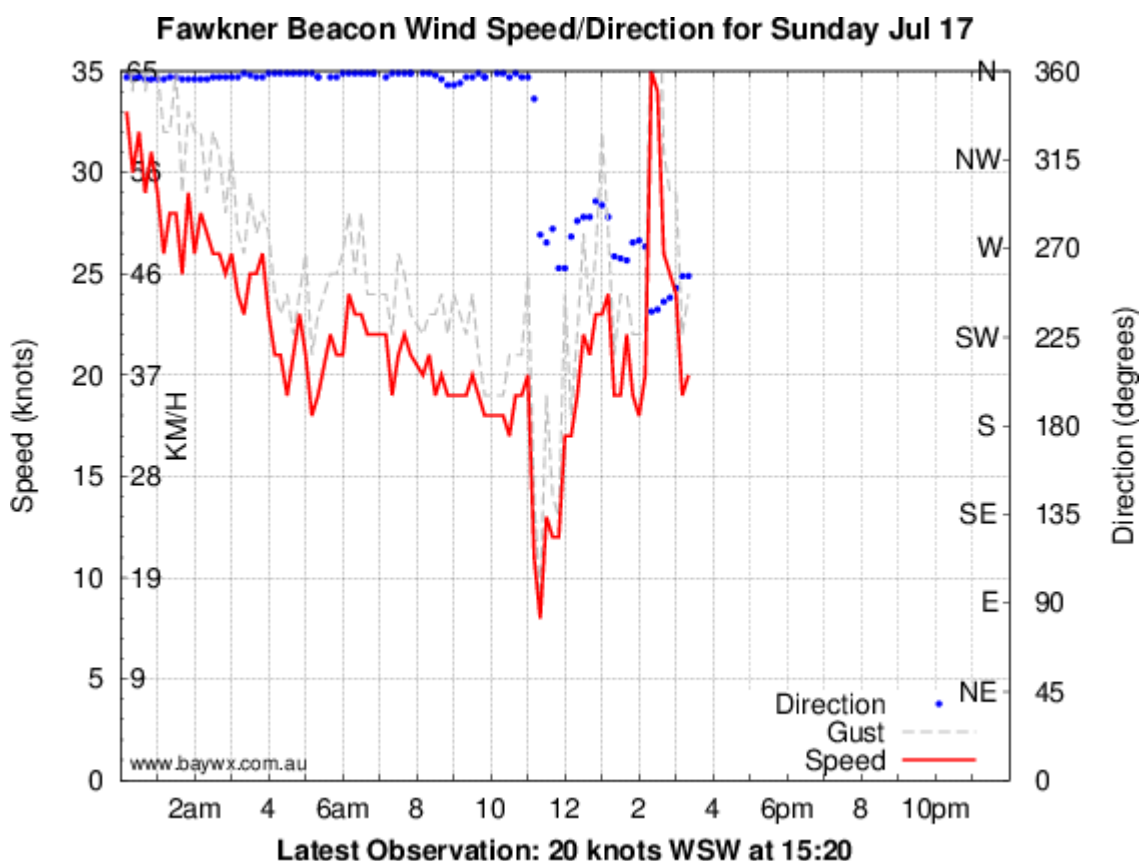


SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT 17 JULY 2022

Intro

The seventh race of the Sunday series was preceded by gale force winds overnight, from the North. Conditions moderated during the early morning but still looked a bit marginal when the Race Committee made the decision at 8.25AM to proceed. Six boats headed out into the forecast wet and windy and cold conditions. But it was an inspired call as wind was 15-20 knots mainly from the North, fairly flat seas and the rain squalls and thunderstorms passed to the South, hitting Black Rock and Beaumaris. The course sailed was Course 25, at 9.42 nautical miles.



Results

La Belle Vie (Grant and Nathan Anderson) won by over 2 minutes after grabbing the lead at the end of the first circuit. **Razzle Dazzle (Andrew Stopp)** hung on to her coat tails to comfortably hold second. **La Mer (Michael Ebeling)**, caught **Firefox (Kim Beveridge/Anthony Clyne)** near the end to get the last podium position. The day was rounded out by **Foggy Dew (Robert D'Arcy)** - known as Mr by his crew) and **Lumiere (Matt Kebbell)** who started from the back of the field. Congratulations to all these boats and crews for fronting up despite the forecast.

Only 9 minutes covered the finishing times of the field, well done **Mr Stuart Morrison-Jack**, handicapper.



La Belle Vie crosses the line to start the second lap, on her way to Victory. Note the gloom in the background as a storm sweeps towards Beaumaris.



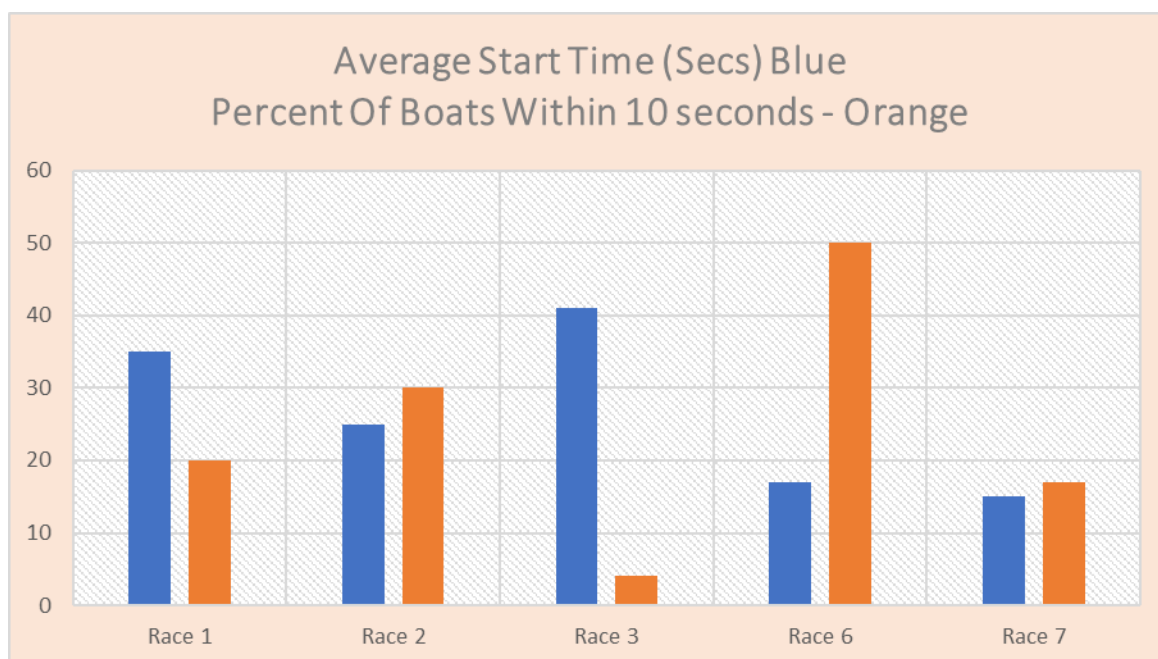
Razzle Dazzle in second, in hot pursuit of La belle Vie.



La Mer chasing **Firefox**, which she managed to catch and so **La Mer** finished third.

Start of the Day

Start of the day went to **Firefox** (5 seconds) with no other starter being within 10 seconds of their start time. Average start time was 15 seconds. However the slowest start was 24 seconds, still respectable.

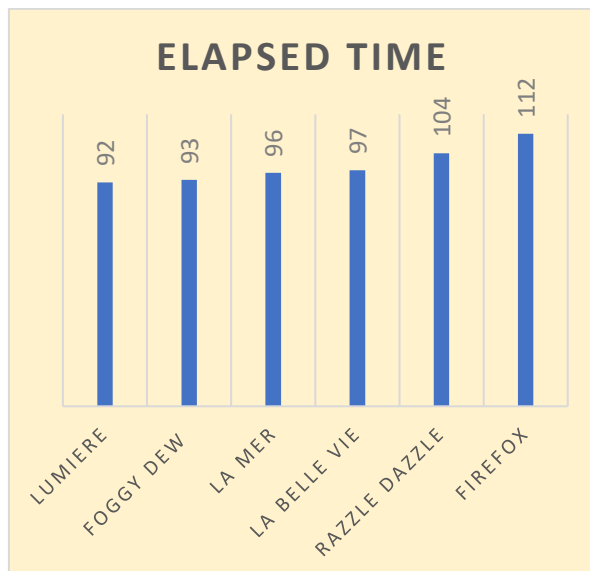


As previously said, a close study of start times is envisaged. The fleet average (blue) is sort of improving - Race 3 was a bit of a drifter at the start. In Race 6, 2/3 of the fleet started pretty well.

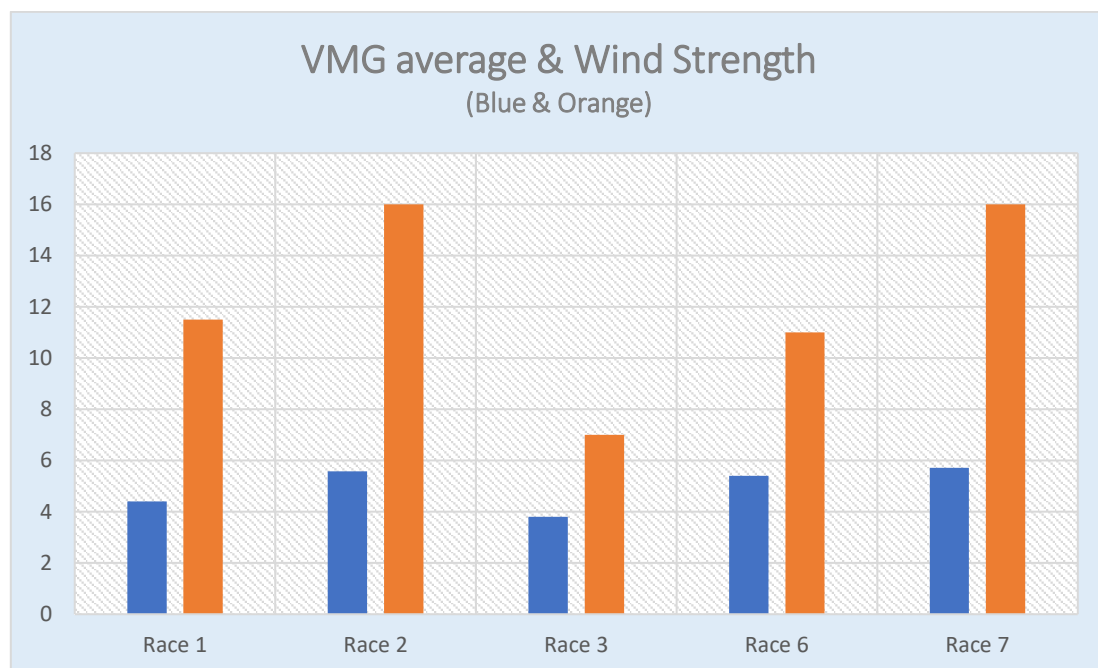
Half Time Score

As mentioned before, **La Belle Vie** grabbed the lead just as she rounded number 4, with **Razzle Dazzle** second by less than a minute. These boats went on to finish first and second. **Firefox** was third at No 4 followed by **La Mer**. The only change on the second lap was that **La Mer** caught **Firefox**.

Elapsed times



Lumiere had the best elapsed time at 92 minutes. Both Lumiere and **Foggy Dew** had reefed their mainsails. The average elapsed time was 99 minutes with an average VMG for the course of 5.71 knots. This fast average can be attributed to the wind strength, flat seas and the larger than normal size (length) of the fleet.



The plot of average boat speed and estimated average wind speed is shown above. It probably shows that once the winds get up to about 15 knots, many boats are going at close to their hull speed. The fast times in Race 6 can be partly attributed to many boats using spinnakers.

START AND FINISH POSITIONS

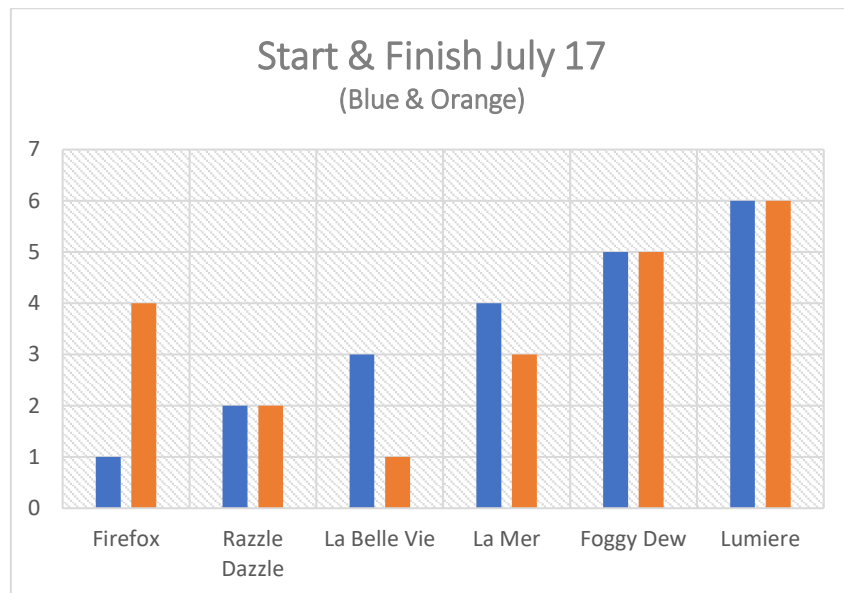
In such a small fleet there were no great movements, but **La Belle Vie** came from third to win.



Lumiere going upwind, recorded the fastest elapsed time.



Nice shot of **La Mer**



Series Scores

Three of the four series leaders did not sail. **La Belle Vie's** win saw them jump into second, close up behind **Simon (The Phantom) May** and **Alegria**. **Razzle Dazzle** and **La Mer** consolidate in 5th and 6th and **Lumiere** jumps to 8th, with **Firefox** ninth.

Gossip and other matters.

Debonnaire was recently seen in the yard with her below waterline (bottom) area shrouded in a heavy skirt (see photo). The last time your correspondent saw this was when Australia II had a winged keel. Unofficial approaches to **Phil and Catherine Gomez** elicited a “no comment” response. Your correspondent, in the spirit of high journalistic principles, refuses to speculate. But whatever major changes have occurred to **Debonnaire**, winged keel, special under water treatment or whatever, we have not seen any corresponding improvement in performance....so far.



And many thanks to our team in the tower without whom we couldn't race. Thanks to **Barb Watson** and **Stewart Simmons**, supported by **James Sly**. And again we remember **Graham Furness**.

LUFFING LANCE



Foggy Dew passing No 4. Note the rain behind.



Firefox and **La Mer**



Razzle Dazzle showing a less than clean bum. Job for Stuart M-J??



Firefox