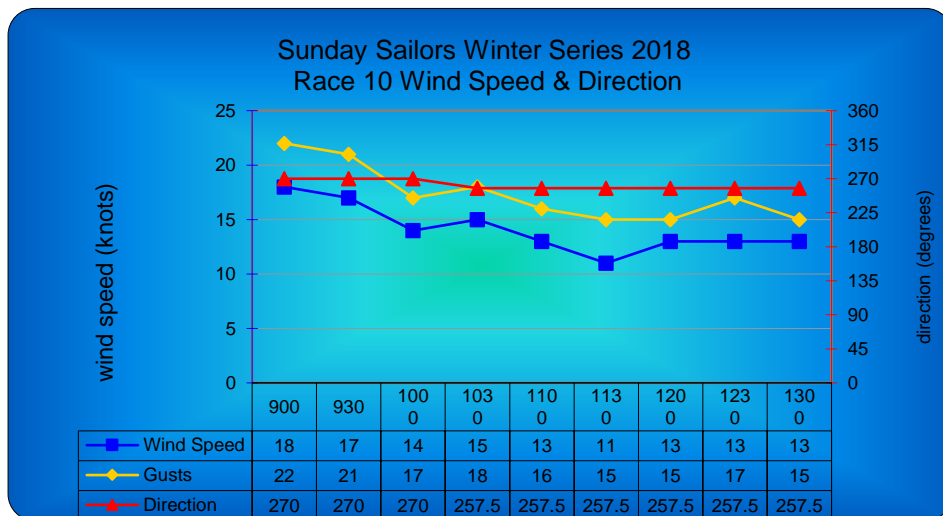


Longest Course of the Series Sunday Sailors Winter Series Race 10



At 11.8 nautical miles, course 43 is one of the longer if not the longest course sailed on a Sunday. A long course provides more opportunity for at least some of the late starters to pursue, catch and overtake the early ones. That didn't happen in this instance as most early starters were able to remain at the front. This could be partly due to the course being sailed in a west to SSW breeze that averaged around 14 knots for the morning. This meant that about 80% of the course could be sailed on a beat. Despite the longer than usual length, all 17 starters completed the race well within the 1230 time limit. All, that is, except LA BELLE VIE (Grant Anderson) who sailed a very good race but was adjudged DNS.

In contrast it was a good race for KISMET (Doug Jackson) who won Start of the Day



and finished in 3rd place. This is the second time in the series that KISMET has won the start following her win in race 1. Winning the race, also for the second time this series, was

GISELLE (Robert Freeman). She was followed across the finish line by DILII GAFF (Paul McBain) who collected her first podium finish of the series. KISMET was 3rd making this her second 3rd place this winter. 38 DEGREES SOUTH (J Chapman & K Mitchell) sailed the course in 1:41:53 the fastest time of the morning.

CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE remains the aggregate leader with DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) moving into 2nd place and WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) going from 6th to 3rd place. After 3 consecutive weeks in the aggregate top ten, OASIS (David Keyes-Tilley) slips down into 11th place.



The Gibsea 31.2 GISELLE was the first yacht to start the race 3 minutes 41 seconds ahead of the rest of the fleet. She carried this lead for almost the entire race finishing 2 minutes 28 seconds ahead of the rest of the fleet. (She was overtaken by LA BELLE VIE who was first across the finish line but collected a DNS). She sailed the course in 2:19:27 and crossed the finish line at 11:49:27. This was the third completed race in this series for GISELLE and her second win. She is now 11th in the aggregate up from 15th after the previous race.

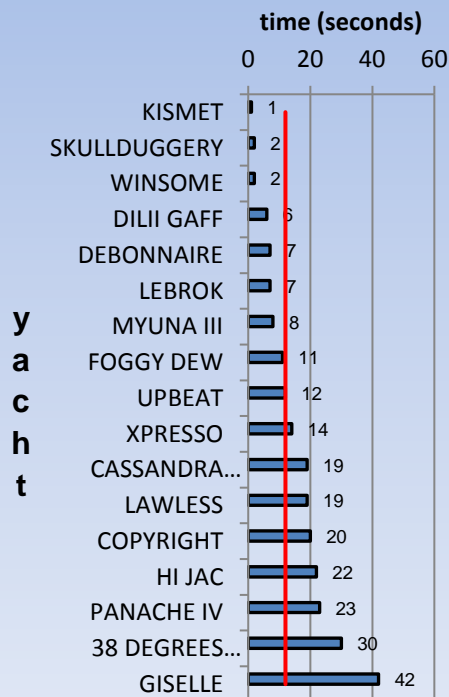
Completing her 4th race of the series and recording her best place so far was the Oceanis 40 DILII GAFF. She made a good start to the race only 6 seconds late for her 26 minute handicap. She sailed the course in the median time of 1:55:55 crossing the finish line at 11:51:55 – 58 seconds ahead of KISMET. DILII GAFF had started the race 6 minutes 14 seconds ahead of COPYRIGHT but was able to sail the course 6 minutes 57 seconds faster. As a result she beat COPYRIGHT by 12 minutes 57 seconds. She moves up from 8th to be 6th in the aggregate.



KISMET has arguably the best start times in the series. All her five starts have been 9 seconds or less, and has won Start of the Day on two occasions. She started this race from 5th place only 1 second late for her 20 minute handicap. This was 1 minute 42 seconds later than CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE but she sailed the course 7 minutes 25 seconds faster. KISMET sailed the course in 2:02:53 and crossed the finish line at 11:52:53. This was 5 minutes 25 seconds and 8 places ahead of CASSANDRA. This 3rd place lifts KISMET from 14th to 10th in the aggregate.



Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2018 Race 10 Start of the Day



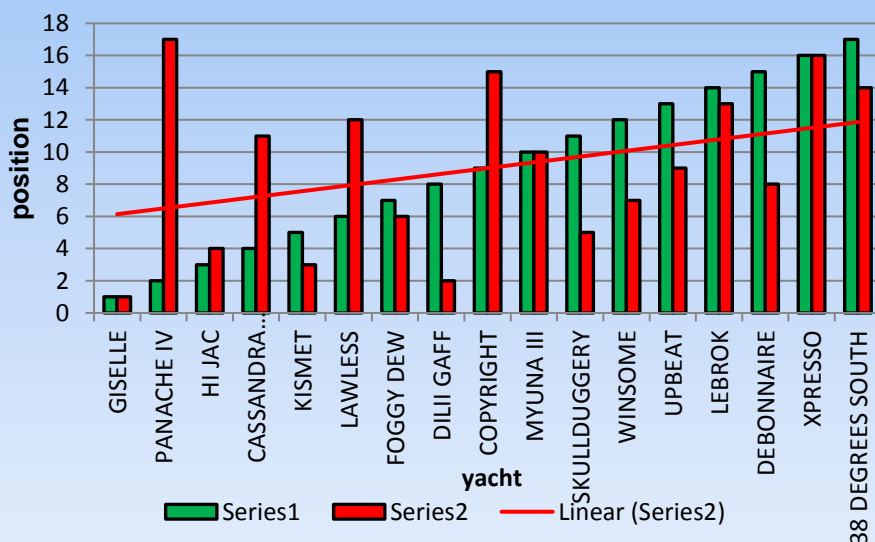
It is not unusual for northerly start times to be slower than southerly starts, but this was not the case in this instance. The 12 second median start time is the best of the series so far and the best since race 8 of the summer series.



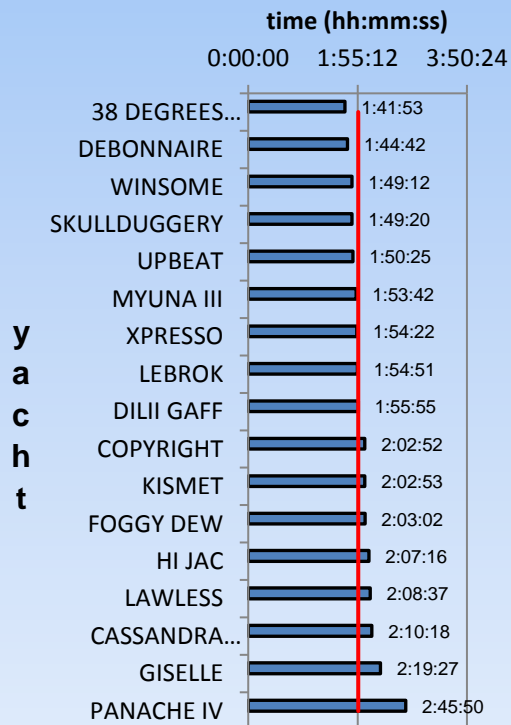
Despite this being the longest race of the series the fleet did not come together as close as could be expected.

The yachts started 51 minutes 48 seconds apart and finished 30 minutes 23 seconds apart. The closest finish was for 6th place with FOGGY DEW finishing 10 seconds ahead of WINSOME.

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2018 Race 10 Position at Start & Finish



Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2018 Race 23 Elapsed Time



There was more than 60 minutes difference between the elapsed times of the fleet. Even so COPYRIGHT sailed the course only 1 second faster than KISMET. PANACHE IV looked very much alone towards the end of the race but finished the race with more than 10 minutes to spare.



There is only one scheduled race left in the series and the top four yachts are separated by 3 points. It looks as though the last race of the series will decide the aggregate winner for the winter 2018 series.

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2018 Aggregate Top Ten				
POSITION	NUMBER	YACHT	SKIPPER	POINTS
1	SM451	DEBONNAIRE	Phil Gomez	30
2	SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	32
3	SM1147	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	33
4	SM32	FOGGY DEW	Frank Hilliard	33
5	SM505	HI JAC	John Gledhill	39
6	SM907	DILII GAFF	Paul Macbain	40
7	SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	43
8	SM367	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	48
9	SM1068	COPYRIGHT	Stuart Morrison-Jack	51
10	SM346	KISMET	Doug Jackson	59



(Left) After spending 8 weeks at the top of the aggregate CASSANDRA slipped to 3rd place.



(Right) DEBONNAIRE finished in 8th place and moved to the top of the aggregate.

(Right) LA BELLE VIE was first across the finish line but judged DNS.



(Far right) PANACHE IV looked quite lonely finishing 13 minutes 28 seconds behind the rest of the fleet.



LEBROK was able to hold off a late challenge by 38 DEGREES SOUTH finishing 2 seconds ahead.



Both UPBEAT and WINSOME had the same handicap but on this occasion WINSOME had a 10 second better start.

(Left) Plenty of jib helped SKULLDUGGERY finish in 5th place. (Below) LAWLESS flew a spinnaker for a short time but it proved to be of little help in this race.



(Far left) COPYRIGHT has not raced since race 6 but finished race 10 in 15th place.

(Left) XPRESSO crossed the line 90 seconds later in 16th place.

The last race of the series is scheduled 30 Sep 2018.

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