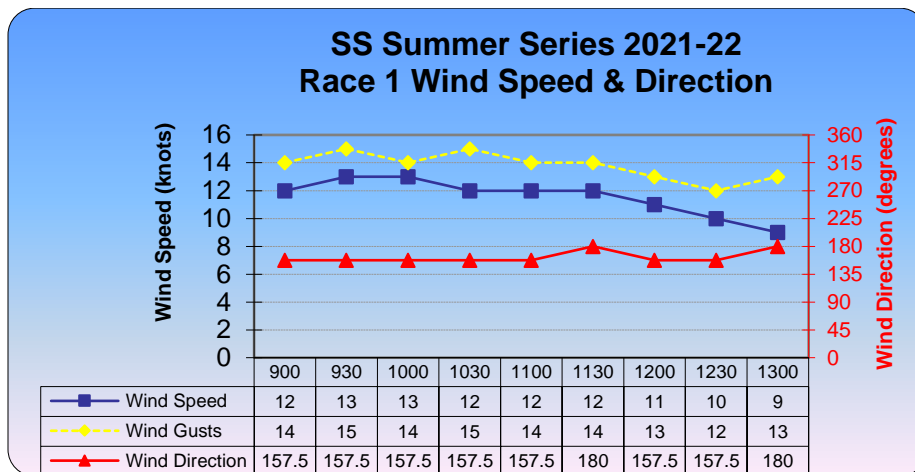


Hoist the Sails for the Summer Series Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2021-22 Race 1



Apart from the stand alone race on Sunday 31 Oct 2021 this was the first Sunday morning race since 11 July 2021 – the last race of the abandoned winter series. Eighteen of the 34 yachts entered in the series aggregate hoisted their sails to contest the first race of this Summer Series which was around the 9.3 nautical mile course 12. Of the 18 starters 17 finished with VIVA LA VIDA (Liam Stevens) choosing to retire. It was the Serendipity 28, ISA LEI (A. Chapman) that was first across the start line in a breeze that averaged about 12 knots for the morning predominantly from the south south east. This offered two opportunities for yachts to fly spinnakers. Although it was overcast there was no rain and only a minimal swell.



There was a three way tie for start of the day between LEBROK (Theo Korbel), SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) and WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) with each recording an 8 second start time. Things got even better for LEBROK who went on to win the race finishing ahead of FOGGY DEW (Robert D'Arcy) with DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) in 3rd place. DEBONNAIRE recorded the fastest elapsed time of 1:55:39 – the only yacht to complete the course in under 2 hours.



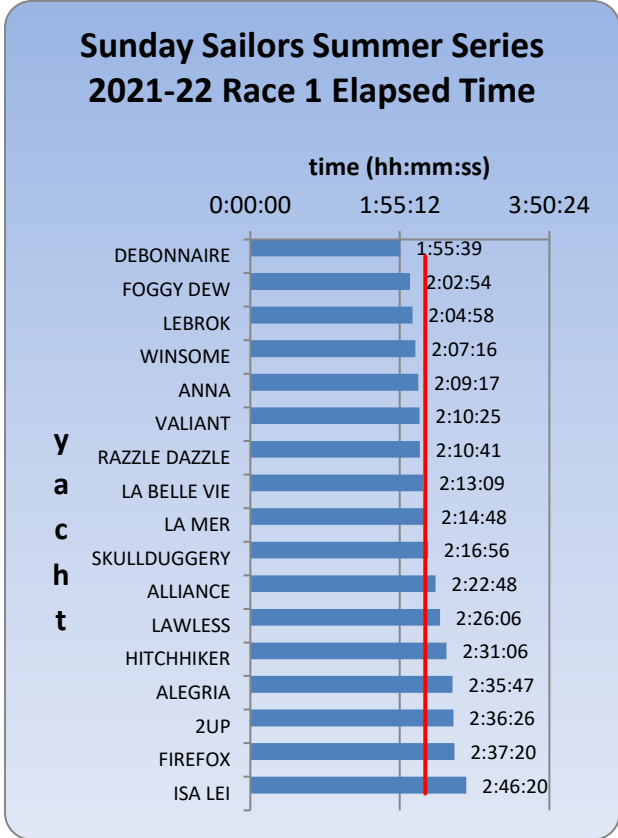
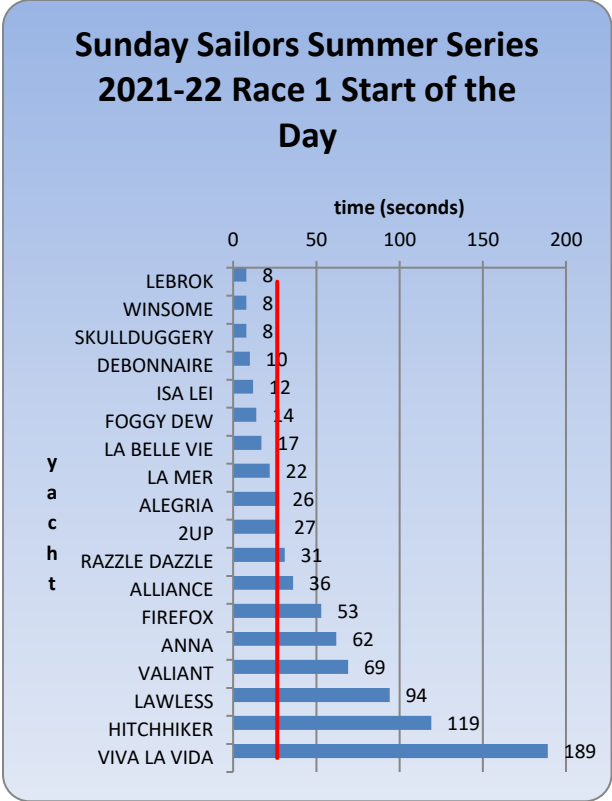
With a 36 minute handicap LEBROK was the 9th yacht to start the race. She built on her good start and had moved into 2nd place at the first rounding of SYC 4. LEBROK went one better in the last three legs of the race when she moved into the lead to win the race by 56 seconds. She had sailed the course in 2:05:58 – the 3rd fastest elapsed time of the morning.

FOGGY DEW started the race from 16th place, 14 seconds late for her 39 minute handicap. With the help of a spinnaker she sailed the course in 2:02:54 – the second fastest time of the race. FOGGY DEW crossed the finish line at 12:11:54 in 2nd place. She reduced the margin between herself and LEBROK from 3 minutes 6 seconds at the start of the race to 56 seconds at the finish line.



The last yacht to start the race was DEBONNAIRE – 10 seconds late for her 47 minute handicap. Without the use of a spinnaker she completed the course in the fastest elapsed time of 1:55:39 - 7 minutes 15 seconds faster than FOGGY DEW – the second fastest. DEBONNAIRE crossed the finish line in 3rd place, 45 seconds behind the 2nd place getter and 1 minute 41 seconds behind the winner.

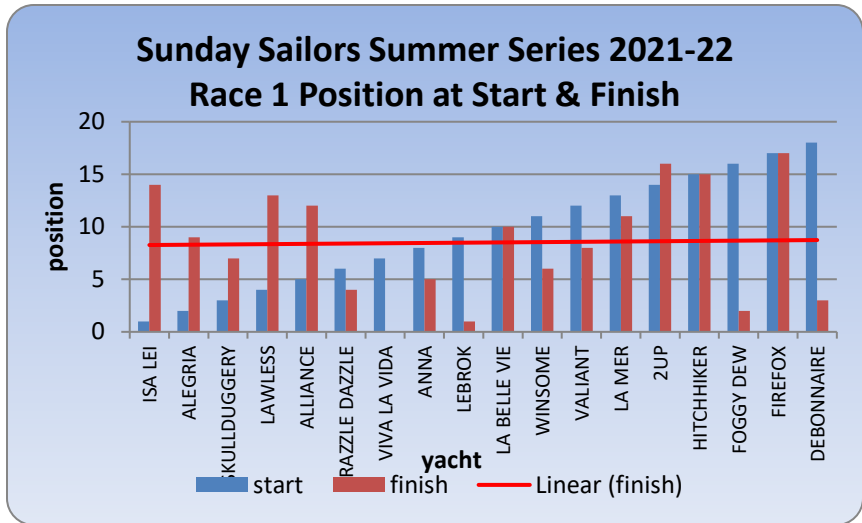
The median start time of 26.5 seconds indicates that a good start was difficult to judge. Only three yachts, those that tied for Start of the Day, made starts of less than 10 seconds.



The median elapsed time for the race was 2:14:48 – the time recorded by LA MER (Michael Ebeling). The range of elapsed times was 50 minutes 41 seconds with ISA LEI receiving “best value for money” with a time of 2:46:20 whilst DEBONNAIRE was the fastest.



DEBONNAIRE was the “big mover” of the day moving up 15 places from last to start to 3rd to finish. LA BELLE VIE (Grant & Nathan Anderson), HITCHHIKER (David Goodman) and FIREFOX (Kim Beveridge/Anthony Cline) finished in the same positions from where they started.



(Left) With a time of 12 seconds ISA LEI made the 3rd best Start of the Day

(Below left) 2UP started half a second above the median start time whilst ALEGRIA (below right) started half a second below the median Start time.



(Below) As they approached SYC 4 for the first time the fleet had to keep a careful lookout for the dredge under tow



(Below left) Peak time around SYC 3
(Below right) VALIANT gives the spinnaker a go



(Left) HITCHHIKER started & finished 15th
(Below) DEBONNAIRE went on to finish 2 seconds
ahead of RAZZLE DAZZLE





(Left) ALLIANCE
keeps clear of LA
BELLE VIE



(Right) ANNA
started 8th and
finished 5th



(Above left) FIREFOX started & finished
17th

(Above) SKULLDUGGERY on her way to
finish 7th



(Left) VIVA LA VIDA retired to sail
another day