

First Spinnaker Winner for the Series

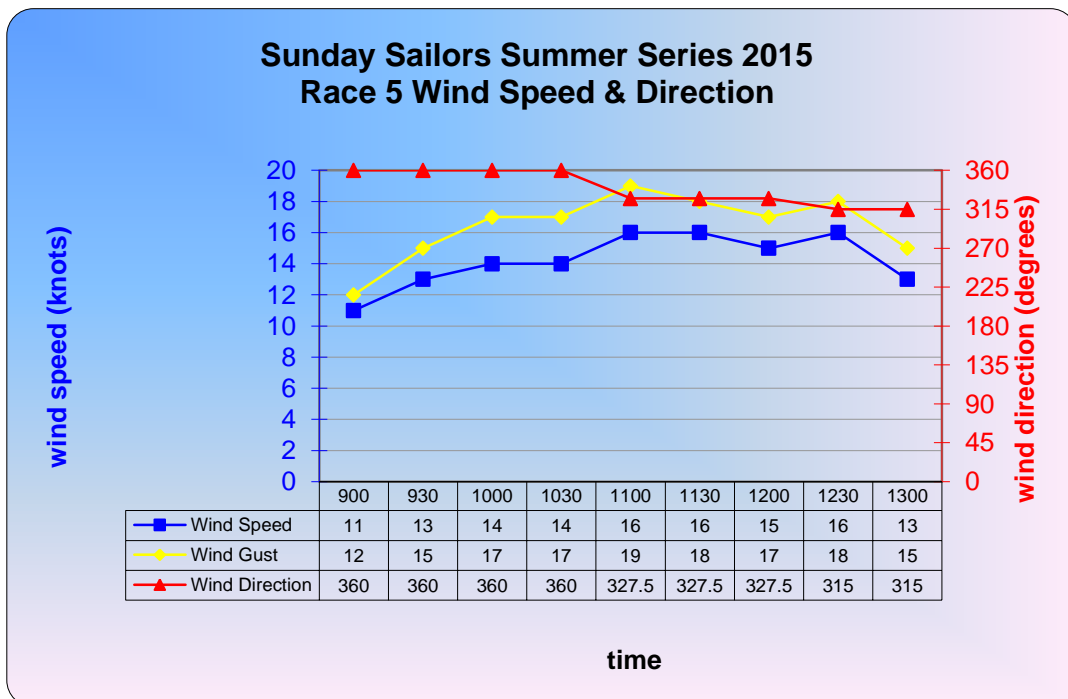
Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2016 Race 5



Course 61 offers a good opportunity to fly a spinnaker especially in a north to north westerly breeze. It provides two downwind legs that total approximately 4.7 nautical miles or about 48% of the total rhumb line distance. Four of the 16 yachts in race 5 did fly spinnakers around this course with mixed results. One finished first, another 9th, a third 13th and the 4th finished 16th. VANQUISH (Bob Beresford) flew a spinnaker on both downwind legs winning the race by a margin of 2 minutes 5 seconds (after addition of the spinnaker factor).

Earlier in the morning both XPRESSO (Ari Abrahams) and PANACHE IV (Egils E Stokans) started within 9 seconds of their respective handicaps to tie for Start of the Day. This was the 2nd win this series for PANACHE IV who tied with ANTARES (G Stewart & D Pearce) for Start of the Day in race 2.

Sailing the course in the fastest time of 1:33:19 was DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez). Like the rest of the fleet she was helped around the course by flat seas and a breeze that averaged about 14 knots for the morning. It had increased from about 11 knots at 0900 to be around 16 knots at the end of the race. This ensured all yachts finished well within the 1230 time limit.





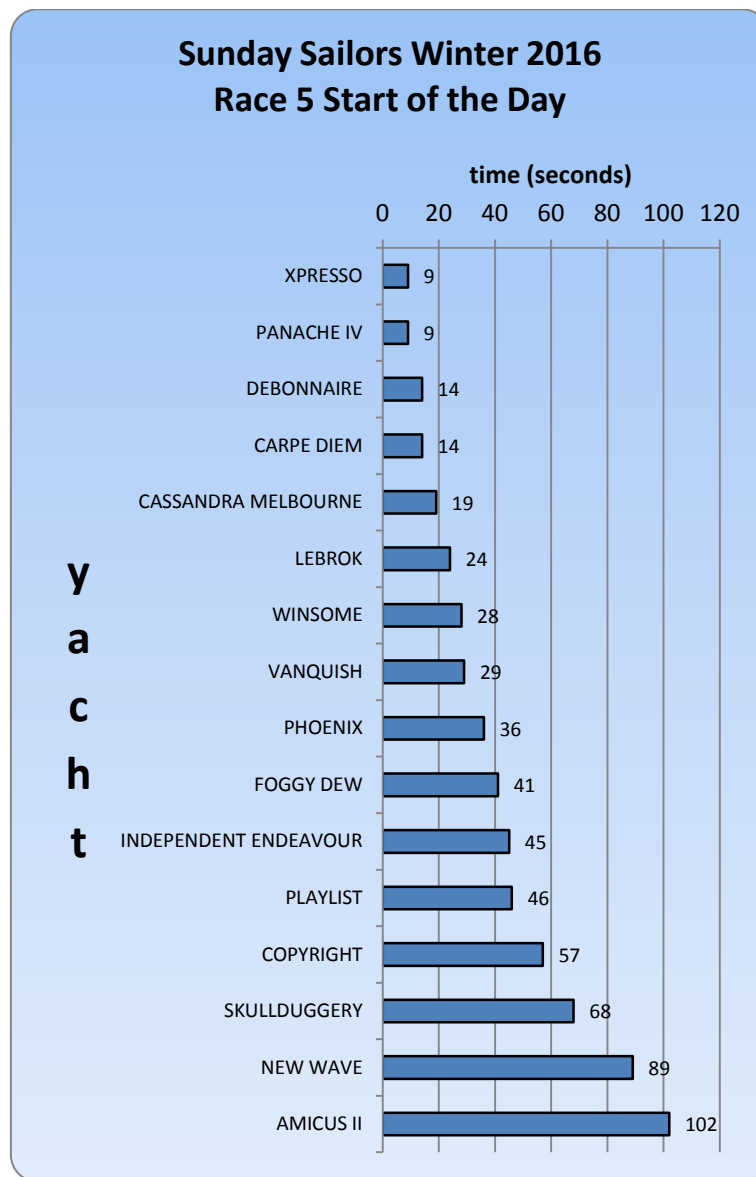
VANQUISH has completed 3 of the 4 races this series with varied results. After starting the series with a last place she recorded a 2nd and now a 1st place. In this race she started from 2nd place 29 seconds late for a 5 minute handicap. She was in the lead at the first rounding of number 4 after sailing the first 3 legs in about 1 hour 21 minutes. VANQUISH hung on to the lead for the remaining 3 legs and crossed the finish line at 11:36:49 after sailing the entire course in 2:01:49. This win gave VANQUISH a 6 place lift in the aggregate from 10th to 4th place.

Completing her first race of the series and finishing in 2nd place was the Armitage 30 PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg). PHOENIX started from 7th place 36 seconds late for a 22 minute handicap. She rounded number 4 in 3rd place at around 1103 after sailing the first 3 legs of the course in around 1 hour 10 minutes. PHOENIX completed the entire course in 1:46:54 and crossed the finish line at 11:38:54 – 4 minutes 8 seconds ahead of WINSOME (Simon Hemingway)



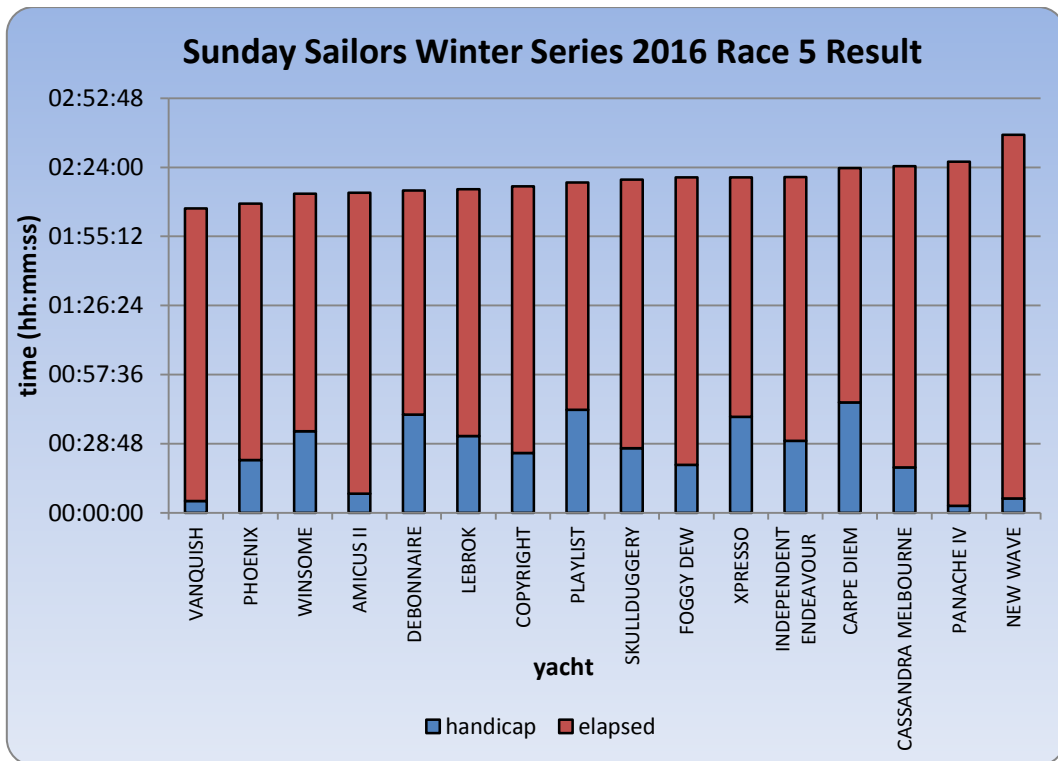
The Jeanneau Sunfast 40 WINSOME finished the race in 3rd place when she crossed the line at 11:43:02. This was her first podium finish in 3 completed races. WINSOME started from 12th place 28 seconds late for her 34 minute handicap. After sailing the first 3 legs of the course in 1:03:56 she moved up into 7th place. She improved her position by another 4 places during the final three legs of the race sailing the complete course in the 4th fastest time of 1:39:02. WINSOME moved up from 7th in the aggregate to be in 3rd place.

Although 13 of the 16 yachts started within 60 seconds of their handicap only two, XPRESSO and PANACHE IV, started within 10 seconds.

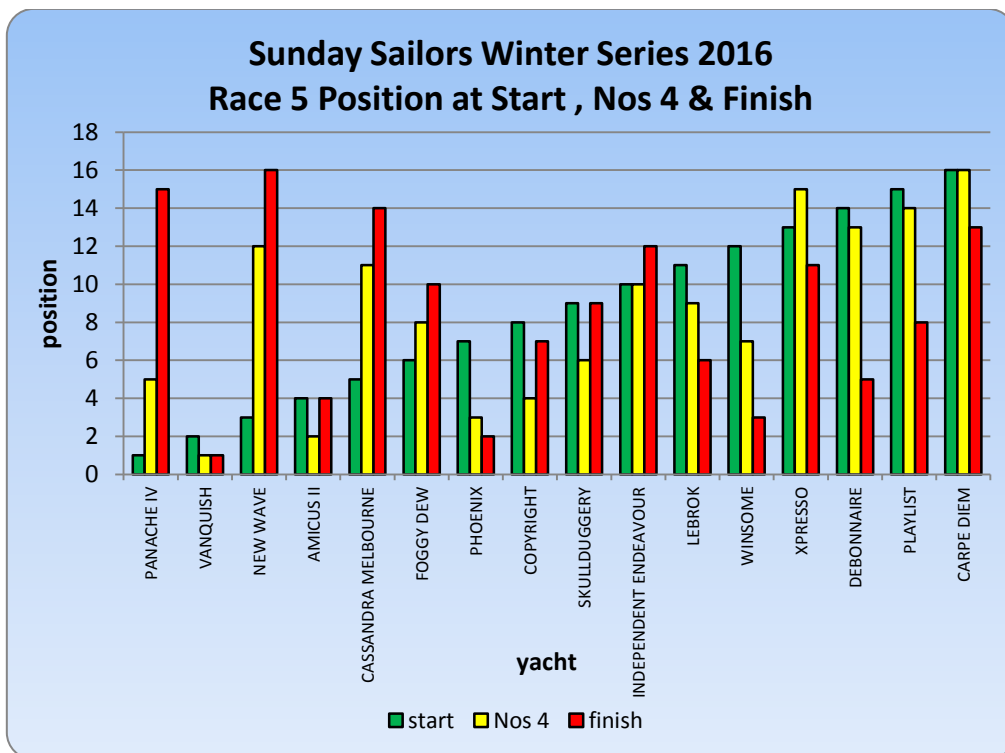


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With only 7 yachts finishing within 10 minutes of the winner this was not a close race. The fleet started 43 minutes and 5 seconds apart and finished 30 minutes 43 sec apart. Nevertheless there was a close tussle for 10th place won by FOGGY DEW (Joe O’Grady). She finished only 4 seconds ahead of XPRESSO (they started 11 minutes 28 seconds apart) who in turn was only 4 seconds ahead of INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOUR (Malcolm Mohr).

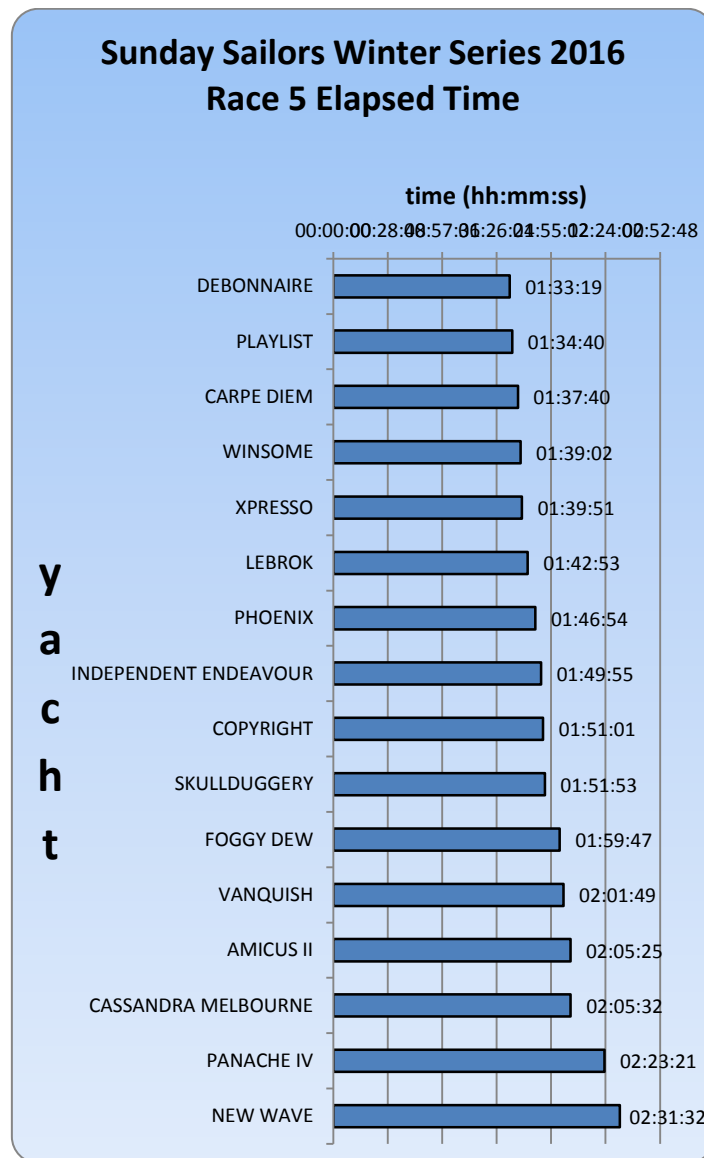


Of the 5 early starters, only 2 finished among the first five with PHOENIX, WINSOME and DEBONNAIRE making up the first five.



The averaged elapsed time was 1:53:25 with a range of 58 minutes 13 seconds. Five yachts sailed for 2 hours or more whilst another five completed the course in

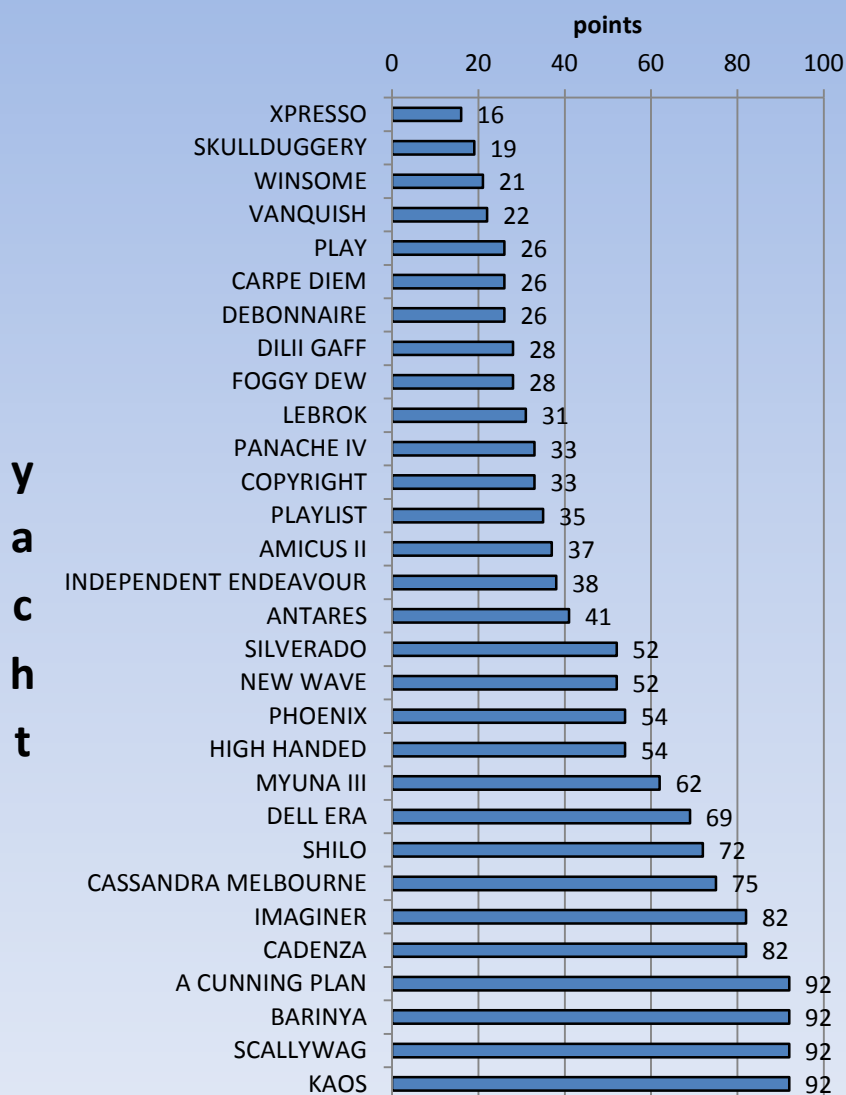
less than 1 hour 40 minutes. AMICUS II (Warwick Stenford) sailed the course 7 seconds faster than CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) the latter completing her first race of the series.



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With 6 scheduled races to go, race 5 is almost the half way mark in this 11 race winter series. XPRESSO leads the aggregate with 16 points followed by SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) on 19 points. WINSOME and VANQUISH are in 3rd and 4th positions with 21 and 22 points respectively. At the opposite end of the aggregate table there are 6 yachts still to complete a race. They have left it a bit late to make any sort of challenge for aggregate leadership.

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2016 Aggregate to Race 5



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The next race is scheduled for 17 July 2016

