



Sunday Sailors Report – Race 2 (15 Oct 2023)

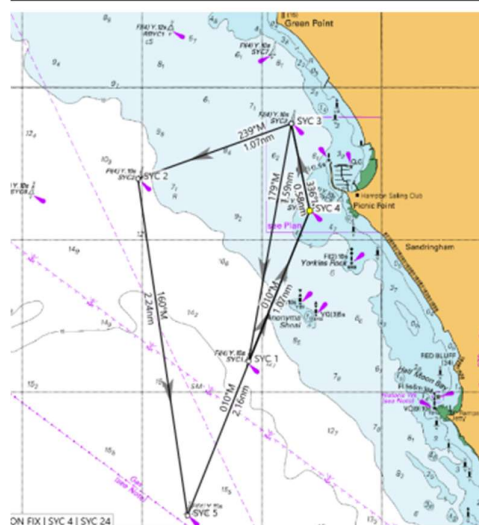
The Race

Sunday Sailors Race-2 was the first race of the season after Race 1 was abandoned.

The wind started as a 15 knot North Westerly and swung around to a 10 Knot South Westley by the race finish.

Course 24 was selected with a Northerly start with expectations of mostly reach sailing with the NW to SW wind.

COURSE 24



MARK	BEARING (Magnetic)	DISTANCE
All marks to Port		
SYC 3	336	0.58
SYC 2	239	1.07
SYC 5	160	2.24
SYC 4	010	2.16
SUB-TOTAL		6.05
SYC 3	336	0.58
SYC 4 (pass)	NA	NA
SYC 1	179	1.59
FINISH	010	1.07
TOTAL		9.29

Note: Reciprocal = Course 12

The Fleet

13 boats entered with only 2 boats, **EMERALD** and **LA MER**, electing to fly a spinnaker.

One boat (**PANACHE IV**) retired, and **HITCHHIKER** was disqualified, possibly for failing to sign on.

Boats Entered and Results

Score	Number	Name	Type	Skipper	Spin	H'cap (Spin adjusted)	Finish Time		
							Hrs	Mins	Secs
1	SM309	ALEGRIA	Catalina 309	Simon May		2	11	24	23
2	SM4646	ALLIANCE	Beneteau Oceanis 46	Alex H Simon F Paul S		18	11	25	26
3	SM4379	SOUL MATE	Beneteau First 405	David Keyes-Tilley		17	11	25	55
4	YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Beneteau First 47.7	Mike Coulter		27	11	30	13
5	SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	Graham Jones		23	11	31	9
6	SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	Simon Hemingway		31	11	31	36
7	SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	Anthony Clyne		25	11	32	23
8	SM367	LEBROK	Beneteau First 36.7	Theo Korbelt		30	11	32	30
9	SM136	RAGNAR	Beneteau First 36	Richard Ekberg		36	11	26	4
10	SM6915	EMERALD	Beneteau Oceanis 40	Tony Tanner	Y	29	11	36	42
11	SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	Michael Ebeling	Y	34	11	37	47
ENP	SM42	HITCHHIKER	Beneteau Oceanis 41.1	David Goodman		14	0	0	0
RET	SM4535	PANACHE IV	Salar 40	Egils Stokans		-15	0	0	0



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The Winners

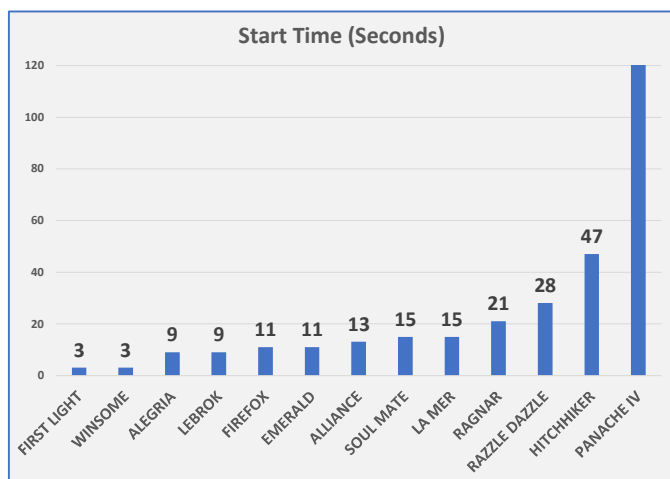
Congratulations to the winner **ALLEGRA** (Simon May, Catalina 309, off a non-spinnaker handicap of 2) who was first across the line with a winning crew of Olwyn Horton and Dale Hamond.

1 minute behind was the second-place place boat **ALLIANCE** (Alex Hall, Beneteau Oceanis 46 off a non-spinnaker handicap of 18).

Another 30 seconds behind and in third place was SOUL MATE (David Keyes-Tilley, Beneteau First 405 off a non-spinnaker handicap of 17).

The Start

Congratulations to **FIRST LIGHT** (Mike Coulter, Beneteau First 47.7) and **WINSOME** (Skippered by the handicapper Stuart Morrison-Jack) for equal start of the day at 3 seconds.



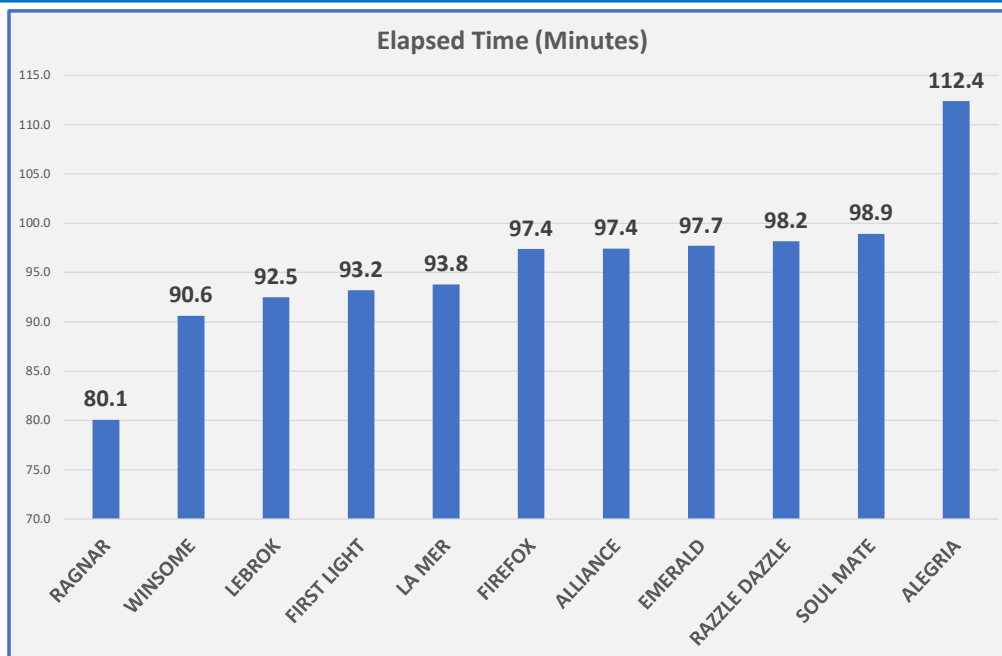
Boat Speed

The fastest boat with an elapsed time of 80 minutes was **RAGNAR** (Richard Eckberg, Beneteau First 36 off a non-spinnaker handicap of 36). A brand spanking new boat, 'this' **RAGNAR**'s Sunday Sailors debut.

Approximately 10 minutes behind there were 4 boats all with an elapsed time within 3 minutes of each other – **WINSOME**, **LEBROK**, **FIRST LIGHT** and **LA MER**.



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Series Results

With only one race for the series to date, then the series lead copies the results for Race-2.

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Series Results [PurHC] up to Race 2

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 2	Race 1
1		SM309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	1.0	1.0	ABN
2		SM4646	ALLIANCE	Alex H Simon F Paul S	2.0	2.0	ABN
3		SM4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-Tilley	3.0	3.0	ABN
4		YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	4.0	4.0	ABN
5		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	5.0	5.0	ABN
6		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	6.0	6.0	ABN
7		SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	7.0	7.0	ABN
8		SM367	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	8.0	8.0	ABN
9		SM136	RAGNAR	Richard Ekberg	10.0	10.0	ABN
10		SM6915	EMERALD	Tony Tanner	11.0	11.0	ABN
11		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	12.0	12.0	ABN
12		SM4535	PANACHE IV	Egils Stokans	14.0	14.0R	ABN
12		SM42	HITCHHIKER	David Goodman	14.0	14.0N	ABN
14		SM444	TRUE COLOURS	John Strahan	33.0	33.0C	ABN
14		SM77	BABYDOLL	Brendan Kruger	33.0	33.0C	ABN
14		SM351	FIRST PASSION	Simon Lipman	33.0	33.0C	ABN
14		SM194	ANTARES	G Stewart D Pearce	33.0	33.0C	ABN



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Handicap Monitoring

In a gob smacking precedent, our illustrious handicapper made no changes to handicaps from the last race of the winter season to this race.

It is not clear whether he was having a well-earned rest, or had achieved self-proclaimed handicap perfection with this fleet. Alternatively he may have been paving the way for the machiavellian pleasure of wacking on some serious handicap penalties for the next race.

Leward Larry thinks the later. Watch out **ALLEGRIA** and **ALLIANCE**.

Gossip

THE WINSOME SPINNAKER ANOMOLY SAGA.

Readers will recall that the handicapper, with only the best intentions, was trying to encourage WINSOME (Simon Hemingway, Jeanneau Sunfast 40) to get out her spinnaker. A last resort was to gift her an encouragement gift of a mere 1-minute spinnaker handicap penalty. WINSOME then declared that her Spinnaker had gone missing as a further excuse to avoid using it. Lost, Perdu, Perduto, Perdido.

Update: WISECOM has now announced that her Spinnaker has miraculously reappeared. Found, Truve, Trovato, Encontro. But for Race -2, even with the very spinnaker-experienced handicapper at WINSOME's helm and perfect 10 to 15 knot conditions, her Spinnaker stayed securely in the locker. Time to give up.

RAGNAR – NEW BOAT

Same name, same number, new boat.

Richard Ekberg has upgraded his Sunfast 33, Ragnar, SM136 with a brand spanking new Beneteau First 36, called RAGNAR, SM136. The old Ragnar has allegedly gone to New Zealand, no doubt to avoid race management confusion.

RAGNAR (the new one) blitzed the SS Race-2 field with an elapsed time 10 minutes faster than the next boat.

FOGGY DEW – STILL MASTLESS

You may be aware that FOGGY DEW has been mast-less for some months. Owner Mr D'Arcy is now optimistic to have a new mast by early November. He has assured Leward Larry that the re-masted FOGGY DEW will be ready, hard and fast to slaughter the competition.

Of course, he will need to re-gather his crew who might have gone off on other boats in the meantime.

SKULLDUGGERY – TIED UP AND MOTIONLESS

SKULLDUGGERY has an intermittent failure issue with her engine electronics system.

The repair requires some parts from Europe, due late November. So, in the meantime she is staying put to avoid banging into any other boats in the marina with a motor failure during docking.

ARC DE TRIOMPHE – FOR SALE, NOT FOR SALE

After being for sale for around 8 months, without success, the owners of Arc De Triomphe have decided to pause the selling process and rethink their next step.

So, if anyone has the desire for a magnificent bay and coastal racer, a well-equipped Archambault 31, sister boat to Alchemist, with a somewhat competent crew intact, then in the first instance please contact Leward Larry so that he can arrange a suitable sales commission.



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(Photos are from different races)



First Place: ALLEGRA (Simon May, Catalina 309)



Equal Start of The Day: WINSOME (guest skipper Stuart Morrison-Jack, Jeanneau Sunfast 40)



Second Place: ALLIANCE (Alex Hall, Benneteau Oceanis 46)



Equal Start of The Day: FIRST LIGHT (Mike Coulter, Benneteau First 47.7)

Leeward Larry

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Appendix: **BOAT PROFILE: BACARDI**

BACARDI is one of the oldest boats in the Sunday Sailors fleet and one of the best performers.

She is a Peterson 44 launched in 1978 and owned by Martin Power since 2008.

Her Sydney to Hobart pedigree is impressive, having sailed in 30 Sydney to Hobart races: more than any other boat. The last one was last year, and they are still deciding whether to do this year's. She was one of the finishers in the tragic 1998 race and, incredibly, has retired only once, in 2010, when she lost her rig and the deck disintegrated in heavy seas off the NSW coast.

Built to the old IOR rule, **BACARDI** weighs in at 12 tonnes, draft of 2.43m and is at her best in heavy weather. She is normally skippered by Brett Avery who has raced and sailed thousands of ocean miles. Her design moved the companion way back a meter from the standard Peterson 44 to give more crew room down below but slightly more cramped in the cockpit.

BACARDI has recently had a considerable topside refit. She originally had 14 winches, because when she was built self-tailing winches and quality jammers didn't exist, so every halyard and runner had its own winch and cleat to tie off the rope. Recently Martin has removed the coffee grinders and reduced the winch count by 4. She now has self-tailing winches and jammers, electric winches for the primaries and an electric main sheet winch. She is a beautifully maintained boat that can now race with fewer crew than the original.

In the Sunday Sailors series **BACARDI** is usually in the top 4 boats for fastest elapsed time and is currently off a handicap of 40.

