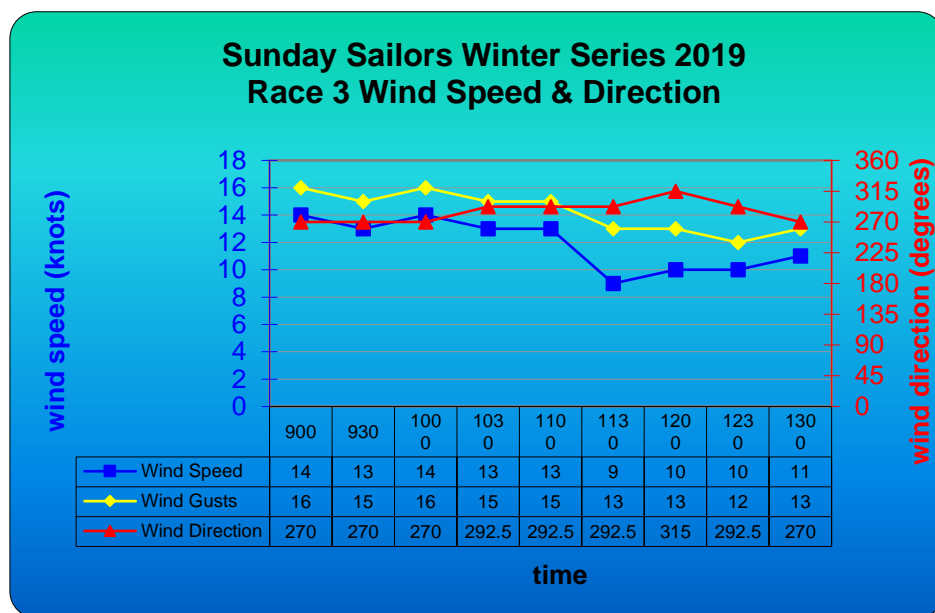


A Good Result for the Early Starters Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2019 Race 3



Despite a strong wind warning for Port Philip the wind at Fawkner Beacon didn't get above 14 knots during the race with a gust of 16 knots around 1000. The race took the 22 yacht fleet around the 10.6 nautical mile course 28 - the longest so far this series. All the fleet completed the course well within the time limit with the last yacht crossing the finish line at 11:59:32. They had been carried around the course in lumpy seas by a north to north westerly breeze that averaged about 12 knots for the morning. Although this was a long course and there was a steady breeze none of the late starter's were able to catch the early starters. Of the first 7 yachts to start, 4 were among the first 7 to finish.



There was a three way tie for Start of the Day with ALEGRIA (Simon May), DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) and XPRESSO (Ari Abrahams) all starting within 3 seconds of their handicaps. First across the finish line was GISELLE (Robert Freeman) followed by ALEGRIA in 2nd place with DELL ERA (Mike Coulter) finishing 3rd. DEBONNAIRE sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time.

ALEGRIA leads the series aggregate with DELL ERA in 2nd place and LA BELLE VIE (Grant Anderson), who finished 4th in this race, in 3rd place.



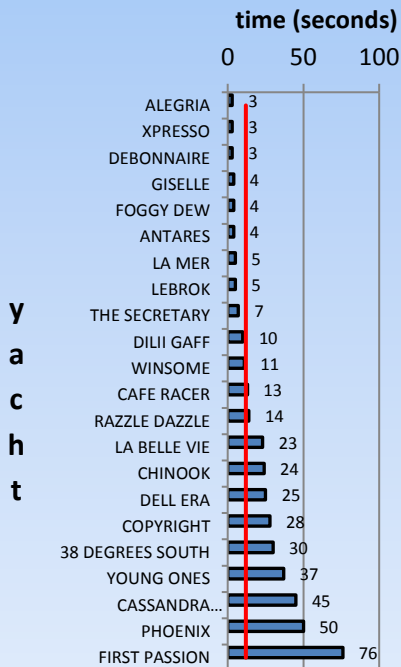
GISELLE has sailed all three races in the series to date and has improved upon her finish position on each occasion. She started this race from 2nd place only 4 seconds late for her minus 1 minute handicap. GISELLE sailed the course in 2:06:03 and crossed the finish line at 11:35:03 – 17 seconds ahead of her closest rival. She was 3 minutes behind ANTARES (G Stewart & D Pearce) at the start but sailed the course 9 minutes 27 seconds faster and crossed the finish line 6 minutes 27 seconds ahead. GISELLE is now 4th in the aggregate equal on points with XPRESSO.

This was a very successful day for ALEGRIA winning Start of the Day, finishing 2nd in the race and sitting on top of the aggregate. This was the 2nd successive 2nd place this series for ALEGRIA following a 3 minute increase to her handicap. She started from 4th place 3 seconds late for her 8 minute handicap. She went on to sail the course in 1:57:20 and crossed the finish line at 11:35:20 – 6 minutes 4 seconds ahead of her closest rival. This was the second podium finish for ALEGRIA and cements her place at the top of the aggregate.



Following in the wake of ALEGRIA is DELL ERA who recorded her second 3rd place in the series. She started the race from 3rd place 25 seconds late for her 5 minute handicap. DELL ERA sailed the course in 2:06:24 was overtaken by ALEGRIA but overtook ANTARES to cross the finish line at 11:41:24 in 3rd place. She has sailed all three races in the series, recorded 2 podium finishes and is 2nd in the aggregate.

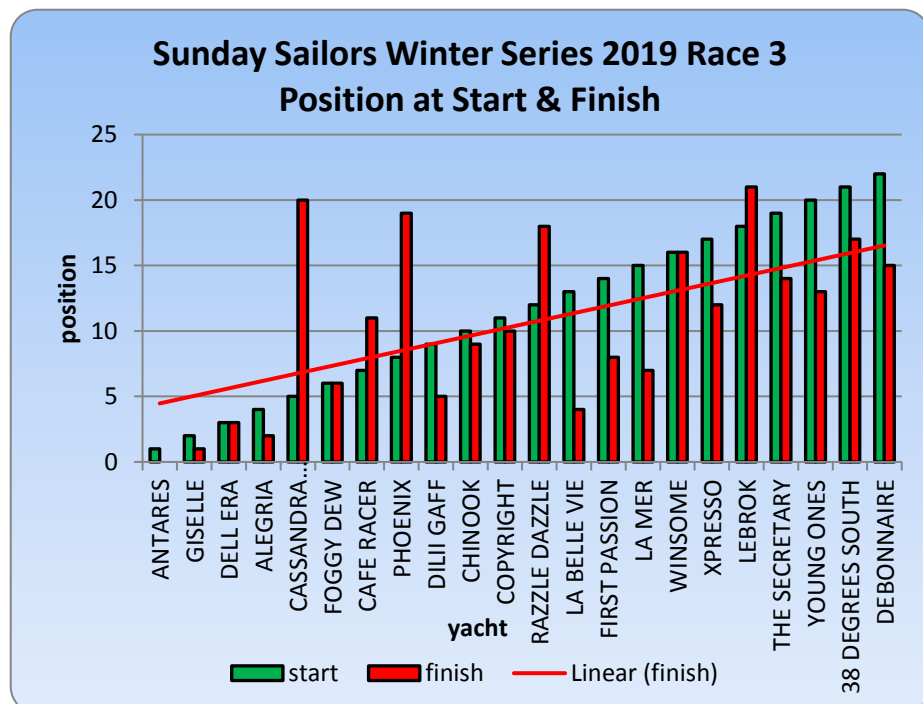
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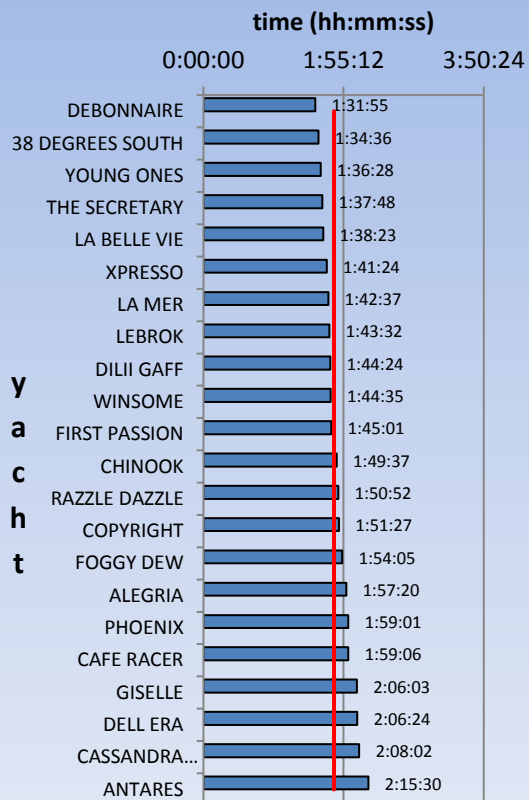
The median start time for the race was 12 seconds – the best so far. Although there has been only three races in the series the 3 way tie in this race takes the total of Start of the day winners to five. Ten yachts started within 10 seconds of their handicap with only one yacht more than a minute late.



The 22 yacht fleet finished the race within 24 minutes 29 seconds of each other. There were two close finishes. WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) crossed the finish line in 16th place 1 second ahead of 38 DEGREES South (John Chatham & Kate Mitchell). The same margin separated PHOENIX (Alex Tseberg) and CASSANDRA (Bob Reeves) who finished 19th and 20th respectively.



Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2019 Race 3 Elapsed Time



The median elapsed time for the race was 1:47:19. For the second successive week it was DEBONNAIRE that recorded the fastest elapsed time. She was 2 minutes 41 seconds faster than her closest rival – 38 DEGREES SOUTH.



ANTARES (left), LA MER (centre) and FOGGY DEW (right) were three of the six yachts that made their best starts this series.





Hmmm. Who's this coming up towards
THE SECRETARY? It's none other
 than **YOUNG ONES!**



(Left) **WINSOME**
 finished 1 second
 ahead of 38
DEGREES SOUTH.

(Right) **DILII**
GAFF recorded her
 best result of the
 series.



(Below) **RAZZLE DAZZLE**, **PHOENIX** & **CASSANDRA** finished 18th, 19th & 20th.





(Left) SM4110 in her first Sunday race as CHINOOK.

(Right) COPYRIGHT started 11th finished 10th.



(Below) Around SYC 3 then across the finish line.



Race 4 is scheduled for 16 June 2019

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