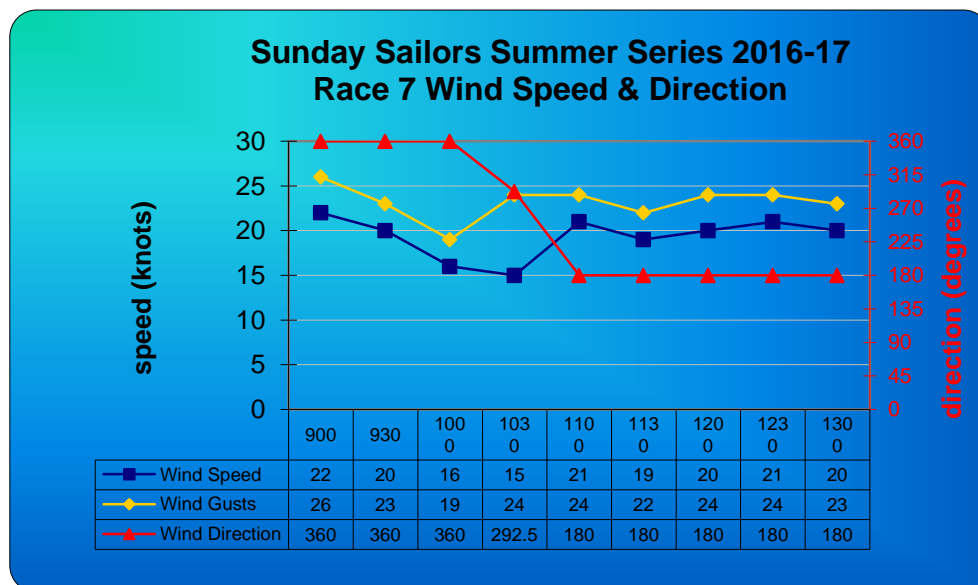


That's What You Call A Wind Shift Sunday Sailors Summers Series 2016-17 Race 7



A blustery north wind was not enough to deter 15 yachts contesting the first Sunday Sailors race of 2017. However the northerly only lasted about an hour into the race before easing and moving through the west to become established as a southerly of about 20 knots. For some yachts this made the 8.2 nautical mile course 19 into an exercise in running and reaching. Making the best of these conditions was DILII GAFF (Paul MacBain) who won the race by a margin of 2 minutes 16 seconds. This is her 2nd win of the series. Sailing in her first race of the series; winning Start of the Day and finishing 2nd was SALT WHISTLE (Alex Hall). Finishing 3rd with the 3rd fastest time of the race was the Jeanneau 40 - WINSOME (Simon Hemingway). The fastest elapsed time of 1:13:01 was recorded by DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez). This is the first time in five attempts that she has sailed the course in the shortest time. No yacht was seen to fly a spinnaker.

For the 4th successive week LEBROK (Theo Korbel) leads the aggregate whilst a win in this race consolidates DILII GAFF in 2nd place. WINSOME entered the aggregate top ten for the first time this series with FOGGY DEW (Joe O'Grady) slipping out of the top ten also for the first time this series.



Observations at Fawkner Beacon indicated the breeze to average 19 knots for the morning. This is the strongest breeze for a race this series but the average speed of the fleet did not exceed that achieved in race when the breeze averaged 17 knots.



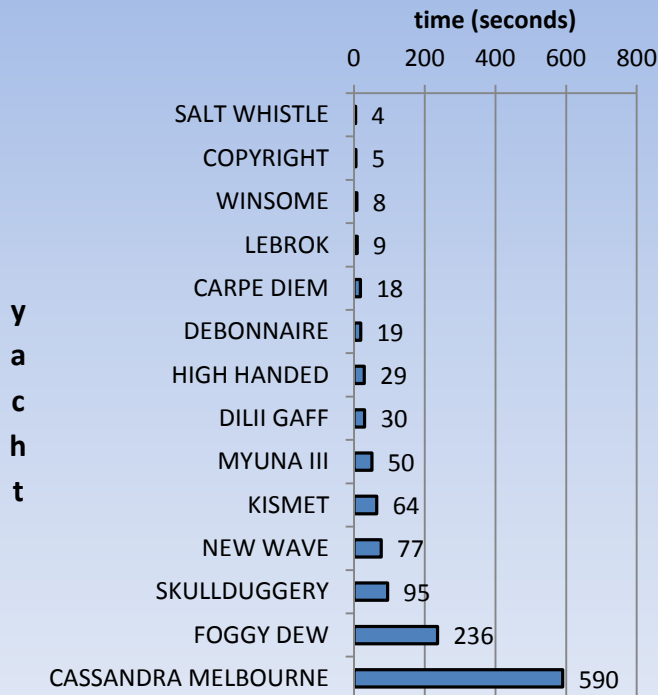
DILII GAFF is one of 5 yachts to have completed 5 of the six races this series. Of the five races she has recorded two wins and a 3rd place making her the 2nd yacht to record 3 podium finishes. Her latest win puts her 2nd in the aggregate only 2 points behind the leader. DILII GAFF started this race from 6th place 30 seconds late for her 23 minute handicap. She started 26 seconds later than SALT WHISTLE who had the same 23 minute handicap. However, DILII GAFF was able to sail the course faster and crossed the finish line at 11:17:45 – 2 minutes 16 seconds ahead.

The Northshore 34 SALT WHISTLE performed very well in this race. She started from 5th place, 4 seconds late for her 23 minute handicap for which she won Start of the Day. She went on to sail the course in the 6th fastest time of the race crossing the finish line in 2nd place at 11:20:01. She actually started 31 seconds ahead of the Jeanneau 44 SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) even though the latter had a 22 minute handicap. SALT WHISTLE increased this lead throughout the race finishing 5 minutes 21 seconds ahead.



This was the first podium finish for WINSOME in 4 completed races. She started from 11th place 8 seconds late for a 29 minute handicap. None of the yachts that started after WINSOME overtook her whilst she overtook all but 2 yachts that started in front of her. WINSOME sailed the course in 1:22:15 – the 3rd fastest time of the race and crossed the finish line at 11:21:15. She finished 1 minute 14 seconds behind SALT WHISTLE and 1 minute 40 seconds ahead of MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon). This 3rd place puts WINSOME into 7th position in the aggregate up from 11th place following race 6.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2016-17 Race 7 Position at Start & finish

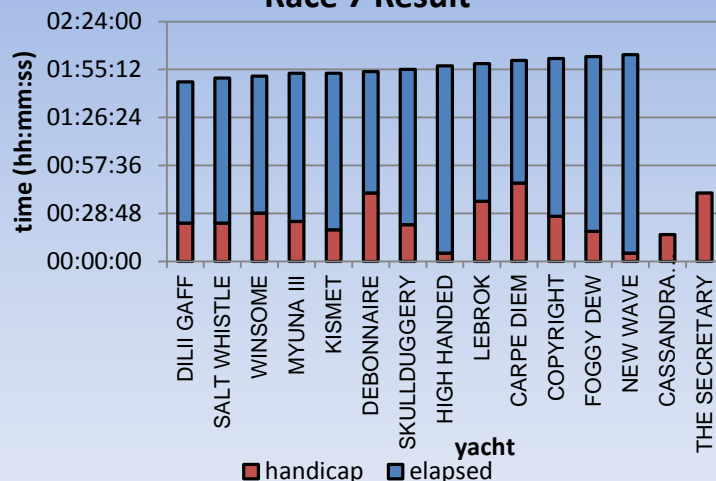


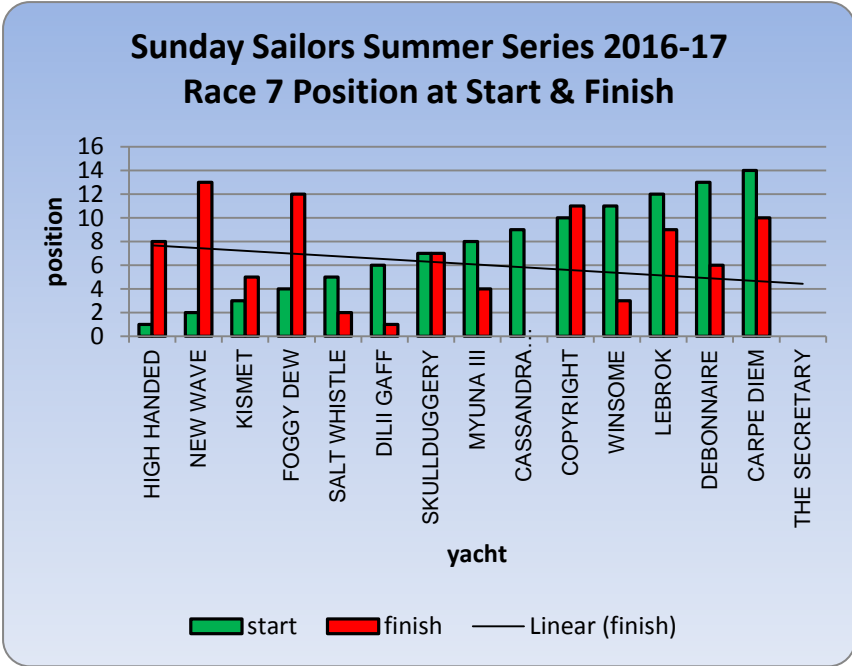
With 5 yachts starting more than 60 seconds late for their handicaps and a median start time of 29 seconds this was not the timeliest start of the series. However, 4 yachts did start within 10 seconds or less of their handicaps with SALT WHISTLE winning Start of the Day.



The race did not produce a particularly tight finish with an average of 1 minute 6 seconds separating each yacht as they crossed the finish line. The closest finish was the contest for 4th place with 9 seconds separating MYUNA III from KISMET (Doug Jackson).

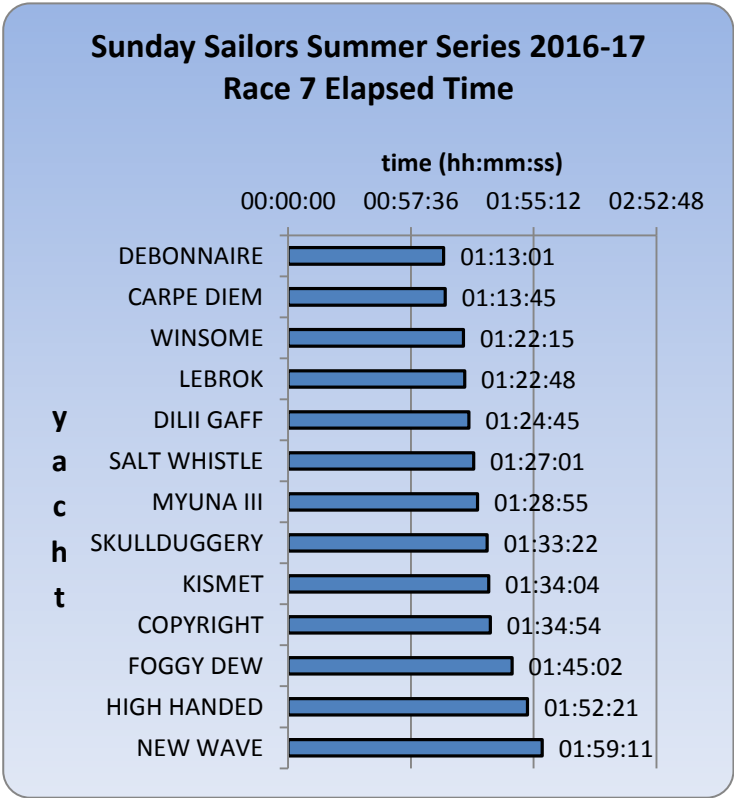
Sunday Sailors 2016-17 Race 7 Result





Of the 5 late starters only WINSOME was able to be among the early finishers. The rest of the early finishers comprised 2 early and 2 mid fleet starters.

With an average elapsed time of 1:31:39 this was one of the faster races of the series. DEBONNAIRE recorded the fastest time of 1:13:01 only 44 seconds faster than Carpe DIEM (Paul Commins). For only the second race in the series no yacht took more than 2 hours to complete the course.



Race 8 is scheduled for 22 Jan 2017

