS. A third yacht was also too soon and received a 5 minute penalty and only 6 yachts started within a minute of their respective handicap. Six other yachts started over a minute and a half too late struggling to make the start line in the light breeze. Under the circumstances, Start of the Day winner was exceptional with PLAY (Iain Pridgeon) starting exactly on time.



The breeze proved light and variable with Fawcner Beacon recording 5 knots at 1000; zero at 1130 and then increasing to 4 knots at 1230. At the same time it shifted from the north through the east to settle in the south east for the afternoon.

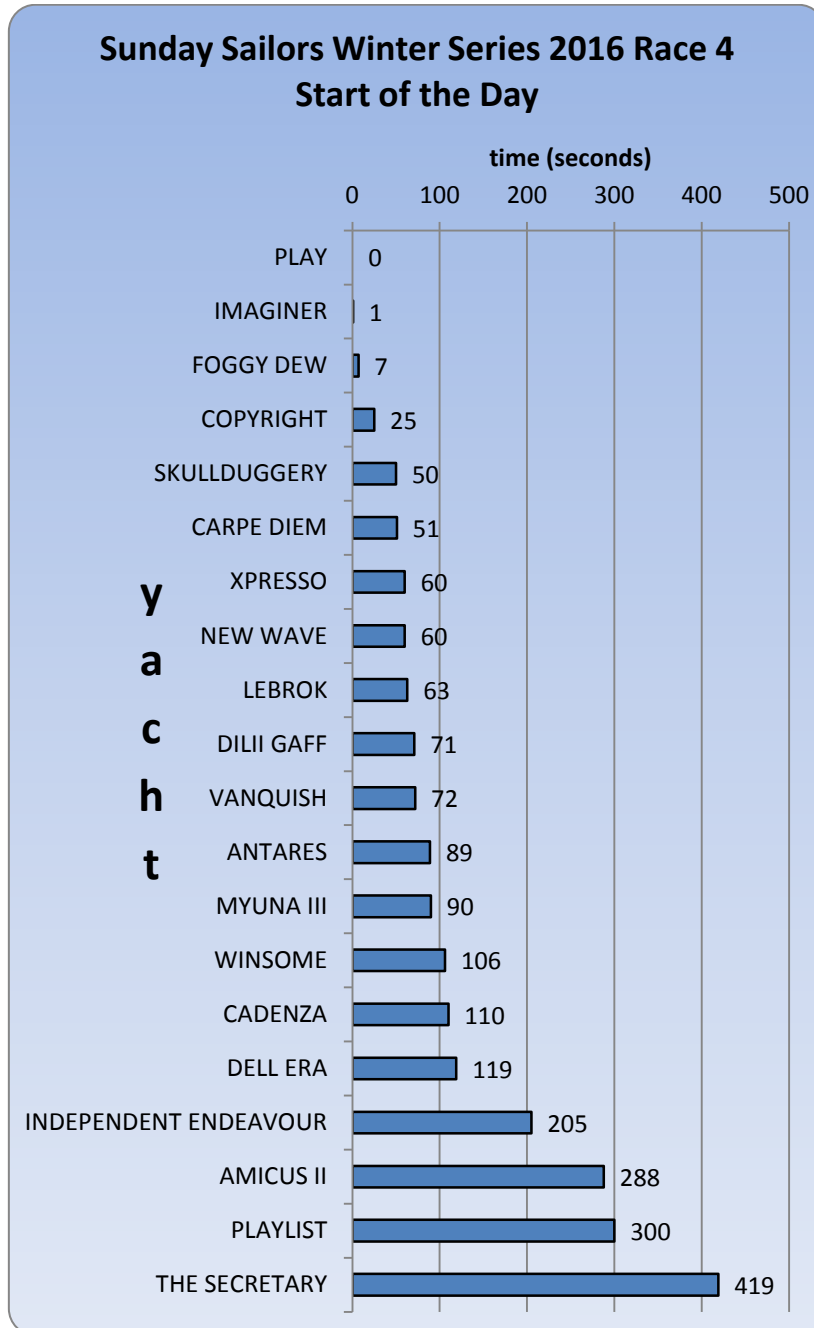


It was CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) that was first across the finish line at 12:23:38. She sailed the 3 leg shortened course in 1:41:38 to cross the line 11 seconds ahead of XPRESSO (Ari Abrahams). CARPE DIEM has sailed all 3 races in the series and this was her best result so far. She started 51 seconds late for her 43 minute handicap from 18<sup>th</sup> place but quietly glided through the water to be the first to finish. CARPE DIEM is now 5<sup>th</sup> in the aggregate with a total of 15 points.

XPRESSO elected to fly a spinnaker and used this on the last of the 3 legs from number 1 to the finish line. Had XPRESSO not used the spinnaker she would not have received the additional 3 minutes and may have won the race. As it was she started from 17<sup>th</sup> place 60 seconds late for her 36 minute start. XPRESSO has also completed all 3 races in the series and this became her 2<sup>nd</sup> podium finish following a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in race 2. This helped her into a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the aggregate with a total of 5 points.



As mentioned earlier PLAY won the start on a difficult day with IMAGINER (Chris Byrne) and FOGGY DEW (Joe O’Grady) also having good starts. The median start time 71 seconds – by far the highest of the series so far.



# YACHT REFLECTIONS



**Race 5 is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016**