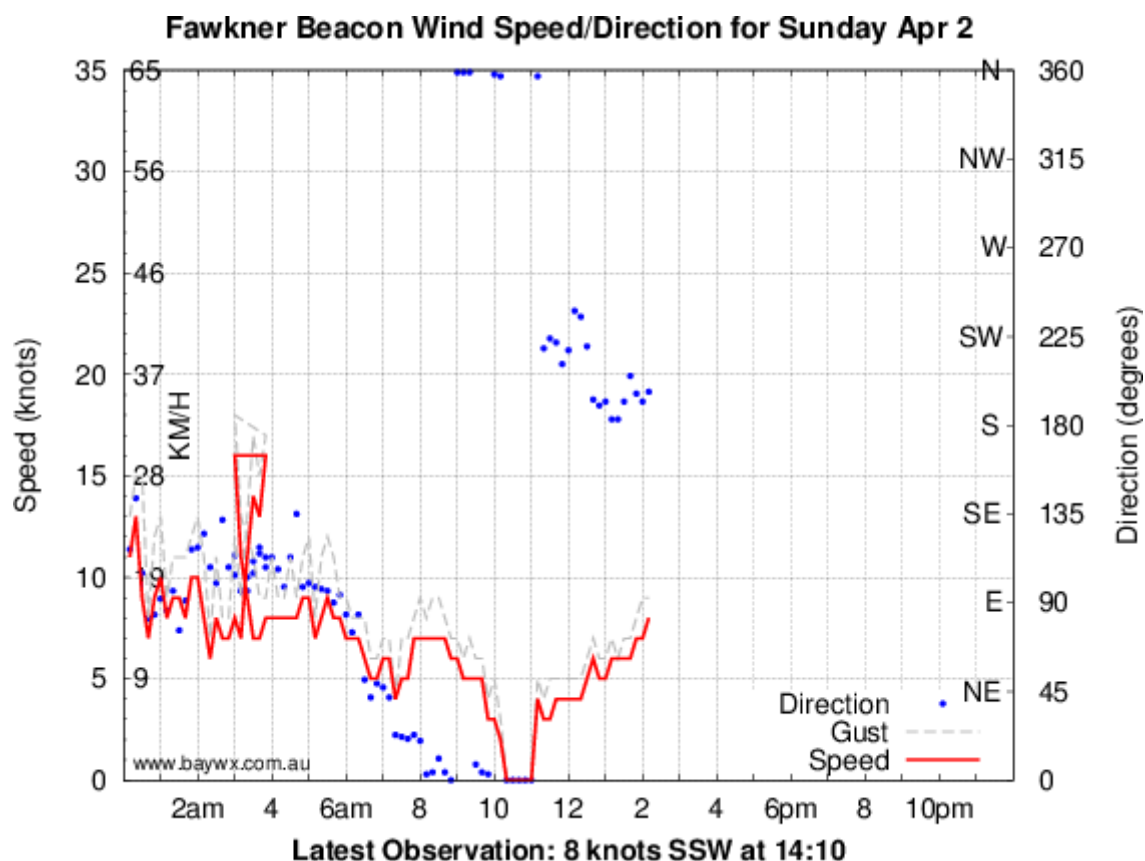


SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT APRIL 2 2023 – RACE 13-FINAL RACE

Intro

A crisp and fine Sunday morning, although cool, dawned. Light winds A beautiful Sunday Morning about 17 degrees. The wind started out as a Northerly but shifted South Westerly. Started at about 4-5 knots, dropped out to 2-3 knots with lots of shifts and then changed South Westerly at about 5 knots. The course was 42, shortened after one lap (a good course set and good course call by the tower).



Results

Seventeen boats started the last race of the series and nine flew spinnakers. The race was largely determined on the very light beat from No 7 up to number 1. The boats that went offshore in the end benefitted from steadier wind. Some went inshore hoping for a further Southerly shift.

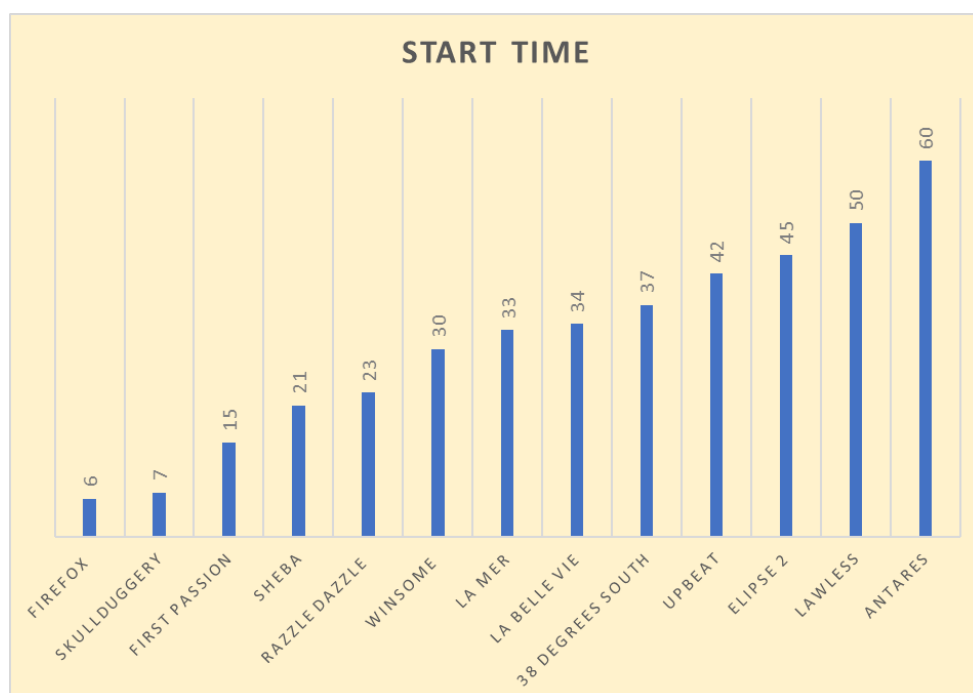
The winner was **Sheba (Michael Pisani, Robert McQualter and Sean Williams)** by a minute from **38 Degrees South (John Chatham)** who enjoyed the light conditions, sailing from near the back of the fleet to nearly first. Third was **First Passion (Simon Lipman)** with fourth **Firefox (Anthony Clyne)**. Fifth was **Upbeat (Peter Dunny)** who rounded No 1 first but was swamped by the spinnaker carrying boats.

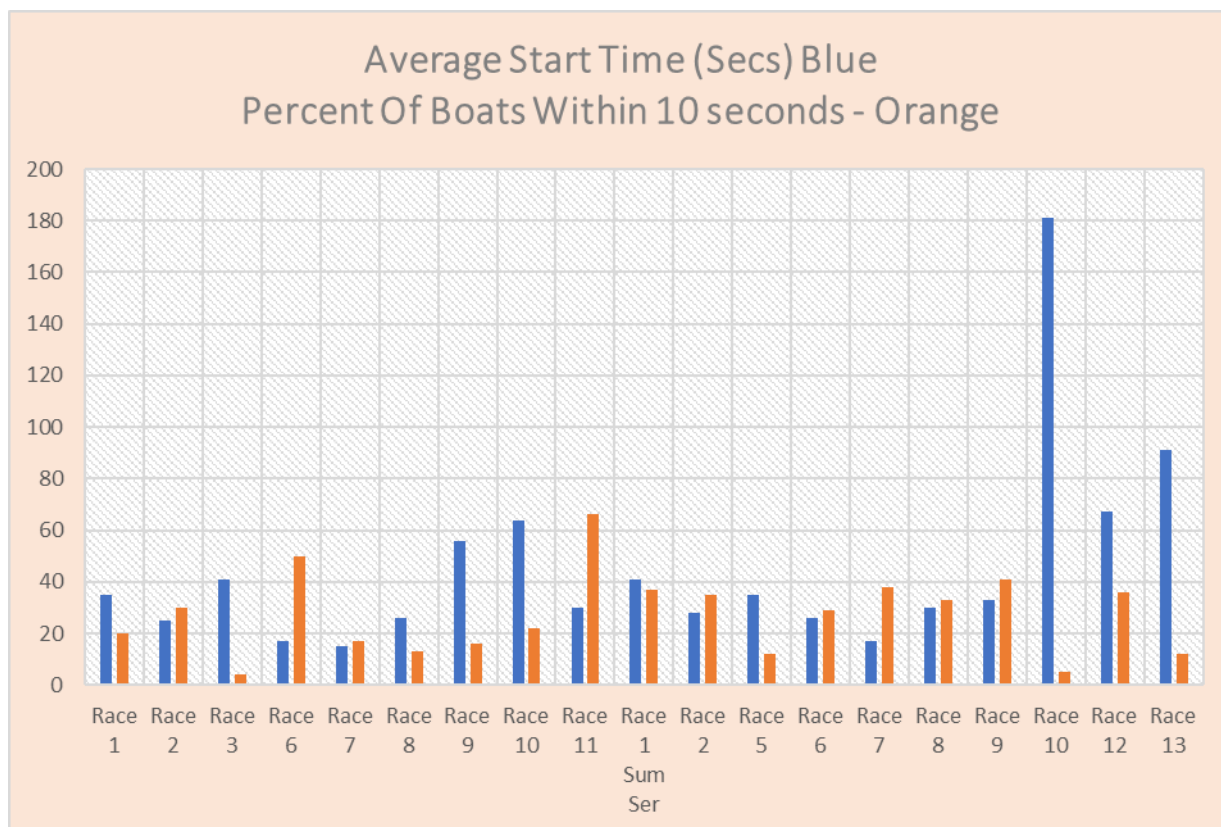


Today's Winner **Sheba** with second place getter **38 Degrees South**

Start of the Day

Start of the day was **Firefox** in 6 seconds (to add to her 4th – a good day). **Dulldrudgery** was very close with 7 seconds and **First passion** was 15 seconds in a day of not great starts. Average start was over a minute, the second worst ever recorded!! Lift your game please!! Once again, in the visual below I have left out the starts over 60 seconds to spare the blushes of those concerned.....





SERIES BEST STARTERS

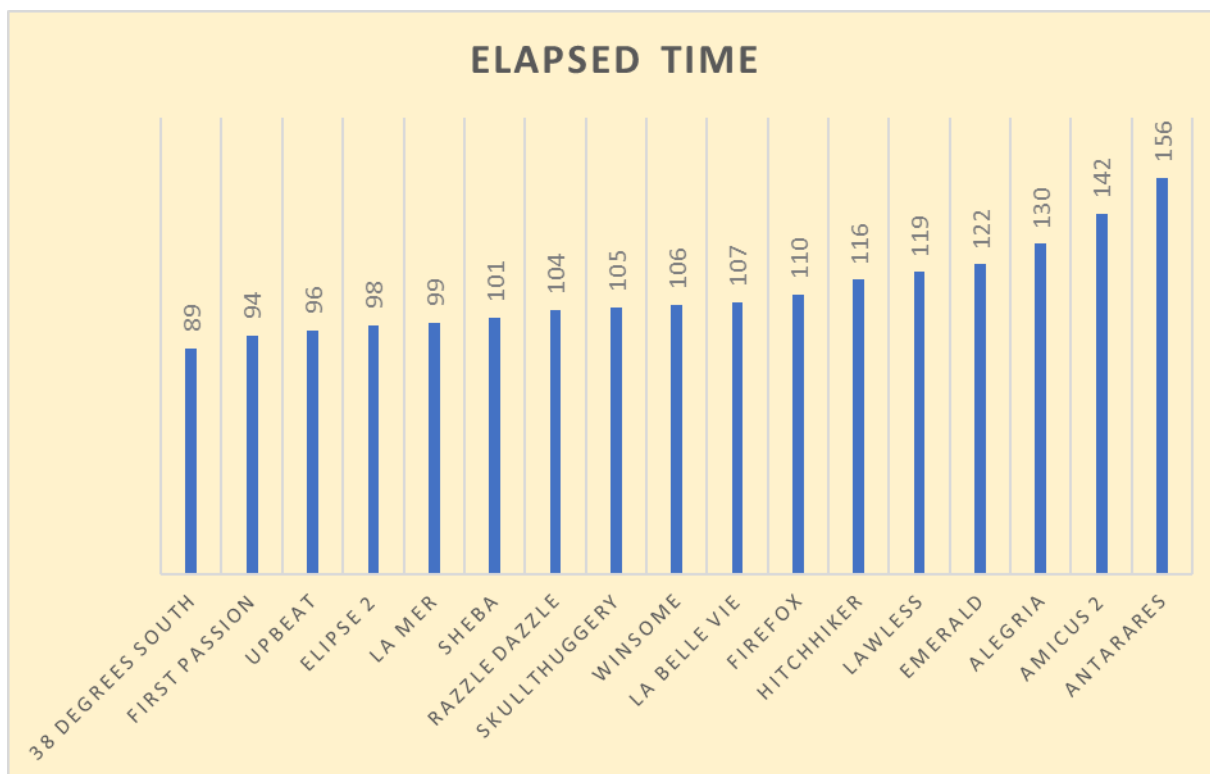
| SUNDAY SAILORS STARTS - BEST 7 | | |
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| Skullduggery | | 42 |
| La Mer | | 49 |
| Winsome | | 84 |
| La belle Vie | | 127 |
| Razzle dazzle | | 136 |
| Alegria | | 137 |
| Emerald | | 139 |

The two best boats over the series were **Skullduggery (Garry Mc Rarten)** and **La Mer**, with very little between them, with **Winsome (Simon Hemingway)** a clear third. Congrats to these boats for their consistent performances on the start line!!!!

Half Time Score

As only one lap was raced, there was no half time score!!

Elapsed times

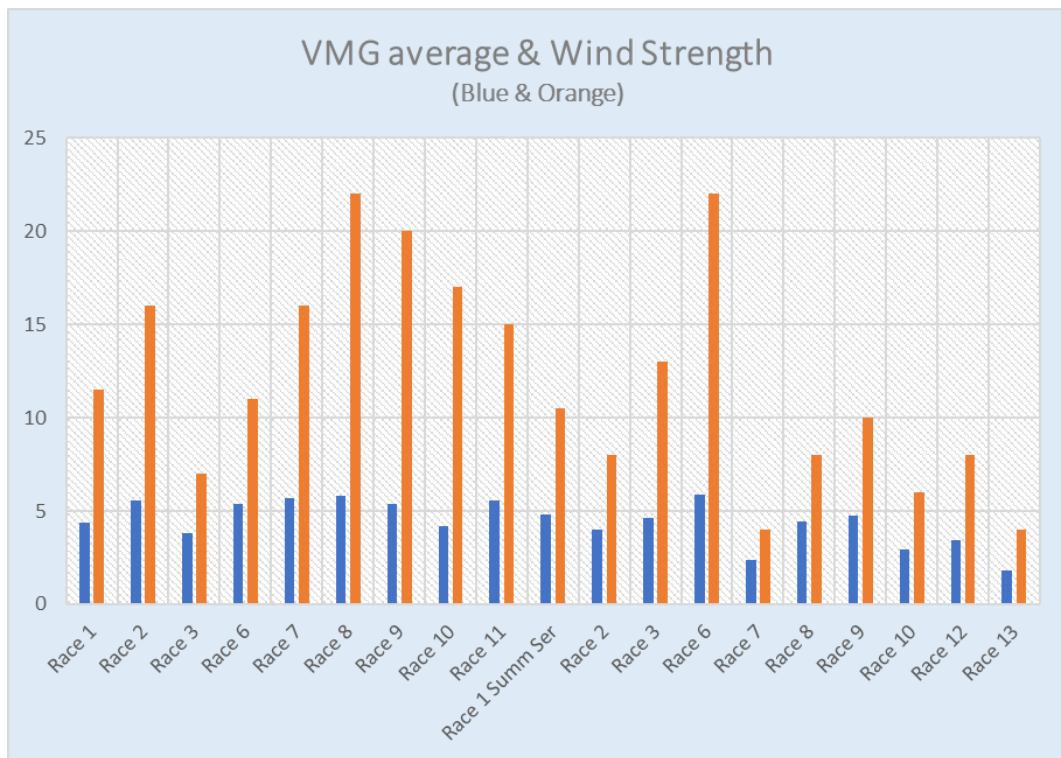


38 degrees South had the fastest time around the course with 89 minutes. **First Passion** and **Upbeat** were quick (a relative term in light winds). Over half the field had elapsed times withing 20 minutes of 38 Degrees South....

In average winds of about 4 knots, and an estimated course length of only 3.5nM the average VMG was only 1.8 knots. Certainly the boats spent long periods of time travelling upwind at less than 2 knots. This was the slowest race so far in our records of the last 2 seasons!!!



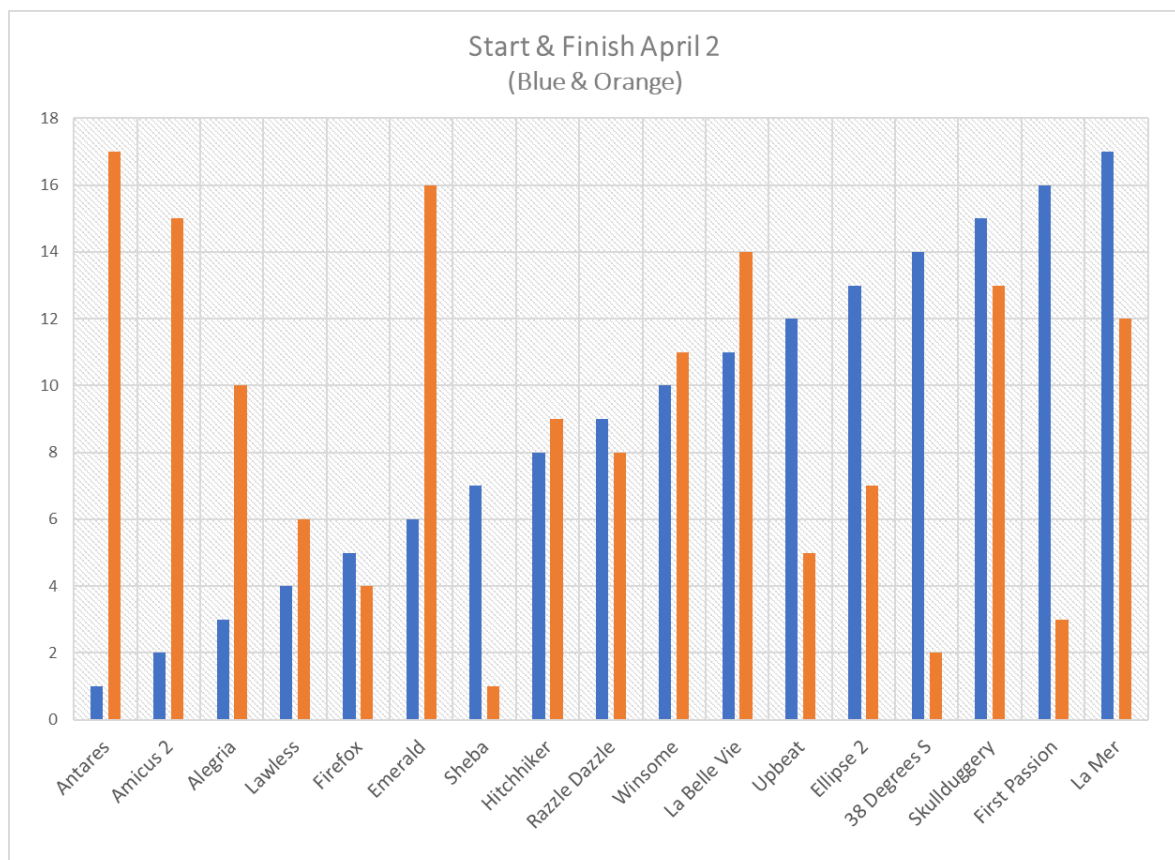
Firefox (on the left) – Start of the Day. **First Passion** – third today.



START AND FINISH POSITIONS

The very light winds as the first boats started really disadvantaged Amicus and Antares.

38 Degrees South, First Passion, Ellipse 2 (Jonathon Warner/John Lindholm), Upbeat and Sheba all picked up good places in the racing!!!



SERIES LEAD

| Hosted By Sandringham Yacht Club | | | | | | | | |
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| PROVISIONAL RESULTS | | | | | | | | |
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| Series Results (PurHC) up to Race 13 | | | | | | | | |
| Place | Ties | Sail Num | Boat Name | Skipper | Sers Score | Race 13 | Race 12 | Race 11 |
| 1 | | SM440 | SKULLDUGGERY | Garry McCarten | 44.0 | [13.0] | 10.0 | 1.0 |
| 2 | | SM2627 | RAZZLE DAZZLE | Grahame Jones Andrew Stopp | 58.5 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 10.0 |
| 3 | 2.05 | SM6002 | LA MER | Michael Ebeling | 62.0 | 12.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 |
| 4 | | SM459 | LA BELLE VIE | Grant/Nathan Anderson | 62.0 | 14.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 |
| 5 | | SM6915 | EMERALD | Tony Tanner | 63.0 | [16.0] | 8.0 | 7.0 |
| 6 | | SM321 | LAWLESS | Boyd Coulson | 71.0 | 6.0 | 1.0 | [50.0C] |
| 7 | | SM190 | WINSOME | Simon Hemingway | 83.0 | 11.0 | [50.0C] | 5.0 |
| 8 | | SM385 | FIREFOX | Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne | 89.0 | 4.0 | [50.0C] | 12.0 |
| 9 | | SM351 | FIRST PASSION | Simon Lipman | 97.0 | 3.0 | 11.0N | 17.0 |
| 10 | | SM42 | HITCHHIKER | David Goodman | 100.0 | 9.0 | [50.0C] | 11.0 |

As predicted by this scribe months ago.... **Skullthuggery** won the series. They could have missed the last two races and still have won. The carefully thought through strategy of placing 5th and 6th cemented their position and by the time the handicapper noticed.. the horse had bolted. Seriously though your scribe has noticed much improved sailing from Garry and the crew. This combined with their daring spinnaker work, excellent starts and consistent sailing in the series makes them worthy winners. Well done.

Razzle Dazzle were second and a group of boats all finished close behind to round out the top 5: **La Mer**, **La belle Vie** and **Emerald**. **Lawless** survived her second major collision this year (neither their fault) to round out a good series. **La Belle Vie** dropped from second to fourth today.



Skullduggery (black spinnaker) unsuccessfully trying to get another boat to submit. They are your series winner!!!

Also **La Mer** – looking for the next mark.

Gossip and other matters.

Garry McLartin was heard to comment that he saw moths fly out of **Winsome's** spinnaker bag when she hoisted her spinnaker today. Rumours that **Debonnaire** may be leaving Melbourne for climates warmer. **Bob of Cassandra of Melbourne** fame was seen providing tactical advice from the rear of **Razzle Dazzle**. It must be working because they have placed well in the Sunday Sailors and the Wednesday Wonders. **Foggy Dew** also saw a lift in results when Bob was sailing with them about 12 months ago.

With thanks to the tower volunteers, and the sponsors Mercedes Benz Brighton.....

LUFFING LANCE



Razzle dazzle (Graham Jones) - second in the Sunday Sailors. **Skullduggery**- series winner Sunday Sailors.