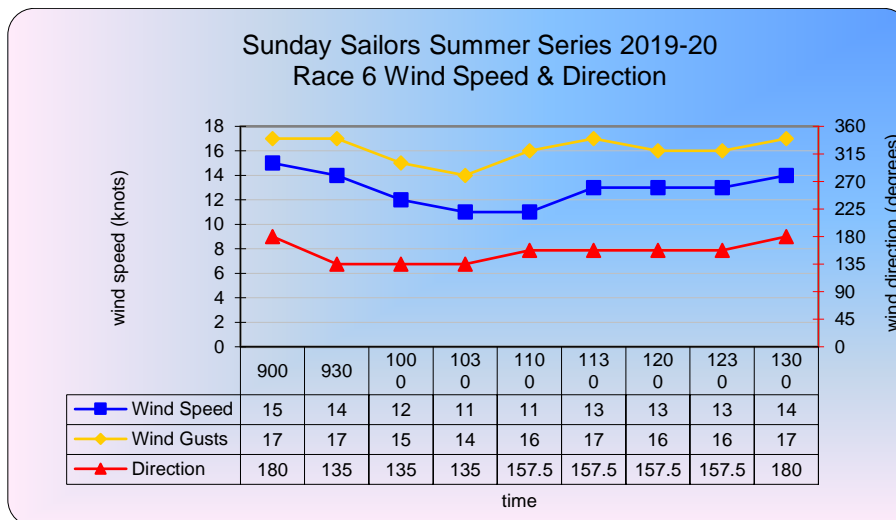


Marvellous Race for End of Year Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2019-20 Race 6



A good course and good weather combined to make the last Sunday race of 2019 a good one. A south south easterly breeze that averaged about 13 knots for the morning saw 21 of the 23 starters complete the 9.8 nautical mile course 24 in an average time of 1:58:59. There was a tight finish with a yacht crossing the finish line at an average of every 40 seconds with 15 minutes 14 seconds separating first from last – the closest finish of the summer so far.



There was a record set at the start of the race when 3 yachts, ALEGRIA (Simon May), LEBROK (Theo Korbel) and SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) tied for Start of the Day. BUSHRANGER (Tim Pearce) chalked up her 3rd podium finish of the series when she was first to cross the finish line. In her 2nd race of the summer MARAMA (Catherine Dawson) collected a glass by finishing 2nd followed 46 seconds later by LEBROK in 3rd place. With a time of 1:41:36 BUSHRANGER proved to be the fastest yacht around the course.

She now leads the summer aggregate with a total of 23 points from LA BELLE VIE who finished 13th in this race and slips into 2nd place on 31 points with COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) and HOT CHIPPS (John Chipp) both 2 points behind. It's LA BELLE VIE who leads the Sunday Plate from LA MER, DILLI GAFF (Paul MacBain) and ALEGRIA with SKULLDUGGERY leading the Noelle Coram Trophy from DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) and RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp & Grahame Jones).



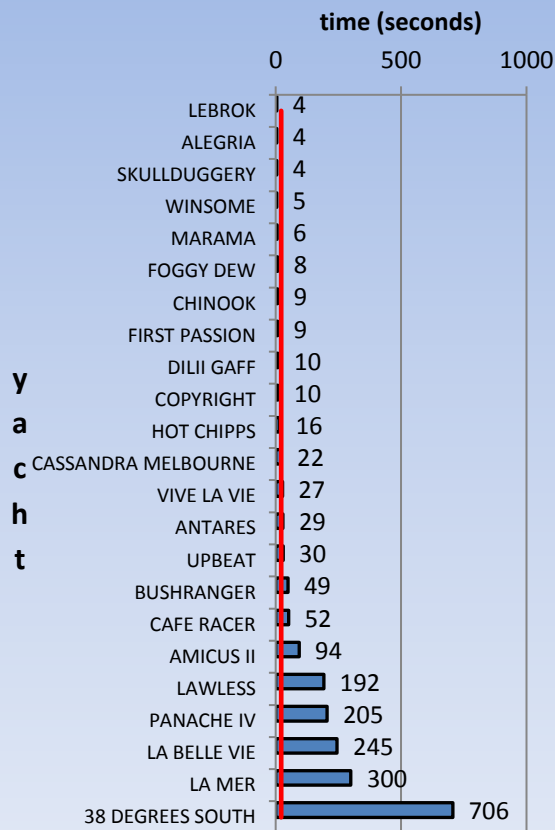
BUSHRANGER has completed all 5 races this summer and is the only yacht to have 3 podium finishes. She began this race from 22nd place 49 seconds late for her 42 handicap. Her elapsed time was 6 minutes 50 seconds faster than her closest rival and she crossed the finish line at 11:53:36 – 64 seconds ahead of MARAMA. BUSHRANGER has improved her position in the aggregate after each race and holds the lead with a margin of 8 points.

MARAMA made her best start of the summer crossing the start line from 3rd place only 6 seconds late for her 4 minute handicap. She also made the best of her 3 minute handicap decrease by finishing 2nd in this race after a 5th place in race 4. MARAMA had the same handicap as AMICUS II but on this occasion sailed the course 5 minutes 33 seconds faster to finish 10 places ahead. MARAMA crossed the finish line at 11:54:40 and this 2nd place helps her from 32nd to 25th in the aggregate.



LEBROK is one of 10 yachts to have completed all 5 races this series. She started the race from 18th place 4 seconds late for her 37 minute handicap good enough to tie for start of the day. She sailed the course in the 2nd fastest elapsed time of 1:48:26 and crossed the finish line at 11:55:26. This was the best finish of the series for LEBROK who now has 3 top ten finishes from her 5 races. She was 10th in the aggregate after race 5 and has now moved into 6th place. She is 7th in the contest for the Sunday Plate and 5th in line for the Noelle Coram Trophy.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2019-20 Race 6 Start of the Day

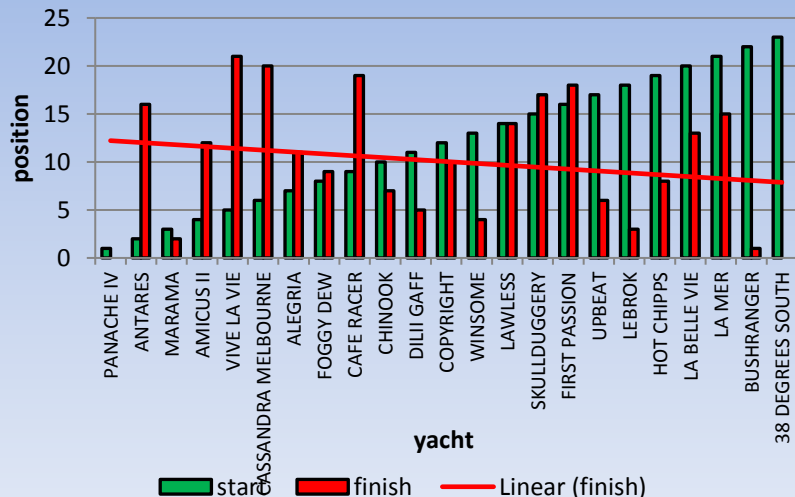


It wasn't the fastest start of the series but a record 3 yachts all made 4 second starts in a following breeze. The median start time was 22 seconds with 10 yachts starting within 10 seconds or less of their handicaps. At the other end of the scale 5 yachts were more than a minute late with LA MER starting 4 seconds too soon.

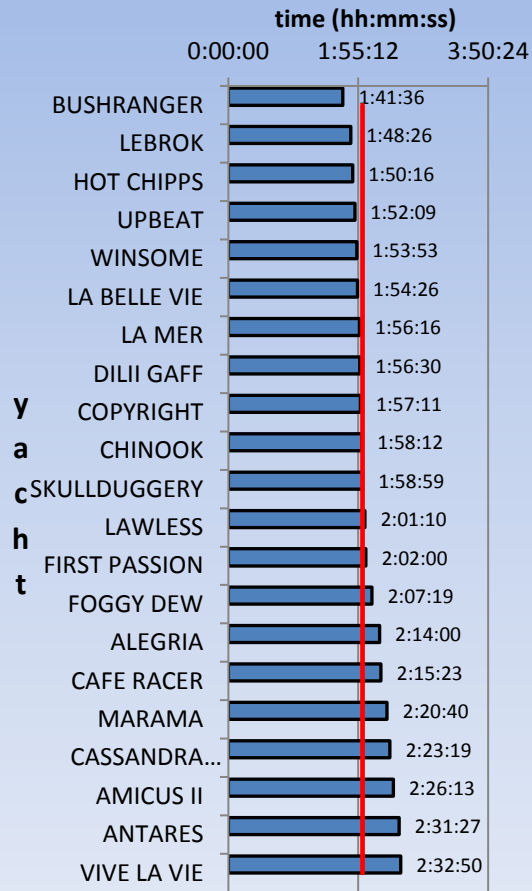


The 23 starters crossed the start line more than 70 minutes apart but the gap closed with 21 yachts finishing 15 minutes 14 seconds apart. The closest finish was between HOT CHIPPS (John Chipp) who crossed the finish line in 8th place beating FOGGY DEW (Frank Hilliard & Joe O'Grady) by 3 seconds. It was the mid fleet and late starters who fared best in the race with 7 of them making up the first eight to cross the finish line.

Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2019-20 Race 6 Position at Start & Finish



Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2019-20 Race 6
Elapsed Time



The median elapsed time for the race was 1:58:59. The fastest was BUSHRANGER with LEBROK 2nd and with the help of a blue and white spinnaker HO CHIPPS was 3rd fastest.



(Below left) WINSOME missed by 1 second being the 4th yacht to tie for Start of the Day. (Below right) An early start by LA MER could have cost 10 places at the finish.





(Left) PANACHE IV was first to start but later retired.
(Right) LAWLESS was able to get the spinnaker flying.



(Left) CAFE RACER started after CASSANDRA (right) but finished 56 seconds ahead.



(Below left) CHINOOK approaching with CAFE RACER & WINSOME (below right) going around SYC 5.





(Left) UPBEAT finished 6th - her best result of the series so far.

(Right) LA BELLE VIE was 13th across the finish line but is 2nd in the series aggregate.



(Below) heading for the finish line.



(Below) Both SKULLDUGGERY & Crew dressed for the occasion.



The first race for 2020 is scheduled for 5 Jan 2020

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