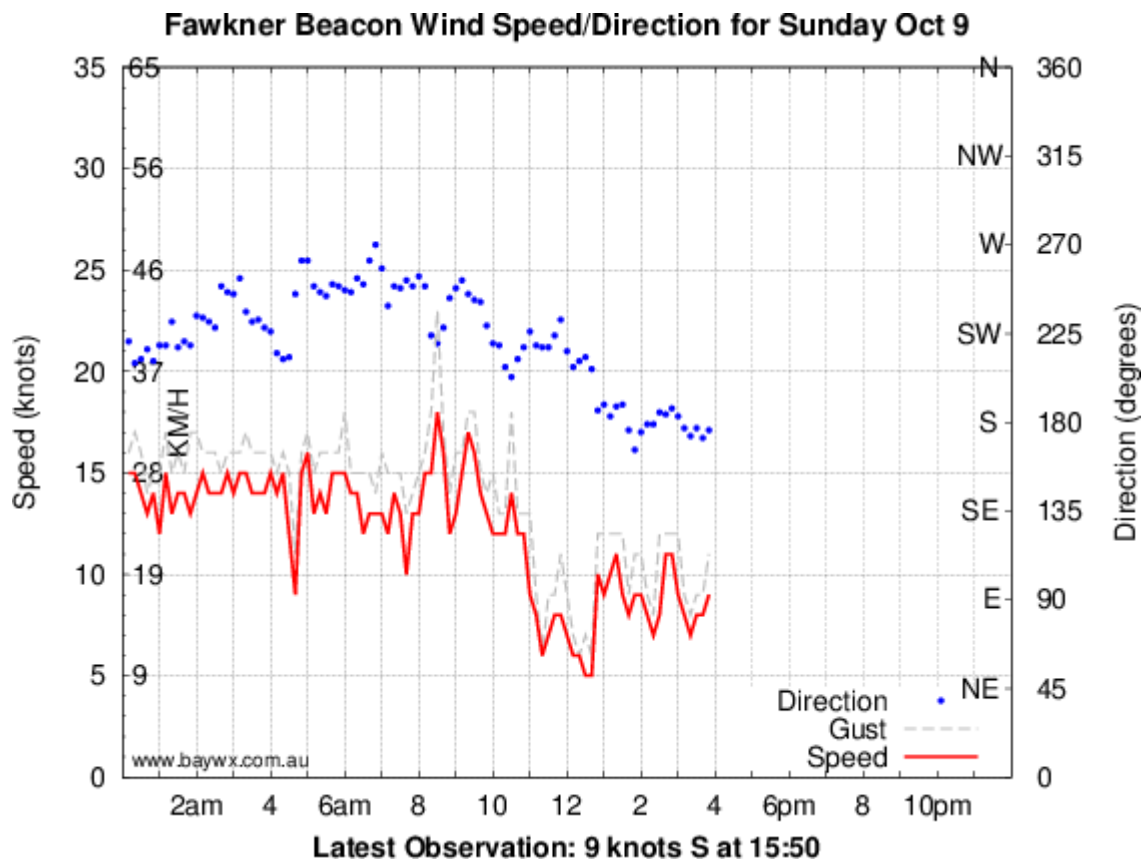


SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT OCTOBER 9 2022

Intro

And welcome to the Summer Series of the Sunday Sailors – although it didn't feel like it at 9AM. A cool wind picking up to 20 knots and a shower or two. But then all came right in the world. Some sun came out, the wind moderated and the showers stayed away. Nineteen boats (19) toed the line. The wind was about 12-15 knots at the start but moderated to about 7-8 at the finish. It started as a changeable SWesterly but moved a little more southerly as the race progressed. The course was number 27, a new one to your correspondent. A short near run was followed by a beat to 6, reach to 1 and a near run to 4, and then around we went again. The sloppy seas seemed to slow the smaller boats a little.



Results

Alliance (Alex Hall et al) led from fairly early to finish first. **Alliance** has been threatening a good performance and sailed very well. Second was **Emerald (Tony Tanner)** who tussled with **Alliance** all around the course and finished close at the end post. Third was **Valiant (David Keyes-Tilley)** who also had a close tussle with **Winsome (Simon Hemingway)** (fourth) but held **Winsome** off over the last four legs. The **Skullthuggeries (Garry MacCarten)** finished fifth with a couple of strong legs with their big black balloon. As said before the lumpy seas didn't suit the smaller boats. **Firefox (Kim Beveridge/Anthony Clyne)** started twice – an interesting tactic, unfortunately the first was 6 minutes early so no result was recorded. **Hitchhiker (David Goodman)**, after a promising start, retired with a fouled mainsail line.



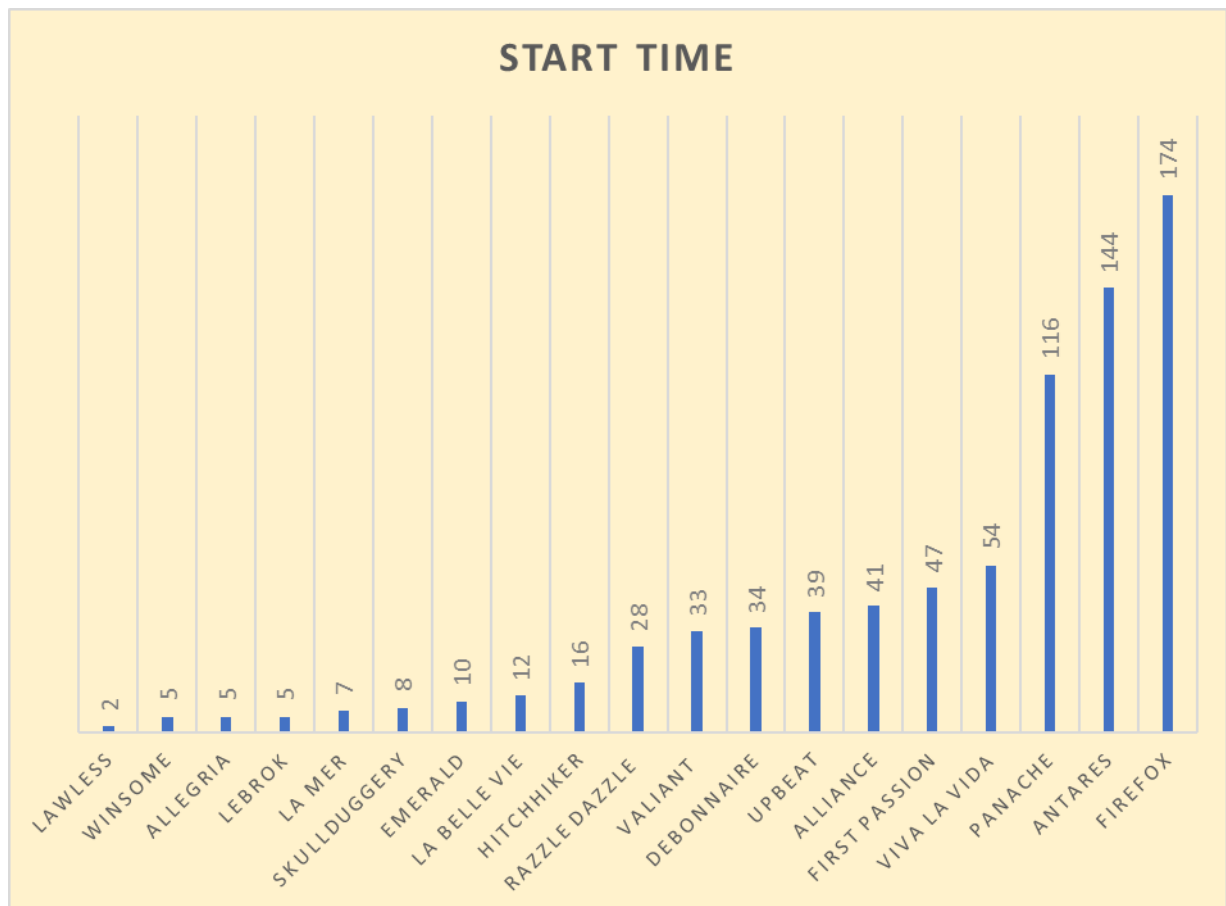
Alliance getting ready to hoist the battle sails with a triumph to come. An earlier shot in full flight!!



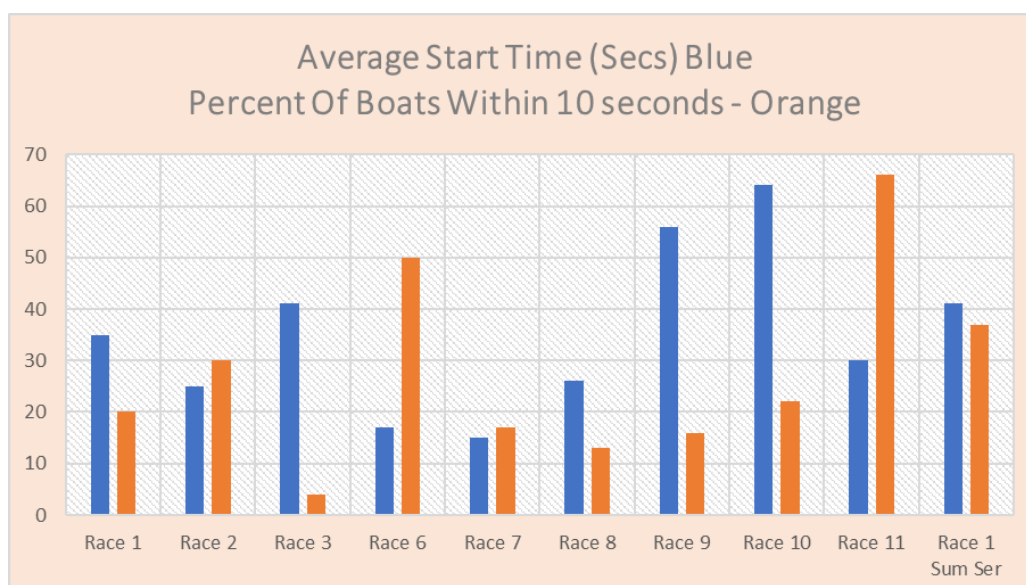
Emerald (who finished second) was too quick for our press photographer today, so here is a picture of Emerald finishing second in a Winter Series race.

Start of the Day

Start of the day went to **Lawless (Boyd Coulson)** who scored a two second downwind start- what a great (or brave) effort. **Winsome, Alegria (Simon May)** and **Lebrok (Theo Korbel)** shared 5 seconds with **La Mer (Michael Ebeling)**, **Skullthuggery** and **Emerald** all starting well.



The average start time was 41 seconds (greatly increased by the last 3 boats) and the % of boats within 10 seconds was 37%. Both were some what average results so should improve with more practice. Also we will keep a running eye on the individual start times to see who is the “Best Starter for Sunday Sailors”. At the moment **Lawless** is the leader.





Firefox enjoying a great sail – all to no avail. **Upbeat** near the race start.



La Belle Vie and **Hitchhiker**.



Skullduggery struggling with their spinnaker! Out she pops!!

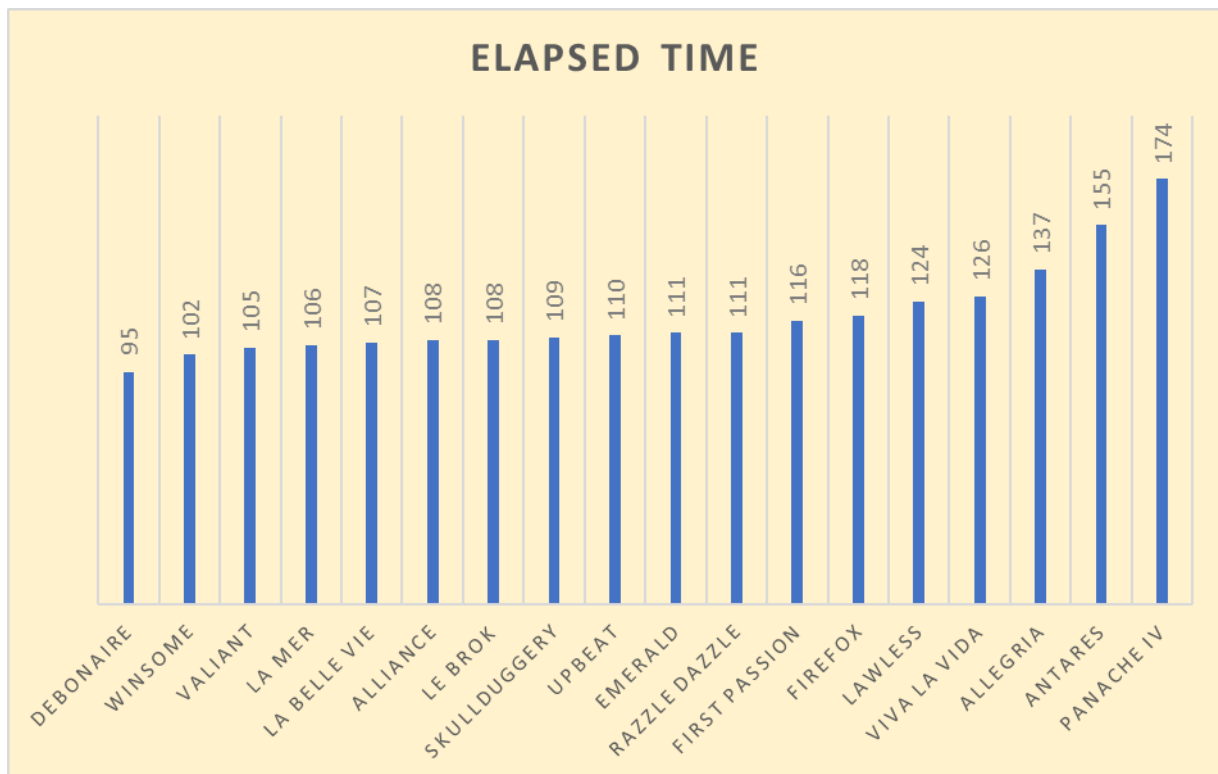
Half Time Score

First time past no4 (after one lap), **Alliance** had snatched the lead she was to hold to the end, 24 seconds in front of **Emerald** (who also finished second). A couple of minutes behind were **Antares (G Stewart D Pearce)** and **Alegria** – suffering in the chop. **Valiant** (in 5th) picked up 2 minutes on **Emerald** but it was not enough to claim second.



Lawless and Skullduggery

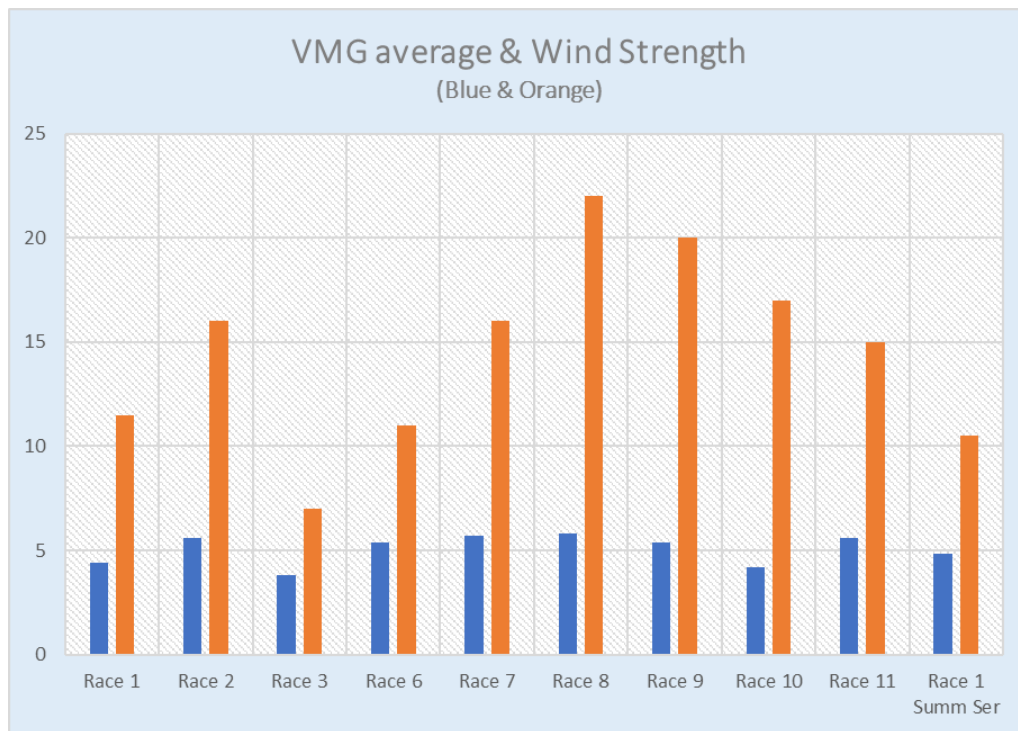
Elapsed times



A number of the faster boats didn't sail today. But a familiar face, **Debonnaire (Phil Gomez)** was fastest around the track and came from last to finish 6th. Other fast times were **Winsome** (Simon Hemingway has been heard to say they are "sailors of slop"), and then 7 boats within 5 minutes of each other on elapsed time. The average elapsed time was 116.6 minutes on a course of 9.36 nM – an average VMG of 4.82 knots in 10.5 knots of average wind (at Fawkner Beacon).

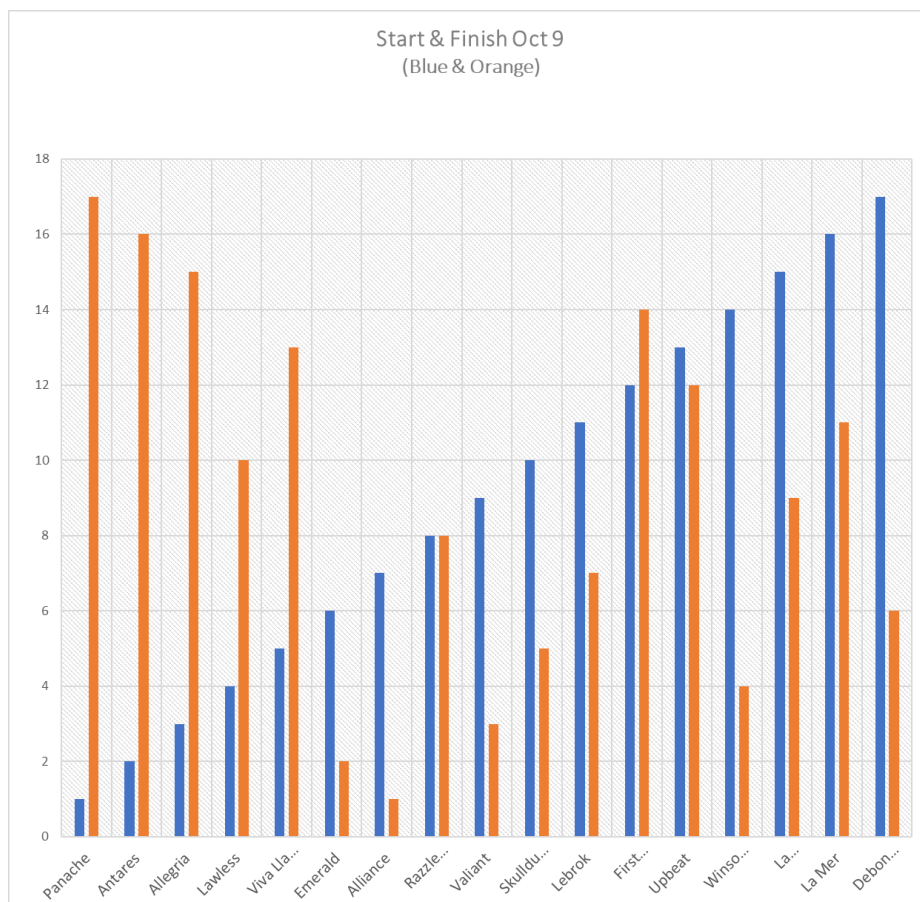


Around the last mark and heading for home!!



START AND FINISH POSITIONS

The biggest movers were **Debonnaire** (11 places) and **Winsome** (10 places). The short boats, despite having the better of the wind early, seemed to struggle as the wind dropped out and shifted Southerly – catching them out a little.



Gossip and other matters.

Winsome and Valiant are rumoured to be offering incentives to attract hot crew to improve their performance. **Ian Hetherington** was calling the shots on Valiant today- pulling the strings so to speak. Over on Winsome Simon Hemingway was banished to the foredeck whilst **James Mitchell** (of Laser fame) was skippering the boat.

Lumiere is the latest boat to go up in the yard to try and improve their performance. She didn't start today but was competitive against the big boys on Thursday night!!!



Many thanks to the tower: **Bruce Reidy, Cathy Higgins** and **Don Cullen** and also we remember **Graham Furness**.

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