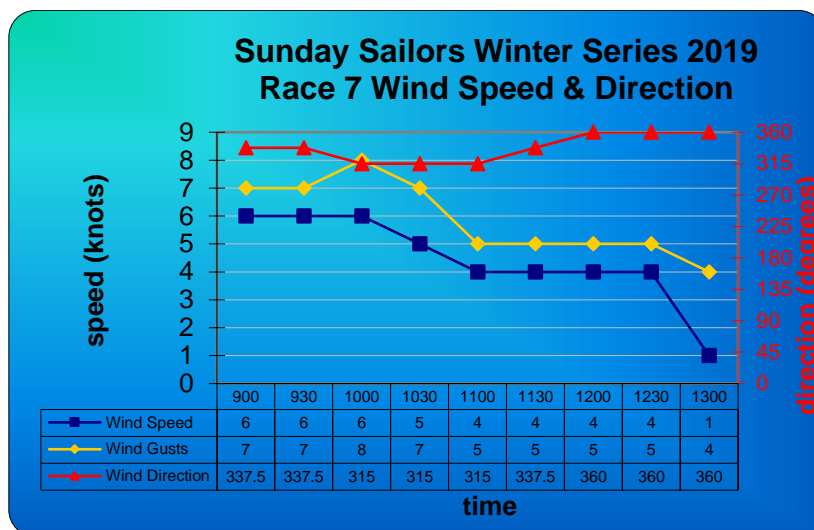


Light Breeze Produces Nail Biting Finish Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2019 Race 7



The lightest breeze of the series resulted in one of the more fascinating races this winter. Making a good start proved difficult; spinnakers didn't return the expected benefits; and, the disappearance of the breeze in the last half hour resulted in a nail biting finish as the time limit for the race approached. A fleet of 20 yachts started the race around the 11.7 nautical mile, 9 leg course 42. The breeze struggled to maintain the forecast 5 to 10 knots which saw the race shortened to about 5.3 nautical miles, two yachts retired whilst a third failed to finish in the allotted time.



There was a tie for Start of the Day with DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) and FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard) both 6 seconds late for their respective handicaps. VALIANT (David Keyes Tilley) glided across the finish line for her first podium finish of the series. Seventeen seconds later ALEGRIA (Simon May) finished in 2nd place whilst LEBROK (Theo Korbel) finished 3rd for her first podium finish of the winter. LEBROK who usually has the 7th fastest time in a race excelled herself to record the fastest elapsed time.

After two weeks in 2nd place, this win by ALEGRIA takes her back to the top of the aggregate with 23 points. DELL ERA (Mike Coulter) slips down into 2nd place with a total of 31 points whilst DILII GAFF remains in 3rd place on a total of 37 points.



This was the 2nd race this series to be completed by the Adams 10.6 VALIANT. She started from 13th place, 90 seconds late for her 34 minute handicap – not her best start to date. Nevertheless, she rounded SYC 4 in 4th place over 12 minutes behind the race leader at the time. It took VALIANT over 34 minutes to complete the last leg (about 1.1 nautical miles) of the course but she was first across the finish line at 12:14:50. She sailed the course in 2:10:50 - the second fastest elapsed time of

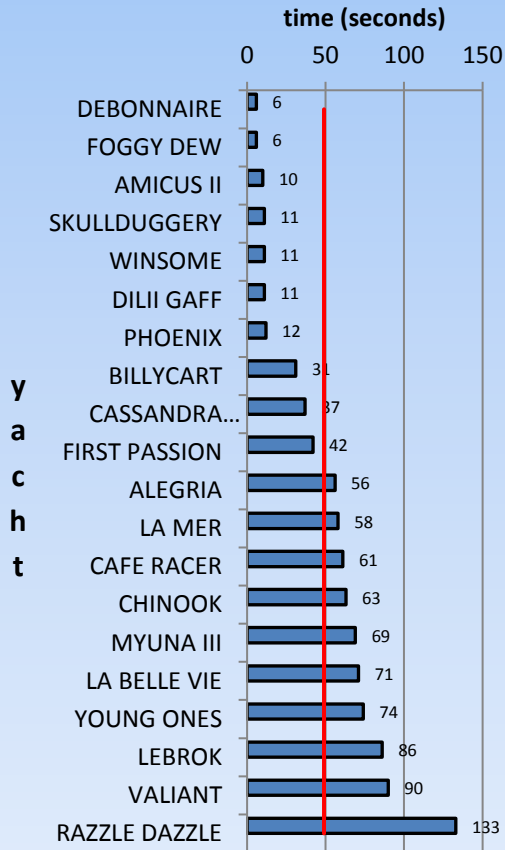
the race and she moves up from 25th to be 20th in the aggregate.

This was the 5th race this winter completed by the Catalina 31 ALEGRIA and resulted in her third 2nd place of the series. Her handicap has doubled from 5 to 10 minutes as the series progressed and she was first to start this race 56 seconds late for her handicap – her slowest start of the series so far. She led the fleet around SYC 4 with a lead of about 7 minutes. It took ALEGRIA over 47 minutes to complete the last leg of the course and she crossed the finish line at 12:15:07. She has recorded 4 top ten finishes from her 5 completed races and currently leads the aggregate.



Like the other two podium finishers this was the slowest start in five races for LEBROK. She started from 17th place 86 seconds late for her 43 minute handicap. Despite the slow start she rounded SYC 4 in 9th place over 19 minutes behind the leader. LEBROK sailed a particularly good last leg covering the 1.1 nautical miles in 31 minutes 21 seconds to be 3rd across the finish line at 12:18:21. She had sailed the course in 2:05:21 – the fastest elapsed time of the race. LEBROK has completed 5 of the 6 races this series and moves from 20th to 14th in the aggregate.

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2019 Race 7 Start of the Day



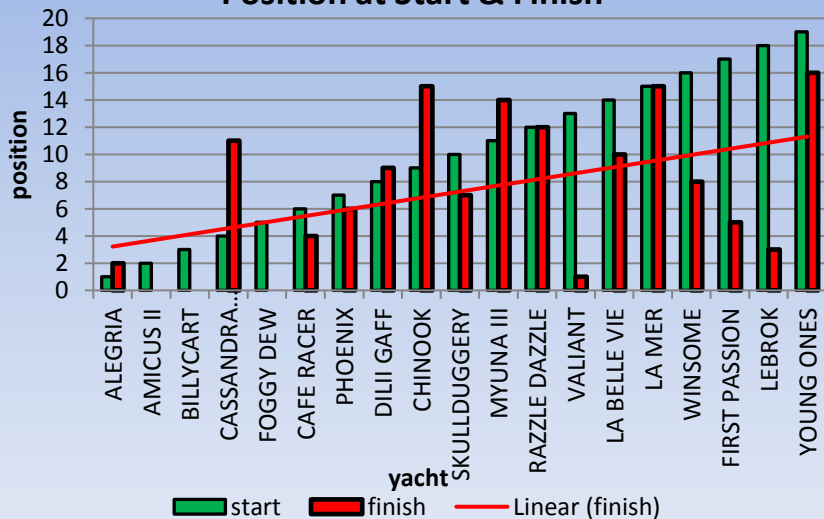
The median start time for the race was 49 seconds – the highest this series. Only DEBONNAIRE and FOGGY DEW, who tied for Start of the Day, made starts of

less than 10 seconds. Seven of the twenty starters were more than a minute late for their respective handicaps.

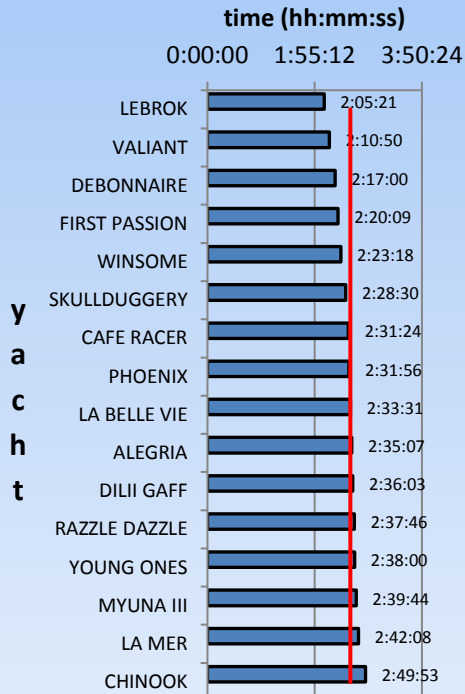


The fleet started the race 45 minutes 10 seconds apart. They were about 49 minutes apart when rounding SYC 4 and the 16 yachts that completed the race finished 41 minutes 10 seconds apart. The closest finish was the 16 second gap that separated CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE from RAZZLE DAZZLE.

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2019 Race 7 Position at Start & Finish



Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2019 Race 7 Elapsed Time



Despite being the shortest course of the series the median elapsed time of 2:33:31 was the longest of the series so far. LEBROK recorded the fastest elapsed time – 5 minutes 29 seconds faster than VALIANT who was 6 minutes 10 seconds faster than DEBONNAIRE. LA BELLE VIE sailed the course in the median elapsed time.



AMICUS II
(left) & FIRST
PASSION
(right) both
made their best
starts of the
series in this
race.





(Clockwise from left), CAFE RACER, FIRST PASSION, PHOENIX and SKULLDUGGERY & CASSANDRA were 5 yachts to fly spinnakers & finished 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 11th respectively.



MYUNA III, CHINOOK (left) & YOUNG ONES (right) completed their 2nd, 3rd and 5th races respectively.





(Above) WINSOME, DILII GAFF & LA MER finished 8th, 9th & 15th respectively.

(Below) ALEGRIA & VALIANT inch their way towards the finish line.



Race 8 is scheduled for 11 Aug 2019

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