

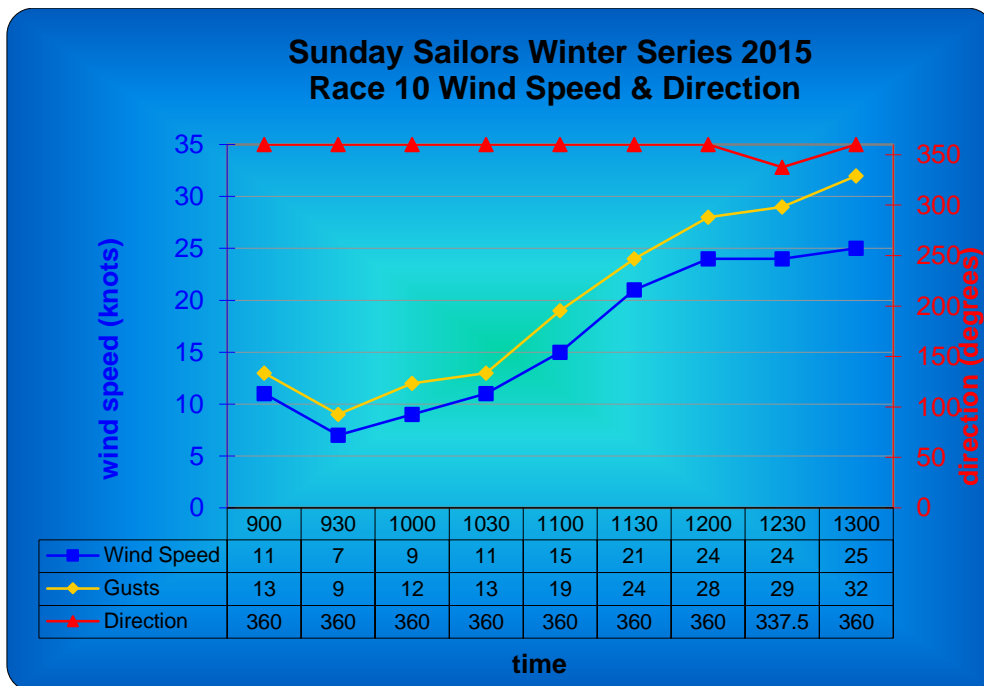
## The Breeze Continued to Build

### Sunday Sailors Winter Series Race 10

By race start there was enough of a northerly breeze to help clear away some of the hazy conditions that appeared earlier in the day. Selection of the 6 leg 9.8 nautical mile course was sufficient for two of the 21 starters to opt for spinnakers. This course offers the opportunity of 2 good spinnaker runs. The first run of about 3 miles between numbers 7 and 5 with the second run of around 1.6 miles between numbers 3 and 1. However, BOM had issued a strong wind warning for Port Philip along with a forecast of “north to north easterly 10 to 15 knots increasing to 15 to 25 knots this morning”. The forecast was accurate and yachts that started the race to vertical had a good angle of heel by the end.



Observations at Fawkner Beacon indicated an average wind speed of about 16 knots but it climbed steadily from about 7 knots at 0900 to 24 knots at 1230. It was very likely that this increase in speed caused 5 of the 22 starters not to finish the race.





The Oceanis series of yachts seem to enjoy 15+knots of breeze and this win by DILII GAFF (Paul Macbain) helps to reinforce that opinion. She has completed 7 races this series and this was her best result so far. Her previous best was a 2<sup>nd</sup> in race 3 when the wind speed averaged 20 knots. DILII GAFF started this race from 6<sup>th</sup> place 24 seconds late for her 12 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 2:00:57 crossing the finish line at 11:42:57 ahead of the rest of the fleet by 4 minutes 11 seconds. DILII GAFF has a total of 72 in a tie for 10<sup>th</sup> place with the S&S 34 VANQUISH

(Bob Beresford).

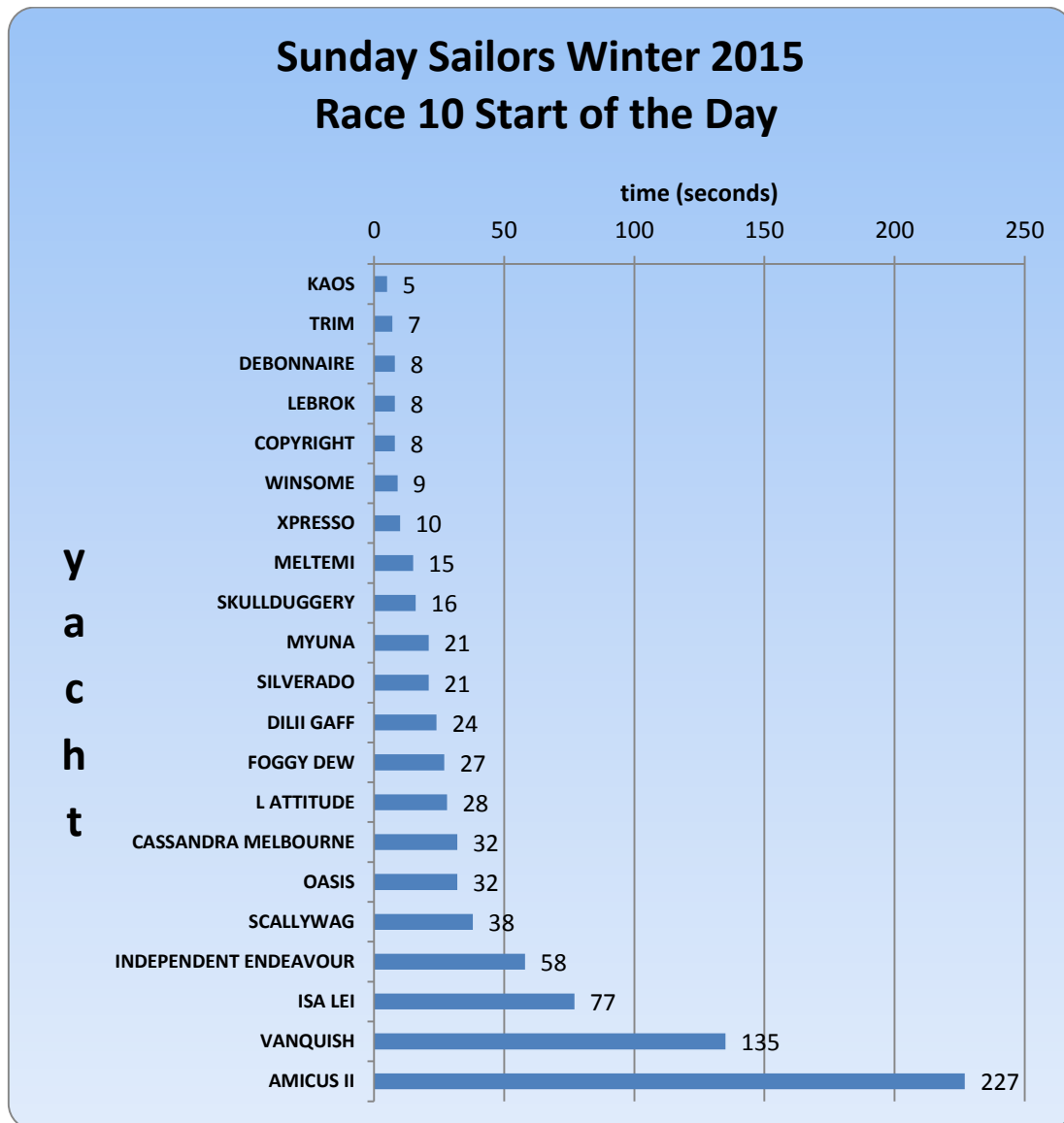
This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> completed race this series for the Swanson 30, AMICUS II (Warwick Stenford) and her best result to date. She was the 4<sup>th</sup> yacht to start 227 seconds late for her 4 minute handicap. AMICUS II sailed the course in 2:13:08 and crossed the line in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 11:47:08, 24 seconds ahead of CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves). Having sailed only 3 races in an aggregate that currently includes the best 6 results AMICUS II is not well placed in 19<sup>th</sup> position on 129 points.



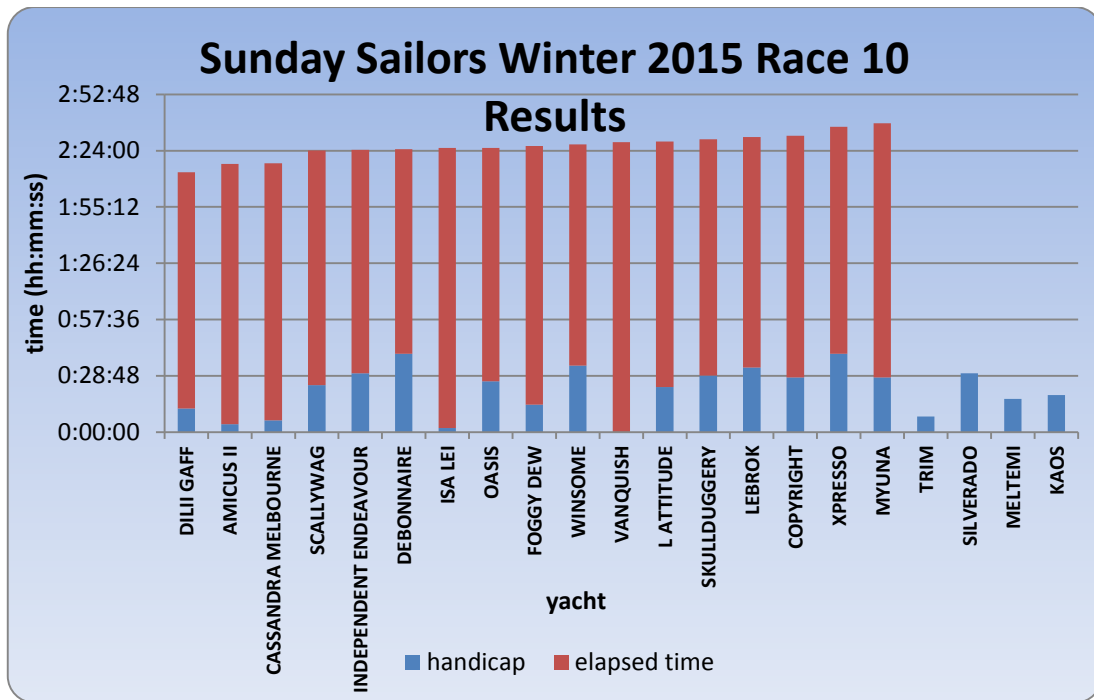
The Mottle 33 CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE is one of 4 yachts to have completed 8 races this series. Although she has 4 top ten finishes this was her first podium finish of the series. She was the 3<sup>rd</sup> yacht to start the race 32 seconds late for her 6 minute handicap. She had a tussle on the downwind leg between number 7 and 5 but managed to establish a firm position in the following windward leg. She sailed the course in 2:11:32 and crossed the finish line at 11:47:52. CASSANDRA is in 6<sup>th</sup>

place in the aggregate with 56 points.

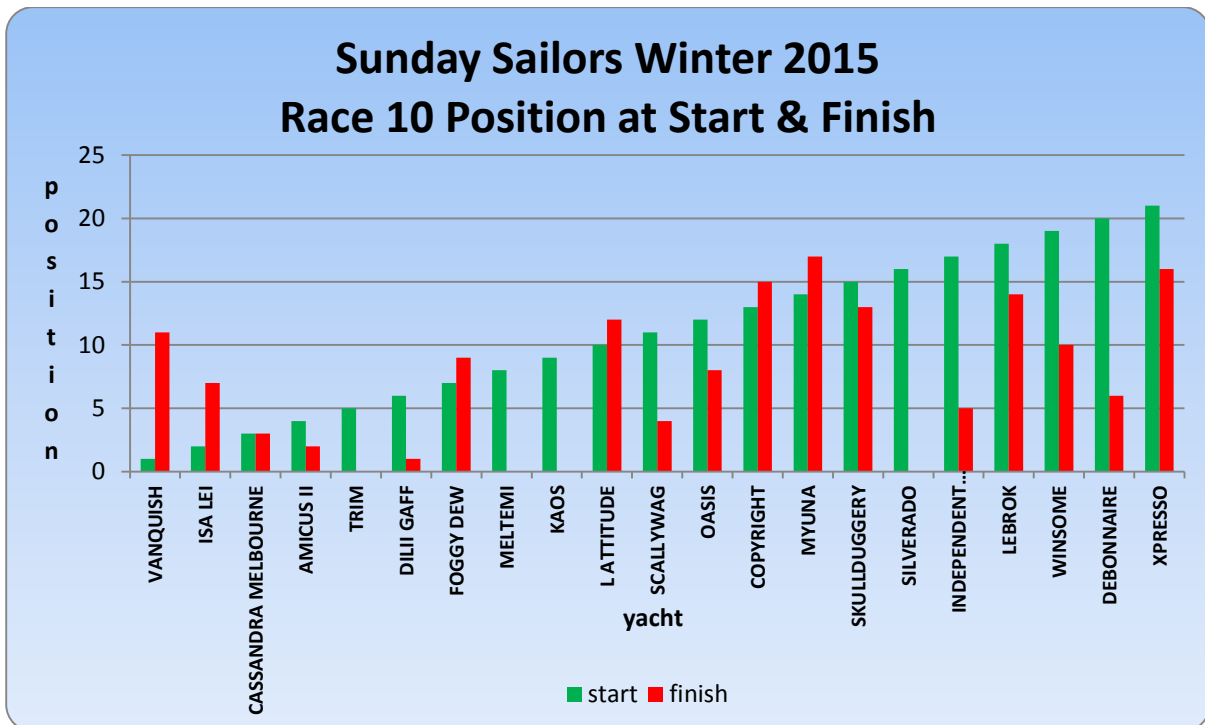
Neither KAOS (Dawn Cleaver) nor TRIM (Phil Atkins) were able to complete race 10 but both had good starts. KAOS won Start of the Day only 5 seconds late and TRIM had the next best time of 7 seconds. Of the 21 starters, 18 started within 60 seconds of their handicaps. The median start time was 21 seconds the second best of the series.



The 21 yacht fleet started the race 37 minutes 55 seconds apart with the 17 finishers 25 minutes and 7 seconds apart. There was a very tight finish between two very dissimilar yachts; the Serendipity 28, ISA LEI (Andrew Chapman) and the Skye 51 OASIS (David Keyes-Tilley). These two crossed the finish within 1 second of each other in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place respectively.

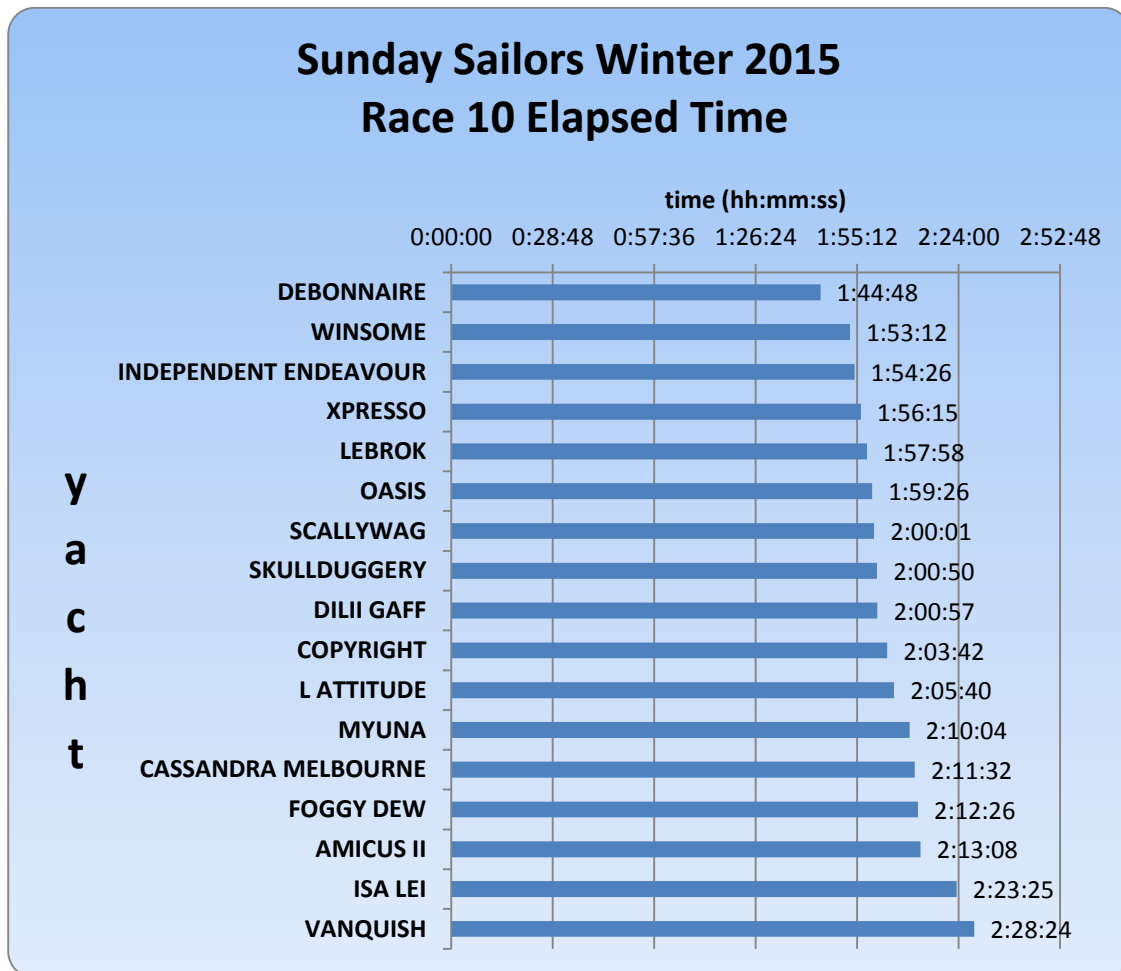


It was the early starters that dominated the finish of the race with four of them amongst the first 7 yachts to finish. Two yachts that started mid fleet and a DNF accounted for the remaining 7 early finishers.



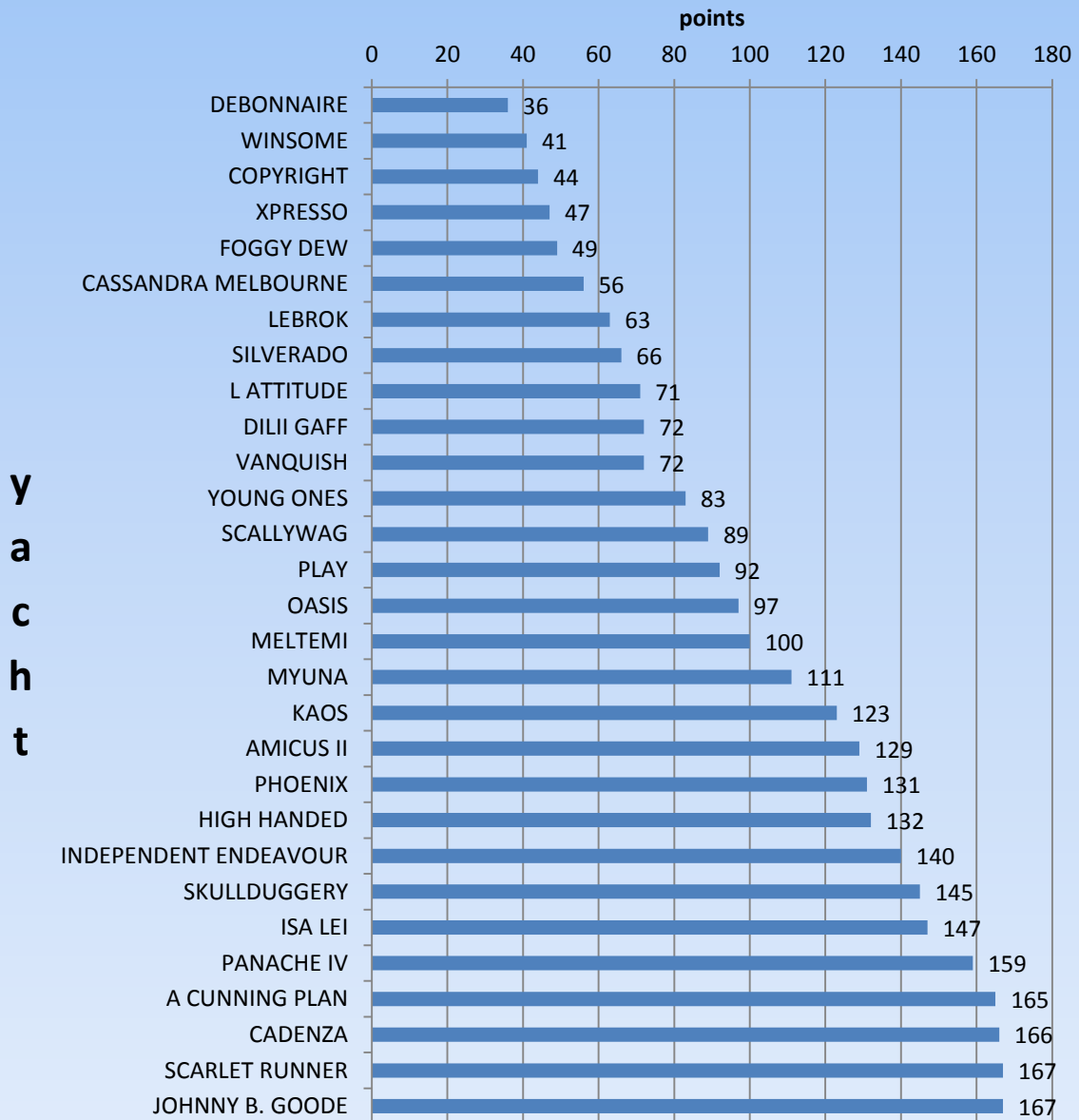
It was the Beneteau First 45 DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) that sailed the course in the fastest time of 1:44:48. The average elapsed time was 2:04:29 with 43 minutes

36 seconds separating the fastest from the slowest. There was 7 seconds between the elapsed time of the Jeanneau Sunfast 44 SKULLDUGGERY (Garry MaCarten) and the shorter Beneteau DILII GAFF.



Race 11 is the last scheduled race of the series, due to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The aggregate point scores going into the last race are shown in the table on the following page. DEBONNAIRE is the current leader followed by WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) and COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack). Eight points separate these top 3 yachts so same change is possible. The contest for 10<sup>th</sup> place could be an interesting one with 2 points currently separating 3 yachts.

## Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2015 Race 10 Aggregate



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