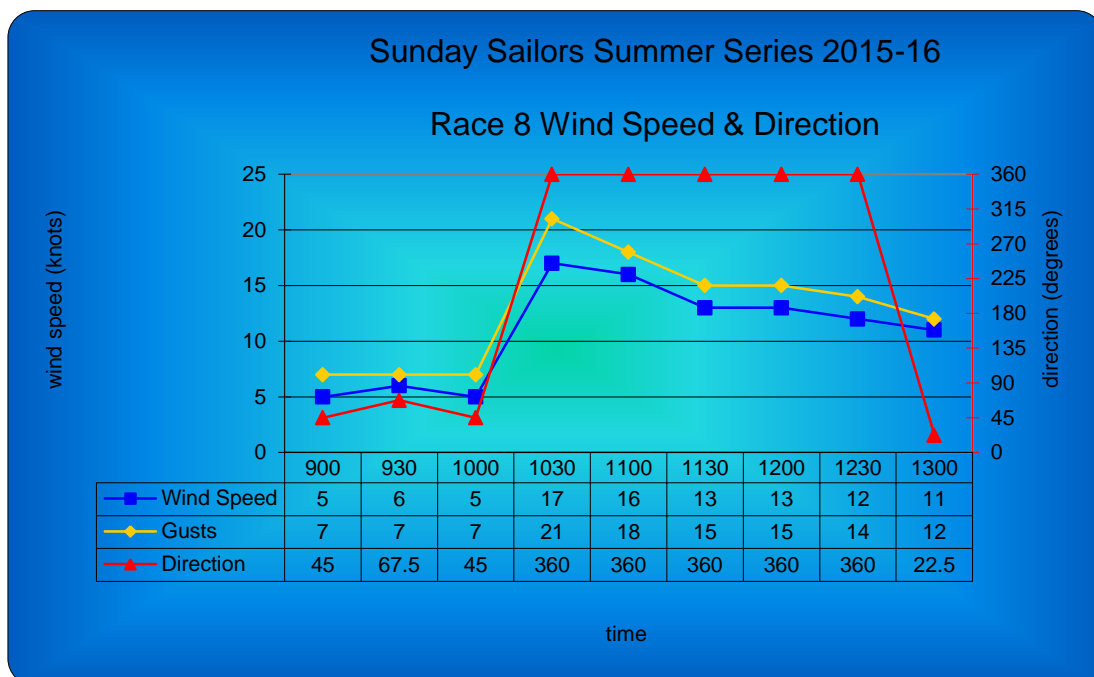


Early Wind Shift Affects Final Result

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2015-16 Race 8



It was something of a relief to see race 8 get underway particular after the first scheduled race for 2016 was abandoned due to strong winds (averaged over 25 knots). So far the series has been a battle against the breeze, with 2 races abandoned resulting from strong winds and 5 races shortened due to light breezes.



Race 8 appeared to be an attempt to combine the two extremes with the race beginning in light breezes but quickly getting stronger and moving into the north around 1000 hrs.

This wind shift had quite an impact on the results. The start was by far the slowest of the series with a median start time of 50 seconds. None of the early starters (handicaps of 13 minutes or less) were among the early finishers. Similarly none of the late starters were among the late finishers. Four yachts chose to fly spinnakers but this didn't seem to be of benefit on this occasion. Nevertheless the breeze helped to make this the second fastest race of the series with the race coming to an end at 11:47:52



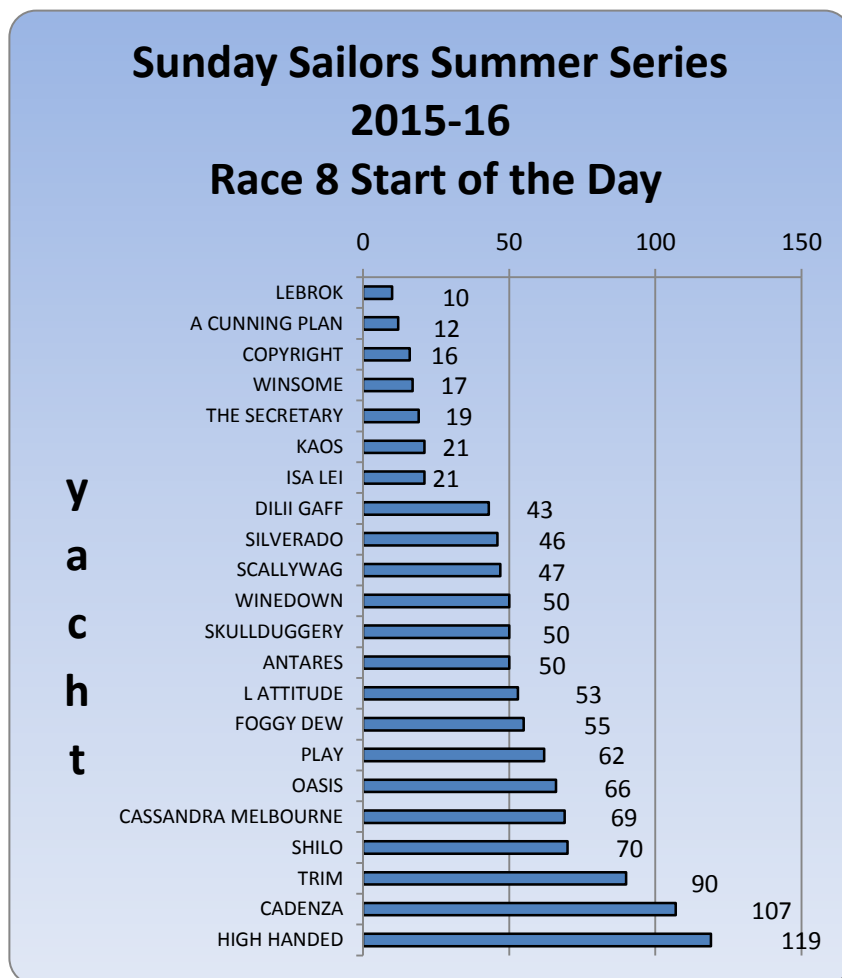
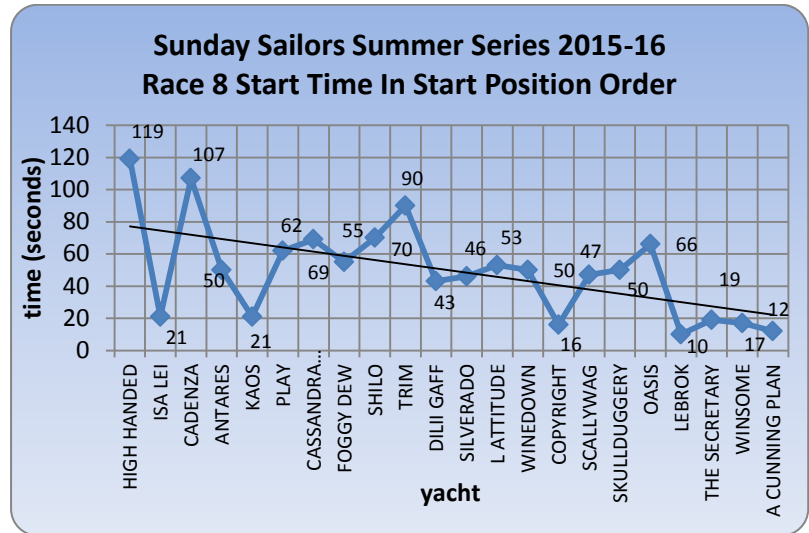
It was the Bavaria 32 FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard) that won the race, crossing the line 2 minutes 50 seconds before any other yacht. FOGGY DEW had started from 8th place 55 seconds late for her 14 minute handicap. This was not the best start of the race but she was able to make up for her start by sailing the course in 1:30:45. She was first across the line finishing at 11:14:45, to make this her first podium finish of the series. FOGGY DEW has completed all 6 races in the series and the win lifted her from 5th to 2nd in the aggregate.

The Oceanis 40 DILII GAFF (Paul MacBain) has completed 5 of the 6 races, failing to finish the shortened race 5 which had the lightest breeze of the series. DILII GAFF started from 12th place 39 seconds late for her 18 minute handicap – her highest of the series. She sailed the course in 1:29:35, the 9th fastest time of the race. She was 2nd across the finish line to record her second podium finish of the series. This puts DILII GAFF in 6th place in the aggregate on 36 points – 10 points behind the leader.

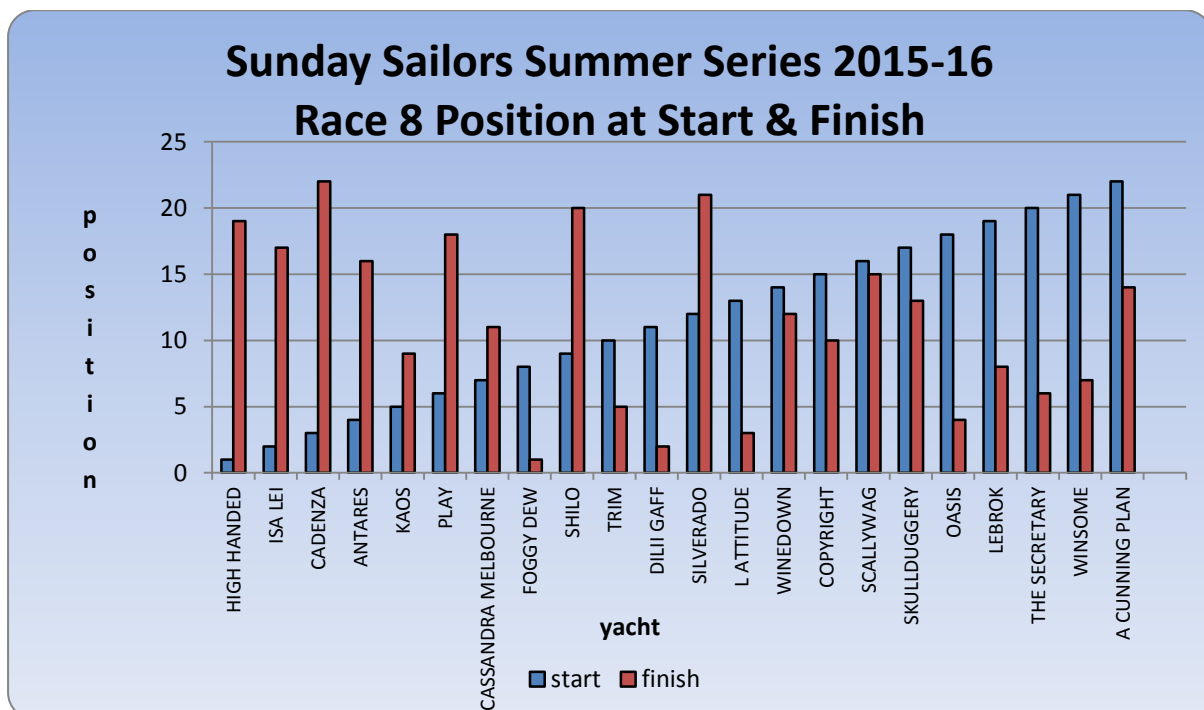
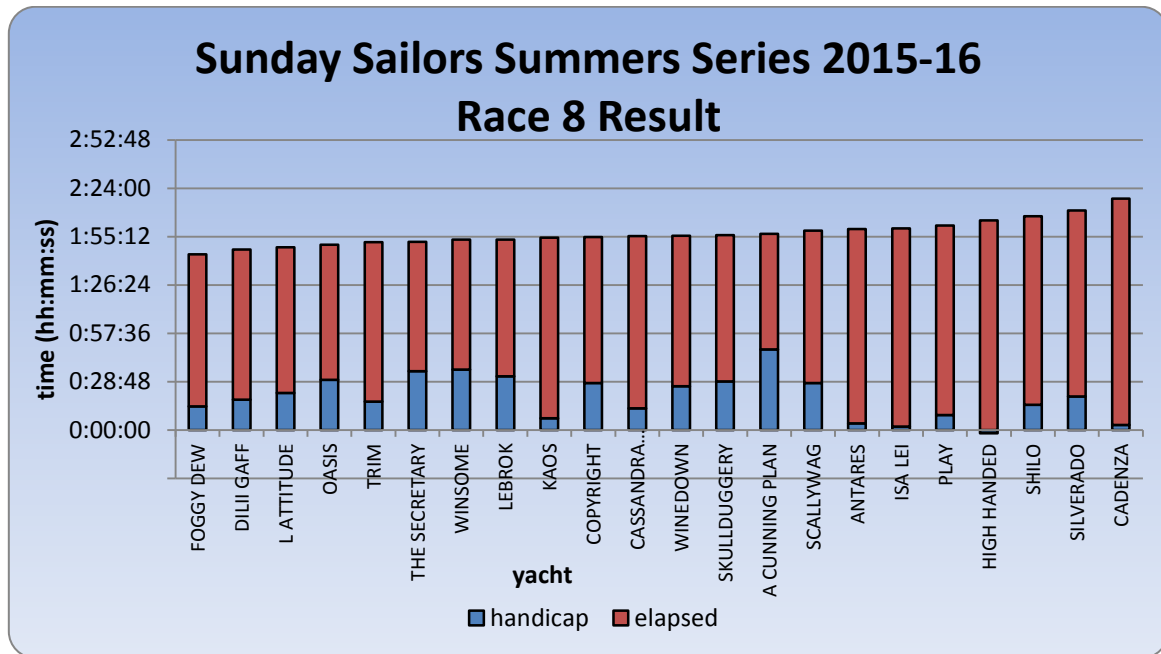


Finishing in 3rd place with the 6th fastest time of the race was the Sigma 35 L'ATTITUDE (Peter Grey). She is another yacht to have completed all 6 races in the series but this is her first podium finish. L'ATTITUDE started 53 seconds late for her 22 minute handicap from 13th place. After sailing the course in 1:26:51 she crossed the finish line at 11:18:51 – 1 minute 16 seconds behind DILII GAFF. L'ATTITUDE moved up from 6th to 4th in the aggregate tied on 35 points with the Mottle 33 CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE.

Start of the Day was won by the Beneteau 367 LEBROK (Theo Korbel) with a time of 10 seconds. There seemed to be a trend that start times improved the later the yacht started.

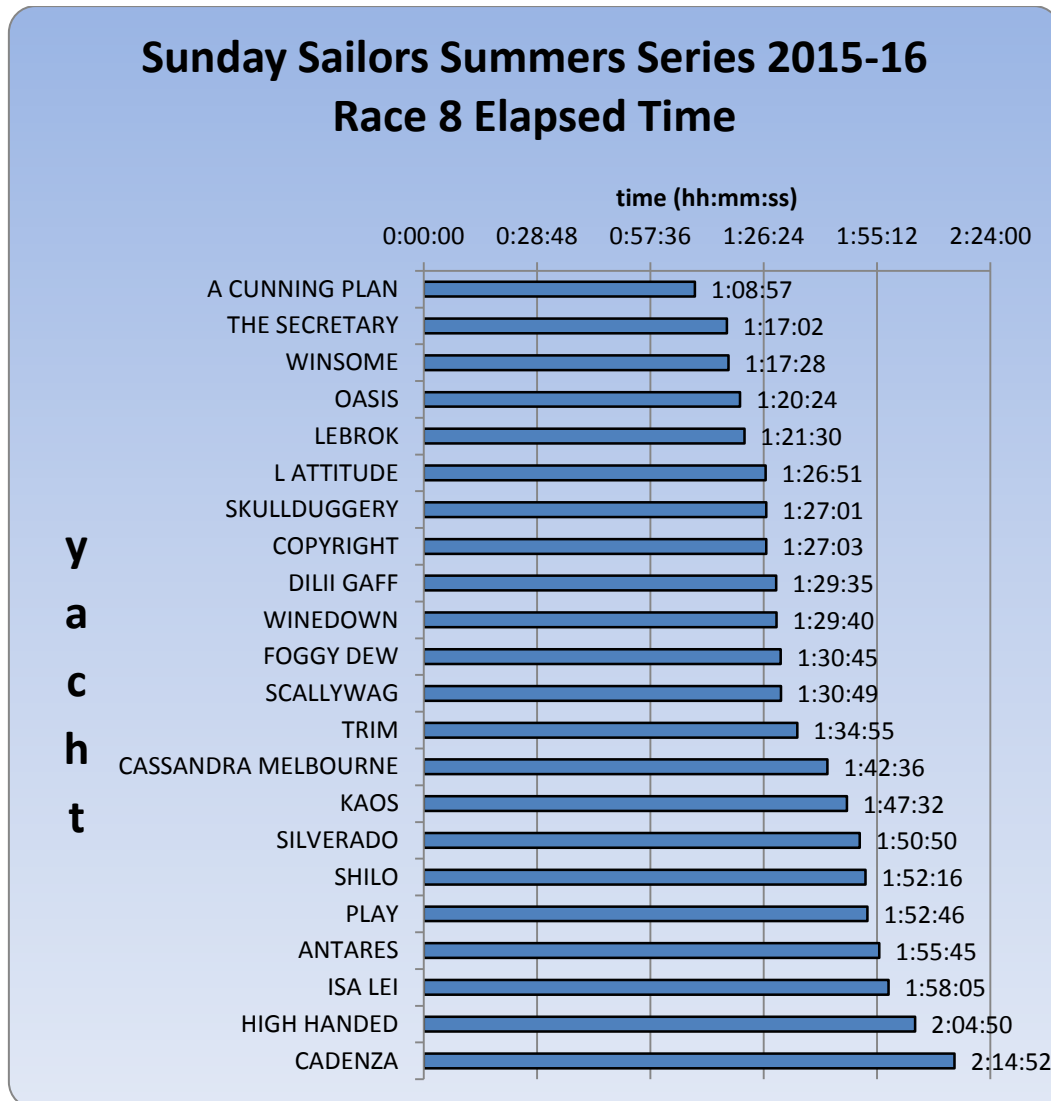


The fleet started the race 48 minutes 13 seconds apart and finished 33 minutes 7 seconds apart. The closest contest was between WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) and LEBROK who finished 2 seconds apart.



It was the mid fleet starters that did well in this race, with 4 of the 8 finishing among the early finishers. It was not a good day for the early starters.

With an average elapsed time of 1:37:21 this was the second fastest elapsed time of the series. The Cookson 12 A CUNNING PLAN (John Lechte) recorded the fastest elapsed time of the race and the second fastest of the entire series with a time of 1:08:57. She was the last yacht to start but moved through the fleet to finish 14th.



The outcome of the race saw SKULLDUGGERY enter the aggregate top ten at the expense of IMAGINER. SKULLDUGGERY moved up from 13th place in the aggregate after finishing 13th, whilst IMAGINER fell to 11th. A table showing the aggregate positions for the series is shown on the following page.

| Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2015-16 – Aggregate Position | | | | | | | | |
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| YACHT | Race Number | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| COPYRIGHT | 3 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| FOGGY DEW | 13 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| WINSOME | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| CASSANDRA MELBOURNE | 16 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| L ATTITUDE | 8 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| DILII GAFF | 12 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 6 |
| OASIS | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| LEBROK | 20 | 17 | 14 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| SILVERADO | 7 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| SKULLDUGGERY | 10 | 18 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 10 |
| IMAGINER | 5 | 5 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| CADENZA | 17 | 22 | 21 | 17 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| SCALLYWAG | 6 | 16 | 22 | 19 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 13 |
| KAOS | 14 | 13 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 14 |
| DEBONNAIRE | 2 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 15 |
| WINEDOWN | 18 | 10 | 16 | 13 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 16 |
| MYUNA III | 20 | 15 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 17 |
| HIGH HANDED | 15 | 21 | 19 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| ISA LEI | 11 | 20 | 17 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 19 |
| PLAY | 20 | 24 | 23 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| ANTARES | 20 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 21 |
| INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOUR | 9 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 22 |
| DELL ERA | | | 25 | 24 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 |
| PANACHE IV | | 19 | 18 | 22 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| SHILO | 19 | 23 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 25 |
| AMICUS II | 20 | 14 | 20 | 23 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 26 |
| A CUNNING PLAN | 20 | 24 | 27 | 27 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 27 |
| VANQUISH | 20 | 24 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 28 |
| SALT WHISTLE | 20 | 24 | 27 | 27 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 29 |

Race 9 is scheduled for 31 January 2016

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