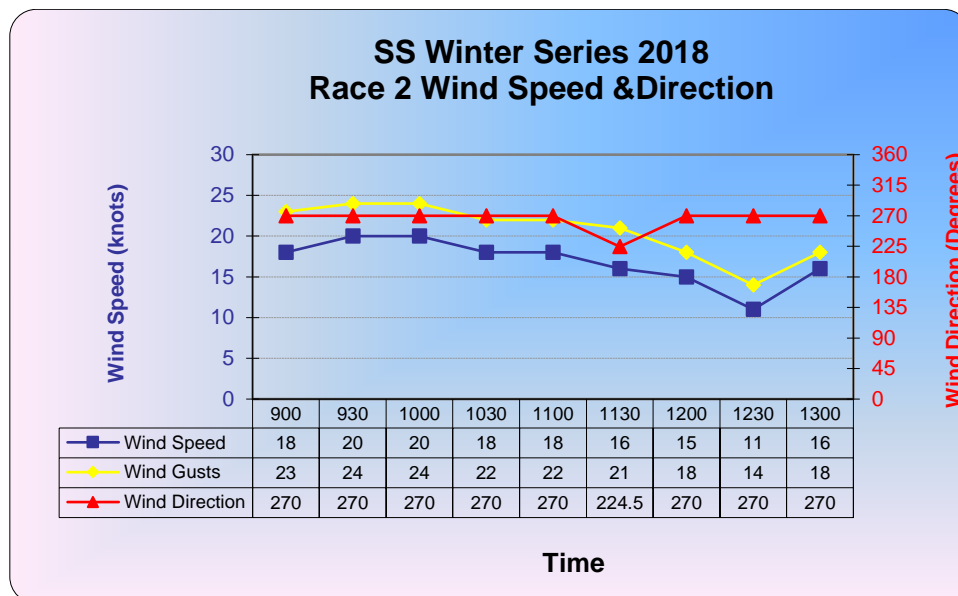


Unusual Course Produces Interesting Results Sunday Sailors Winter 2018 Series Race 2



All Sunday Sailors courses are unique but course 27 is more unusual than most. Whilst most are less than 10 nautical miles, course 27 is more than 10 nautical miles long. It is made up of 8 legs in two quadrangles whilst others are usually 7 or 6 legs that include 3 legs in a triangular pattern. In a westerly breeze only about 33% of the course is to windward when others are closer to 50%. In a breeze that averaged about 17 knots the race was over before midday – well before the 1230 time limit.



The strong wind forecast for Port Philip did not reach 25 knots at the top end of the bay although gusts of 24 knots were recorded. The forecast probably deterred some participants with a fleet of 16 yachts contesting race 2. With 6 yachts starting more than a minute late for their handicaps, this isn't likely to be the best start of the series. On the other hand FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard) had the perfect start crossing the line right on her 21 minute handicap. PERFECT SENSE (Peter Sutton) had something of a runaway win finishing 7 minutes 18 seconds ahead of her closest rival. CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) was second to make this her 2nd podium finish of the series. Capping of her winning start was FOGGY DEW who finished in 3rd place. With the aid of a spinnaker the 36 foot J111, PLAYLIST (Matt Powell/John Cox/Glenn Chesser) sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time of the race - 15 minutes 59 seconds better than the median time.

With a win and a 2nd place CASSANDRA leads the aggregate, with AMICUS II (Warwick Stenford) in 2nd place and SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) 3rd.



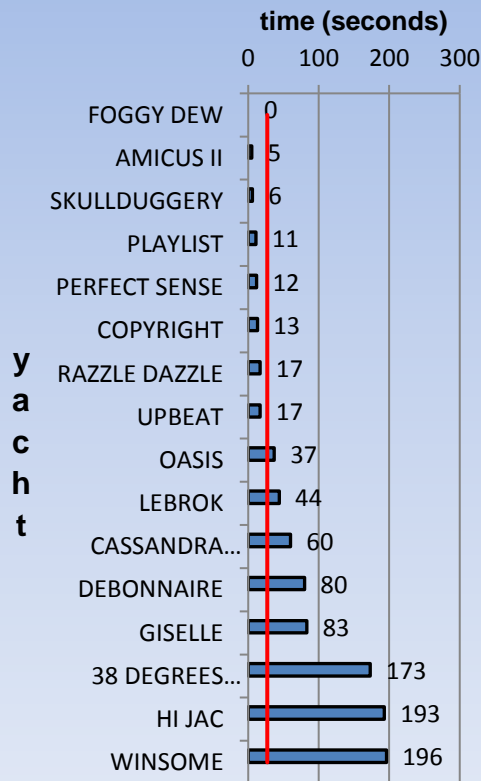
By the time PERFECT SENSE completed the 4th leg of the race she already had a decisive lead. She started from 6th place 12 seconds late for her 24 minute handicap. PERFECT SENSE sailed the course in 1:37:21 – the 3rd fastest time of the race – and was first across the finish line at 11:31:21. She started 5 minutes 25 seconds ahead of OASIS (David Keyes Tilley) and with the help of a full main and jib finished 11 minutes 12 seconds and 3 places ahead. PERFECT SENSE was sailing as a visitor so is not included in the aggregate.

CASSANDRA followed up a win in the first race of the series with a second place in this one. She started from 3rd place exactly a minute late for her 16 minute handicap. The same handicap was allocated to HI JAC (J Gledhill) who crossed the start line 2 minutes 13 seconds after CASSANDRA. CASSANDRA went on to sail the course in 1:52:39 and finished at 11:38:39. This was 10 minutes 53 seconds faster than HI JAC who was 11 places behind. CASSANDRA is on top of the aggregate with a score of 3 points.



FOGGY DEW finished 9th in the summer aggregate but her last podium finish was in race 7 of the 2017 winter series. This was the first race in the series for FOGGY and she had a perfect start. She started from 5th place right on her 21 minute handicap. She completed the 8 leg course in 1:48:20 and crossed the finish line at 11:39:21. FOGGY had started 4 minutes later than CASSANDRA but was making up ground to be 41 seconds behind when the finish line intervened. FOGGY DEW is in 12th place in the aggregate with a total of 32 points.

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2018 Race 2 Start of the Day

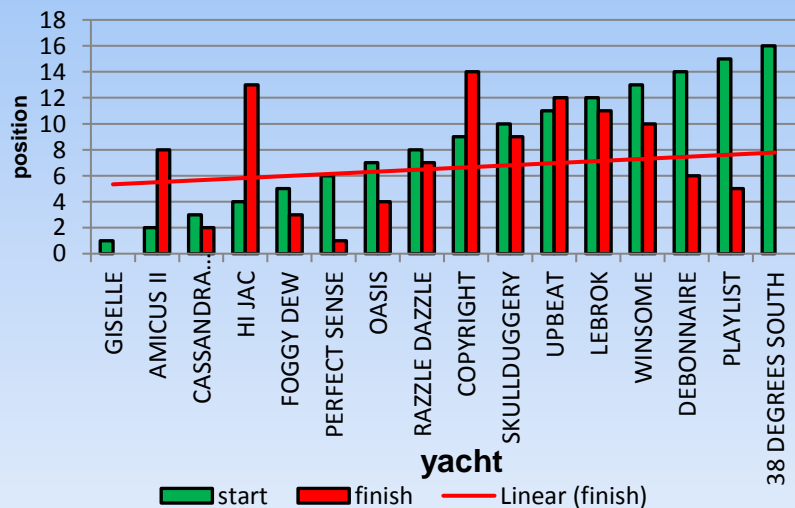


The median start time (red line) for this race was 27 seconds. During the 2017-18 summer series the median start time for northerly starts was about 41 seconds whilst the median start time for southerly starts was about 19 seconds. In this race only 3 yachts started within 10 seconds of handicap whilst 6 yachts were more than a minute late. This makes the perfect start by FOGGY DEW most impressive.

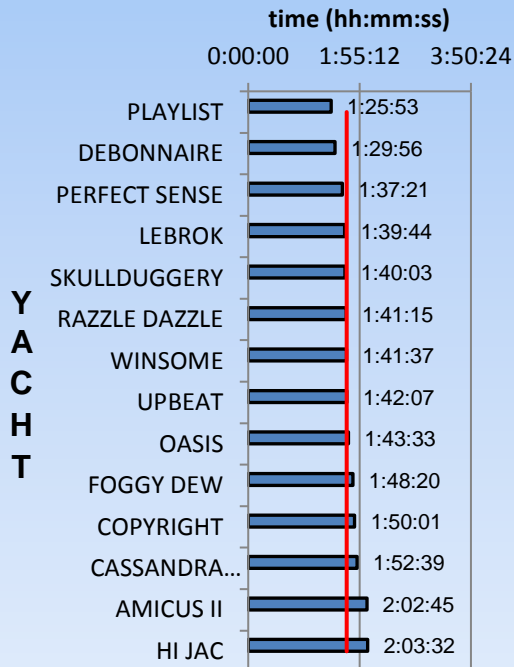


Of the 16 starters one retired whilst another was recorded as DNF. The fleet started 54 minutes and 30 seconds apart and finished 23 minutes 40 seconds apart. PLAYLIST finished the best (5th) of the late starters. Of the first 5 yachts to finish 2 were early starters and 2 were mid fleet starters.

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2018 Race 2 Position at Start & Finish



Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2018 Race 2 Elapsed Time



With a median elapsed time (red line) of 1:41:52 this was a fast race. Fastest yacht was PLAYLIST with a time of 1:25:53 – 4 minutes 3 seconds faster than second fastest DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez). LEBROK (Theo Korbel) with a handicap of 39 minutes sailed the course 19 seconds faster than SKULLDUGGERY who had a 36 minute handicap.



(Left) OASIS reefed the main but used plenty of jib to finish 4th.

(Right) LEBROK employed a similar sail plan to finish in 11th place.



(Right) GISELLE didn't continue to race after completing 4 of the 8 legs.





SKULLDUGGERY had a reef and small jib at the start but found something a bit bigger for the later in the race.



(Right) PLAYLIST already past LEBROK takes on WINSOME approaching number 3 meanwhile HI JAC is already on the next leg.



Race 3 is scheduled for 3 June 2018

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