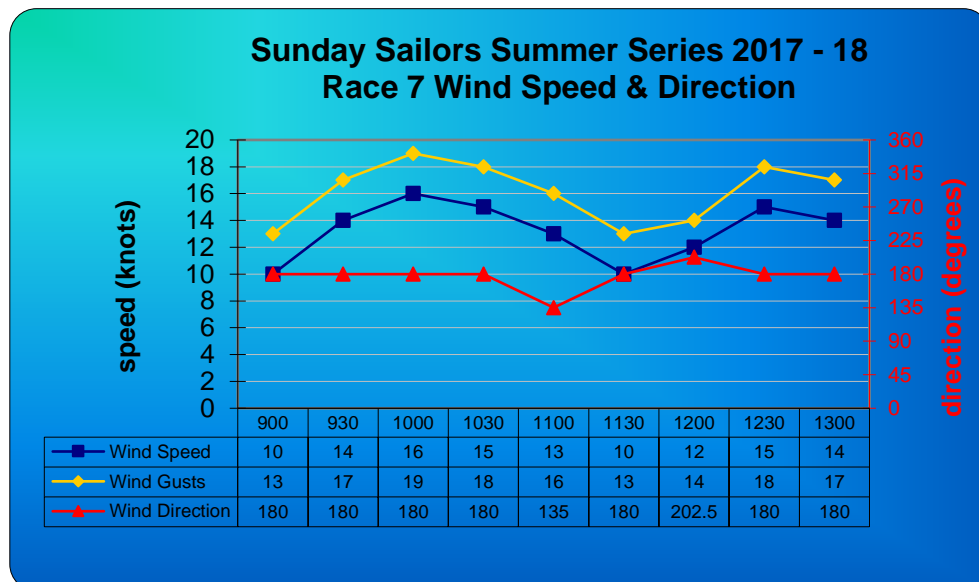


A Good Start to the New Year Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Race 7



A fleet of 18 yachts gathered for race 7, the first for 2018, around the 6 leg 8.2 nautical mile course 8. Conditions were overcast but the southerly breeze that averaged about 13 knots for the morning was enough to have the race completed shortly after midday.



Start of the Day was won by SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) who repeated her start in race 6 crossing the start line only 1 second late. ALEGRIA (Simon May) chalked up her first podium finish of the series with a very convincing win. She finished 5 minutes 21 seconds ahead of the rest of the fleet. It was also the first podium finish of the series for DILLI GAFF (Paul MacBain) who finished 2nd with the 3rd fastest elapsed time of the race. KAOS (Dawn Cleaver) continued her run of good results with her 3rd podium finish of the series only 59 seconds behind. Although not among the podium finishers CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves), DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) and LA BELLE VIE (Grant Anderson) each recorded their best result for the series so far. Race 7 was the first race this series for DEBONNAIRE who sailed the course in the fastest time of the race. COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) finished in 4th place and stays on top of the aggregate with a 5 point lead.



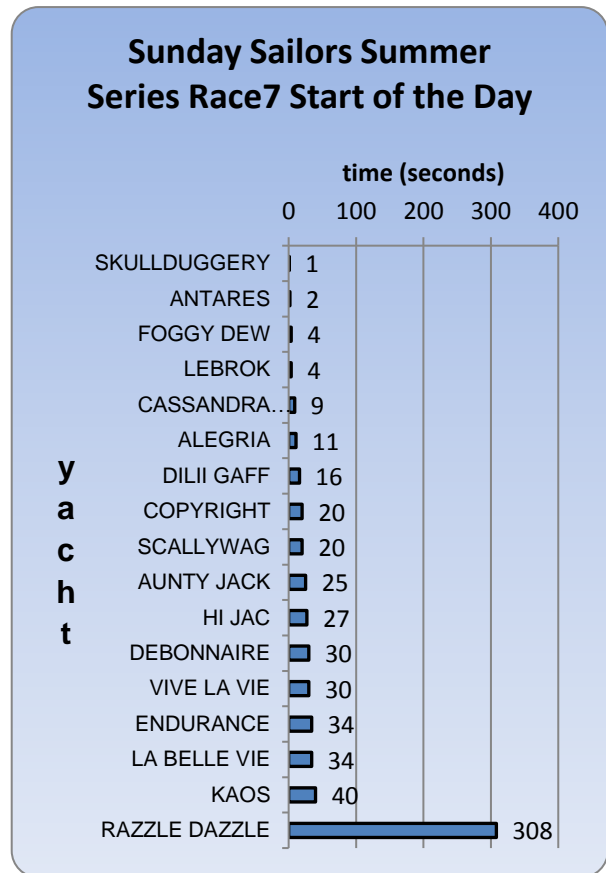
The Catalina 309 ALEGRIA has completed 4 races this series and this was her best result even though it was her highest handicap. She started the race from 3rd place 11 seconds late for her 9 minute handicap. ALEGRIA sailed the course in 1:59:56 a minute 10 seconds more than the average elapsed time and crossed the finish line at 11:38:56. She started 1 minute 29 seconds and 1 place ahead of KAOS but increased her lead throughout the race sailing the course 5 minutes 20 seconds faster, crossing the finish line 2 places and 6 minutes 20 seconds ahead. ALEGRIA moved up the aggregate 2 places from 12th to 10th 48 points behind the aggregate leader.

The 2nd place by DILLI GAFF was enough to put her 1 place and 1 point ahead of ALEGRIA in the aggregate. DILLI GAFF started from 10th place 16 seconds late for her 25 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 1:49:17, the 3rd fastest of the race and was 2nd across the finish line at 11:44:17. This is the best result for DILLI GAFF in 5 starts and 4 completed races. She started 3 minutes 12 seconds after FOGGY DEW but sailed the course 12 minutes 29 seconds faster to finish 9 places ahead.

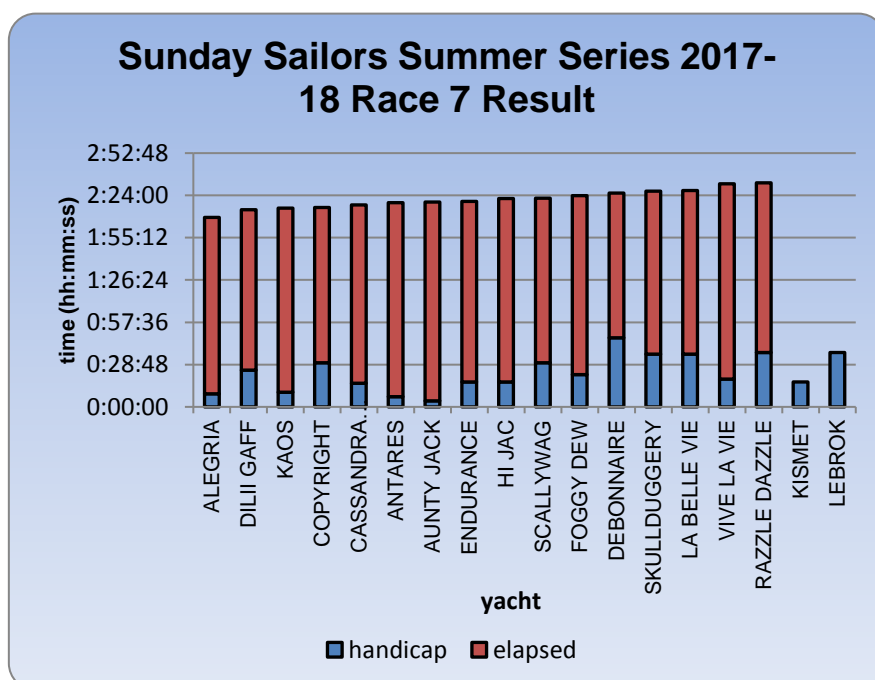


KAOS is having a good series with 3 podium finishes from 5 completed races. However, she had her slowest start in the series so far starting 40 seconds late for her 10 minute handicap from 4th place. DILLI GAFF was the only yacht to overtake her in the race which she sailed in 2:05:16. When KAOS crossed the finish line at 11:45:16 she was only 25 seconds ahead of COPYRIGHT. COPYRIGHT had reduced the gap between herself and KAOS from 19 minutes 40 seconds at the start to finish 1 place behind. KAOS is 3rd in the aggregate tied on 42 points with SKULLDUGGERY.

Of the 18 yachts that gathered for the race only 17 started successfully. KISMET was more than 9 minutes too soon therefore was judged DNS. SKULLDUGGERY won start of the day and the median start was 20 seconds.

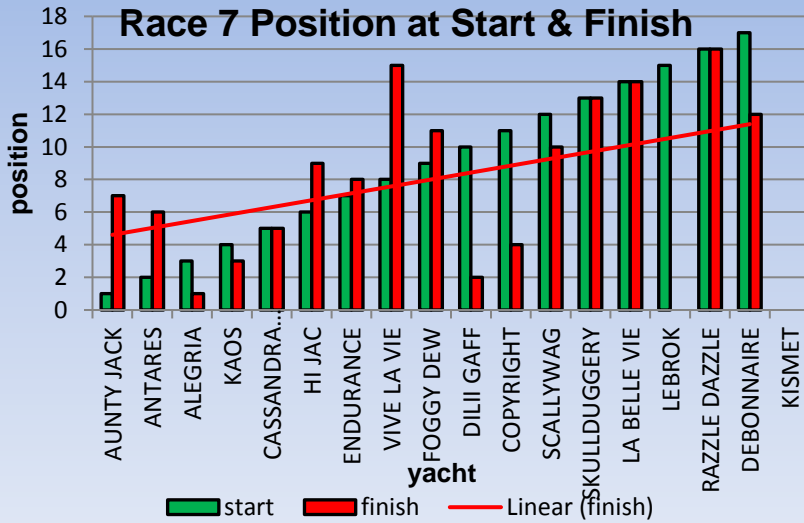


The fleet started the race 43 minutes 5 seconds apart and the gap was reduced to 23 minutes 39 seconds at the finish. COPYRIGHT and SCALLYWAG made history as they both crossed the start line at exactly the same time.



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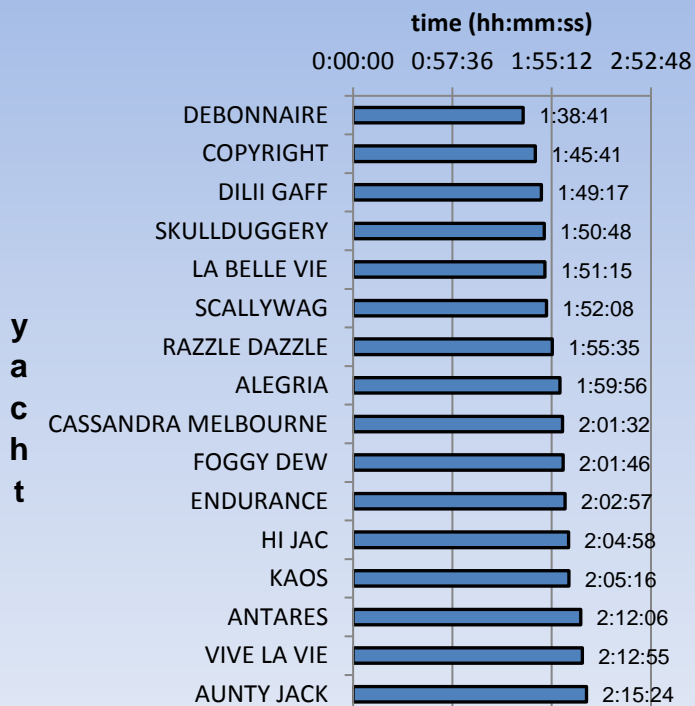
Race 7 Position at Start & Finish



It was the early starters that recorded the best results. Of the 6 early starters 4 were among the early finishers. None of the 6 late starters and only 2 mid fleet starters were among the early finishers.

In her first race of the series DEBONNAIRE sailed the course 7 minutes faster than her closest rival. Although there was a wide variety of yachts in the race from the Laurent Giles Sopranino (sailed single handed by Robert Lapore) to two 45 footers; some with spinnakers others without there was only 36 minutes 43 seconds difference in elapsed times.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2017-18 Race 7 Elapsed Time





AUNTY JACK (Robert Lapore) (left) finished in 7th place after sailing the course single handed.



HI JAC and SCALLYWAG were the closest finishers in the race crossing the line 10 seconds apart.



Despite recording DNS KISMET (left) sailed on.



COPYRIGHT finished 4th and leads the aggregate.

Race 8 is scheduled for 21 Jan 2018

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