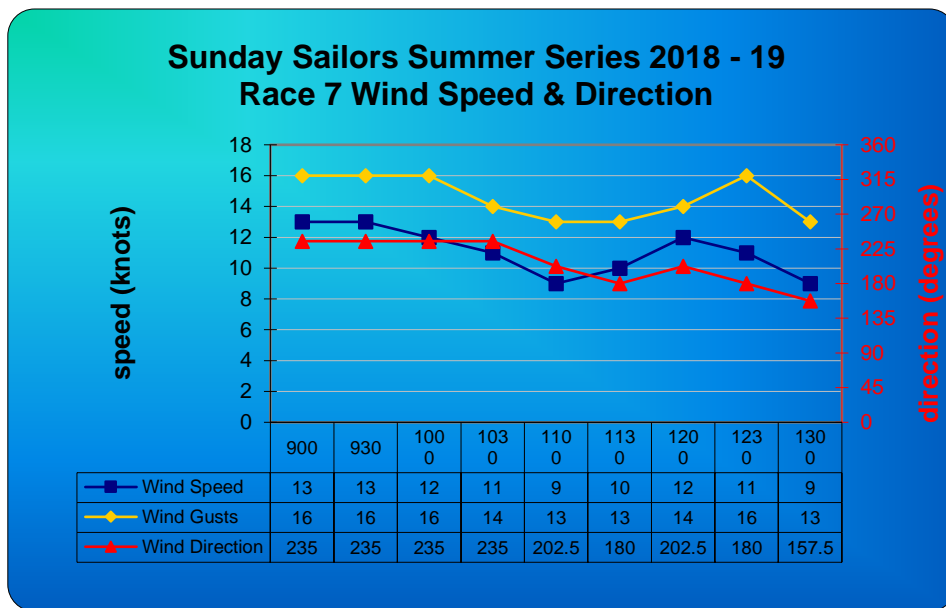


Young Bears Win on Debut Sunday Sailors Summers Series 2018-19 Race 7



Not only did YOUNG BEARS (Graeme Mathews) win her first Sunday race but she won with a new all female crew. She won what was the longest race in both distance and time of the series. The 23 yacht fleet tackled the 10.8 nautical mile course 41 in a breeze that varied in both strength and direction accompanied by sloppy seas. Observations at Fawkner Beacon indicated the breeze shifted from the south west to the south south east and averaged about 11 knots for the morning. However, 5 yachts retired from the race whilst another 9 yachts took advantage of the 30 minute extension to the finish time.



With a time of 3 seconds DILII GAFF won Start of the Day for the second time this series. Following YOUNG BEARS across the finish line was AMICUS II (Warwick Stenford) for her first podium finish followed by UPBEAT (Peter Dunne) who also made this her first podium finish. DEBONNAIRRE (Phil Gomez) recorded the fastest elapsed time for the 3rd time in 6 races, 7 minute 59 seconds faster than her closest rival.

Although LAWLESS (Boyd Coulson) finished 9th in the race she moves to the top of the aggregate with LEBROK (Theo Korbel) moving up into 3rd place and WHITE ONYX (Ben & Katherine Solly) slips into 3rd place. Leading the contest for the Sunday Plate is DEBONNAIRE with CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) leading the race for the Noelle Coram Trophy.



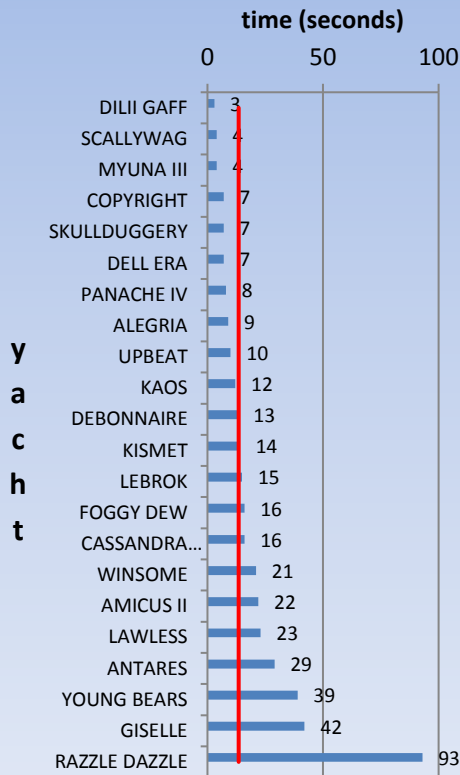
The Young 88 YOUNG BEARS started her first Sunday race from 13th place 39 seconds late for her 27 minute handicap. She sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 1:29:08 flying her spinnaker on the first and fourth legs of the race. At the first rounding of SYC 4 she was in 5th position 10 minutes 10 seconds behind the leader. YOUNG BEARS completed the last three legs of the race, again flying her spinnaker on the final leg, in 47 minutes 44 seconds crossing the finish line in first place at 12:17:31 – 1 minute 23 seconds ahead of her closest rival.

AMICUS II has started 4 of the 6 races completed in the series and this was her best result so far. She made her best start to a race this series – 22 seconds late for her 11 minute handicap – a handicap she has retained since the start of the series. After sailing the first 4 legs of the course in 1:44:38 AMICUS II moved from 4th at the start to round SYC 4 in 3rd place. During the last 3 legs of the course AMICUS II overtook one yacht and was overtaken by the eventual race winner. She finished 2nd after sailing the course in the 9th fastest elapsed time of the race. AMICUS II moves from 26th to 19th in the aggregate.



UPBEAT became the 19th yacht to start the race when she was 10 seconds late for her 37 minute handicap. At the first rounding of SYC 4 she was in 10th place 16 minutes 31 seconds behind the leader. UPBEAT sailed the course in 2:14:49 the 3rd fastest elapsed time of the race and crossed the finish in 3rd place at 12:19:14 only 55 seconds behind AMICUS II. UPBEAT started the race 4 minutes 5 seconds ahead of LEBROK – the other Beneteau 367 in the race. At the first rounding of SYC 4 this gap had reduced to 2 minutes 38 seconds and UPBEAT crossed the finish line 2 minutes 6 seconds ahead of LEBROK. This 3rd place takes UPBEAT from 19th to 14th in the aggregate.

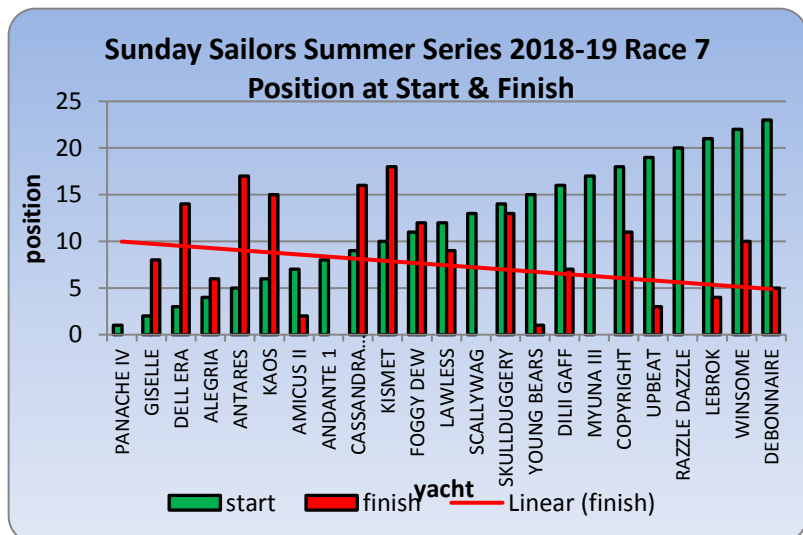
Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2018-19 Race 7 Start of the Day



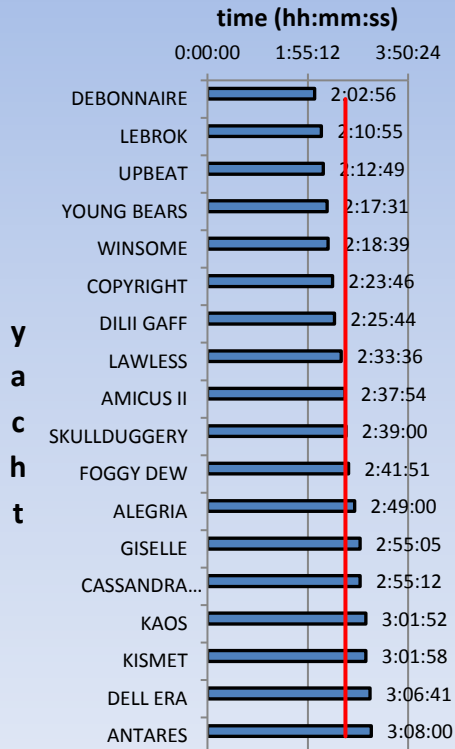
The median start time for the race was 13.5 seconds the 2nd best of the series. DILLI GAFF won the start with a time of 3 seconds followed closely by both SCALLYWAG (Bill Hutchison) and MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon) with start times of 4 seconds.



The 23 yacht fleet started 62 minutes 5 seconds apart but this gap was only 27 minutes 36 seconds at the rounding of SYC 7. During the last 3 legs of the race the yachts were further apart with 35 minutes 27 seconds separating the 18 finishers. It was a race when the late starters comprised half the early finishers. There was a close finish for 4th place with LEBROK crossing the finish line only 1 second ahead of DEBONNAIRE.



Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2018-19 Race 7 Elapsed Time



The median elapsed time of the race was 2:38:27 with 65 minutes 4 seconds separating the fastest from the slowest. Receiving best value for money was ANTARES (G Stewart D Pearce) who sailed the course in 3 hours 8 minutes.



(Below left) ANDANTE 1 started too soon
Whilst RAZZLE DAZZLE started more than
a minute late. Both retired.



(Right)
CASSANDRA
finished 16th
and leads the
contest for the
Noelle Coram
Trophy.



(Left) PANACHE IV led the fleet around SYC 4 before retiring. (Below) DELLA went on to finish 14th whilst SCALLYWAG also retired.



(Below) COPYRIGHT leads a group of yachts around SYC 4 for the first time.
(Right) LAWLESS goes to the top of the aggregate for the first time this series.



(Below left) DEBONNAIRE overtook SKULLDUGGERY but finished the race 1 second behind LEBROK.



(Left) WINSOME finished 10th whilst ALEGRIA (centre) and GISELLE (right) both had their best result of the series.



(Left)
FOGGY DEW
is currently
7th in the
aggregate.
KAOS
(centre)
moved up



into 12th in the aggregate whilst KISMET (right) finished the race with 7 minutes 2 seconds to spare.

Race 8 is scheduled for 20 Jan 2019

