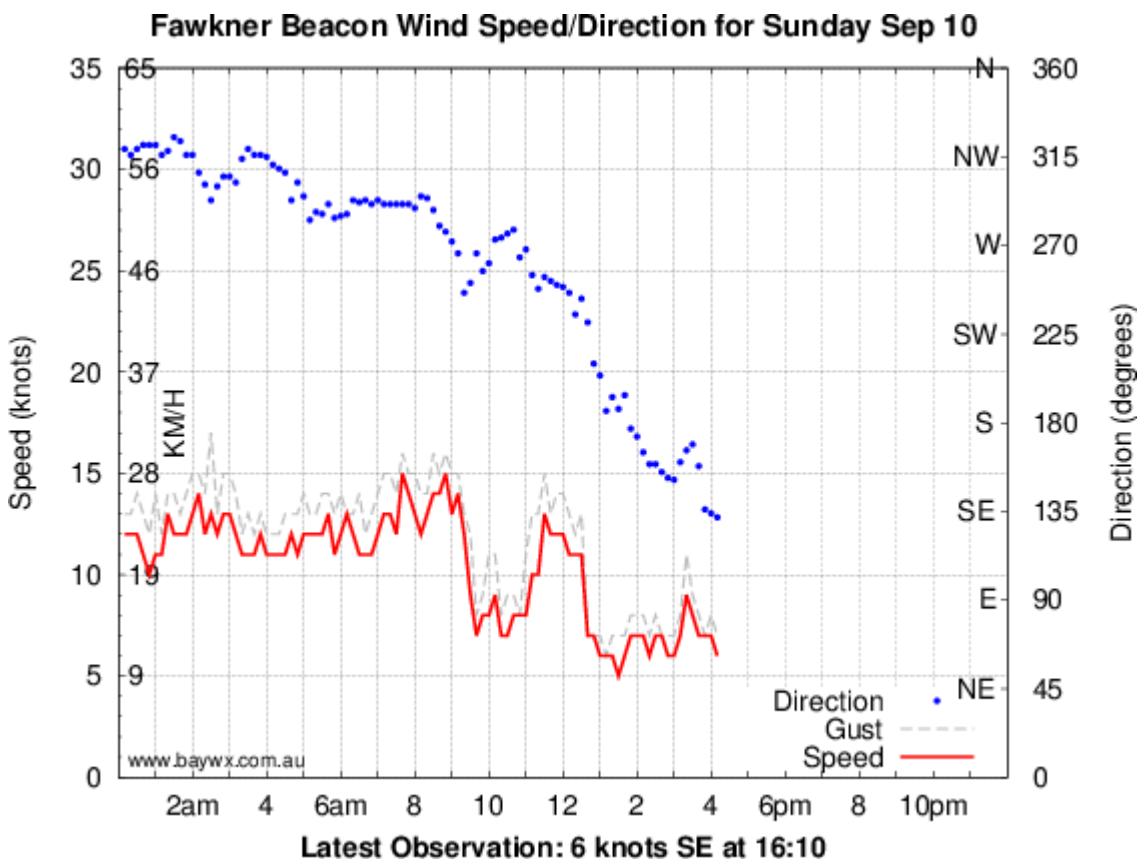


SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT September 10 2023 – Winter Series Race Ten

Intro

This Sunday was basically fine with hardly a spit of rain and occasional sunshine. Race 10 saw moderate winds from the W/NW dropping out to light Westerlies at the start and then increasing to about 12 knots, gradually shifting towards the South West. Eventually the wind benefitted those that kept to the southern side of the course with a lift on the second beat. Course 29 saw a triangle out to number 6, to try and get a run in followed by a smaller triangle with a beat to 6 again. Start, 1, 6, 3, 4, 6, 3 finish. Course 29, 9.43nM. For a while it looked like the fleet wouldn't make it around but the wind strengthened again about 11.15AM. Certainly in the light periods of the race the slop upset the sails.

Tower staff were Christine Walsh and Florence Ong. Many many thanks to them!!



Results

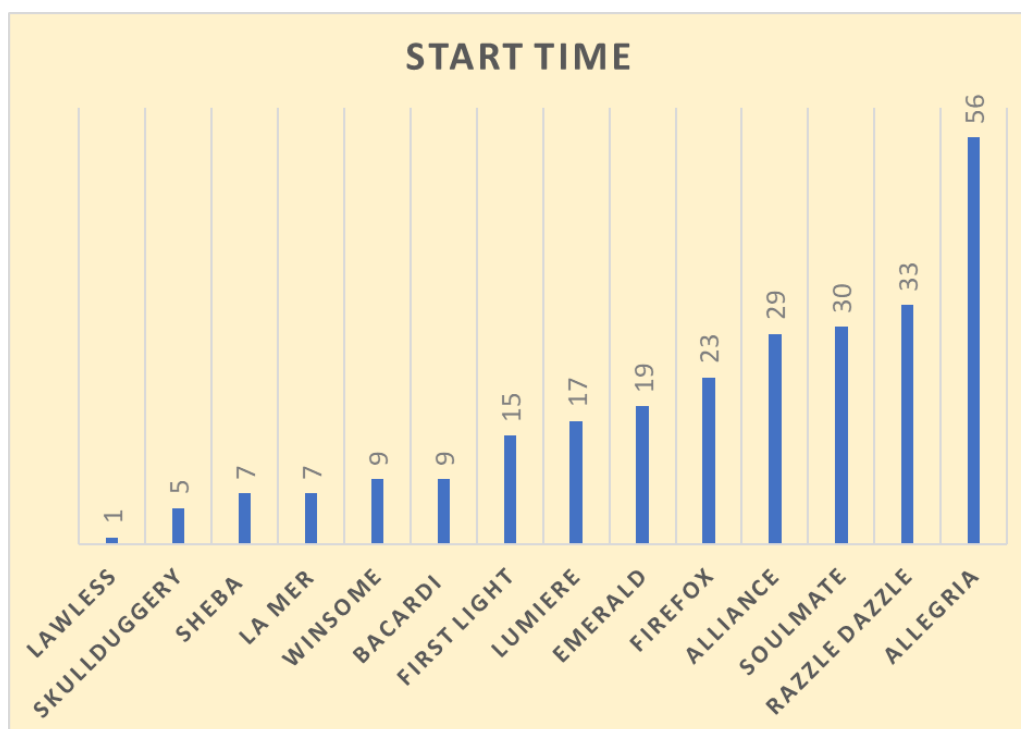
There were 16 starters and all finished and recorded a result. The light winds at the start made it tougher for the smaller boats to get away so in the end they were overhauled as the race went on. The race was won by **Lumiere (Matt Kebbell)**, their second win in a row (handicapper please note). Second was **Bacardi (Martin Power)**. These two had a "ding dong" battle over the second half of the course with **Bacardi** holding her own upwind. In the end 30 seconds separated them. Third was **Winsome (Simon Hemingway)** (two and a half minutes behind) with **First Passion (Simon Lipman)** fourth and **Alliance (Alex Hall)** just holding out **La Mer (Michael Ebeling)** by two seconds, for fifth and sixth.



Lumiere – a worth winner of the last race.

Start of the Day

Start of the day was won by **Lawless (Boyd Coulsen)** at 1 second- a great start to their race. Sub 10 second starts were registered by **Skulldruggery (Garry McIntock)**, **Sheba (Michael Pisani)**, **La Mer**, **Winsome** and **Bacardi**. In fact all boats bar one were under a minute, and that boat **Amicus (Warwick Stenford)** was sailing singlehanded- a fair excuse.





Lawless- Start of the Day Winner – Congrats

Series: Start of the Day

Best 7 Starts: unfortunately **Skullthugery** has led this category from start to finish and wins with an aggregate time of 36 seconds (best 7 starts) , followed by **Winsome** (51), **Sheba** (70) and **La Mer** (75). Very consistent starting by the Pirates.

Skulddugery Joke of the Week

What does it cost a pirate to get his (or her) ear pierced?

A buccaneer.



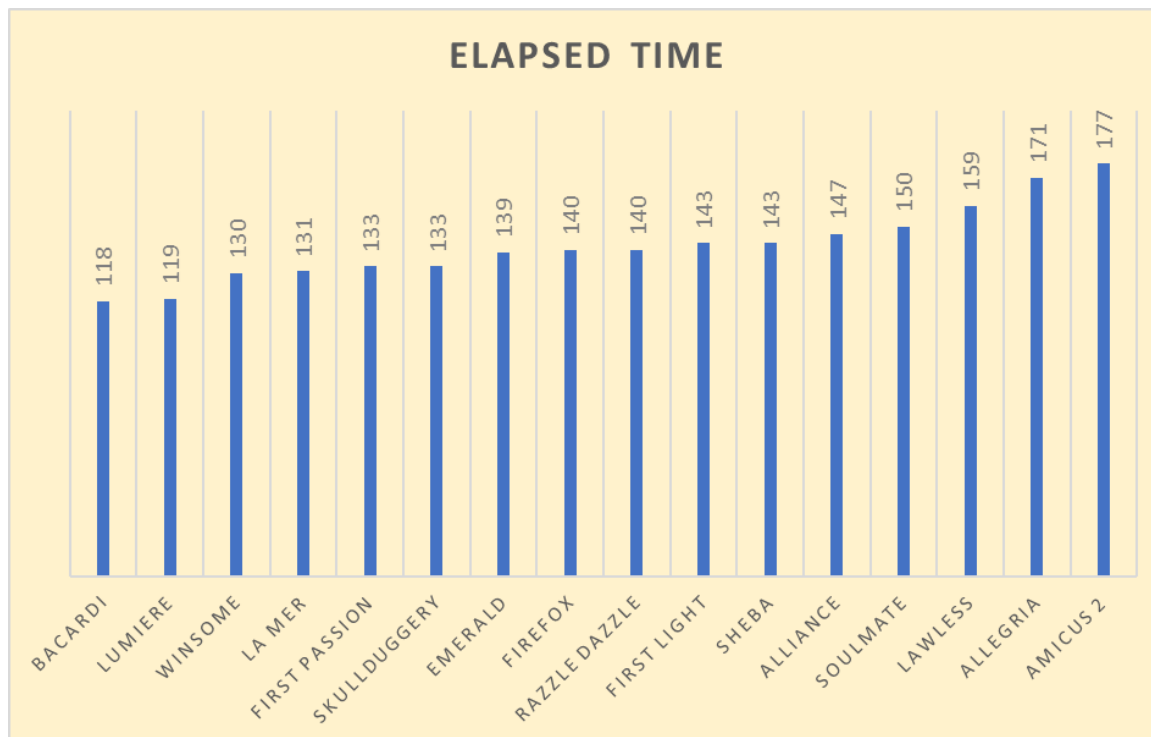
Skullduggery – best starter for the series!!



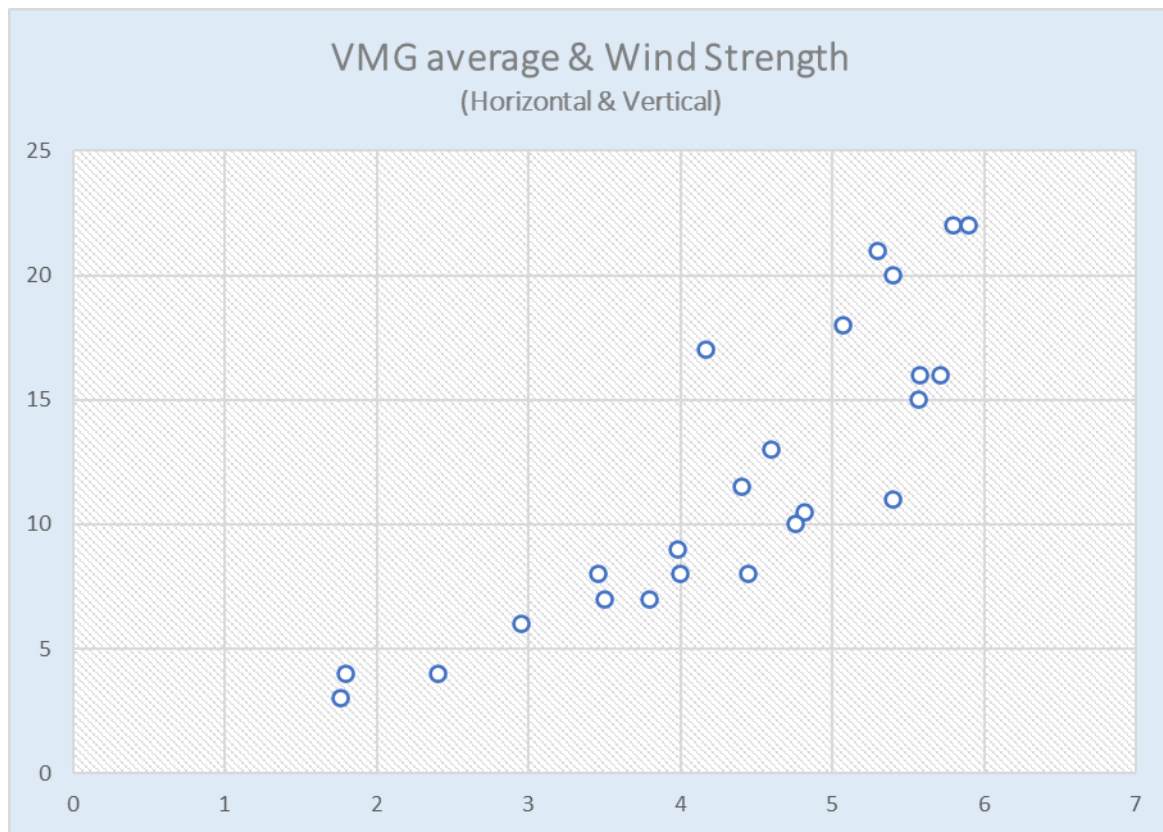
Bacardi (in another race): Second today and second in the series. A big congrats to the **Bacardi** team.

Elapsed Times

Bacardi and Lumiere were the fastest as the strengthening winds from 11 Am on played in to the hands of the later boats. **Winsome, La Mer, First Passion and Skulldiggery** were the next fastest with only 3 minutes covering their elapsed times. The fleet average speed (VMG) was 3.99 knots in average winds of 9 knots



Equal Third in the Series: **Emerald** and **Firefox**. Both led the series at different points.



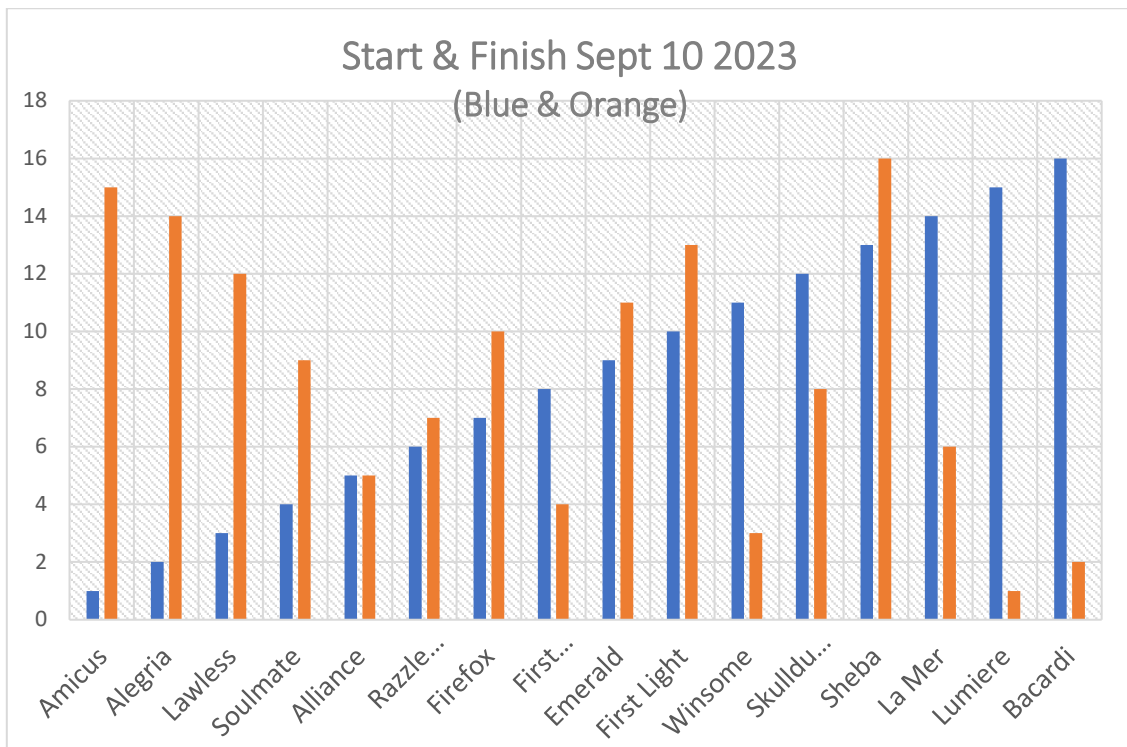
An interesting plot of fleet VMG (horizontal) versus average wind strength, for most of the races over the last 18 months. . As expected a non linear relationship - after 10 knots, the VMG does not increase as fast, as hull speed is approached or passed.

START AND FINISH POSITIONS

The biggest movers in the fleet were **Lumiere and Bacardi** (14 places) followed by **La Mer and Winsome** (8 places). Honorable mentions to **Skulduggery and First Passion (Simon Lipman)** (4 places gained).



Alliance – a very unlucky fifth today and ninth in the series.



SERIES LEAD

Well what a climax to the series. Anyone of 4 could have won it going into the last race. **Bacardi** sailed brilliantly to claim second from the back of the fleet. **Firefox and Emerald (Tony Tanner)** dived it out the whole race and were only separated by 7 seconds at the end, so finished equal third – well done. But the champagne goes to **Winsome** who sailed quietly through the race (except at No 3 the last time apparently) to finish third and claim her first ever series win!! Congrats to the **Winsome** crew on a consistent series. Crew on Sunday were **Paul Marks, Ian McConnell, Paul Gooden and Simon Hemingway**.

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| Series Results [PurHC] up to Race 10 (Drop | | | | | | | |
| Place | Ties | Sail Num | Boat Name | Skipper | Sers Score | Race 10 | Race 9 |
| 1 | | SM190 | WINSOME | Simon Hemingway | 29.5 | 3.0 | 9.0 |
| 2 | | SM377 | BACARDI | Martin Power | 34.5 | 2.0 | [11.0] |
| 3 | 1.05 | SM6915 | EMERALD | Tony Tanner | 38.0 | 11.0 | [12.0] |
| 4 | | SM385 | FIREFOX | Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne | 38.0 | 10.0 | [22.05] |
| 5 | 1.05 | VN742 | LUMIERE | Matt Kebbell | 42.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 6 | | SM6002 | LA MER | Michael Ebeling | 42.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 |
| 7 | | SM309 | ALEGRIA | Simon May | 47.0 | [14.0] | 3.0 |
| 8 | | SM86 | SHEBA | Michael Pisani | 54.0 | 16.0 | [19.0] |
| 9 | | SM4646 | ALLIANCE | Alex H Simon F Paul S | 55.0 | 5.0 | 2.0 |
| 10 | 2.05 | SM342 | AMICUS II | Warwick Stenford | 63.0 | 15.0 | 8.0 |

Gossip and other matters.

Handicap matters: my colleague **Leeward Larry** struggles at times with his race reports but his examination of handicaps is worthy indeed. Some anomalies he identified include:

- **Skullduggery**- has laboured under a strong handicap this season although this might be payoff for winning the Summer series with a month to spare- in a dominant performance.
- **Lumiere** : a first 50 starting with a 32 minute handicap recently!! Noted that the spinnaker handicap for the last race was 38 minutes.
- **Emerald** has gone out 8 minutes – perhaps illustrating it doesn't pay to hit the front too early. **Firefox** has similarly suffered.

Perhaps **Stuart Morrison Jack** should trade up from his abacus to a slide rule.

According to reports reaching your correspondent (from **La Mer and Alliance**), there was a small kerfuffle at no3 the last time. Apparently **Winsome** was coming up on **Alliance** (both had poled out genoas) and **Alliance** luffed up and called **Winsome** to stay clear, which **Winsome** did although reportedly with some reluctance. **Winsome** managed to get through on the inside and, close to the mark, **Alliance** sailed around the back and attempted an overlap. **Simon Hemingway on Winsome** was heard to claim, loudly, that any overlap was too late (3 boat length rule), a view not shared by **Alliance**. In the end **Alliance** played the gentleman and turned up and missed the mark. Despite mutterings of a potential protest nothing more was heard although witnesses related a further conversation in the club reception area. No fists were thrown.

LUFFING LANCE



Skullduggery and Winsome in mortal combat!! **Winsome** finished third today to win the series. **Skullduggery** won the previous series.