

## Sunday Sailors Winter Series Race 7

### Great Weather for a Sail but Tough for a Race

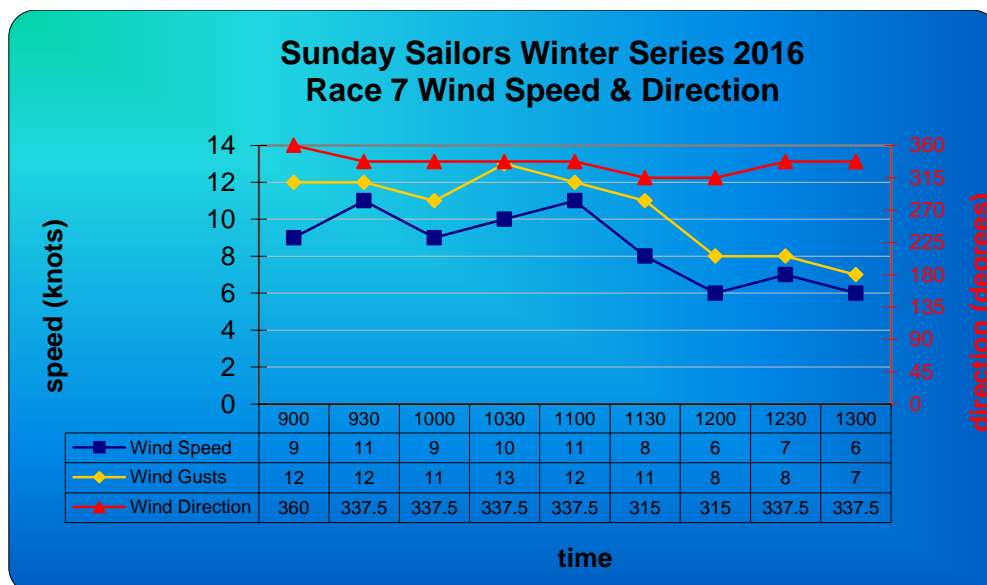


A clear sunny morning with a 9 knot northerly breeze and flat seas created exceptional conditions for a sail. However, the breeze was never firmly established in the forecast range of 10 to 15 knots and eased as the morning progressed. As a result, there was only enough time for 7 (35%) of the 20 starters to finish the race around the 9.8 nautical mile course. This included 3 of 5 yachts that opted to fly a spinnaker. The averaged elapsed time of 2:24:30 was the longest of any race this series.

The race was won by the 30 foot Defiance; KAOS (Dawn Cleaver) who beat the rest of the fleet by 4 minutes 44 seconds. She was followed by the Wright 10 COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) who narrowly beat the Beneteau 50 CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) across the line by 2 seconds.

All 20 yachts were in the contest for Start of the Day won for the second time this series by DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) with a time of 5 seconds.

The fastest elapsed time was recorded by CARPE DIEM with a time of 1:55:11 – 15 minutes 16 seconds faster than her closest rival.





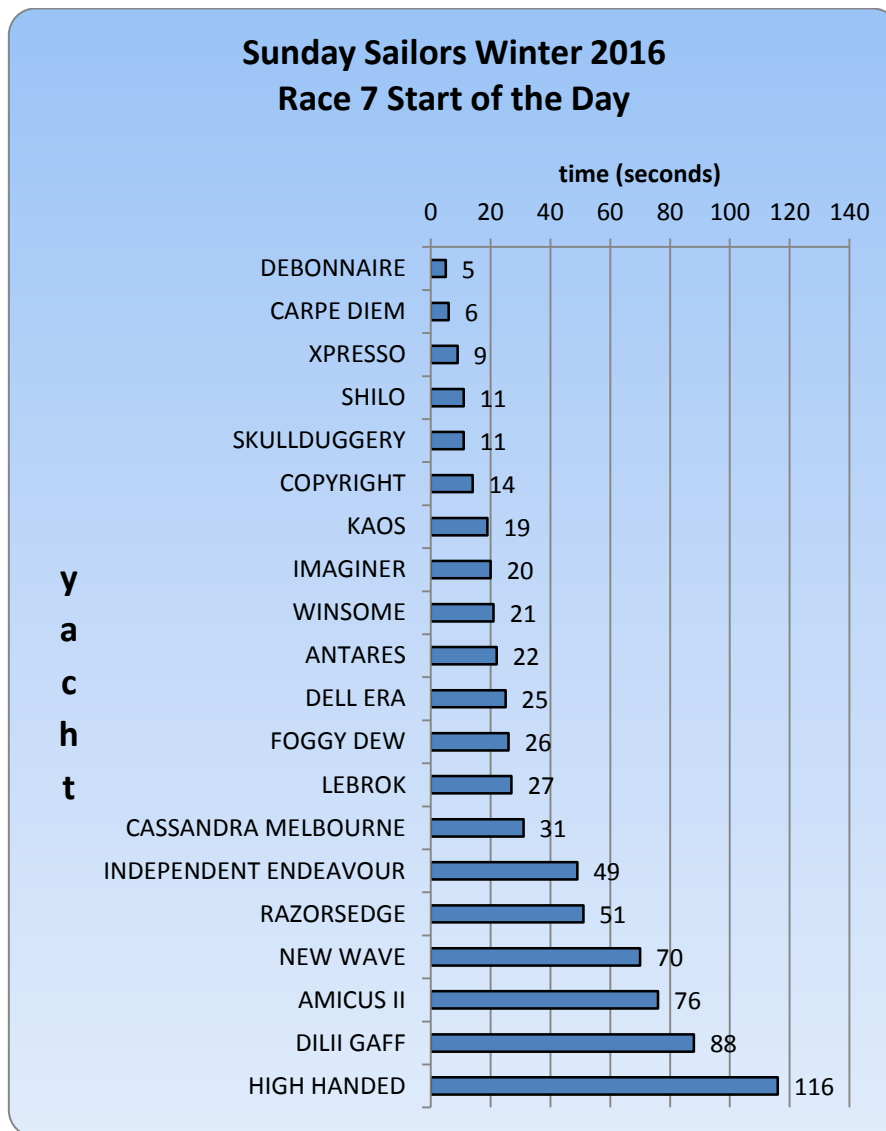
This was only the second race in the series for KAOS. She received a one minute reduction in handicap for this race and started 19 seconds late for a 3 minute handicap from 3<sup>rd</sup> place. KAOS sailed the course in the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest time of the day and was first across the finish line at 12:06:25. During the course of the race she had increased her lead over NEW WAVE (N Derricks) from 51 seconds at the start to 21 minutes 35 seconds at the finish. In contrast, KAOS was being chased down by COPYRIGHT who started 21 minutes 55 seconds behind but finished 4 minutes 44 seconds later.

This was the 4<sup>th</sup> race to be completed by COPYRIGHT and her first podium finish of the series. Her handicap at the start of the series was 29 minutes but was reduced to 25 for this race. COPYRIGHT started 14 seconds late from 11<sup>th</sup> place and was able to gradually improve her position without the aid of a spinnaker. She was 2<sup>nd</sup> across the finish line at 12:11:09 after sailing the course in 2:16:09 – the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest time of the race. COPYRIGHT started the day in 13<sup>th</sup> place in the aggregate but finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

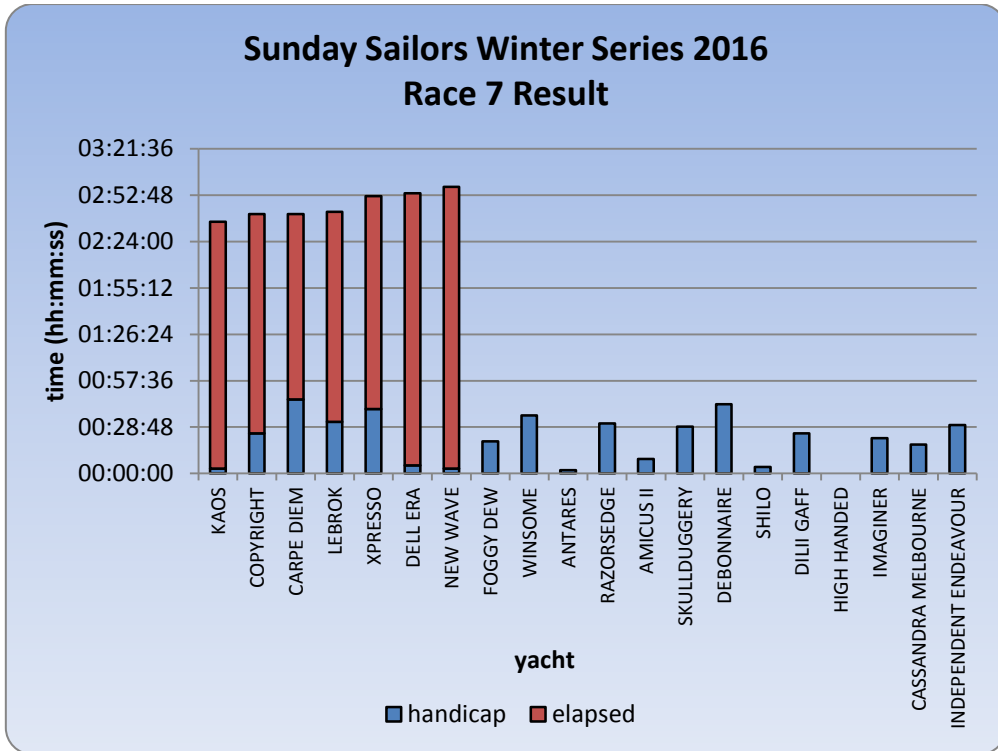


Hot on the heels of COPYRIGHT was CARPE DIEM. She is the only yacht to have completed 6 races in the series and this was her 2<sup>nd</sup> podium finish following a win in race 4. CARPE DIEM was the last yacht to start the race 6 seconds late for her 46 minute handicap. With the assistance of what appears to be a XXL spinnaker she was able to finish a close 3<sup>rd</sup> to COPYRIGHT. CARPE DIEM sailed the course in the fastest time of the day and crossed the finish line at 12:11:11. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place gave her a lift in the aggregate from 5<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

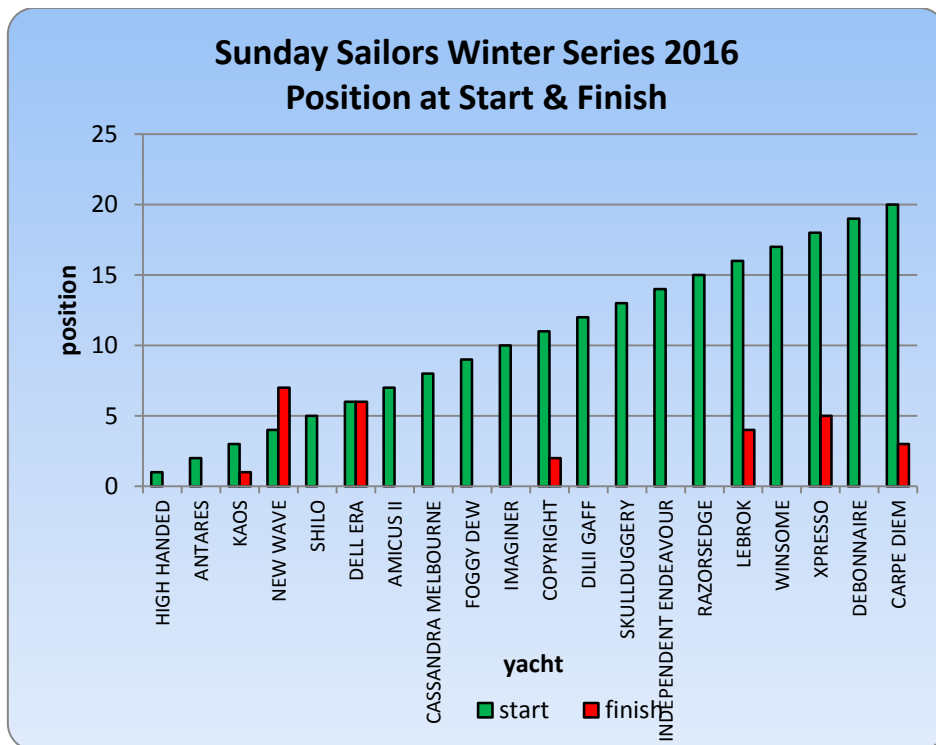
DEBONNAIRE became the 2<sup>nd</sup> yacht to win Start of the Day twice this series. She performed marginally better on her first win when she started 4 seconds late as opposed to 5 on this occasion. Only 3 yachts had starts better than 10 seconds whilst 4 yachts were over a minute late for their respective starts. The median start time was 22 seconds compared with approximately 33 seconds for the series.



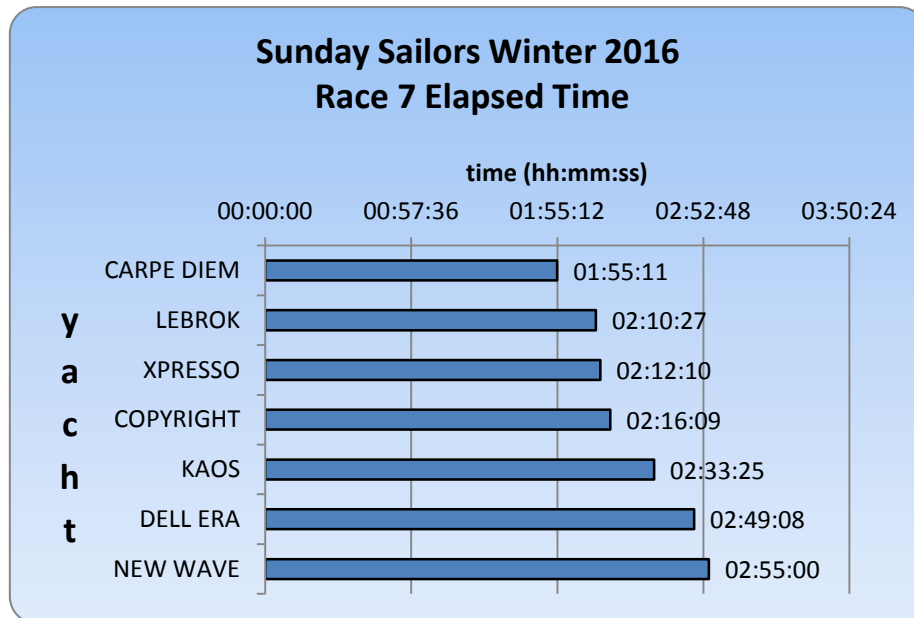
There was a gap of 44 minutes 10 seconds between the 20 yachts at the start of the race which reduced to 21 minutes 34 seconds between the 7 finishers.



Of the seven yachts that finished, 3 were among the early starters, one mid fleet and 3 were among the late starters.



The average elapsed time for this race was 2:24:30 – the longest of any race this series. Even though only 7 yachts finished there was a big difference between the elapsed times of the fastest and slowest yachts – 59 minutes 49 seconds. CARPE DIEM recorded the fastest time for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in 6 races.



There are still 4 races remaining in the series with race 8 scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

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