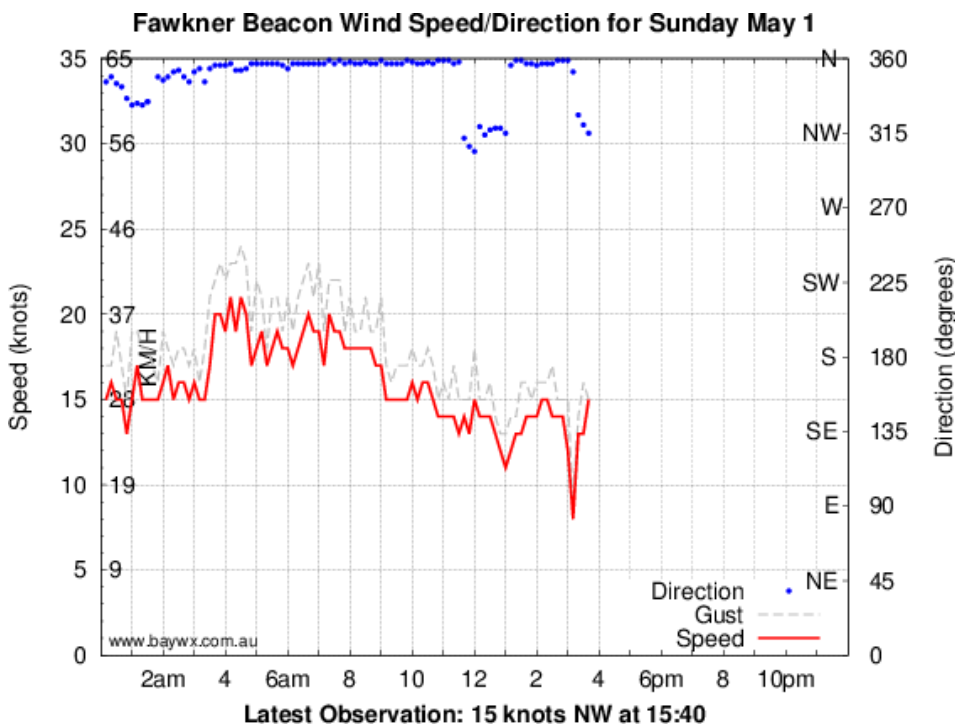


SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT MAY 1st 2022

Intro

This was the first race of the Winter Series for those intrepid Sunday Sailors. The weather was better than expected: dry, overcast and not cold. Fawkner Beacon showed 15 knot Northerlies at the start, which dropped away slightly as the race went on, with a spurt to the North West at the end. Right inshore the wind was lighter at about 10 knots, occasionally less, and was shifting around – making things a little challenging for expert and novice. 21 boats fronted up for course no 13 which was 9.4 nautical miles, and being two laps of up and back, made for ideal spinnaker conditions. Many boats flew spinnakers, including our winner and 4th placegetter.



Results

Hot Chippis (John Chipp) sailed a great race to win by nearly 5 minutes, flying a very coloured spinnaker and with the fastest elapsed time. The handicapper (**Stuart Morrison-Jack**) will surely take note!!

Second was **Hitchhiker (David Goodman)** with a great sail and quick time. Hitchhiker is a very new boat (and does many Recreational Boating events) and this was the first time ever on the podium.

Third place went to the old stagers on **Winsome (Simon Hemingway)** who hung on to just pip **Skulduggery (Garry MacCarten)** (4th) who were flying their great big black spinnaker.

Honourable mentions to **La Mer (Michael Ebeling)** (5th) and **La Belle Vie (Grant and Nathan Anderson)** (6th)

The conditions seemed to help the boats starting between about 30 and 40 minutes with the front markers being caught and the back markers unable to make a big impression.

Start of the Day

This was tight between **Winsome** (1 second) and **Skulduggery** (2 seconds) – two boats who have figured in start of the day awards previously. **Upbeat (Peter Dunne)** (3 seconds) and **La Belle Vie** (4

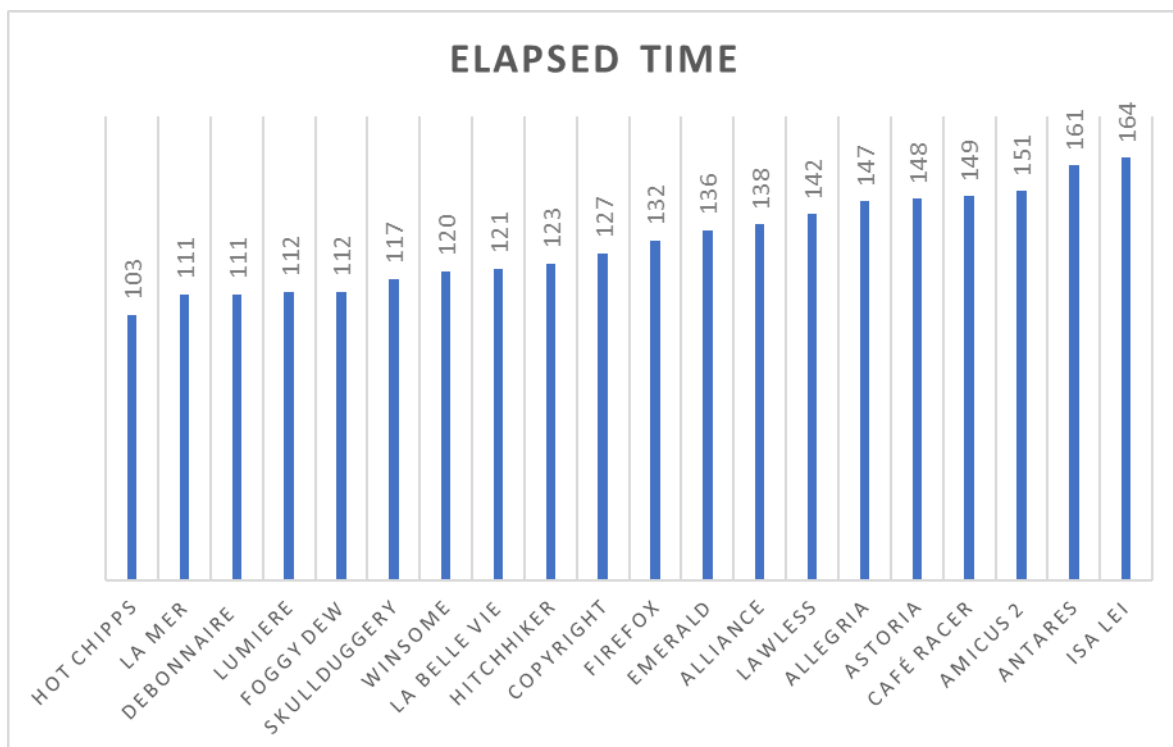
seconds) also started proficiently. The fleet average start time of 35 seconds shows that our Sunday mariners are still shaking off the cobwebs, and this starting average should come down.

Half Time Score

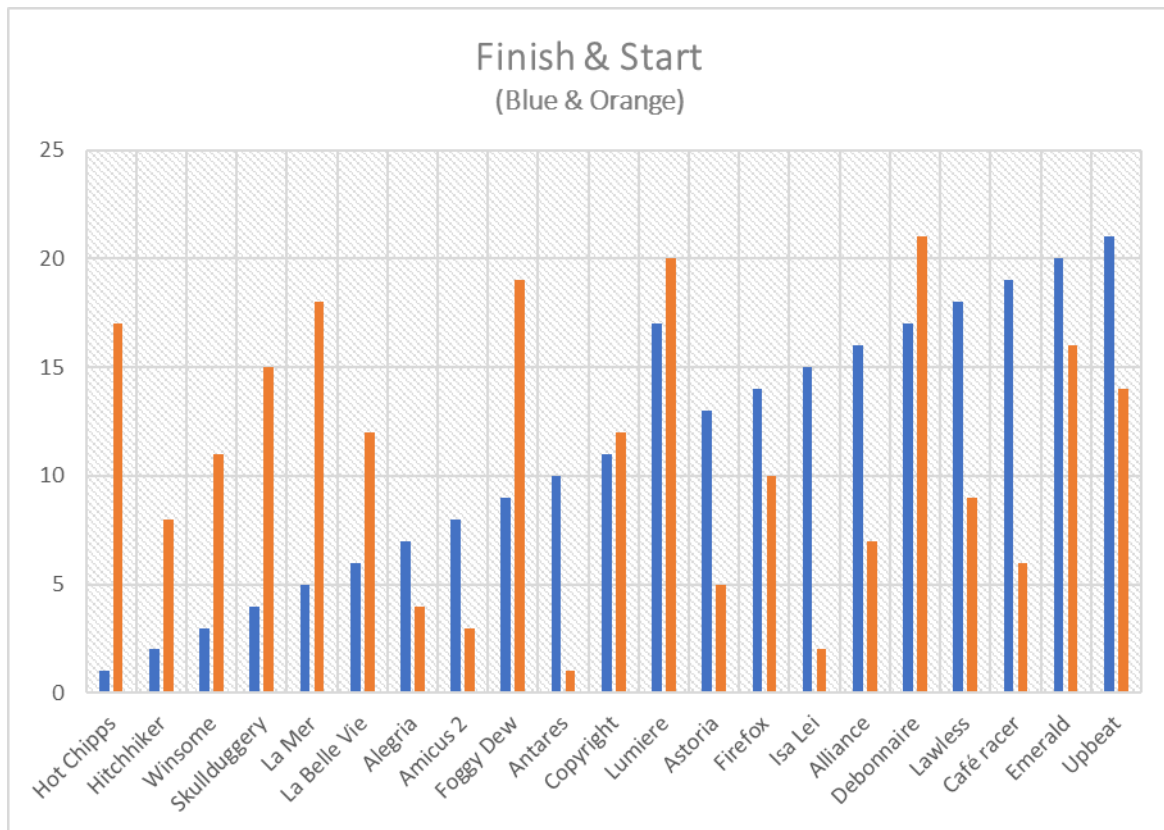
The first four to start were **Antares (G Stewart and D Pearce)**, **Isa Lei (Andrew Chapman)**, **Amicus 2 (Warwick Stenford)** and **Alegria (Simon May)**. After the first lap of the course they were still holding down the first four places, at No 4 the second time, with **Antares** retaining the lead. However they were caught on the second lap with **Hot Chipps** and **Hitchhiker** gaining greatly. **Allegria** finished a very creditable 7th, **Amicus right** behind in 8th, **Antares** 10th and **Isa Lei** 15th.

Elapsed times

As previously stated – **Hot Chipps** was the fastest around the course in 103 minutes. **La Mer** was 111 minutes, followed by **Debonnaire (Phil Gomez)** also 111 minutes, **Lumiere (Matt Kebbell)** 112 and **Foggy Dew (Robert DÁrcy)** 112 minutes. Average elapsed time was 2 hours 11 minutes (131 minutes) with times varying from 1 hour 43, to 2 hours 43. The average speed around the course was 4.4 Knots (VMG).



The biggest movers in the fleet were **Hot Chipps** (18th to 1st), **La Mer** (18th to 5th), **Skullduggery** (15th to 4th), and **Foggy Dew** (19th to 9th).



Series Scores

Being the first race of the series, no comments on series standings were judged necessary by the reporting committee.

Gossip and other matters.

There was some lamenting from **Debonnaire** about their 58 minute handicap, but having just won the Summer series your correspondent was struggling to feel sympathy. **Foggy Dew** were sailing without their secret weapon today (Bob from Cassandra) but still performed admirably. **Alegria** held a podium position for most of the race but just got caught at the end!! **Amicus** also placed well.



Skullduggery and La Belle Vie in a Luffing Duel

Comment

This is a first attempt at a Sunday Sailors report and although we will endeavour to enhance the graphics and get the photos going, in no way can we replace **Windward Buoy** and the many years of magnificent reporting from **Graham Furness**.

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