

## SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT June 4 2023 – Winter Series Second Race Sailed

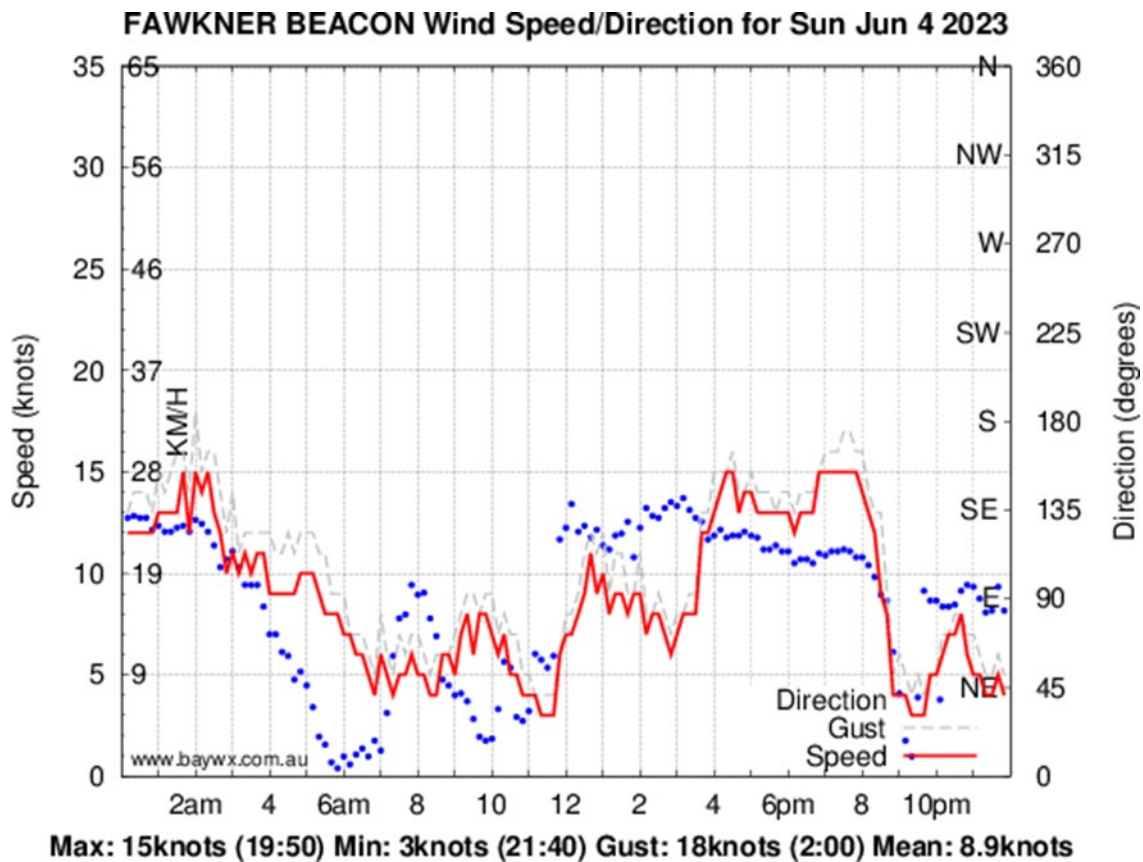
### Intro

A very pleasant winter's day with no rain, moderate temperatures, patches of sunshine – but maybe not enough wind!!!! It started light from the NE and got lighter. Stopped for a while and eventually came in at about 6 knots from the South and south east.

Sixteen boats toed the line and it was a day of very mixed fortunes. Many spinnakers saw the light of day.

This was the third scheduled race, but Race 2 was cancelled due to the conditions.

The course was Number 36 (I think) but we only sailed 1, 6, 3 and finished at 4. After drifting around at number 6 for over 30 minutes we thought we wouldn't get a finish in....



### **Results**

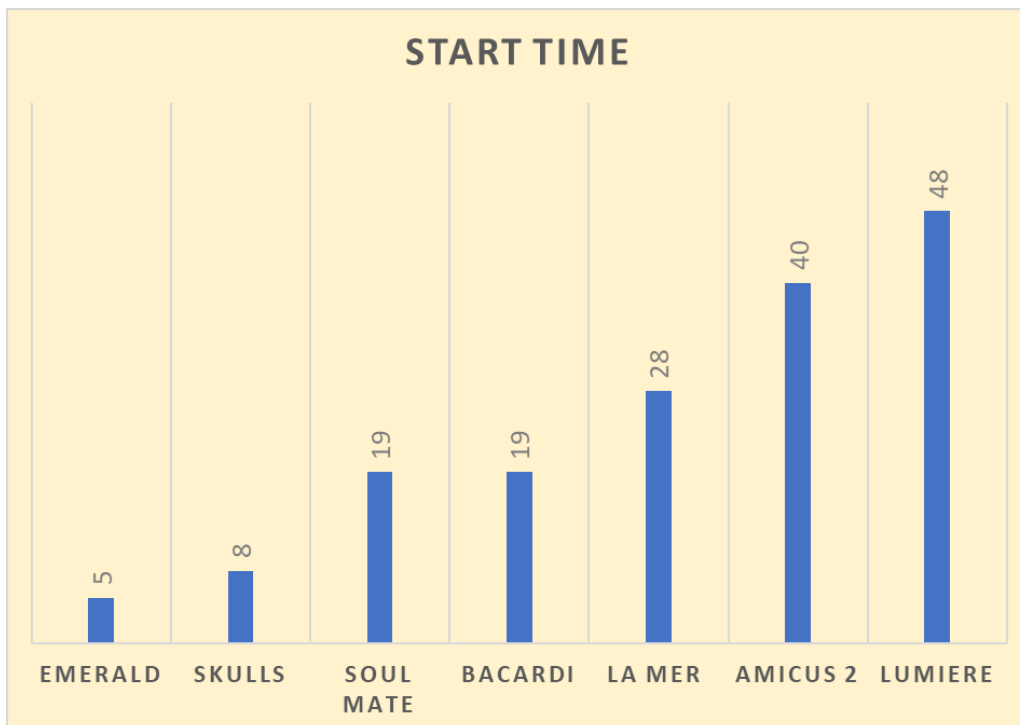
There was one tale of bad luck, which we will come to. The winner was the silent assassin **Peter Dunne** on **Upbeat** who clawed his way to the front to win, even without a spinnaker. Second was the very well sailed **Sheba (Michael Pisani)** sailing a very colourful asymmetric kite which was used to great effect. Equal third, in a great tussle at the line, was two warhorse boats, **Bacardi (Martin Power)** and **Winsome (Simon Hemingway)** although neither of the aforementioned gents were at the helm. The reliable **Emerald (Tony Tanner)** and **Soul Mate (David Keys-Tilley)** were 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. It was (I think) **David's** first race in this boat!!



### Your worthy winner Upbeat

#### Start of the Day

Start of the day was **Emerald** on 5 seconds. A great effort in the conditions. Other good efforts were **Skullduggery** (8 seconds) but after that the results were very mixed!!!



Again starts over a minute are not shown to spare the blushes of the miscreants. Having said that starts were a bit difficult in the conditions. Starting downwind in a drifter, often with a spinnaker up.



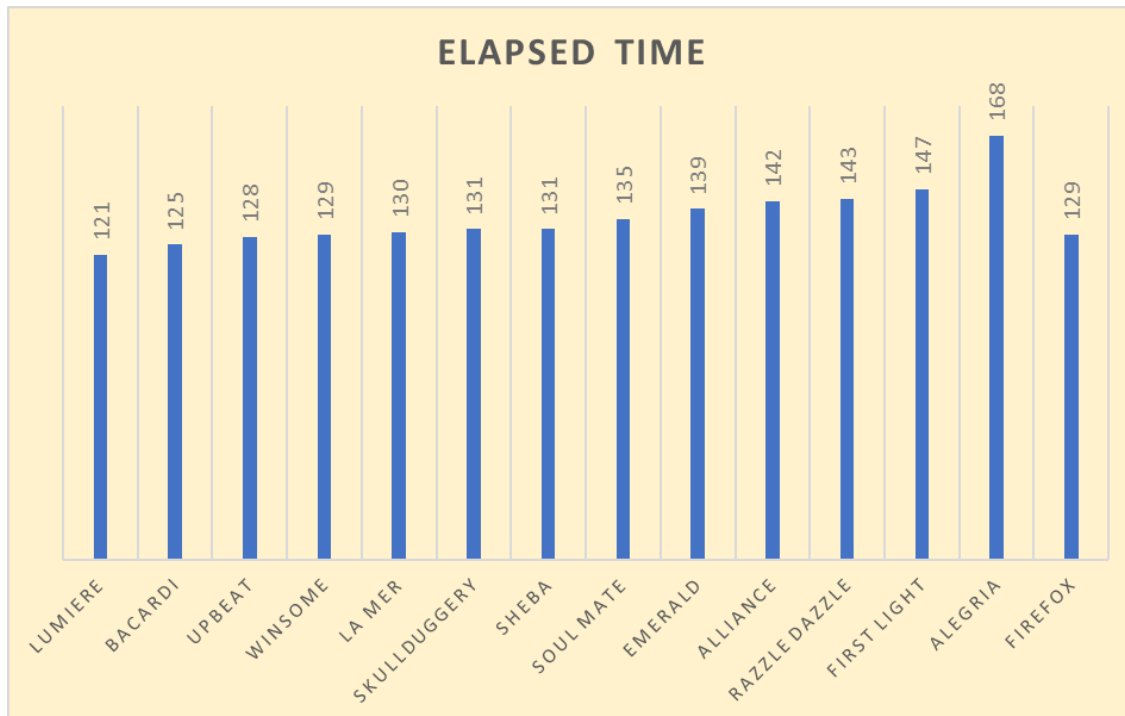
**Bacardi** and **Upbeat** battling it out on the “ghosting” second leg. They would go on to finish first and equal third.



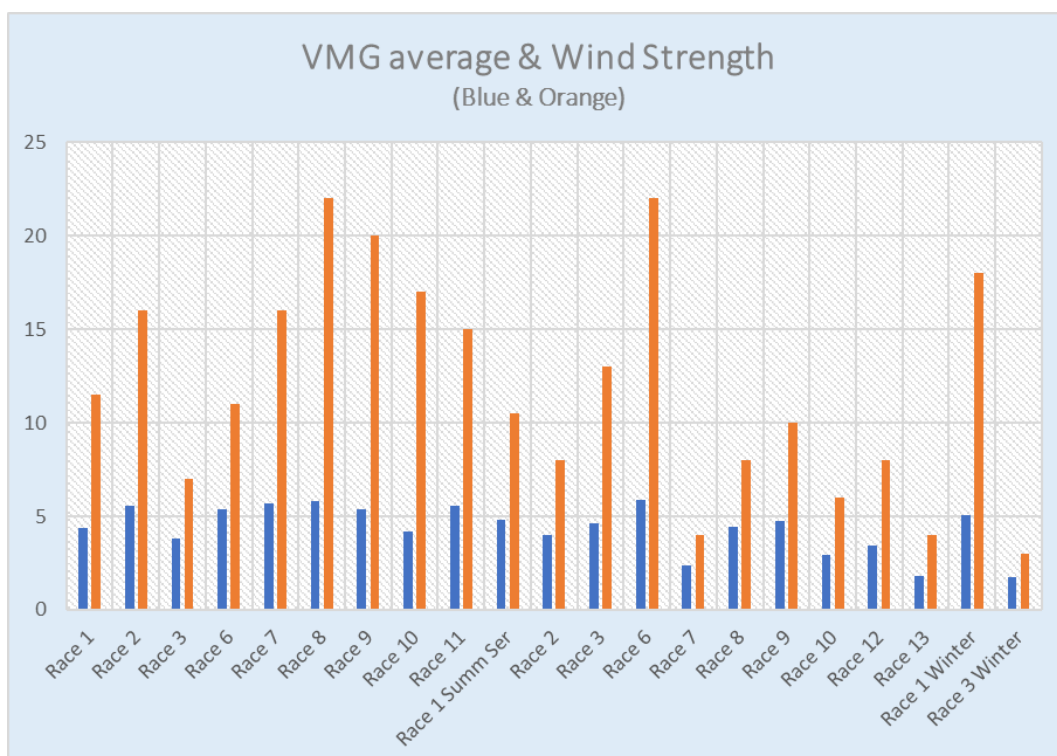
A great result for **Sheba** – second.

### Elapsed Times

In very variable conditions, **Lumiere (Matt Kebbell)** was fastest-121 minutes followed by **Bacardi**-125. Then in order and close proximity: **Upbeat 128, Winsome 129, La Mer 130, Skullduggery (Larry MacCarten) and Sheba**. Average elapsed time of the finishers was 136 minutes for an average VMG (estimated) of 1.8 knots. Not surprising given the drifting conditions until the last 30 minutes!!



Average winds at Fawkner beacon was 4 knots. In shore it was less. This was the slowest completed race for quite some time with a fleet average VMG of less than 2 knots. The first two legs were a real drift, and at 11.40 it seemed that an abandonment was inevitable!!





**Lumiere** had the fastest time today – well done. Photo taken on a different day!!

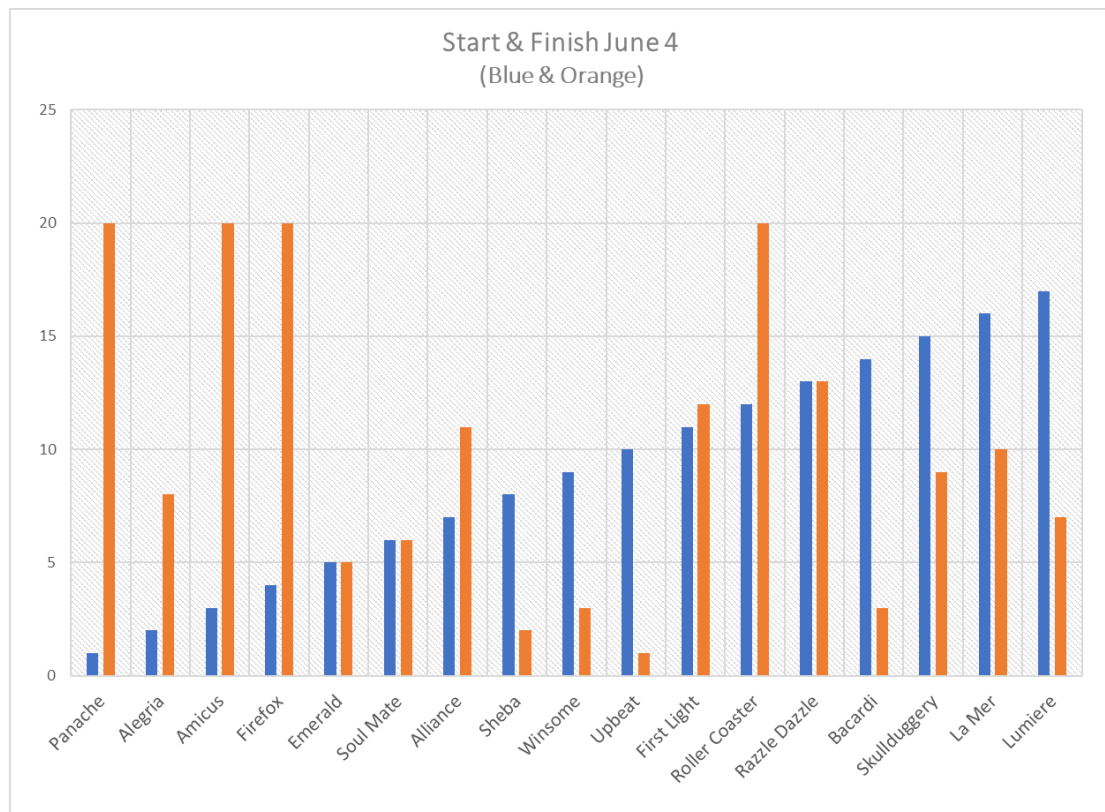
### START AND FINISH POSITIONS

The biggest movers in the fleet were **Bacardi, Lumiere and Upbeat**. **Sheba and Winsome** also had good races. With **Skullthuggery and La Mer** also faring well.

Four boats didn't record a finish. Three ran out of time and then there was **Firefox... (Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne)**. **Firefox** flew their red and blue spinnaker and were so far out in front we all had given up. She sailed triumphantly around the course, finished 13 minutes in front of **Upbeat...** and then discovered she had forgotten to start with her spinnaker penalty!! So starting 2 minutes early earned a DNS.



**Firefox** with triumphant spinnaker aloft!! And fender!!



### SERIES LEAD

According to the official score board at the time of writing (subsequently corrected), there is a drop after only two races sailed. This means **Upbeat and Hitchhiker** are tied for the lead, with **Winsome and Sheba** equal third. Your correspondent understands that **Winsome** is considering a protest because on the best of two results she would lead with 5.5 points, from **Sheba** on 9 and **La Mer** on 14.... Scandals abound!!

Of course the spiritual leader is **Firefox**.

### Series Results [PurHC] up to Race 3 (Drops = 1)

| Place | Ties | Sail No | Boat Name  | Skipper        | Score | Race 3  | Race 2 | Race 1  |
|-------|------|---------|------------|----------------|-------|---------|--------|---------|
| 1     | 3R   | 88      | UPBEAT     | Peter Dunne    | 1.0   | 1.0     | ABN    | [21.0C] |
| 2     |      | 42      | HITCHHIKER | David Goodman  | 1.0   | [25.0C] | ABN    | 1.0     |
| 3     | 3R   | 86      | SHEBA      | Michael Pisani | 2.0   | 2.0     | ABN    | [7.0]   |
| 4     |      | 190     | WINSOME    | Simon Hemin    | 2.0   | [3.5]   | ABN    | 2.0     |
| 5     |      | 385     | FIREFOX    | Kim Beveridge  | 3.0   | [17.0S] | ABN    | 3.0     |
| 6     |      | 377     | BACARDI    | Martin Power   | 3.5   | 3.5     | ABN    | [21.0C] |
| 7     |      | 6002    | LA MER     | Michael Ebelin | 4.0   | [10.0]  | ABN    | 4.0     |
| 8     | 3R   | 6915    | EMERALD    | Tony Tanner    | 5.0   | 5.0     | ABN    | [21.0C] |
| 9     |      | 499     | BRAVEHEART | Leigh Maddi    | 5.0   | [25.0C] | ABN    | 5.0     |
| 10    | 3R   | 4379    | SOUL MATE  | David Keyes-T  | 6.0   | 6.0     | ABN    | [21.0C] |

**Gossip and other matters.**

**Garry McLartin** had his electric winches back working. Again his handicap was against his crew, he claimed. The gist (still is) that he had to start behind much smaller boats including **Firefox** and **Winsome**. Our thoughts go out to you **Larry, sorry Garry**, but remember, you won the last series with three races to go.

The handicapper was seen skippering **Winsome** out on the course. Again **Mr MJ** was offering no comment when asked if he had an unjudicial bias towards **Winsome**.

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

**LUFFING LANCE**



**Skullduggery** going the wrong way....



Drifting at the start: **Amicus, Allegria** and Unknown



**Soulmate** with David Keyes- Tilley – first race??