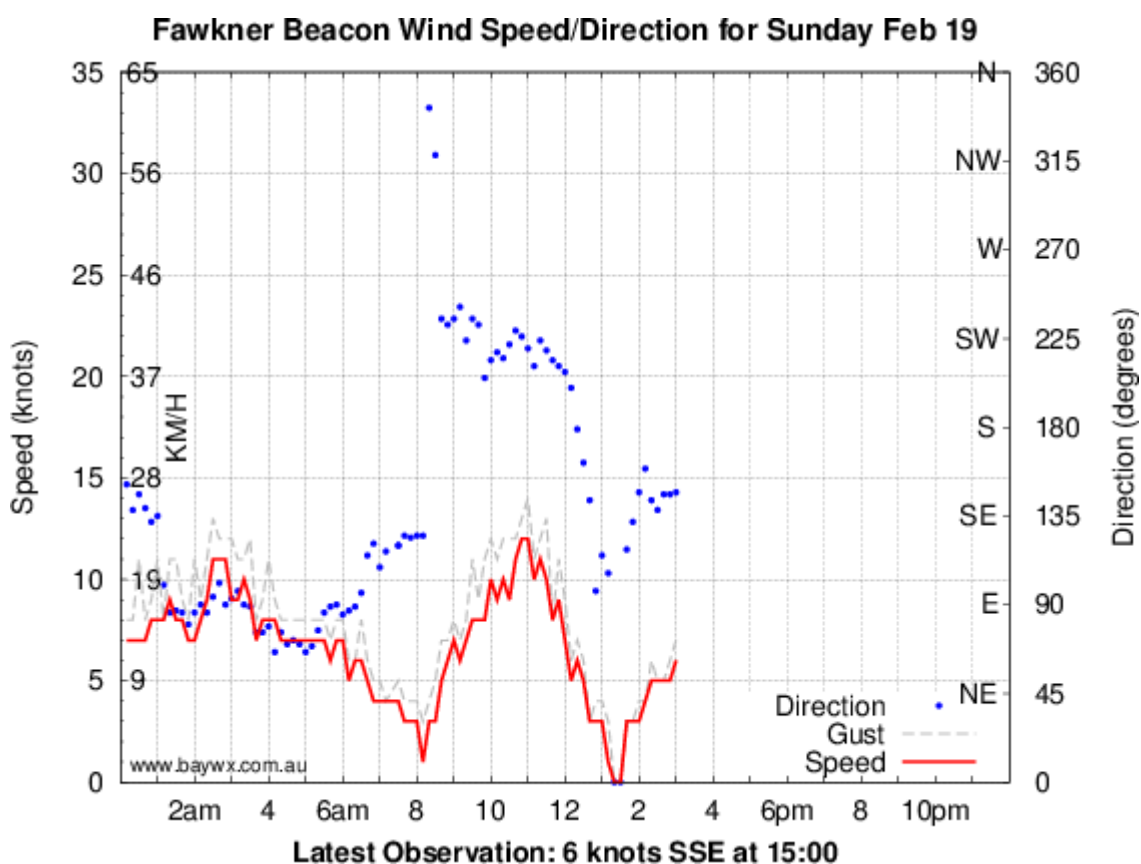


## SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT FEBRUARY 19 2023

### Intro

A beautiful Sunday Morning in the 20's, mostly sunny, but no wind to start with.

Although Fawknor Beacon was showing 8 knots at the start, we didn't see any of it until about 11AM, then then only in fits and starts. The course was number 12 at 9.3nM but we warned before the start that it would be shortened!! We saw zero to 5 knots with one "blast of 7-8 knots" with a couple of puffs at 12 knots. Wind wandered between SW and SE. We completed a lap of 5 (what a long way out when there is no wind), to 2 then 3 and home where the race was stopped. We shared the course with the J24's – more of that later, and a couple of annoying speedboats who enjoyed showing us their toys, several times through the middle of the fleet when we had little wind. Ten boats flew spinnakers



### Results

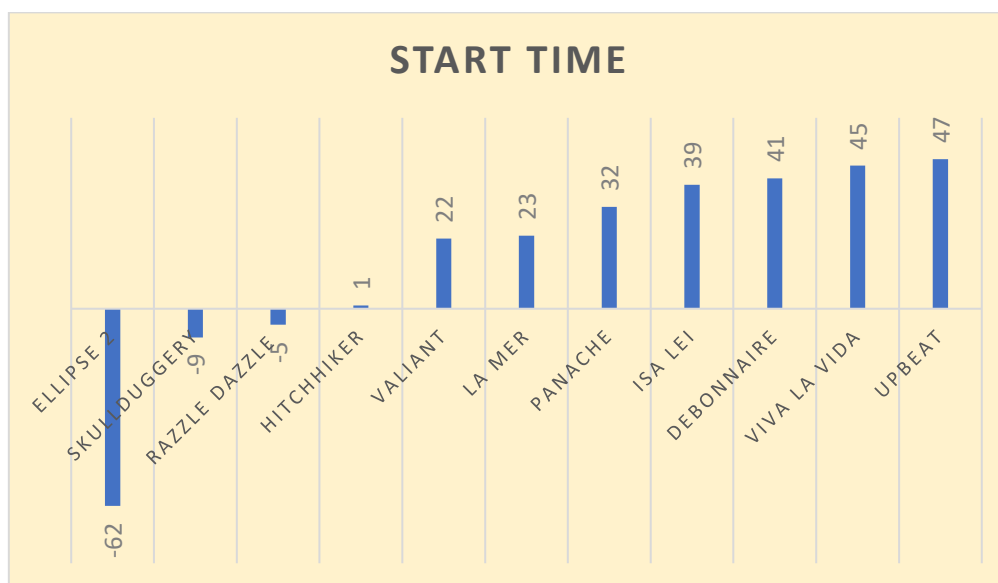
Ten boats flew spinnakers and they were rewarded with 5 of the top 7 placings. The lack of wind at the start really punished the early handicap boats as in effect they started 300 mtrs in front of the 40 footers. First was **Sheba (Michael and Robert Pisani)** who finished well in front of second place getter, **38 South (John Chatham)** with a passionate **First Passion (Simon Lipman)** finishing third. Fourth and fifth were **Debonnaire (Phil Gomez)** and **Dulduggery (Garry McGirdle)** with some controversy at the finish. Sixth over the line was **Ellipse 2 (Johnathon Warner and John Lindholm)**, but they drifted over at the start 62 seconds early and were controversially DNS 'd. The author has twice "won" a race and had victory turned to ashes due to 1 second over, and then a tide induced incursion. Life is tough in SYC Yacht Racing. Two other boats were just over. **Skulduggery** and **Razzle Dazzle** (both less than 10 seconds). **Allegria, Panache and Isa Lei** couldn't finish in time. 22 boats toed the line, a nice turnout.



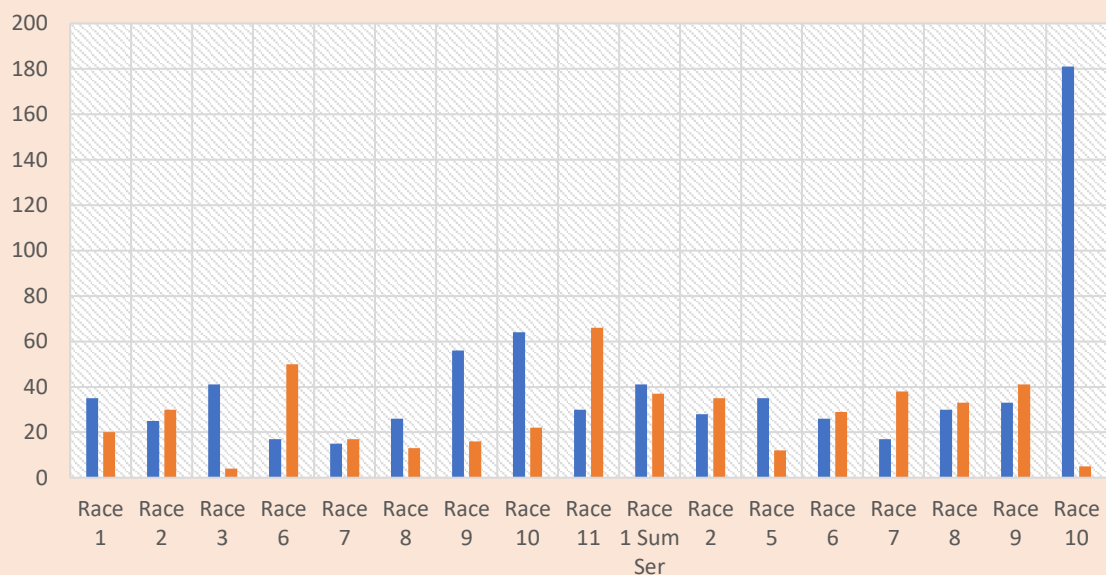
Winner today **SHEBA** with third place getter **First Passion**

### Start of the Day

A very difficult start time was had by nearly all in a drifter. The shining light was **Hitchhiker (David and Penny Goodman)** with 1 second. To save the blushes I have only shown the starts that were within 60 seconds (positive and negative). The average start time was 181 seconds (leaving out the negative starts) with several boats 5 and 6 minutes late. **Valiant (David Keyes-Tilley)** and **La Mer (Michael Ebeling)** were also worth of a shout out.



# Average Start Time (Secs) Blue Percent Of Boats Within 10 seconds - Orange



**Hitchhiker** – winner of Start of the Day with a 1 second start

### SERIES BEST STARTERS

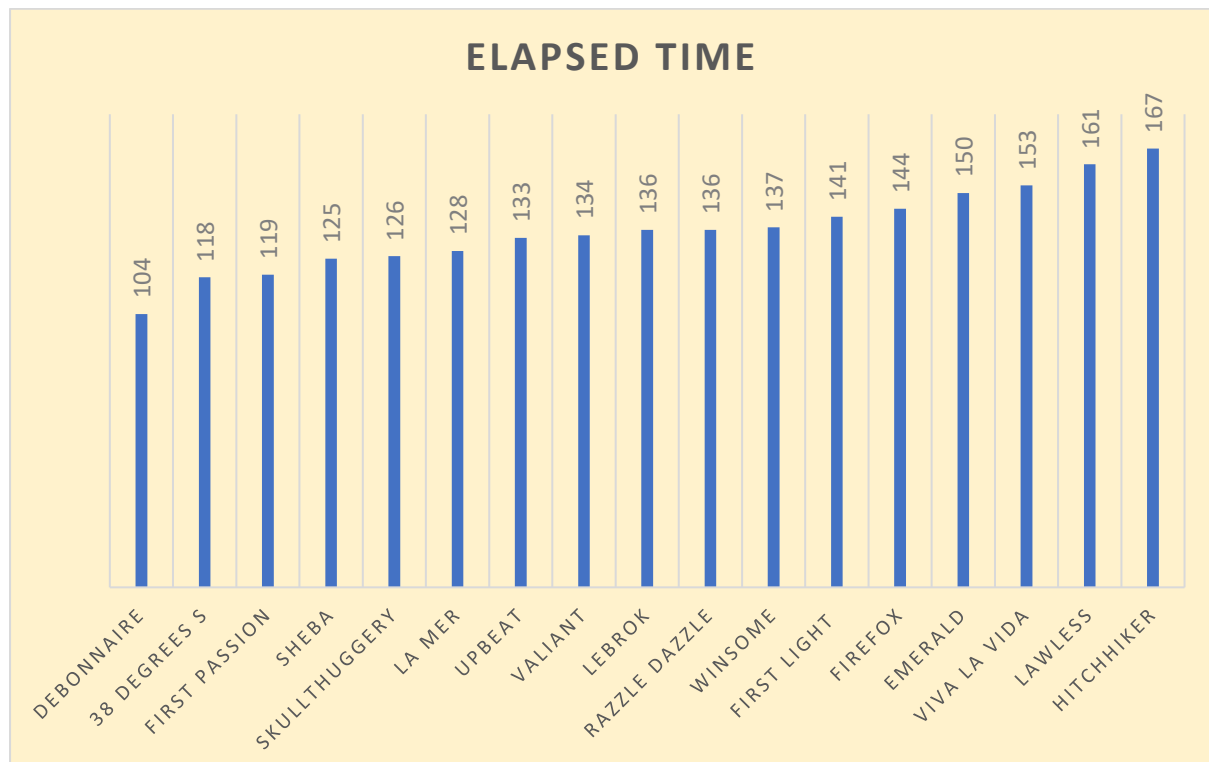
SUNDAY SAILORS STARTS - BEST 6			
La Mer		51	
Winsome		54	
Skullruggery		64	
La Belle Vie		91	
Isa Lei		107	
Valiant		123	
Lebrok		124	
Hitchhiker		124	
Upbeat		127	

Compiling the best 6 starts from 8 races completed, **Winsome(Simon Hemingway)** has been jumped by **La Mer(Michael Ebeling)** who now leads. **Skullruggery** is a very close third followed by **La Belle Vie** in fourth. Todays starts did little to enhance anyone's position except for **Hitchhiker**.

### Half Time Score

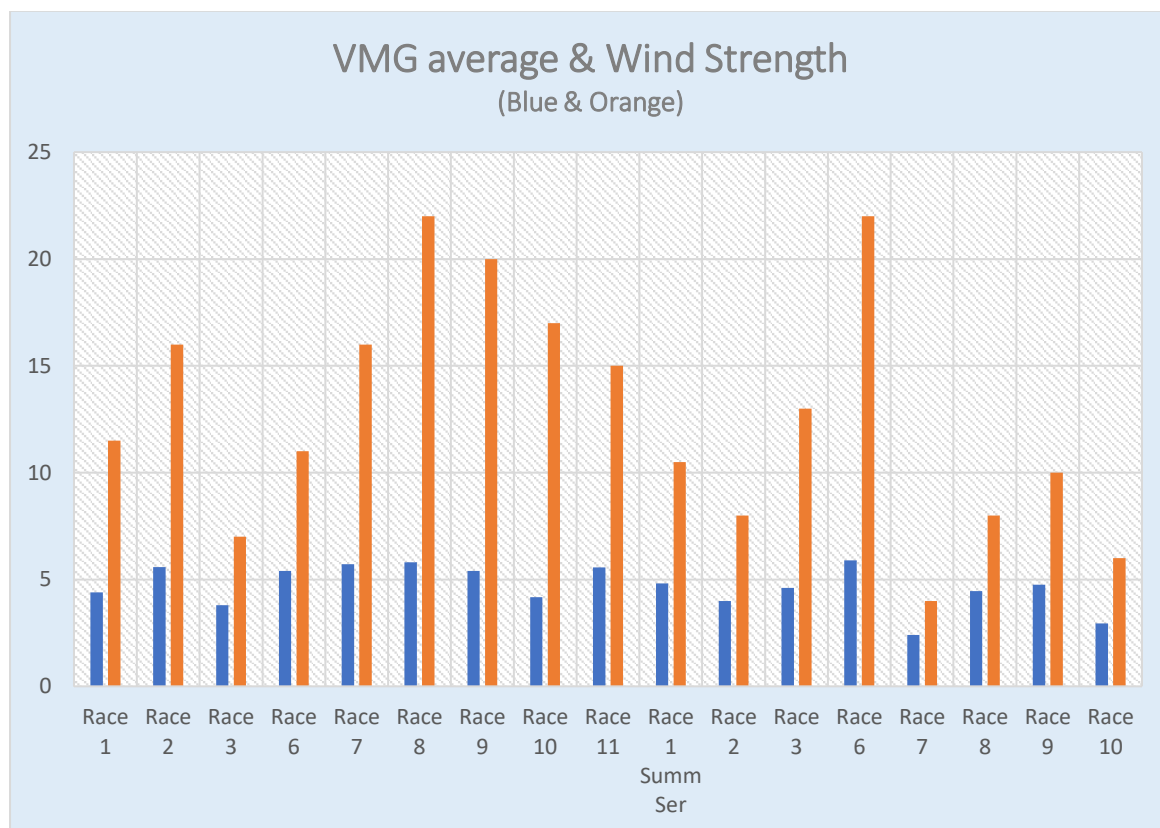
Only one lap so no half time score, no orange break or player substitutions.

### Elapsed times



**Debonnaire** was the fastest boat at 104 minutes. Second fastest was **38 Degrees South (John Chatham)** followed by **First Passion**. The average elapsed time was 136 minutes with an average

VMG of 2.82 knots around a shortened 6.4nM (estimated) course. The winds were, of course, very light at the start.

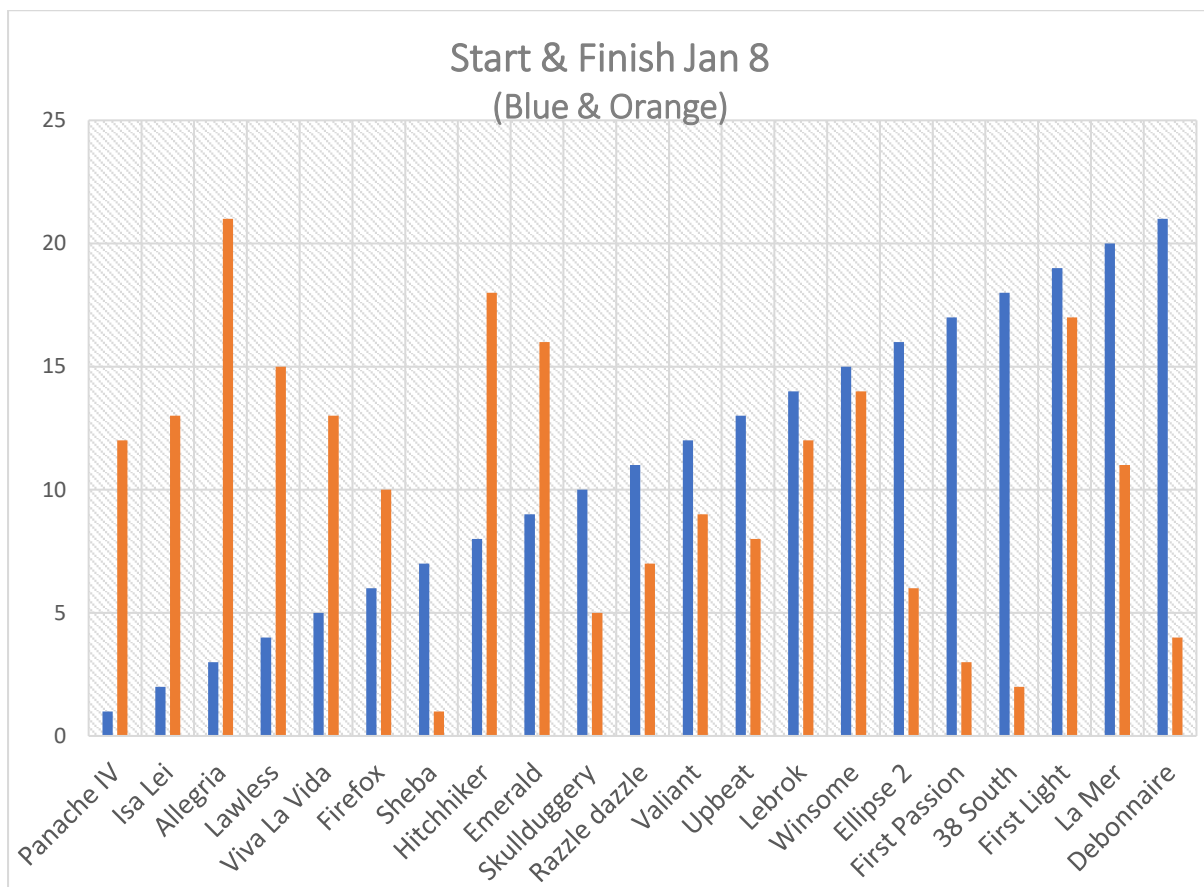


**A drifter at the start.**

### **START AND FINISH POSITIONS**

The drift at the start really harmed the chances of the small boats whilst gave every opportunity for the later starting boats to come through. Big moves from **Debonnaire** (17 places) , **38 South** (16) and **First Passion** (14). **Ellipse 2** picked up 10 places before being rubbed out.





### SERIES LEAD

**Skullduggery** retains it's overall lead and this will not be affected by the Stewards Enquiry into starting irregularities in today's race (which will occur when this journalistic piece goes to press). **Valiant** has climbed back to second overall with a Valiant effort in today's race. **Razzle Dazzle** has taken third off **Emerald** with veteran stagers **La belle Vie**, **La Mer** and **Winsome** rounding out the top 7. It seems like a 4 way fight amongst the top 4 – as it has been for several races.

Series Results [PurH					
Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Sco
1		SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	27.0
2		SM328	VALIANT	David Keyes-Tilley	31.0
3		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones Andrew Stopp	31.5
4		SM6915	EMERALD	Tony Tanner	34.0
5		SM459	LA BELLE VIE	Grant/Nathan Anderson	41.0
6		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	42.0
7		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	47.0
8		SM321	LAWLESS	Boyd Coulson	50.0
9		SM367	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	52.0
10		SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	53.0
11		SM100	UPBEAT		



Series Leader Skullduggery



Valiant (Second in the series) chased by Firefox – at the finish

### Gossip and other matters.

**Hitchhiker (the Goodman family)** had a 1 second start. They did however blot their copybook by going back over the line the other way, 18 minutes later, such was the excitement of our start today, ladies and gentlemen.

Management has requested that an update on the Noelle Corum is NOT provided.

One of the boat owners that has featured regularly in our slightly off colour scoops has asked for a right of reply. You may see him (or her) featured here in future under the pen name of Mixed Up Mark.

Harry Mcfartin, the erudite skipper of **Skullduggery** alleged that the late calling (on the radio) of the shortened course meant he lost a place to **Debonnaire** because instead of sailing for the closest part of the finish he put a longer tack in, and the blameless **Debonnaire** snuck inside him. Harry was crying in his beer in the bar. In fact, as was pointed out to Garry, the shortened course was displayed on the tower, even we could see it from our position out by number 2.

Talking of Mr McFartin, there is to be a stewards enquiry into his starting performance which may see him docked 5 minutes and drop from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately Skullduggery will still be leading the Sunday Sailors.

Apparently there was a crew mutiny on Winsome and one of the members attempted to spray Mr Hemingway with an extinguisher. They quickly made up and spent 20 minutes wiping down the cabin.



More drifting at the start

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