

## SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

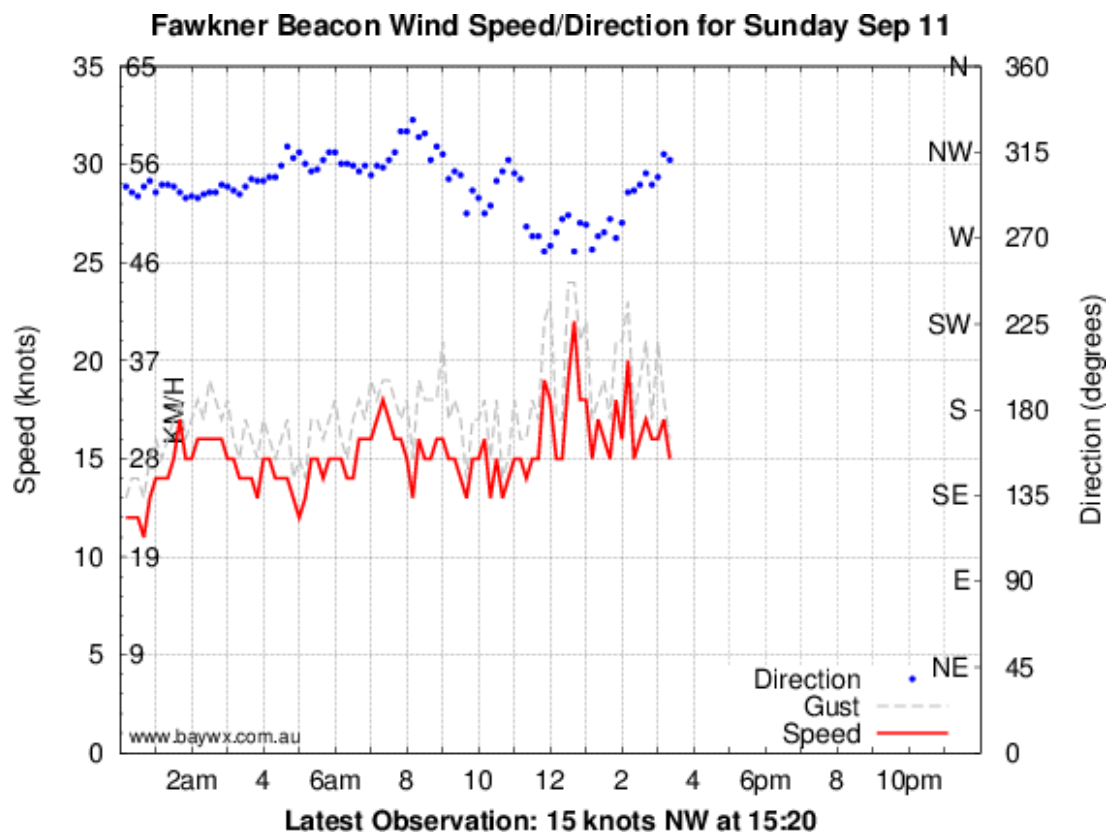
### ISA LEI LEADS FROM START TO FINISH TO WIN 11<sup>th</sup> AND FINAL RACE

### LA BELLE VIE CLINCHES SERIES WIN WITH SOLID 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Intro

The eleventh and final race of the Sunday series was sailed in very pleasant conditions. Some sun, moderate to fresh winds and no rain at all. The temperature was cool at the start but warmer (16 degrees) at the finish, with layers of clothing being shed. The winds started at 13-16 knot north-westerlies and stayed around 15 knots but gradually shifted more westerly as forecast. The course was number 27, length 9.36Nm with legs out to SYC 6 and then SYC 2 (second lap) going down to SYC 1.

18 boats toed the line at the start.



#### Results

**Isa Lei (Andrew Chapman)** won the race by 16 minutes having led the whole way around. The closest pursuer ended up being **Upbeat (Peter Dunne)** in second with **Valiant (David Keyes-Tilley)** in third. Second to sixth were covered by 80 seconds with **Winsome (Simon Hemingway)**, **Bushranger (Nick Darlow)** and **La Belle Vie (Grant & Nathan Anderson)** all in very close company. It was not good conditions for the back markers as most boats were close to hull speed around the course and **Lumiere (Matt Kebbell)**, **Foggy Dew (Robert D’Arcy - Mr D’Arcy to his friends)**, and **Debonnaire (Phil Gomez)** all finishing near the rear of the field, despite having the quickest elapsed times. **Firefox** retired (no injuries or serious malfunctions your correspondent believes).

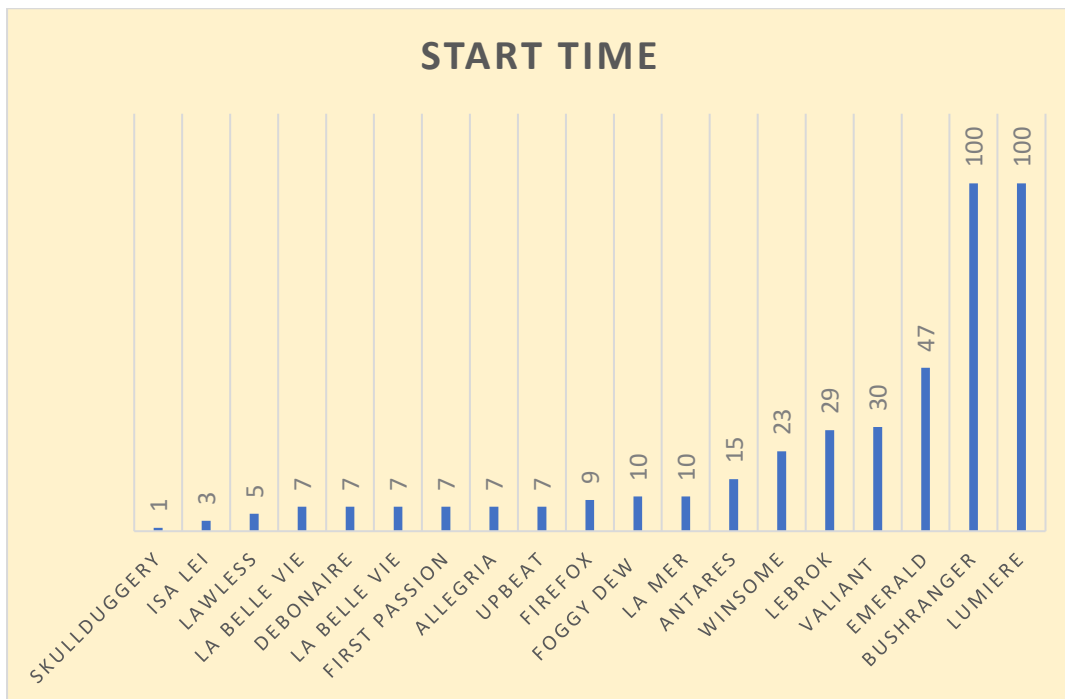


Left: Isa Lei who won the 11<sup>th</sup> race of the season – led from start to finish.

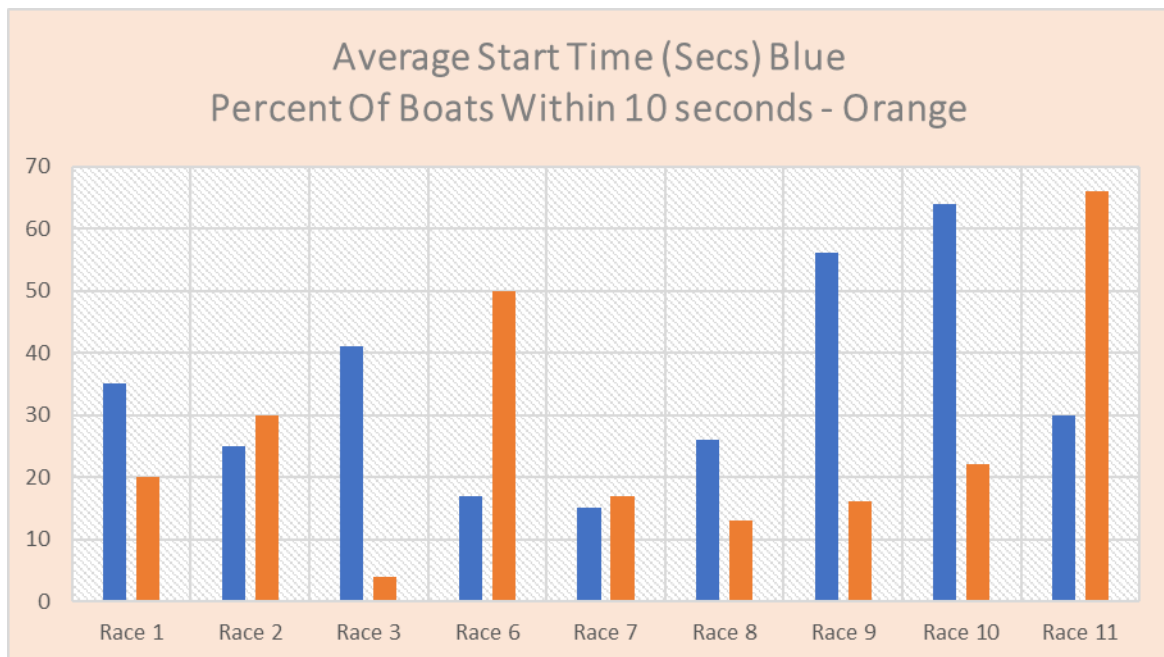
Right: Upbeat who finished second in a very tight fight for the places

### Start of the Day

Start of the day went to **Skullduggery (Garry McCarten)** on 1 second. His computer must have malfunctioned for him to do so well. Other good starts were **Isa Lei** (3 seconds) and **Lawless (Boyd Coulson)** (5 seconds).



It was noticeable how many good starts there were. 12 of the 18 boats (67%) started on 10 seconds or less, easily the best result of the series.

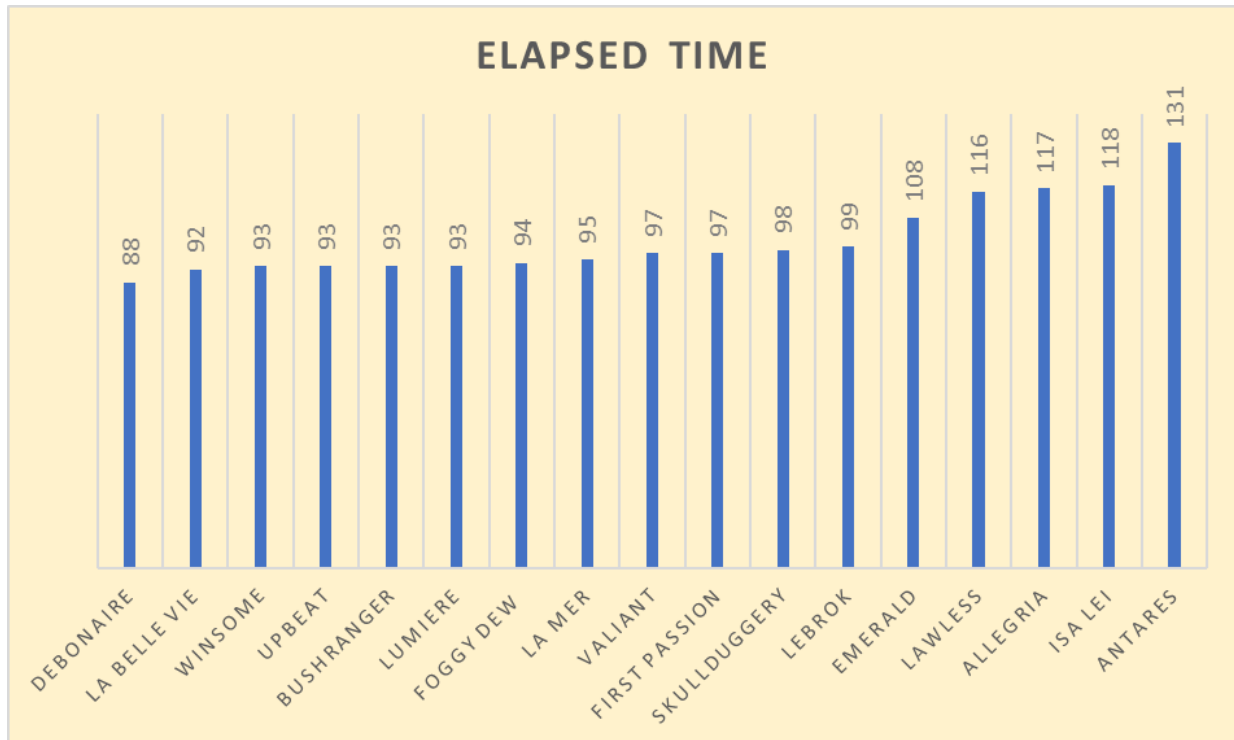


**Winsome:** whose fourth placing meant she finished second in the Winter Series.

#### **Half Time Score**

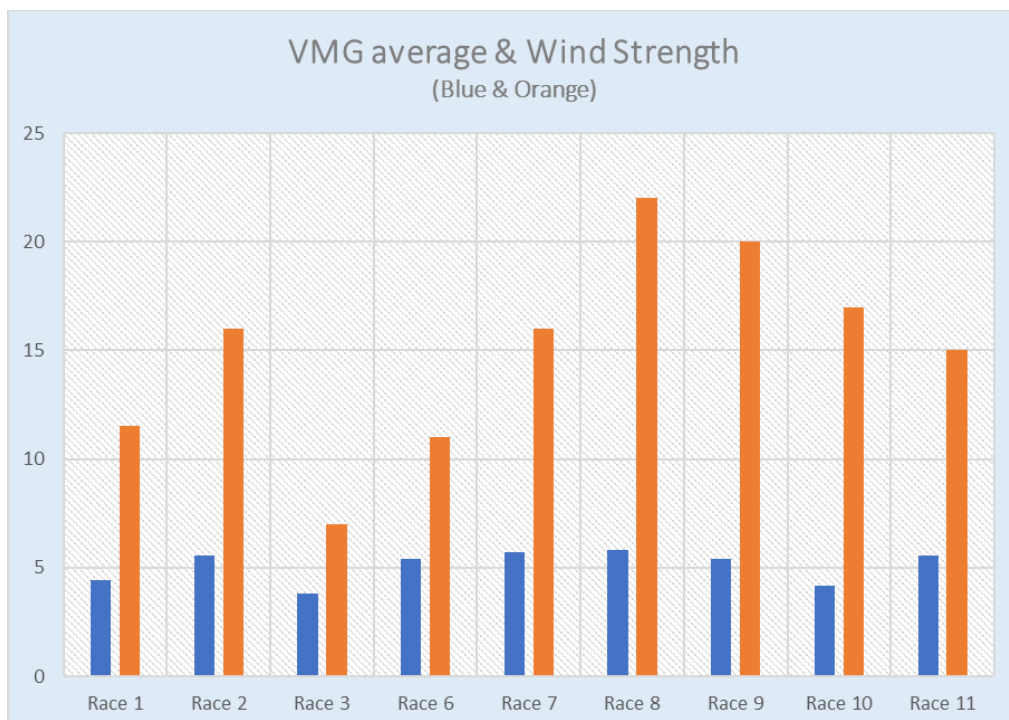
Isa Lei rounded no 4 the first time 7 minutes clear of Antares (having started 1 minute in front) with Alegria a further 5 minutes back. But the pursuers headed by Valiant and Upbeat were closing.

## Elapsed times



Debonaire was fastest with 88 minutes, but then seven boats finished between 92 and 95 minutes and Debonaire was only 30 minutes quicker than the smallest boat, Isa Lei – indicating that the race was really a “hull speed course” for much of the way.

**Antares (G Stewart/D Pearce)** won the **Nagah** for **most value on the course** (a golfing analogy). The average elapsed time was 101 minutes for an average VMG of 5.57knots.





**First Passion (Simon Lipman) and Lumiere**

### **START AND FINISH POSITIONS**

The biggest movers were **Bushranger** (9 places), **Winsome** (8 places), **Upbeat** (8 places) and **La Belle Vie** (7 places). These were the “middle of the fleet starters”. **Isa Lei** led from start to finish. Our handicapper, **Mr Morrison-Jack**, was in the tower and observed that the handicap for **Isa Lei** would get a reality check (or similar words). **Isa Lei** has won two of the last three races. Your correspondent would note (as he has on other occasions) that **Lawless** seems to be a little hard done by, in the handicaps.

### **Handicaps**

Borrowing from my colleague (I use the term loosely) Leeward Larry, the following handicaps have moved the most in the series to date:

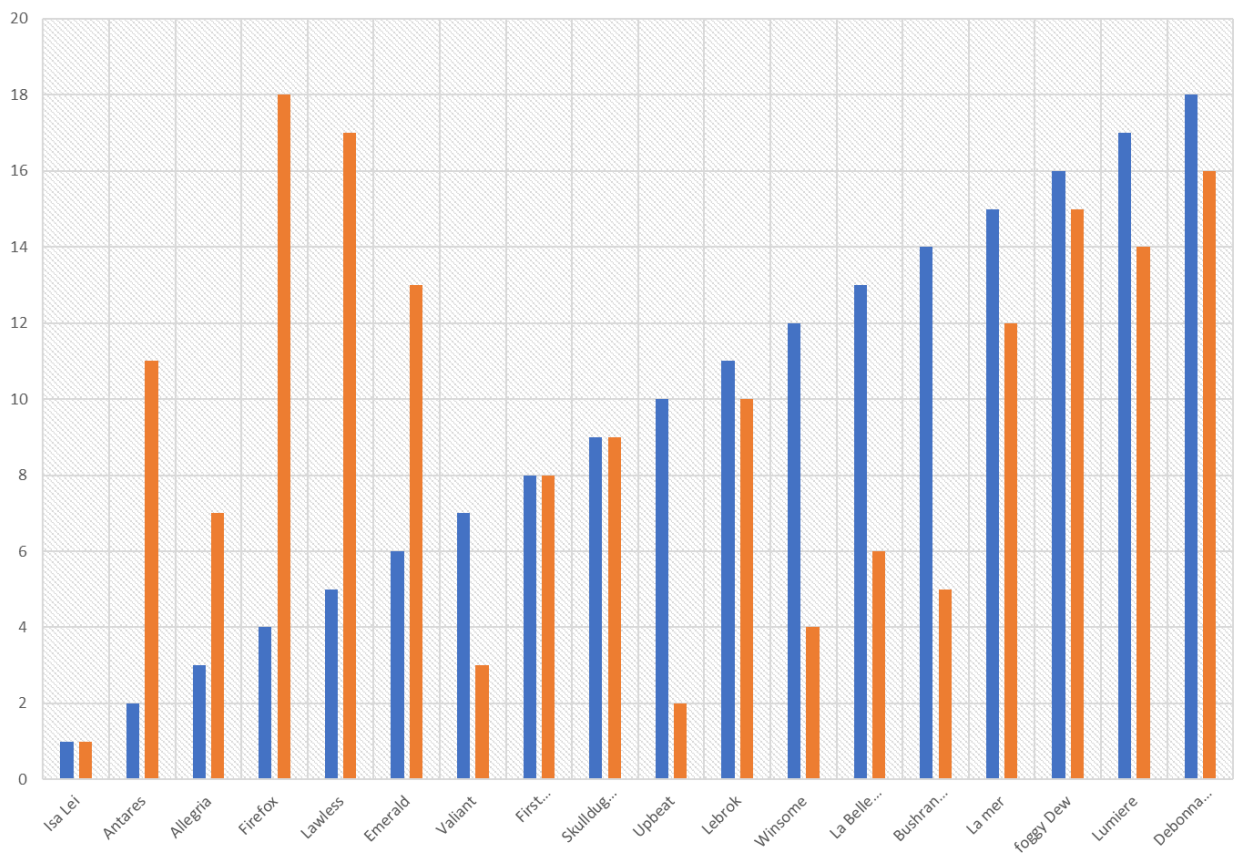
First Passion: 38 into 33  
Foggy Dew: 47 into 42  
Lebrok: 39 into 34  
Alegria: 8 out to 15 (now 13)  
Emerald: 40 into 28  
Astoria: 14 into 6  
Lumiere: 50 into 44

No comment



**La belle Vie: 6<sup>th</sup> today and Winner of the Series**

Start & Finish July 31  
(Blue & Orange)



### Series Scores

That was the last race of the Winter Series. **La Belle Vie** hung on to her lead and wins with 7 points to spare. Congrats to the Andersons and their crew. Their scores have been 1, 2, 4, 4, 6, 6, 6 with a drop of 20. Very consistent – **Mr Morrison-Jack** PLEASE NOTE. **Winsome** passed **Alegria** on the last leg of the last race to edge herself into second for the series with **Alegria** dropping to third. Commiserations and congrats to **Simon and Olwen** on a great series. **Winsome** has also sailed well but missed the chance to take the series when she didn't sail in the two heavy weather races, races 7 and 8. Fourth in the series was **La Mer (Michael Ebeling)**.

### Gossip and other matters.

**Debonaire** has been providing editors copy again. She has twice torn her jib and has had the sail totally repaired. Sounds like she got her jib from the sailmaker that supplied **Upbeat's** mainsail, **Shed Dunne Sailsew??** Seriously commiserations and we hope that is behind you.

Also "**Copyright**" was seen in the yard getting ready for next season. A combination of extensive modifications, crew reinforcements and upgrades and a fantastic handicap from the handicapper should see **Copyright** reel off a string of series wins.



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

### LUFFING LANCE



**Alegria** who finished third in the series – well done!!

Apologies but no photos were taken on the day, so photos in this report were taken in other races!!