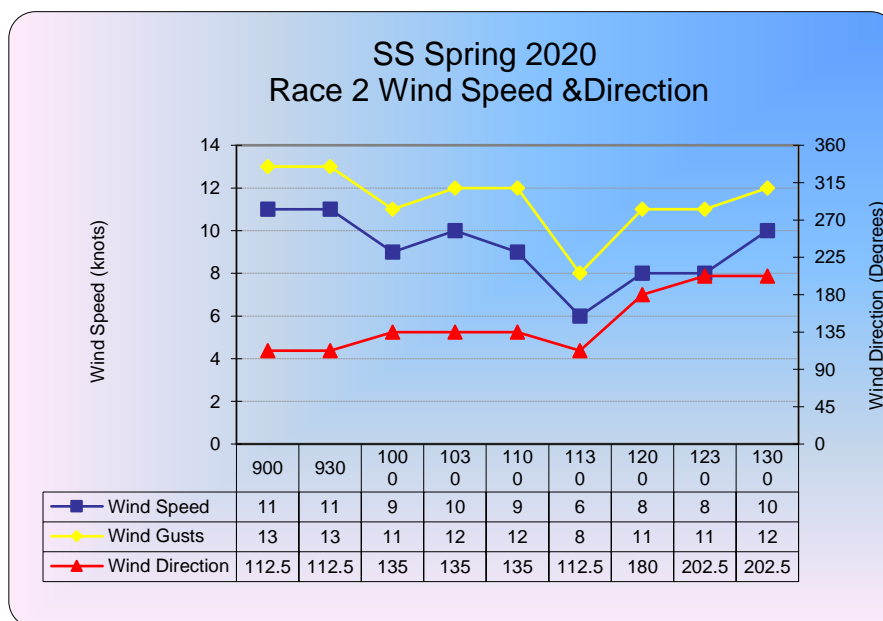


## Excellent Weather Especially for the X Yachts Sunday Sailors Spring 2020 Race 2



The weather was great for the first race of spring and even better for the second. Plenty of blue sky and a breeze that averaged 9 knots for the morning encouraged 22 yachts to contest race 2. The race took the fleet around the 9.8 nautical mile course 24 in a median time of 2:19:21. All but one yacht, SCALLYWAG (Bill Hutchison) who retired, completed the race with more than 17 minutes to spare. Of the 16 yachts that sailed in race 1, 9 (including the 3 podium finishers) received a handicap increase whilst 2 received a handicap decrease for race 2.



It was a particularly rewarding morning for the three X Yachts in the race. XENIA (Koos Theron) the smallest of the three, won Start of the Day with a time of 2 seconds; finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the race; and, recorded the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest time. The mid-sized yacht, XPRESSO (Ari Abrahams) won the race and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> successive race sailed the course in the fastest time. The largest of the X Yachts WHITE ONYX (Ben & Katherine Solly) finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place after sailing the course in the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest time of the race. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place was the winner of race 1, LA MER (Michael Ebeling), who recorded the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest time of the race.

There was a rare event at the finish line when both MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon) and WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) crossed the finish line at 12:15:05 to tie for 5<sup>th</sup> place.



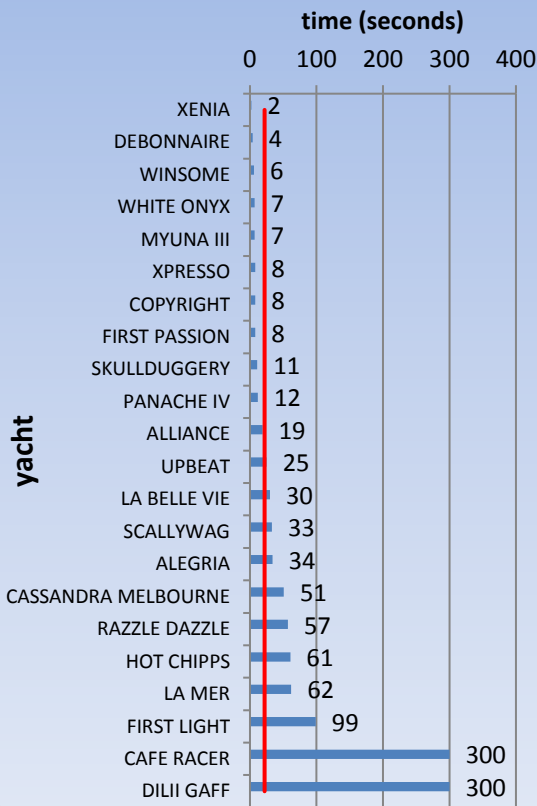
With a handicap of 47 minutes XPRESSO finished 7<sup>th</sup> in race 1. In this race she was the last yacht to start, 8 seconds late for her 51 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 1:45:54 which was 13 minutes 51 seconds faster than her closest rival. XPRESSO crossed the finish line at 12:06:54 - 51 seconds ahead of XENIA.

XENIA kept the same handicap of 38 minutes she had in race 1 when she finished 12<sup>th</sup>. She started this race from 17<sup>th</sup> place 2 seconds late for her handicap. It took her 1:59:45 to sail the course and crossed the finish line at 12:07:45.



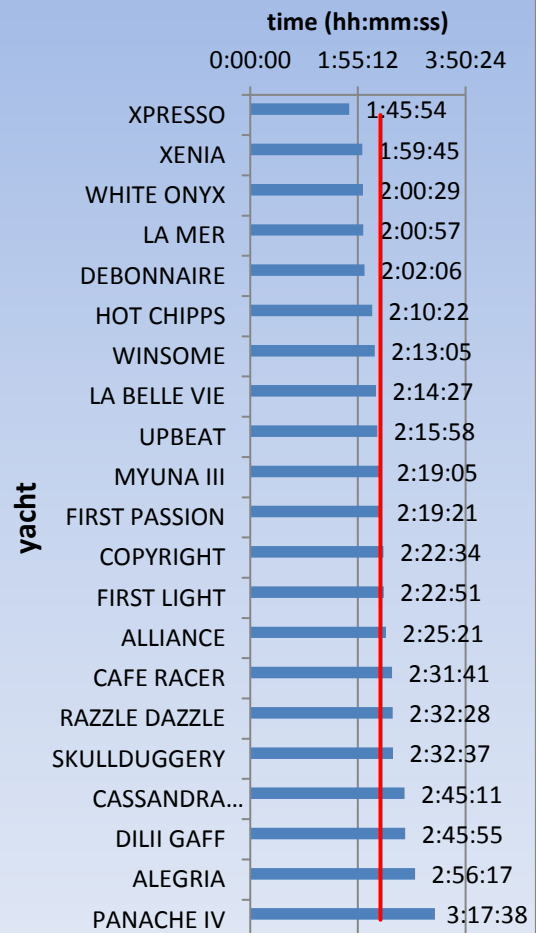
Following her win in race 1, LA MER had her handicap increased. She was the 19<sup>th</sup> yacht to start this race 62 seconds late for her 41 minute handicap. Nevertheless LA MER sailed the course in 2:00:57 – the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest time of the day- to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:11:57 making her the first yacht to have 2 podium finishes in the two spring races.

### Sunday Sailors Spring 2020 Race 2 Start of the Day



The median start time was 22 seconds. Eight yachts started within 8 seconds or less of their handicap whilst two yachts started too soon. One, CAFE RACER was 5 seconds too soon whilst DILII GAFF was 6 seconds too soon. They both received the 5 minute penalty which cost CAFE RACER 4 places and DILII GAFF 2 places.

### Sunday Sailors Spring 2020 Race 2 Elapsed Time



The median elapsed time was 2:19:21 with the stronger breeze and a marginally shorter course this was 2 minutes 59 seconds faster than race 1.

NB All photos are from other SYC races.

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