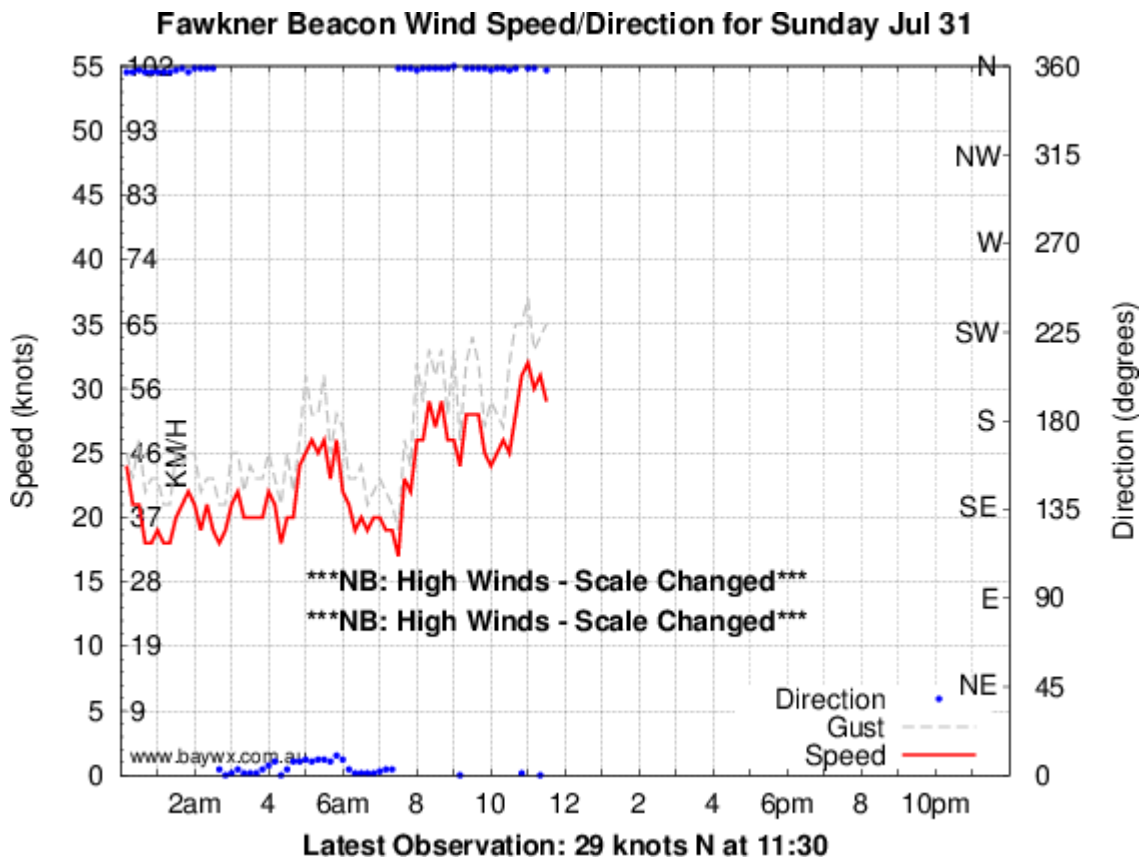


SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT 31 JULY 2022

Intro

The eighth race of the Sunday series was preceded by strong winds the previous day, but looked to be moderating. It seemed to have settled to a Northerly of 18-20 knots by 7.30 AM, oh but then she jumped to 25-30 knots at Fawkner Beacon!! The seas were flat further in and the winds were less at the club house. The course was 24 which was 3, 2, 5, 4, 3, 1 finish – 9.4 nautical miles. Your correspondent was aware of a number of boats that were thinking about going out, or not. In the end the course was shortened after one lap as the wind strength was getting up!!



Results

Eight sets of crew ventured out, true mariners all. And five finished. **Antares (G Stewart and D Pearce)** led the way the whole way around the course and was rewarded for their bravery with a first, finishing just after 11AM (with Fawkner beacon showing 32 knots gusting 36 – although less inshore). **Alegria (Simon May)** retired from second). **La Belle Vie (Grant and Nathan Anderson)** waltzed into second having got past the valiant **Razzle Dazzle (Andrew Stropp)** who finished third. **La Mer (Michael Eberling)** and **Foggy Dew (Robert DÁrcy – Mr to his friends)** rounded out the finishers. Also out there until well around the course were **Hitchhiker (David Goodman)** and **Firefox (Kim Beveridge and Anthony Clyne)**.



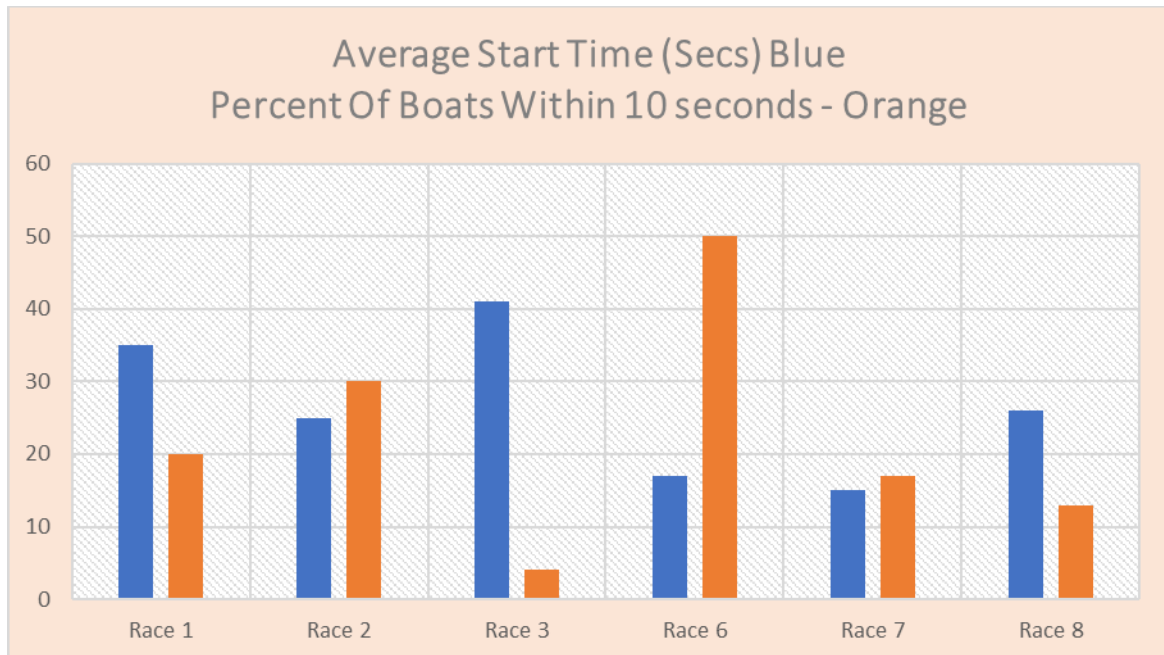
La Belle Vie racing off into a yellow sky and a future second place!!



Hitchhiker chasing **Razzle Dazzle**, with a small fleet of J24's in the background.

Start of the Day

Start of the day went to **Foggy Dew** on 6 seconds, very creditable given the conditions. **Allegria** (13), **La Belle Vie** (16) and **La Mer** (17) also started well given the conditions.



Given the windy conditions, the average start time (26 seconds) was good.

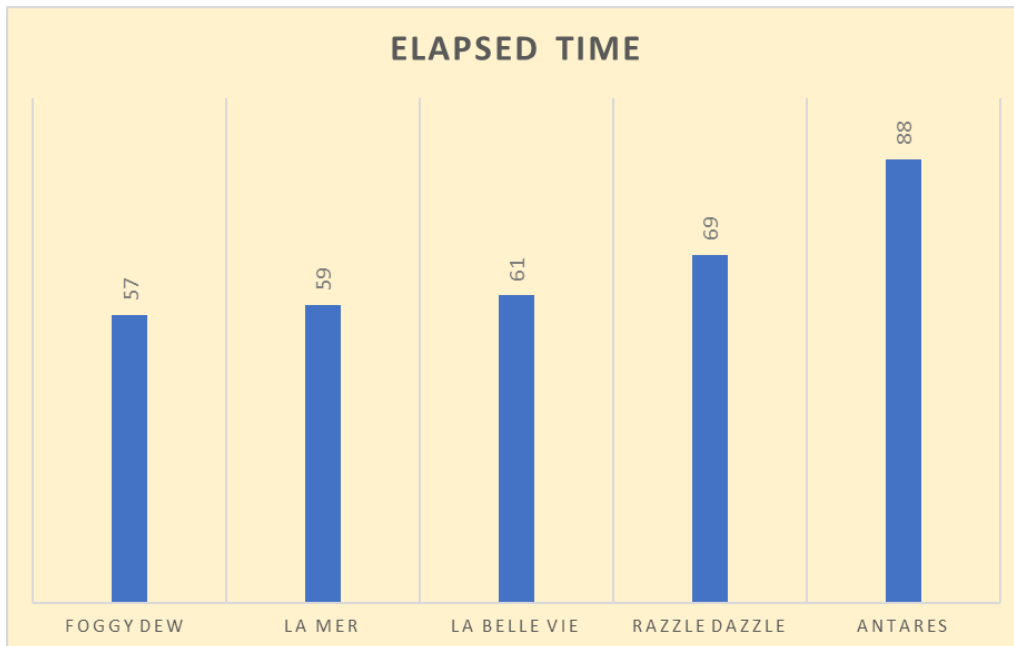


Foggy Dew demonstrating a new style of starting manoeuvre – **going the wrong way!!**

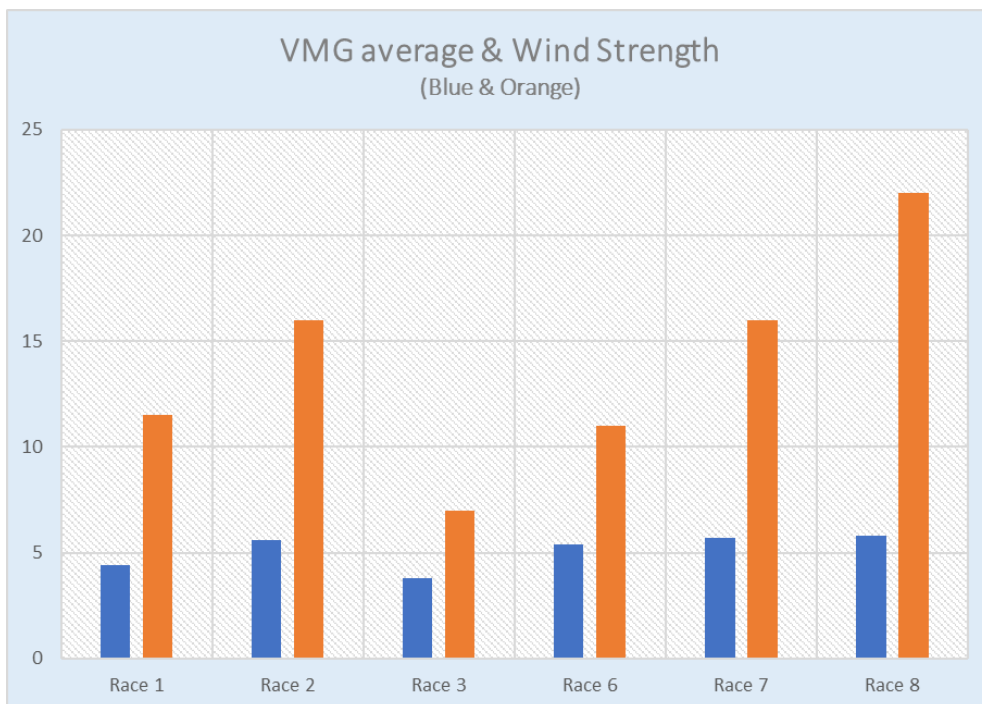
Half Time Score

Half time ended up being the finish!!

Elapsed times

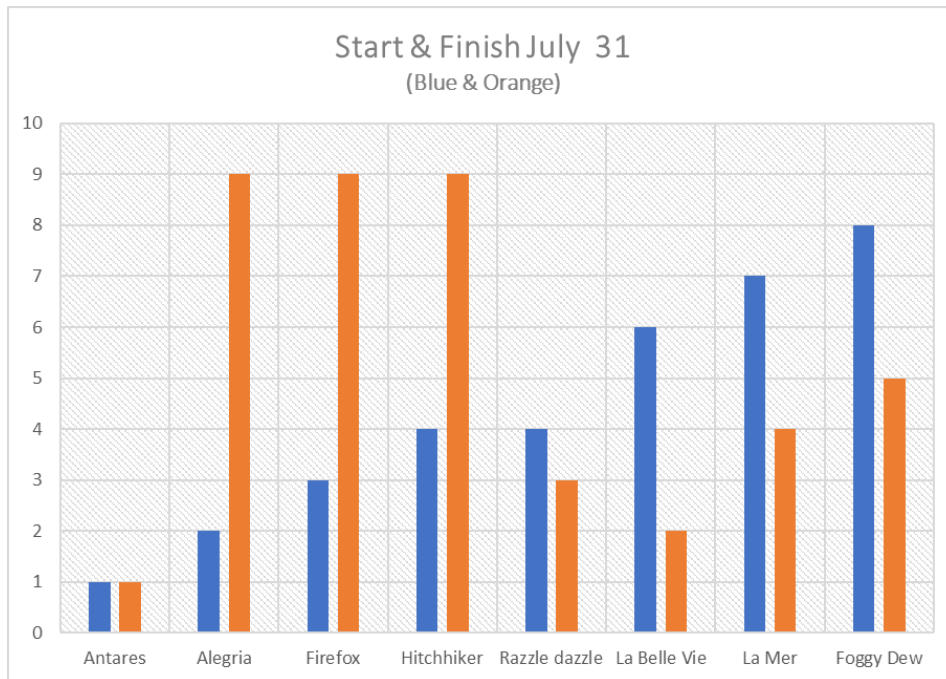


Foggy Dew were fastest, followed by **La Mer**. **Antares** won the **Nagah** for most value on the course (a golfing analogy) but winner are gridders, so well done boys. The average elapsed time was 67 minutes for a (guessed) course length of 6.4 nM to give an average VMG of 5.8 knots.



START AND FINISH POSITIONS

In such a small fleet there were no great movements. Well done **Antares**, and **La Belle Vie** did well.



Series Scores

The boats that ventured out in the last two races have fared very well. La belle Vie has leaped into the series lead, with **Allegría** hanging on closely in second- skippered by **Simon “The Phantom” May**. **Razzle Dazzle** is also a big mover. **Amicus 2** and **Winsome** have gone backwards.

Gossip and other matters.

Your correspondent is ever alert and spotted this Sunday Sailors star in the yard, getting a go fast finish put on the hull. Add to this the dark racing sails and the high performance Beneteau specs and it is little wonder that **David and Penny Goodman** are so far up the Sunday Sailors standings.



And many thanks to our team in the tower without whom we couldn't race. And again we remember **Graham Furness**.

LUFFING LANCE



La Mer on the start line, being stalked by **Foggy Dew** – but Fogg Dew never caught La Mer!!!