

#### **The Race**

Sunday sailors Race 5 was enjoyed on a cold drizzly day, with very limited visibility, light winds of round 10 knots and flat seas.

Perfect Spinnaker weather.

Courses 27 was selected with a Northerly start and two circuits.



#### COURSE 27



MARK	BEARING (Magnetic)	DISTANCE
SYC 3 (p)	336	0.58
SYC 6 (p)	243	1.78
SYC 1 (p)	116	1.81
SYC 4 (p)	010	1.07
SUB-TOTAL	1555	5.24
SYC 3 (p)	336	0.58
SYC 2 (p)	239	1.07
SYC 1 (p)	137	1.40
FINISH	010	1.07
TOTAL		9.36



#### The Fleet

17 boats entered with more than half of the fleet electing to fly a spinnaker.

#### **Boats Entered and Results**

Score	Number	Name	Туре	Skipper	Spin	Н'сар	Finish Time		
						(Spin adjusted)	Hrs	Mins	Secs
1	YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Beneteau First 47.7	Mike Coulter	Υ	29	11	47	59
2	SM86	SHEBA	Elliot 7	Michael Pisani	Υ	27	11	48	57
3	SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	Kim Beverage	Υ	20	11	52	40
4	SM6915	EMERALD	Beneteau Oceanis 40	Tony Tanner	Υ	24	11	53	1
5	SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	Simon Hemingway		29	11	55	11
6	SM377	BACARDI	Peterson 44	Martin Power		37	11	55	47
7	SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	Michael Ebeling	Υ	38	11	56	3
8	SM42	HITCHHIKER	Beneteau Oceanis 41.1	David Goodman		16	11	56	54
9	SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Jeanneau 44 Ds	Garry McCarten	Υ	37	11	59	58
10	SM742	LUMIERE	Beneteau First 50	Matt Kebbell	Υ	39	12	0	32
11	SM351	FIRST PASSION	Beneteau First 35	Simon Lipman	Υ	34	12	2	28
12	SM309	ALEGRIA	Catalina 309	Simon May		5	12	2	59
13	SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	Graham Jones		30	12	3	1
14	SM4646	ALLIANCE	Beneteau Oceanis 46	Alex H Simon F Paul S	Υ	29	12	3	59
15	SM4535	PANACHE IV	Salar 40	Egils Stokans		-15	12	11	27
16	SM911	ROLLER COASTER	Hanse 385	Karin Imming		24	12	18	27
ENP	SM342	AMICUS II	Swanson 30	Warwick Stenford		0	12	56	38

#### **The Winners**

Congratulations to the winner **FIRST LIGHT** (Mike Coulter, Beneteau First 47.7, spinnaker handicap of 29), who was first across the line with a winning crew of Burim Boonwirat, Mike Coulter, Kevin Holt, Robert Letford and Mikaela Wong. The handicapper is grinning ear to ear with his red pen out in readiness to slam extra minutes on to **FIRST LIGHT**'s handicap before the next race.

A close 1 minute behind in second place was **SHEBA** (Michael Pisani, Elliot 780 off a spinnaker handicap off 27).

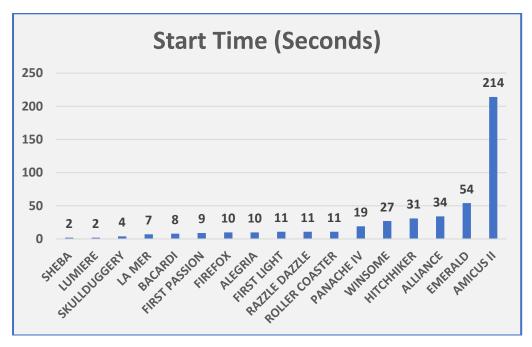
And in third place for the final podium finish was **FIREFOX** (Kim Beverage, Beneteau 38.5 off a spinnaker handicap of 20) who was around 4 minutes behind the second-place boat, **SHEBA**.

#### The Start

Congratulations to **SHEBA** (Michael Pisani, Elliot 780 off a spinnaker handicap off 27) and **LUMIERE** (Matt Kebbell, Beneteau First 50, off a spinnaker handicap of 39) who both started on 2 minutes to share the Start of the day Trophy.

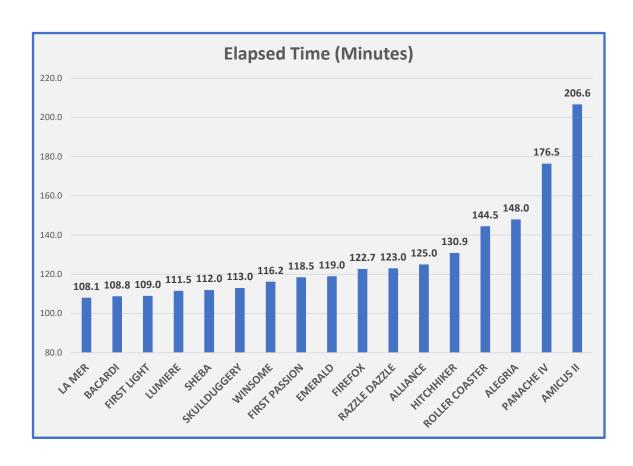
These were the smallest boat in the fleet and one of the biggest, both on a 2 second start.





#### **Boat Speed**

The three fastest boats with an elapsed time within 1 minute of each other were **LA MER** (Michael Ebeling, Dufour 36e Performance off a spinnaker handicap of 38), **BACARDI** (Martin Power, Peterson 44 on a non-spinnaker handicap of 37) and **FIRST LIGHT** (Mike Coulter, Beneteau First 47.7, spinnaker handicap of 29).





#### **Series Results**

It's currently a nail-biting competition for the series lead, with the top three boats for the overall series within one point of each other.

#### They are:

EMERALD on 10 points: (Tony Tanner, Beneteau Oceanis 40, off a spinnaker handicap of 24),

FIREFOX on 10 points: (Kim Beverage, Beneteau 38.5 off a spinnaker handicap of 20).

WINSOME on 10.5 point: (Simon Hemmingway, Jeanneau Sunfast 40, off a non-spinnaker handicap of 29).

None of these boats currently have scores of more than 5 for the next drop.

So watch this space.

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Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	1.05	SM6915	EMERALD	Tony Tanner	10.0	4.0	1.0	5.0	ABN	[21.0C]
2		SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	10.0	3.0	4.0	[18.05]	ABN	3.0
3		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	10.5	5.0	[10.0]	3.5	ABN	2.0
4		SM86	SHEBA	Michael Pisani	11.0	2.0	[13.0]	2.0	ABN	7.0
5		SM377	BACARDI	Martin Power	12.5	6.0	3.0	3.5	ABN	[21.0C]
6		YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	16.0	1.0	5.0	[12.0]	ABN	10.0F
7		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	21.0	7.0	[14.0]	10.0	ABN	4.0
8		SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	26.0	10.0	7.0	9.0	ABN	[10.0F]
9		SM309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	29.0	13.0	8.0	8.0	ABN	[21.0C]
10		VN742	LUMIERE	Matt Kebbell	30.0	11.0	12.0	7.0	ABN	[21.0C]
11		SM88	UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	31.0	[26.0C]	9.0	1.0	ABN	21.0C
12		SM4646	ALLIANCE	Alex H Simon F Paul S	32.0	15.0	6.0	11.0	ABN	[21.0C]
13		SM342	AMICUS II	Warwick Stenford	33.0	13.0N	2.0	18.0R	ABN	[21.0C]
14		SM351	FIRST PASSION	Simon Lipman	34.0	12.0	16.0R	[26.0C]	ABN	6.0
15		SM42	HITCHHIKER	David Goodman	36.0	9.0	26.0C	[26.0C]	ABN	1.0
16		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	38.0	14.0	11.0	13.0	ABN	[21.0C]
17		SM911	ROLLER COASTER	Karin Imming	52.0	17.0	[26.0C]	14.0	ABN	21.0C
18		SM4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-Tilley	53.0	26.0C	[26.0C]	6.0	ABN	21.0C
19		SM4535	PANACHE IV	Egils Stokans	55.0	16.0	[26.0C]	18.0R	ABN	21.0C
20		SM499	BRAVEHEART	Leigh Maddison James Billson	57.0	26.0C	26.0C	[26.0C]	ABN	5.0
21		SM321	LAWLESS	Boyd Coulson	73.0	26.0C	26.0C	[26.0C]	ABN	21.0C
21		SM106	ELLIPSE II	Jonathan Warner / John Lindholm	73.0	26.0C	26.0C	[26.0C]	ABN	21.0C
21		SM1400	ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	Jock Macadie	73.0	26.0C	26.0C	[26.0C]	ABN	21.0C
21		SM194	ANTARES	G Stewart D Pearce	73.0	26.0C	26.0C	[26.0C]	ABN	21.0C
21		SM367	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	73.0	26.0C	26.0C	[26.0C]	ABN	21.0C

#### **Handicap Monitoring**

The table below shows changes in handicap for the series to date.

The most notable Handicap movement is **LUMIERE** (Beneteau First 50, Matt Kebbell) winning relief of 6 minutes over the last two races from an initial 42, now down to 35.

BACARDI (Martin Power, Peterson 44) lost 3 minutes moving her to 37.

**EMERALD** (Tony Tanner, Beneteau Oceanis 40, H'cap 21) and **SKULLDUGGERY** (Garry McCarten, Jeanneau 44DS, H'cap 34) each had 2 minutes added.

And ALLEGRA (Simon May, Cataline 309, H'cap 5) won 2 minutes relief.



### Sunday Sailors Winter 2023 Series - Handicap Tracking

Boat Handicaps (Base)									
Sail	Name				Change	(Race N	Latest		
			last season	1	2	3	4	5	
YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Beneteau First 47.7	28	-2					26
SM86	SHEBA	Elliot 780	24	3	-2				25
SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	17	-2			2		17
SM6915	EMERALD	Beneteau Oceanis 40	18	-1	2			2	21
SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	29	-1	1				29
SM377	BACARDI	Peterson 44	34					3	37
SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	36		1		-1	-1	35
SM42	HITCHHIKER	Beneteau Oceanis 41.1	17	-2	1				16
SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Jeanneau 44 Ds	32	2			-2	2	34
SM742	LUMIERE	Beneteau First 50	42				-4	-2	36
SM351	FIRST PASSION	Beneteau First 35	33		-2				31
SM309	ALEGRIA	Catalina 309	8	-1				-2	5
SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	27	2				1	30
SM4646	ALLIANCE	Beneteau Oceanis 46	26						26
SM4535	PANACHE IV	Salar 40	-15						-15
SM911	ROLLER COASTER	Hanse 385	24						24
SM342	AMICUS II	Swanson 30	0						0

#### Other Gossip -

#### **ROLLER COASTER**

We congratulate Karin Imming on the purchase of **ROLLER COASTER** (Hanse 385) and entering her in the SS series. Race 5 was her first race for the series and as a new skipper we note that she has wisely recruited SYC alumni Bob Reeves (former owner/skipper of Cassandra of Melbourne) for assistance as she builds her expertise.

#### **BACARDI**

A noteworthy addition to the SS fleet this season is **BACARDI** (Martin Power, Peterson 44) bringing a long and impressive ocean racing pedigree. She has competed in 3 races this season, with two 3<sup>rd</sup> and one 6<sup>th</sup> place. Leeward Larry understands that Bacardi has moved to the dark side and installed a furling headsail so she can be raced with a smaller crew. Are they now considering next steps of a roller furling main and electric winches?

#### WINSOME SPINNAKER ANOLOMOLY.

My last report raised the issue of **WINSOME**'s (Simon Hemingway, Jeanneau Sunfast 40) anomalous spinnaker handicap of only 1 minute, when other similar sized boats had 3 minutes. This was a gift from the handicapper to encourage them to get it out and build spinnaker performance expertise. Leeward Larry was therefore a little gobsmacked to note that they did not call it for race 5, despite ideal conditions of wind less than 10 knots, flat seas, and the very experienced SS handicapper at the helm.

Reason, I am advised, is that the Spinnaker has gone missing. Lost. Go figure!

So, please contact Simon Hemmingway if anyone finds a lightly used blue and yellow Spinnaker, numbered SM190, hidden around the club in an obscure location or appearing on another boat.



(Photos are from different races)



Race Winner: FIRST LIGHT (Mike Coulter, Beneteau First 44.7



**Second Place and Equal Start of the Day:** SHEBA (Michael Pisani, Elliot 780)



**Third Place:** FIREFOX (Kim Beverage, Beneteau 38.5)



**Equal Start of the Day**: LUMIERE (Matt Kebbell, Beneteau First 50)

# Leeward Larry