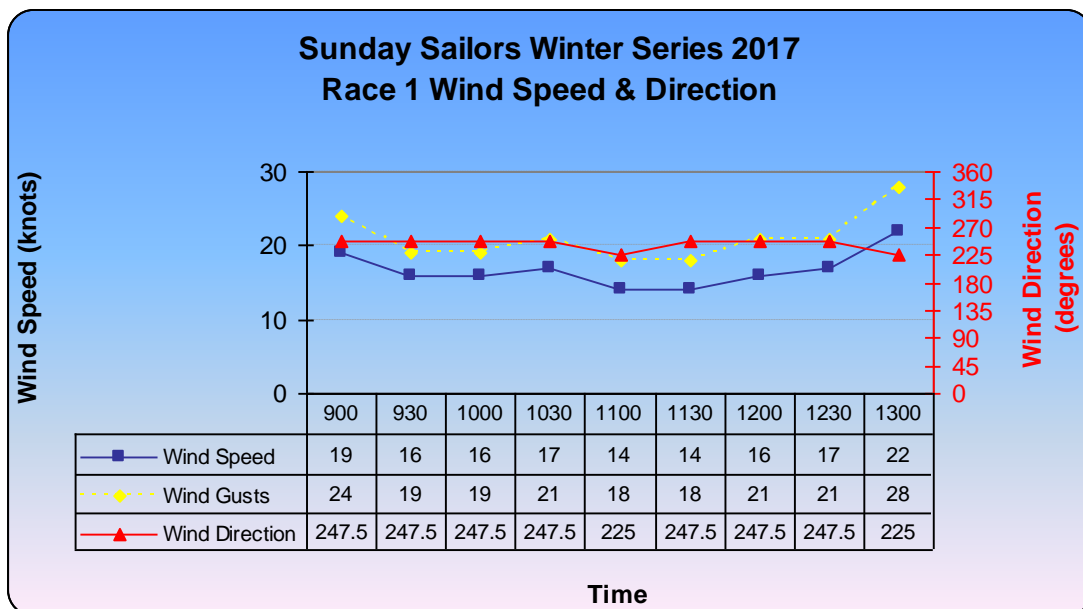


## Breezy Start to Series Opener Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2017 Race 1



Not even a fresh south westerly breeze prevented 16 yachts taking to the water for the opening race of the winter series. The breeze averaged about 17 knots for the morning out at Fawkner Beacon producing plenty of 'white water' whilst the temperature struggled to make double figures. Course 27 took the fleet around an 8 leg course of 10 nautical miles. This is the longest course sailed on a Sunday for some time but all the fleet completed the course well within the 1230 time limit.



Making a very impressive start to Sunday Sailors was RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp). She had a very successful morning not only winning the race but also winning Start of the day and sailing the course in the 6<sup>th</sup> fastest time. There are 11 scheduled races in this winter series which continues until the 24 Sept 2017. The yacht sailing the course in the fastest time was BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch) who sailed the course in 1:30:06.

The NOR states, "Prizes will be awarded to the boats placing first, second and third in each race of the Series. An additional prize may be presented to the boat judged as starting closest to its allocated start time. The winner of the Series will be awarded a memento trophy.

The following perpetual trophy will be awarded: SUNDAY PLATE: to the boat having the lowest combined score based on their final placings in the Winter and Summer Sunday Series.



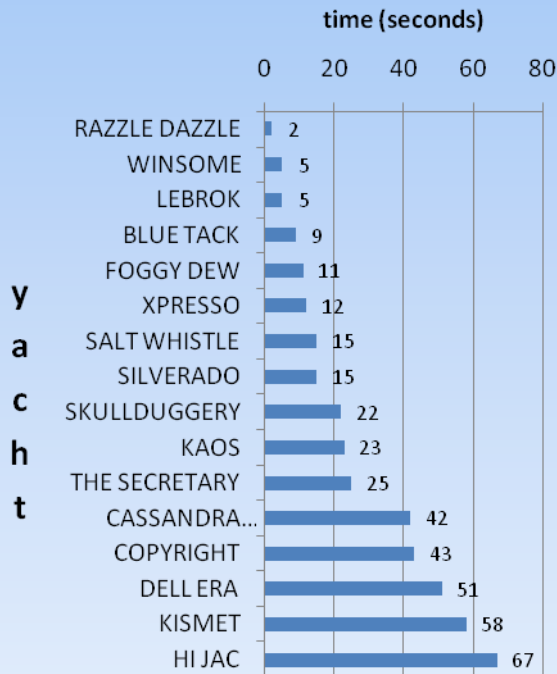
The Swarbrick 111 RAZZLE DAZZLE arrived at the club in November last year and sailed 15 races in the WW summer Series. During that series she recorded 6 top ten finishes including a win in race 20. She began this winter series at 9:59:02 when she crossed the start line in 11<sup>th</sup> place 2 seconds late for her 29 minute handicap. RAZZLE DAZZLE started the race 1 place 5 minutes 3 seconds ahead of WINSOME and finished 3 places ahead but with a reduced margin of 2 minutes 48 seconds. RAZZLE DAZZLE sailed the course in 1:43:19 and was first across the finish line at 11:42:19.

SALT WHISTLE completed 2 races in the summer series without a podium finish. She had a much better start to this series with a podium finish in her first race. SALT WHISTLE started 15 seconds late for her 26 minute handicap from 9<sup>th</sup> place. This was 1 place and 32 seconds ahead of COPYRIGHT (Stewart Morrison Jack). However, SALT WHISTLE sailed the course in 1:47:12 – 5 minutes 31 seconds faster than COPYRIGHT and crossed the finish line at 11:43:12 only 53 seconds behind the winner.



FOGGY DEW sailed 7 races in the 2016 winter series and a further 10 races in the summer 2016-17 series to win the Sunday Plate. She continues her good form with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in this current series. She started from 3<sup>rd</sup> place only 11 seconds late for her 18 minute handicap. She shared this handicap with CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) but crossed the start line 31 seconds ahead. By the end of the race FOGGY DEW had increased her lead over CASSANDRA to finish 5 minutes ahead. FOGGY DEW crossed the finish line at 11:44:15 after sailing the race in 11:56:15.

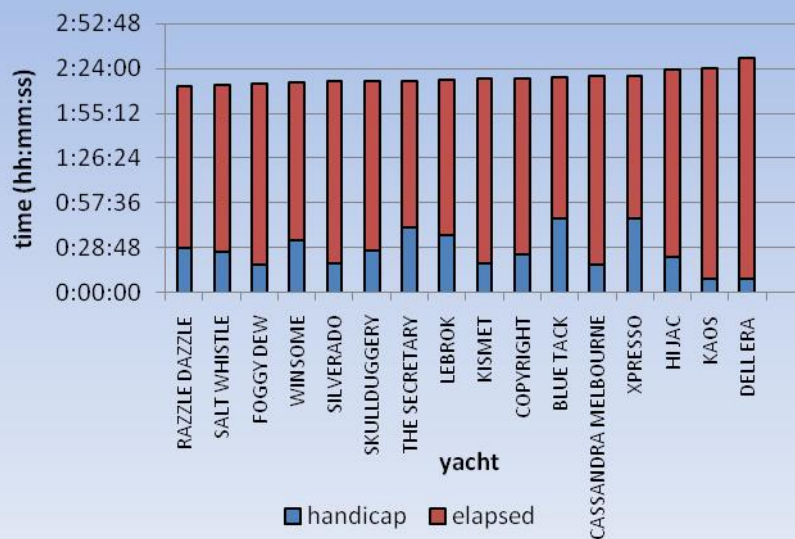
### Sunday sailors Winter Series 2017 Race 1 Start of the Day



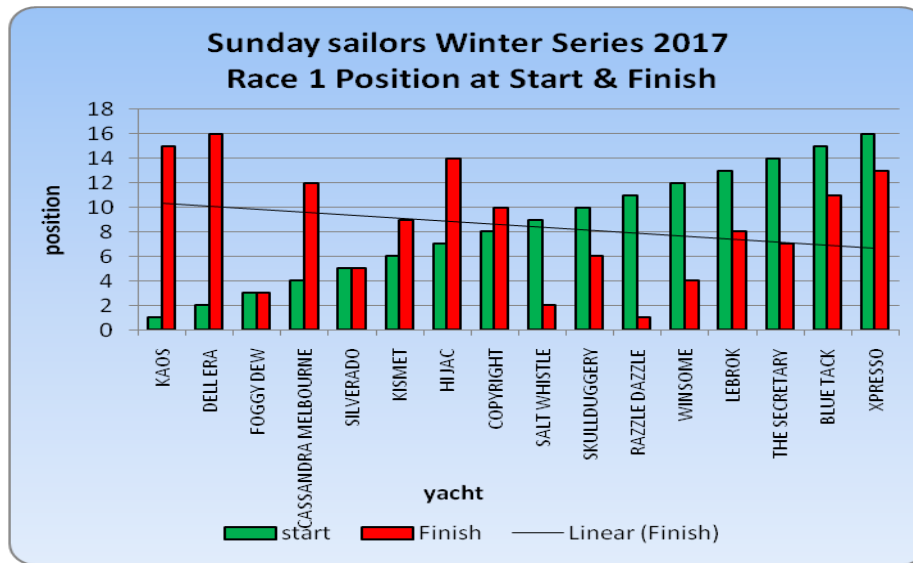
RAZZLE DAZZLE (2 seconds) won Start of the Day against some strong competition. Starting off 5 seconds were both WINSOME and LEBROK (Theo Korbel) whilst BLUE TACK (Andy Lynch) started 9 seconds late. BLUE TACK won the Misty Blue Trophy for best starter of the day in the Wednesday Wonders Summer 2016-17 Series. The median start time was 18.5 seconds.

The 16 yacht fleet started the race 38 minutes 49 seconds apart and finished 18 minutes 5 seconds apart. Thirteen yachts finished within 10 minutes of the winner with only 1 seconds separating SILVERADO (John Barbieri) from SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) in a close contest for 5<sup>th</sup> place.

### Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2017 Race 1 Result



Of the first five yachts to cross the finish line 2 were among the first five to start. The remainder of the first 5 finishers comprised 2 mid fleet and 1 late starter.



The median elapsed time for the race was 1:50:43. BLUE TACK recorded the fastest time 1 minute 19 seconds faster than her closest rival XPRESSO (Ari & Damian Abrahams) and 3 minutes 43 seconds faster than THE SECRETARY (George Shaw).

**Race 2 is scheduled for 21 May 2017**

