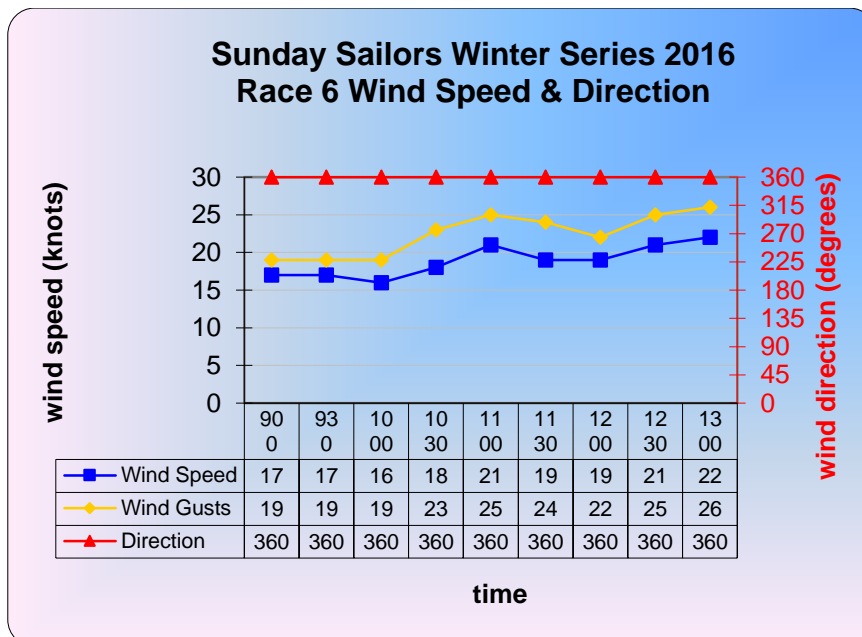


A Good Sunday Morning Work Out

Sunday Sailors Race 6



This was the fifth race to be completed and strengthening wind made it hard work. Nine of the 23 starters failed to finish the race including one without a functional mast. Nevertheless, the race recorded the first multiple winner of the series when VANQUISH (Bob Beresford) crossed the finish line at 11:49:51 to make this her second successive win of the series. SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) and DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) found themselves among the glassware for the first time this season finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively. For the third time this series there was a tie for Start of the Day between FOGGY DEW (Joe O’Grady) and PLAY (Iain Pridgeon). Sailing the course in the fastest time was CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) who completed the 7 leg, 10.8 nautical mile course 8 in 1:38:41. This is the 3rd time CARPE DIEM has contested this course and despite the average wind speed being the greatest she recorded her longest elapsed time. The breeze averaged about 19 knots for the morning increasing from 17 knots at the start to be over 20 knots by the end of the race. The wind direction was a consistent northerly but the sea did become rougher with water finding its way over the gunnels.





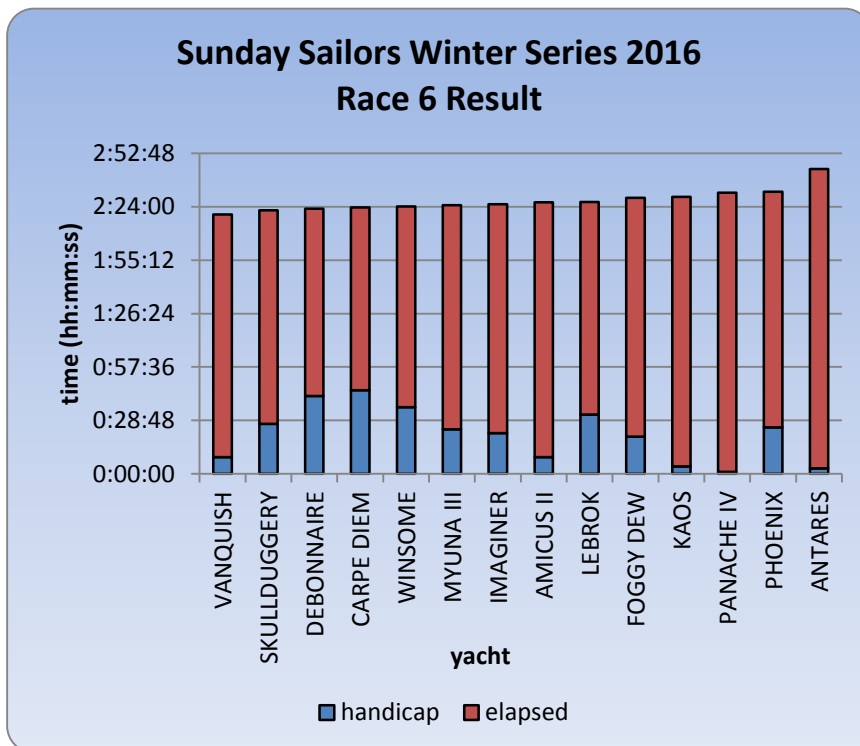
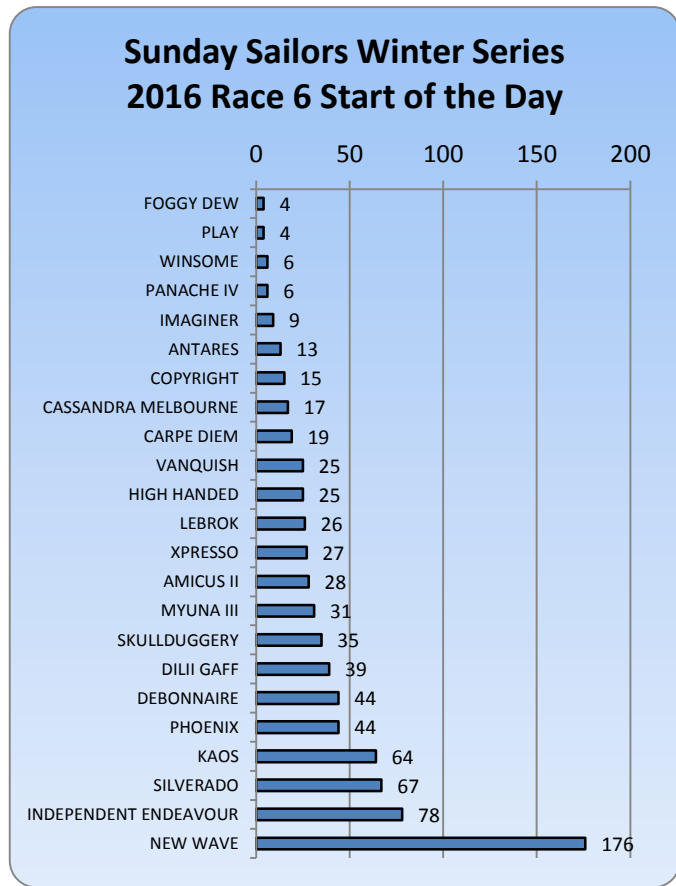
The S&S 34 VANQUISH has revelled in the stronger breezes since finishing last in her first race (race 2). Since then she has recorded 2 successive wins and a 2nd place in 4 completed races. She started this race from 6th place, 25 seconds late for her 9 minute handicap – her highest of the series. After the first 4 legs of the race, which included a spinnaker run, she had claimed 1st place and went on to cross the finish line at 11:49:51 after sailing the entire course in 2:10:51. This win helped VANQUISH into 2nd place in the aggregate up from 4th place after the previous race.

On top of the aggregate with 21 points is Jeanneau 44 SKULLDUGGERY who finished in 2nd place 2 minutes 17 seconds behind VANQUISH. SKULLDUGGERY had started from 17th place 35 seconds late for 27 minute handicap. She crossed the finish line at 11:52:08 to record her 4th top ten finish in 4 completed races. Her elapsed time of 1:55:08 was the 5th fastest of the race.



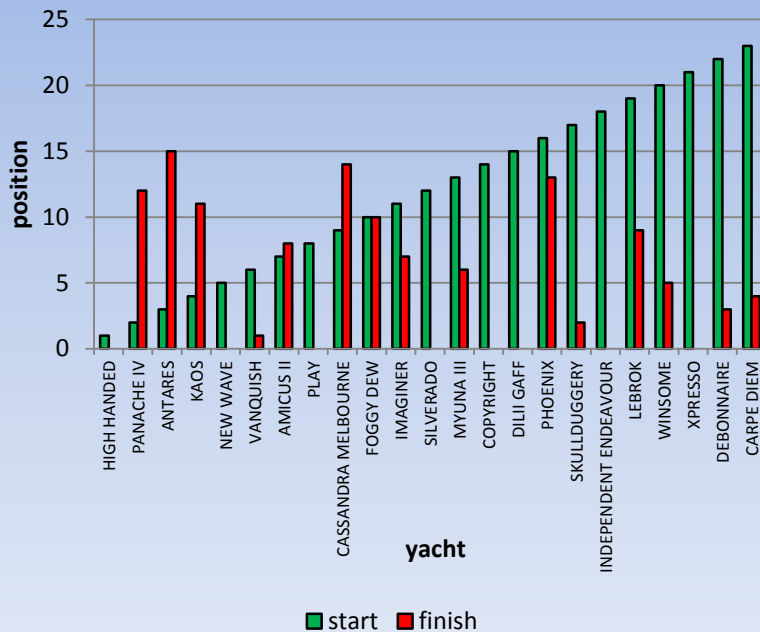
The Beneteau First 45 DEBONNAIRE recorded her first podium finish of the series when she crossed the line in 3rd place 50 seconds behind SKULLDUGGERY. DEBONNAIRE started this race from 22nd place 44 seconds late for a 42 minute handicap. Sailing the course in the 2nd fastest elapsed time of 1:40:58 she was able to overtake most of the fleet and cross the finish in 3rd place at 11:52:58. DEBONNAIRE is 4th in the aggregate with a total of 29 points.

As mentioned earlier FOGGY DEW and PLAY tied for start of the day with a start of 4 seconds. WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) and PANACHE IV (Egils E Stokans) tied for the second best start time of 6 seconds. Five yachts had start times better than 10 seconds whilst 4 yachts were more than 60 seconds late for their handicaps. The median start time was 26 seconds.



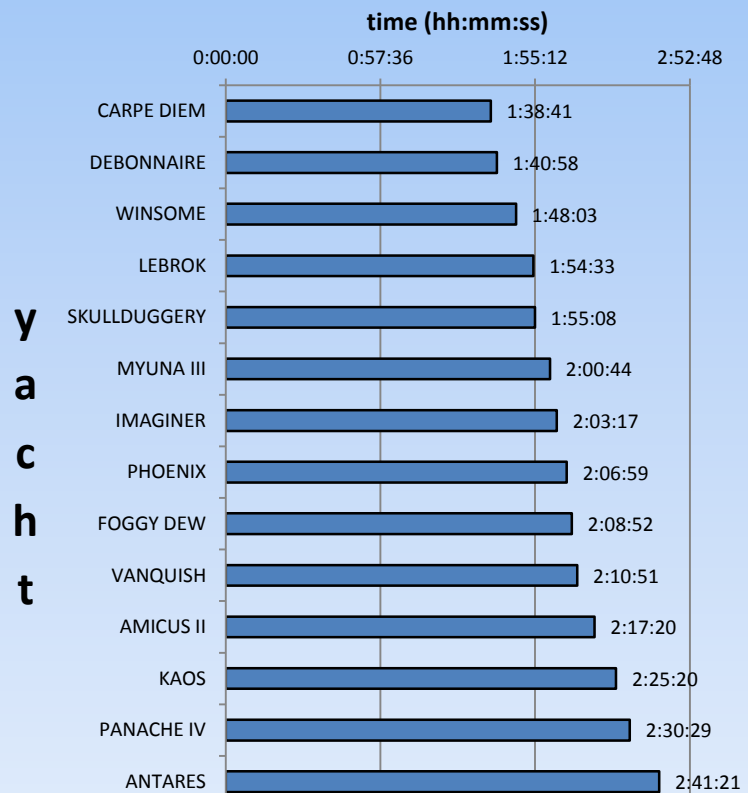
The 23 yachts started the race 44 minutes 54 seconds apart and 14 finished 24 minutes 30 seconds apart. There were no close finishes with 13 seconds separating AMICUSII from LEBROK the closest.

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2016 Race 6 Position at Start & Finish



With almost 40% of the starters not finishing the race it was an achievement to cross the finish line. Of the first 7 yachts to start, 5 finished. Four mid fleet starters finished, as did 5 of the late starters. The late starters proved to be the best finishers, with 4 of them being among the first 7 yachts to finish.

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2016 Race 6 Elapsed Time



The average elapsed time for the race was 2:05:54 with a range of 1:02:40. CARPE DIEM recorded the fastest time followed by DEBONNAIRE then WINSOME. All but five of the finishers sailed for more than 2 hours with ANTARES receiving best value for money with a sail of 2:41:21.

There have been 3 races around course 8 this series which have produced different averaged elapsed times. Race 6 had the most breeze and also the longest elapsed times. Race 2 recorded the lowest average breeze but had intermediate elapsed times whilst race 3 recorded the best average elapsed time. It was this race that had almost a westerly rather than a northerly or north westerly breeze.

SUNDAY SAILORS WINTER 2016 – RACES AROUND COURSE 8			
	RACE NUMBER		
	2	3	6
AVE ELAPSED TIME	1:57:43	1:40:10	2:05:54
AVE WIND SPEED	12	16	19
AVE WIND DIRECTION	320	273	360
NOS OF YACHTS	22	22	14

Race 7 in the series is scheduled for 31 July 2016

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