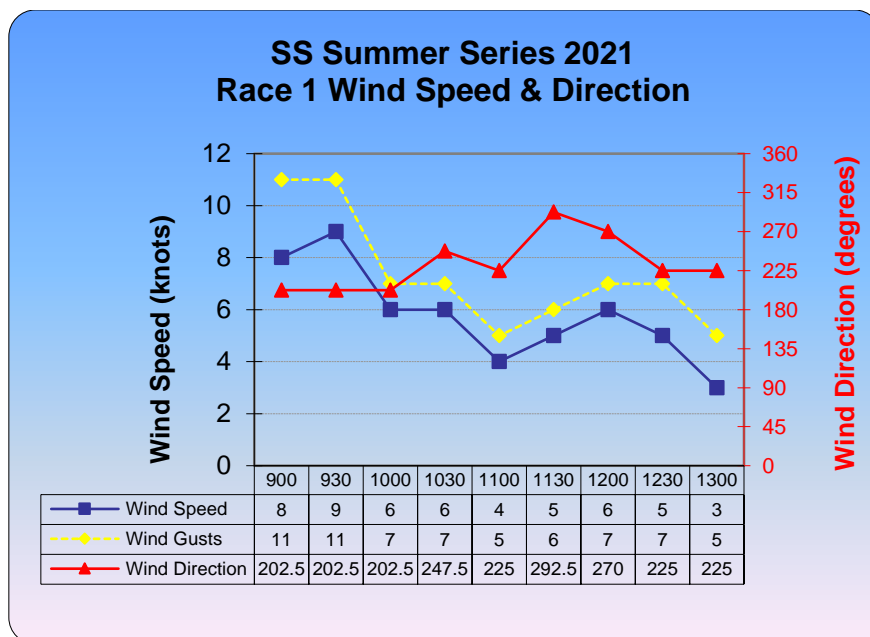


## One for the Aggregate Sunday Sailors Summer 2021 Race 1



The 2021 Summer Series got underway on a rainy Sunday morning when CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) crossed the start line at 9:45:26. She led a small fleet of 11 yachts around a shortened course 13 with only 4 of the 7 legs completed. It was probably the weather that kept many in the marina. The forecast was for variable winds of about 10 knots with showers. One of the enjoyable and sometimes challenging features of Melbourne weather is its variability. The showers eased as the morning progressed but so did the wind. It averaged about 6 knots for the morning at Fawkner Beacon and by one o'clock it was below 4 knots.



There was good news for those entered in the aggregate. Of the 11 yachts in the race, 3 competed as visitors not included in the aggregate. This allowed those in the aggregate to record a score of less than 10. With a time of 6 seconds WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) made the best Start of the Day. By a 10 second margin the winner of the first race of the summer was the Northshore 369, FOGGY DEW (Robert D'Arcy). In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was the Hick 30, ANNA (Anthony Barbour) who was followed by the Beneteau 40, WICKED (Mark Welsh). It was WICKED who sailed the course in the fastest time followed by ANNA then FOGGY DEW.

FOGGY DEW sailed the last race of the Spring programme finishing 11<sup>th</sup> off a 36 minute handicap. Her start to this race was one she would probably like to forget – 2 minutes 42 seconds late for her 36 minute handicap from 9<sup>th</sup> place. Despite the late start FOGGY DEW sailed the course in 1:46:55 (5 minutes 23 seconds faster than UPBEAT with the same 36 minute handicap) to cross the finish line at 11:52:55. This win makes FOGGY DEW the early aggregate leader.



Although ANNA didn't compete in the spring programme she did complete 4 races in the 2019-20 summer series. She won the last race of that series by a margin of 2 minutes 58 seconds. She started this race from 6<sup>th</sup> place 37 seconds late for her 32 minute handicap. ANNA completed the course in the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest elapsed time of the race and crossed the finish line at 15:53:05 - 10 seconds behind FOGGY DEW.

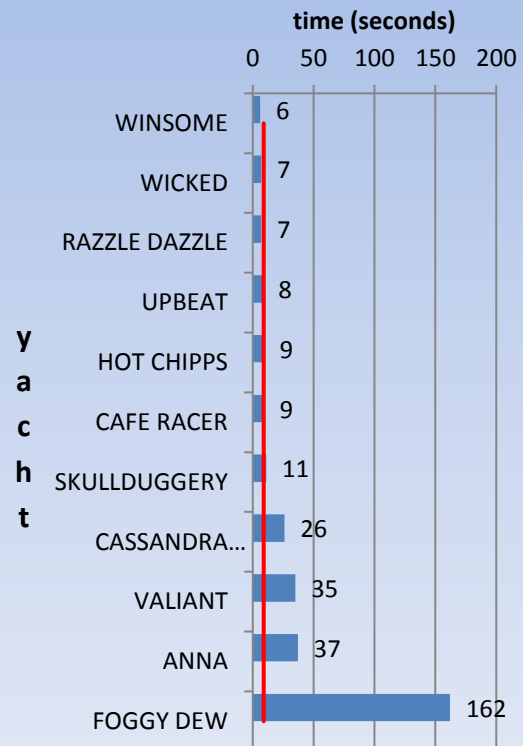
WICKED was the last yacht to start this race 7 seconds late for her 50 minute handicap. This was 9 minutes 58 seconds after the second last starter. She was able to sail the course 1:35:08 – 11 minutes 47 seconds faster than her closest rival and crossed the finish line at 11:55:08 – 2 minutes 13 seconds behind the winner. WICKED sailed the race as a “visitor” so her score is not included in the aggregate.



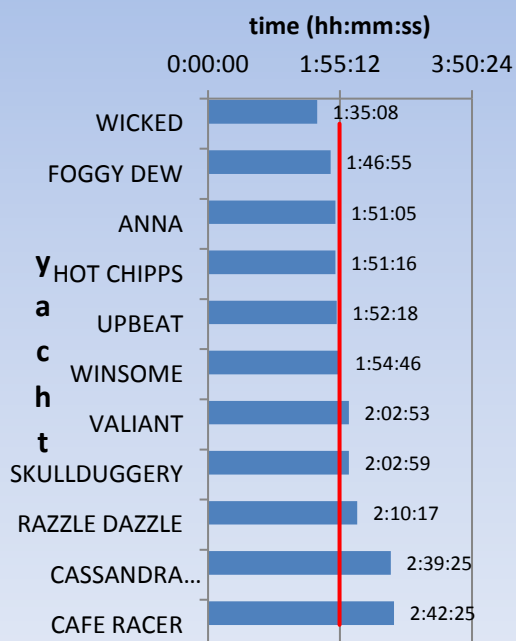
The median start time for the race was 9 seconds. This is the “best start” since race 7 of the 2019-20 summer series. WINSOME made the best Start of the Day – 1 second better than both WICKED and RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp).



## Sunday Sailors Summer 2021 Race 1 Start of the Day



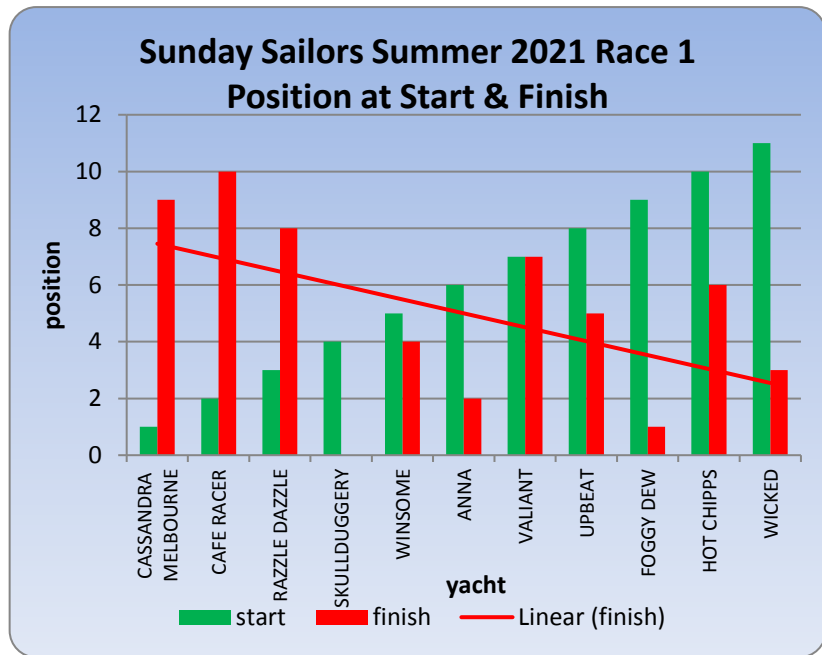
## Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2021 Race 1 Elapsed Time



The median elapsed time for the 6.2 nautical mile race was 1:54:46 with range of 67 minutes 17 seconds between the fastest and slowest. Five yachts had a sail of over 2 hours but it was CAFE RACER (Alan Clapham) who received best value for money with a sail of 2:42:25.



Even though the course was shortened and the breeze was stronger for the early starters it was the late starters who recorded the better results. The first 5 yachts to start the race had an average finish position of about 8<sup>th</sup> whilst the last 5 yachts to start had an average finish position of about 4<sup>th</sup>.



(Left) CASSANDRA gets the summer series underway

(Right) VALIANT holds off a late challenge by RAZZLE DAZZLE





(Above left) UPBEAT made the 3<sup>rd</sup> best start of the day

(Above right) WINSOME is 2<sup>nd</sup> in the aggregate whilst HOT CHIPPS (left) is currently 3<sup>rd</sup>

(Below) Showers cleared after the race was over



**Race 2 is  
scheduled for  
17 Jan 2021**

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