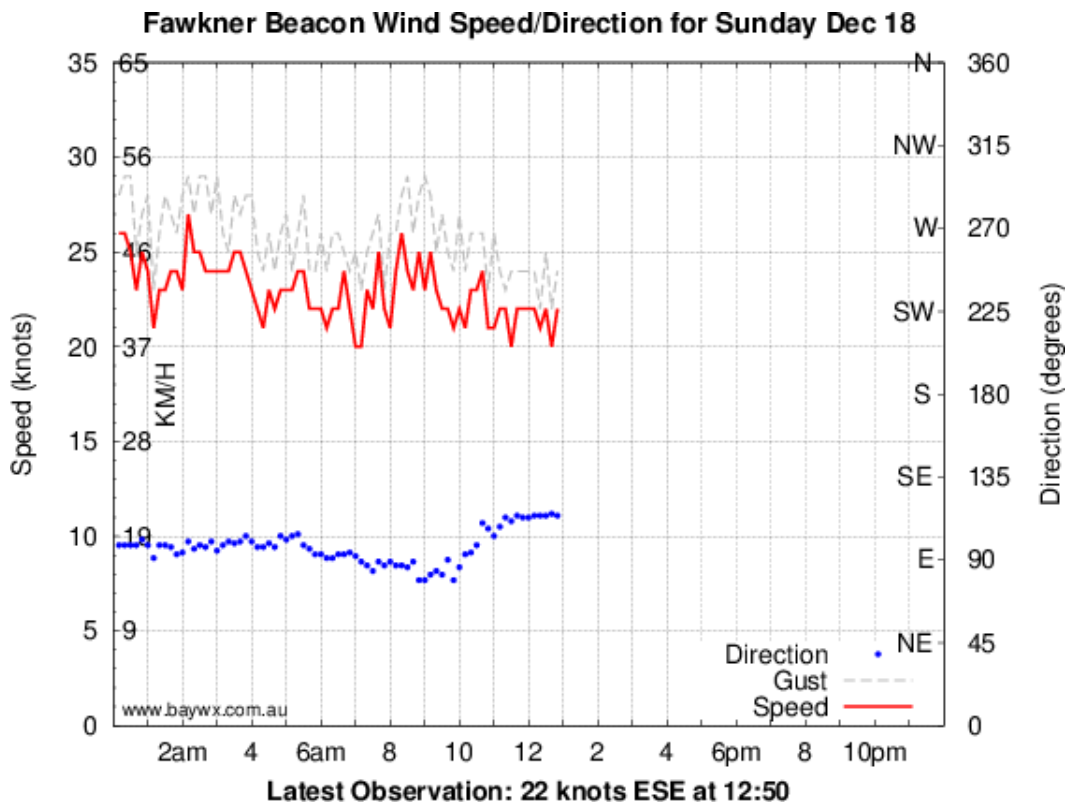


SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT DECEMBER 18 2022

Intro

We'll talk about a bit of wind. An easterly at 22-24 knots at Fawcner Beacon, a bit less in shore (the tower was reading 7 knots when your correspondent visited the tower). Seven hardy boats toed the line, several more had crews ready but didn't venture out. **Antares** actually came out, went back in, and then were spotted sitting on their boat drinking Xmas Cheer. The easterly meant the seas were Ok except out at No 5, which was where Course 27 took them. First lap was 3-6-1 and the second lap 3-2-1 – 9.4 nM.



Skullduggery crossing the line in triumph. A 3 glasser as she got start of the day.

Results

Skullthuggery (Garry MacCarten) sailing off a massively generous 25 minute lead from fairly early to finish first. Second was **Hitchhiker (David Goodman)** who had a ding dong battle with **Razzle Dazzle ((Graham Jones)** with second and third being swapped several times. A luffing battle on the last leg saw waterline length (and maybe, maybe, skill) prevail and **Razzle Dazzle** got third. **Valiant (David Keyes-Tilley)** held off **La Belle Vie (Grant and Nathan Anderson)** for fourth and fifth

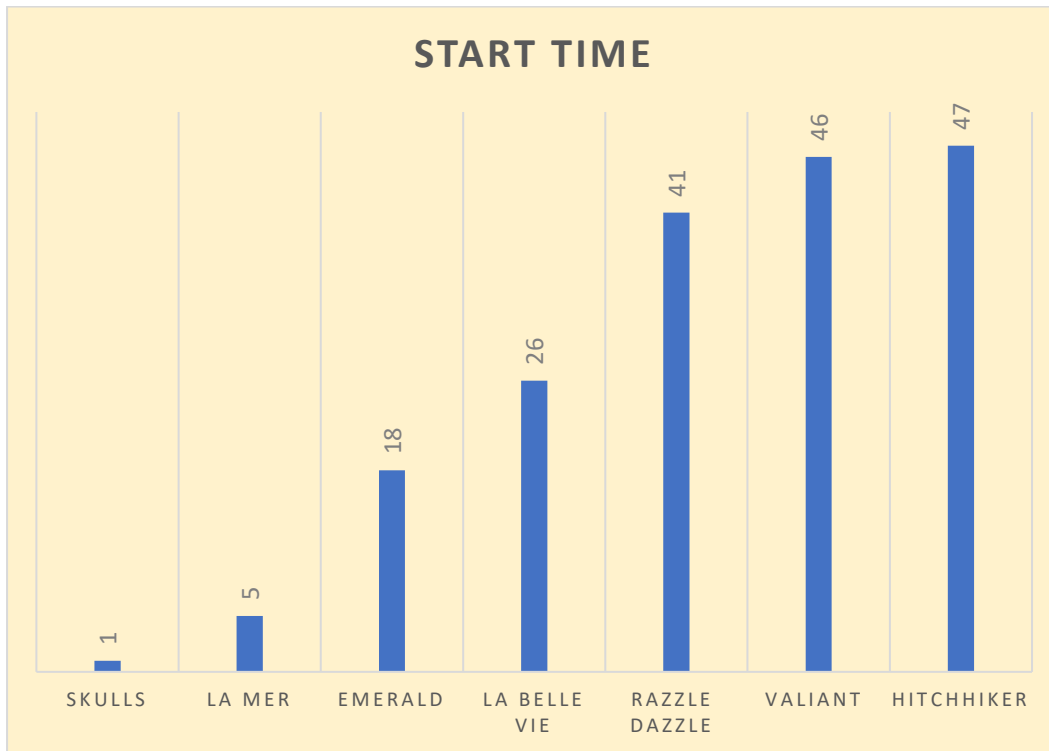


Hitchhiker storming home in second, having outluffed Razzle Dazzle who finished third.

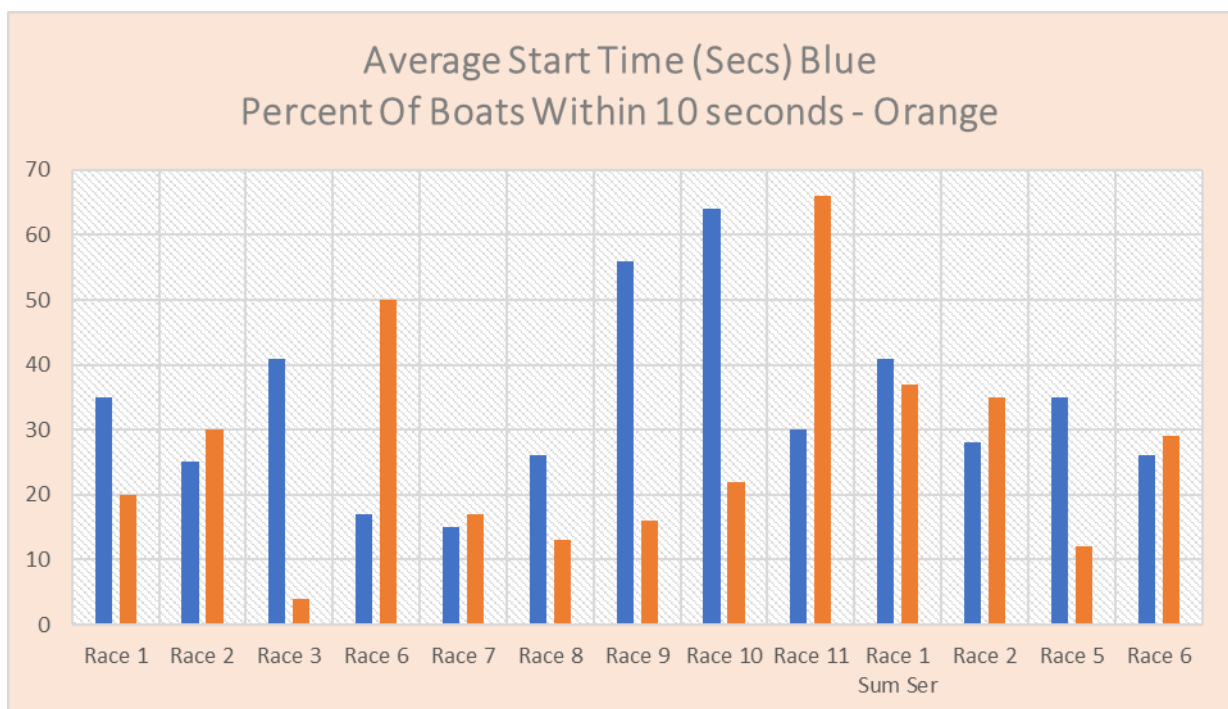


Start of the Day

Well downwind on a windy day you would expect some lousy starts. So in a shock Skullthuggery won with (allegedly) 1 second, with La Mer (Michael Eberling) being 5 seconds – also a very good start. So a three glasser for the boys and girls on Skullduggery – well done!!!



The average start time was 26 seconds in difficult conditions – so pretty good!!! The average is mid range (see below) with 30% of the boats starting within 10 seconds of their allocated handicap.



SUNDAY SAILORS STARTS - BEST 3 TOTAL		
Skullduggery	12	
La Mer	22	
Winsome	23	
Allegria	39	
La belle Vie	43	
Emerald	44	

So we have had 4 finished races so far this season. Taking the best three starts- the champion starter is **Skullduggery** (1 second, 3 seconds, 8 seconds) followed by **La Mer and Winsome** close together. I haven't included anyone below the top 6 to spare the blushes of some of our crews.

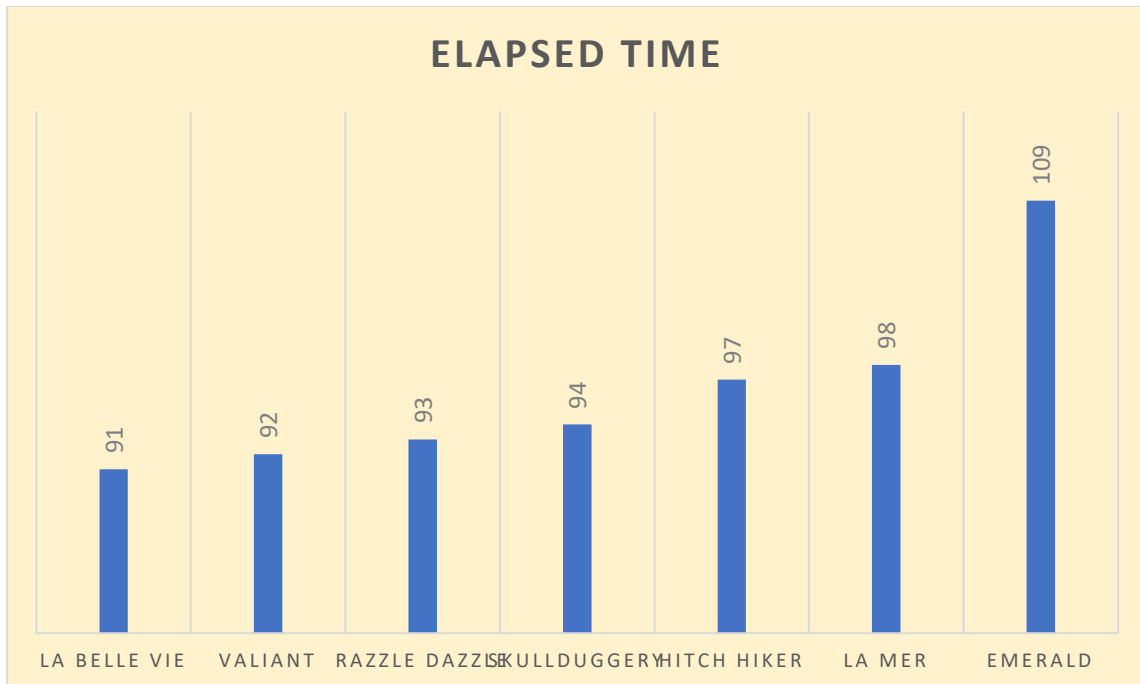


La Belle Vie and Valiant on another race day....

Half Time Score

Your scribe didn't have the half time scores so can't comment. However we can reveal that one boat (possibly a 40 foot Beneteau) sailed for no 6 the second time around (it appeared from the tower) instead of no 2, possibly losing 2-3 places as a result!!!

Elapsed times



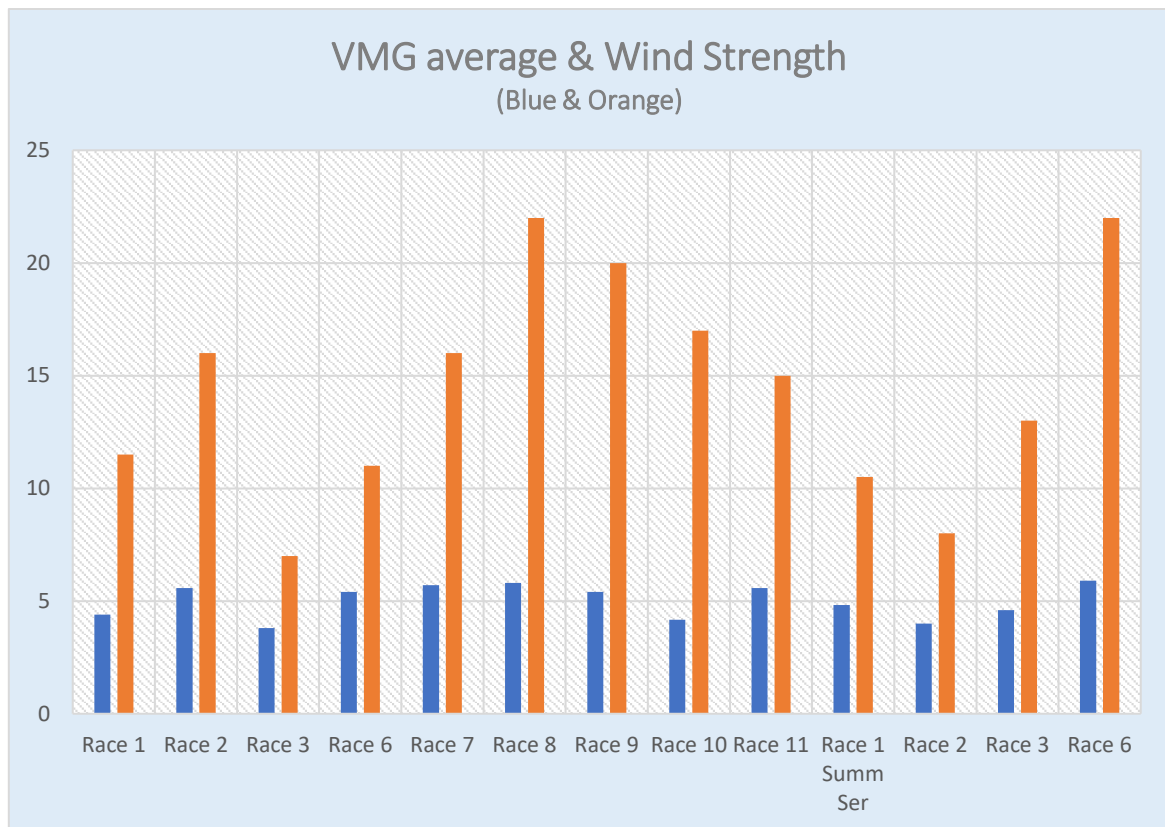
La Belle Vie had the fastest elapsed time of 91 minutes, starting from a 37 minute start. Second fastest was **Valiant** in 92 minutes – an excellent result in the conditions. The average elapsed time was 96 minutes



Emerald found another fleet to sail in.



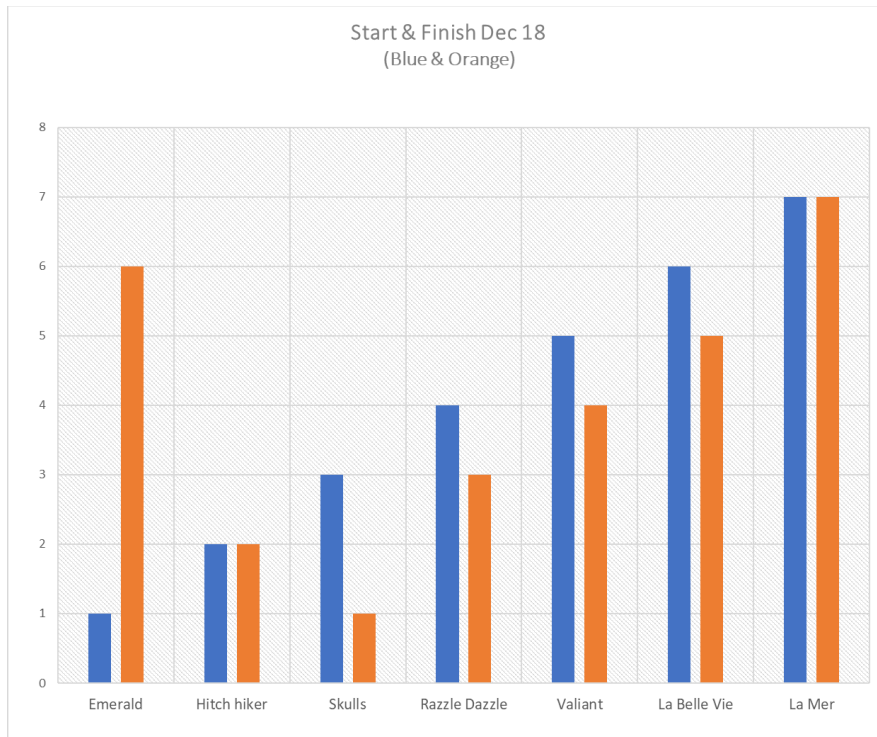
La Mer at full throttle'.



Stronger winds meant for an average velocity made good (VMG) of 5.6 knots- the equal highest we have seen.

START AND FINISH POSITIONS

In such a small field the Skulls were the only boat to improve by more than one place.



SERIES LEAD

Apologies for the poor image but Luffing Lance does not have the resources and help that Leeward Larry has!!! Consistent sailing by **Valiant** and **Emerald** sees them top the leaderboard. The **Skullduggeries** jump 20 places to 3rd with their win with **Razzle Dazzle** fourth and **La Belle Vie** (last seasons winners) fifth. **Skullduggery** will be leading the Noelle Corum Trophy as she is well place on Wednesday also.

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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Series Results [PurHC] up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		SM328	VALIANT	David Keyes-Tilley	8.0	4.0	[7.0]	ABN	ABN	1.0	3.0
2		SM6915	EMERALD	Tony Tanner	9.0	6.0	1.0	ABN	ABN	[14.0]	2.0
3		SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	12.0	1.0	[43.0C]	ABN	ABN	6.0	5.0
4	4.0S	SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones Andrew Stopp	15.0	3.0	4.0	ABN	ABN	[13.0]	8.0
5		SM459	LA BELLE VIE	Grant/Nathan Anderson	15.0	5.0	3.0	ABN	ABN	7.0	[9.0]
6	2.0S	SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	18.0	7.0	9.0	ABN	ABN	2.0	[11.0]
7		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	18.0	[43.0C]	6.0	ABN	ABN	8.0	4.0
8		SM367	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	24.0	[43.0C]	14.0	ABN	ABN	3.0	7.0
9		SM88	UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	33.0	[43.0C]	11.0	ABN	ABN	10.0	12.0
10		SM321	LAWLESS	Boyd Coulson	35.0	[43.0C]	13.0	ABN	ABN	12.0	10.0

Gossip and other matters.

Skullthuggery had their Christmas party day and the crew dressed up as elves, and other characters, whilst Garry was Santa. Complete with decorations, flags and paraphernalia they went the whole hog. The crew presented Garry with some presents including stubby holders and a painting of Garry at the helm with his nemesis Winsome clearly behind. Unfortunately Luffing Lance couldn't see the similarity between the helmsman and Garry. YOU be the judge.



Also Skullthuggery presented wine to the tower people (and boating office people). Verging on bribes I'd say. I think today's 1 second early over the line, became 1 second late and start of the day. In best naval tradition, Nelson only had one eye!!!!

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