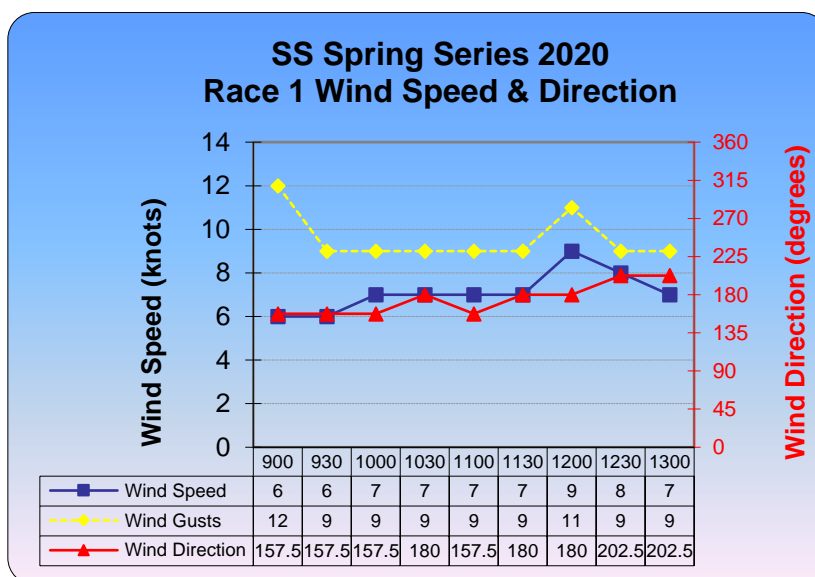


## Back on the Water at Last Sunday Sailors Spring 2020 Race 1



After a 34 week break Sunday Sailors were back on the water on 1 Nov 2020 for the spring racing programme - a series of 5 races that lasts until 20 December. Thirty six yachts entered the series. The majority competed in the summer 2019-20 series but there were 6 newcomers. Of these six, four were among the twenty yachts that contested the first race. The weather was kind, with light winds and plenty of sunshine. The breeze averaged about 7 knots as it shifted from about the SSE through the South to the SSW which was enough for all the fleet to finish the 9.9 nautical mile course 14.



It was PANACHE IV (Emils Stokans) that had spring race underway, but with a time of 3 seconds it was LA MER (Michael Ebeling) who won Start of the Day. She carried her good fortune throughout the race to be first across the finish line followed by WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) with RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp) finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sailing the course in the fastest time of 2:01:52 was the X Yacht, XPRESSO (Ari Abrahams) who was 1 minute 57 seconds faster than her closest rival.



LA MER was very successful in the first spring race of the programme. She won start of the day (3 seconds) sailed the course in the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest time (2:03:49) and was first across the finish line at 12:08:49 – 2 minutes 51 seconds ahead of WINSOME.

WINSOME completed 8 of the 10 races in the 2019-20 summer series but missed a podium finish. This was rectified when she finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in this race. She started from 8<sup>th</sup> place 20 seconds late for her 30 minute handicap. WINSOME completed the course in 2:11:40 to cross the finish line at 12:11:40.

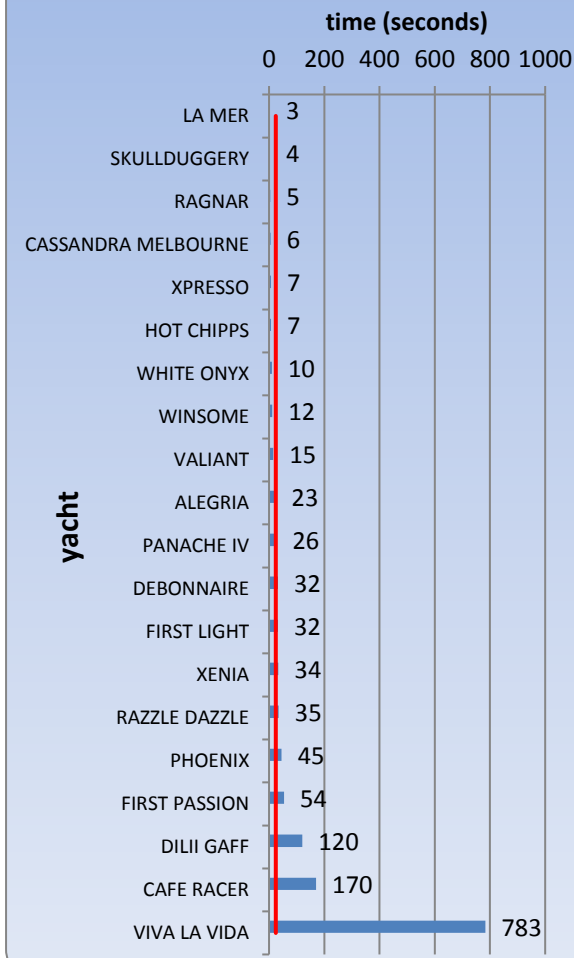


RAZZLE DAZZLE started from 6<sup>th</sup> place 35 seconds late for her 27 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 2:16:47 becoming 3<sup>rd</sup> across the finish line at 12:13:47.



RAZZLE DAZZLE competed in the 2019-20 summer series and was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the final race.

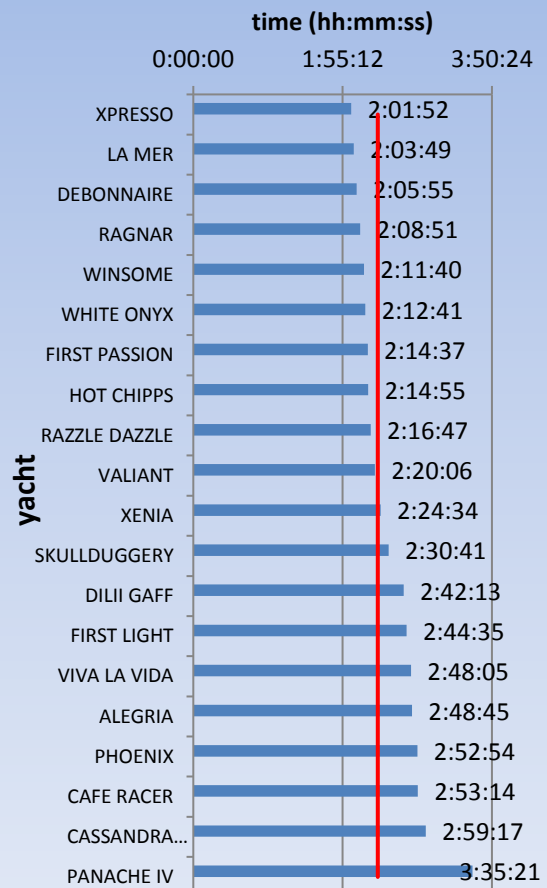
### Sunday Sailors Spring 2020 Race 1 Start of the Day



The median start time was 24.5 seconds with 7 yachts starting within 10 seconds or less of their handicap. VIVE LA VIDA (Cameron & Liam Stevens) should have been among the first 10 yachts to start. Missing their start by 13 minutes 3 seconds saw them start from 17<sup>th</sup> place – the same place in which they finished.

The median elapsed time for the race was 2:22:20 with a range of 1:33:39. Newcomer RAGNER (Richard Ekberg) recorded an elapsed time of 2:08:51 – the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest of the race. At 33 foot she sailed noticeably faster than yachts with a significantly longer water line.

### Sunday Sailors Spring 2020 Race 1 Elapsed Time





Among the yachts new to Sunday Sailors were the Sunfast 3300 RAGNAR above and below the X Yacht XP33 XENIA (Koos Theron)



NB All photos are from other SYC races.

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