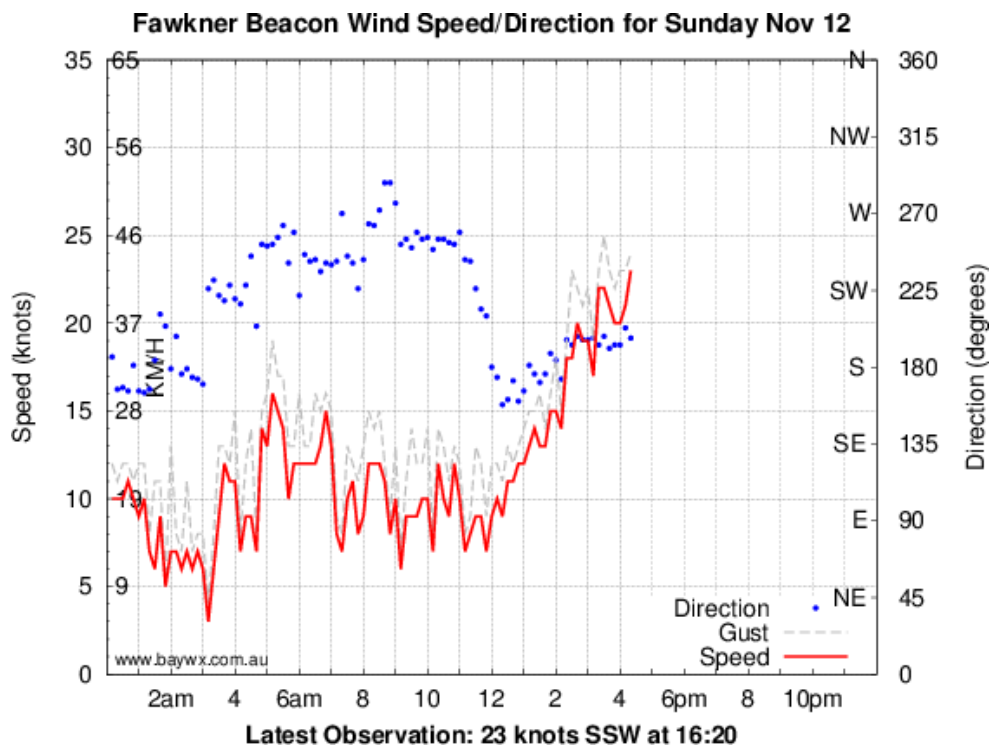


SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT November 12 2023 – Summer Series Race Four

Intro

Sunday was dull and cool to start with but warmed up, the sun came out and in the end was very pleasant. Your fleet negotiated the vagaries of a 2XU half Ironman Triathalon on Beach Road to get to the yacht club. The wind was forecast to move to the South but didn't do so until the second last leg. Winds were fairly steady around 8-11 knots but with some puffs, lulls and wind shifts aplenty. There were a few fleets of dinghies out training which made things a bit exciting around no 4. The course was no 27 with marks start, 3,6,1,4,3,2,1,finish – northerly start and 9.36 knots. The course was not as favourable to spinnaker boats as last time, with only the last leg being kind to the symmetrical kite gang.



Hitchhiker won by nearly five minutes. Mr Handicapper **Stuart Morrison Jack** – please note!!

Results

There were 19 starters and all finished bar **Panache 2 (Egils Stokan)**. Some boats flew spinnakers but the course was not kind, generally, to the forrard sail.

In an improvement in form, the winners by over 4 minutes, were **Hitchhiker (David Goodman)**, they led from the front for most of the race. **Grumpy Old Men (Andrew Stopp)** also showed improvement in their new boat, to finish a clear second. Third was **Soulmate (David Keyes-Tilley)** in what was likely their first podium finish. **Razzle Dazzle (Grahame Jones)** was an easy fourth. Twenty seconds separated **Lawless (Boyd Coulsen)**, **Winsome (Simon Hemingway)** and **First Light (Mike Coulter)**, with the smaller **Lawless** just edging out the two larger boats on the line, after all looked lost with 200 metres to go.



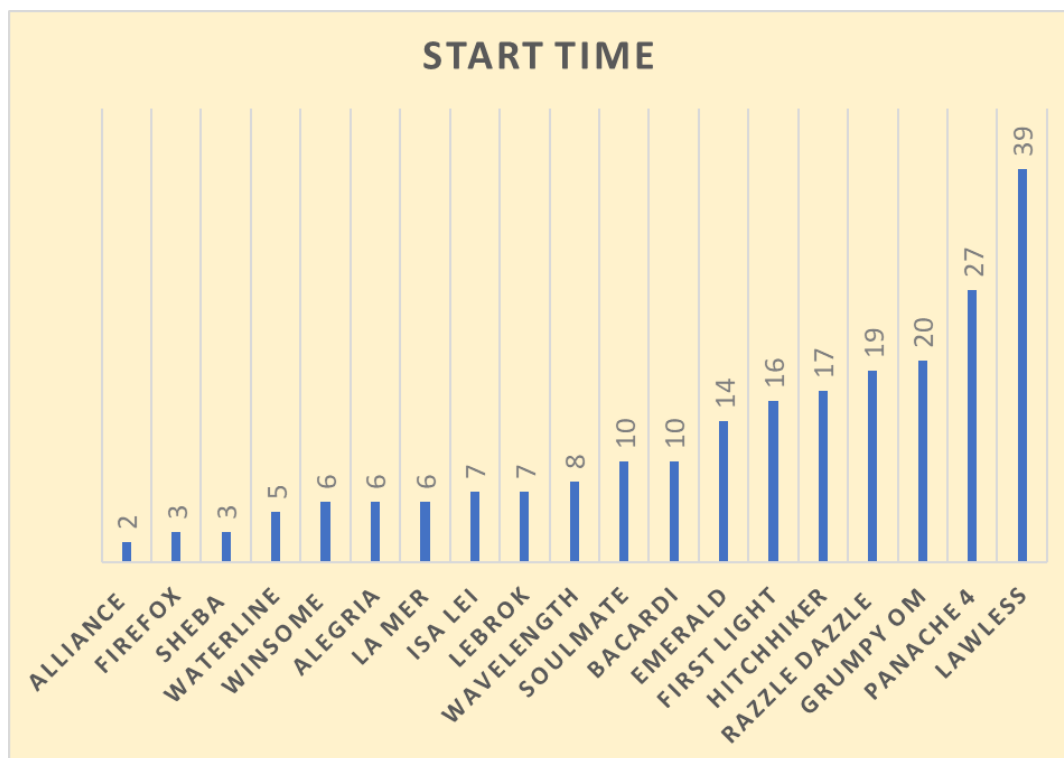
Soulmate finished third. Alliance won start of the day – 2 seconds!!!!

Start of the Day

We saw the best starting in this race, possibly ever seen. All boats were under 40 seconds, and 60% of the fleet 10 seconds or less. Well done Sunday Sailors. Best start was **Alliance (Alex Hall)** on two seconds, with **Firefox (Anthony Clyne)** and **Sheba ((Michael Pisani)** recording 3 seconds.

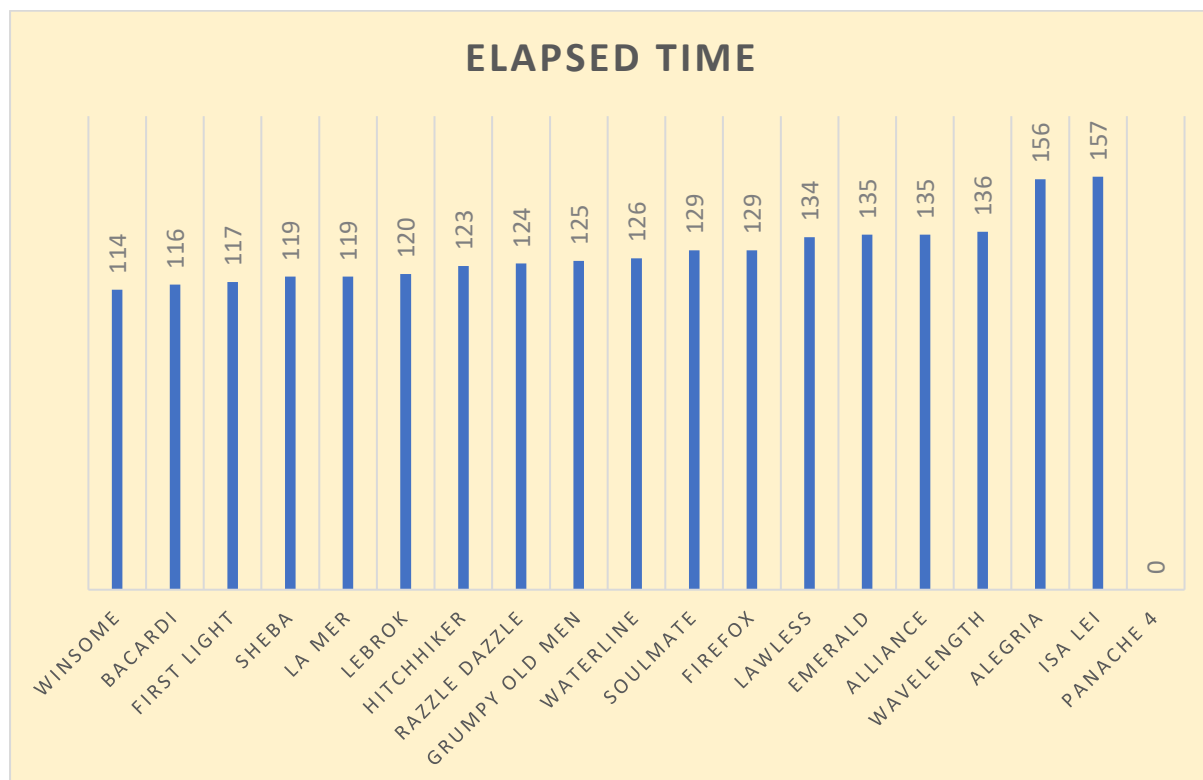
Series: Start of the Day

Best two starts (after 3 races) has **Winsome** in front (8 seconds), with **Firefox**, **Alegria (Simon May)**, **Lebrok (Theo Korbel)**, **Alliance** and **Sheba** all on about 15 seconds.



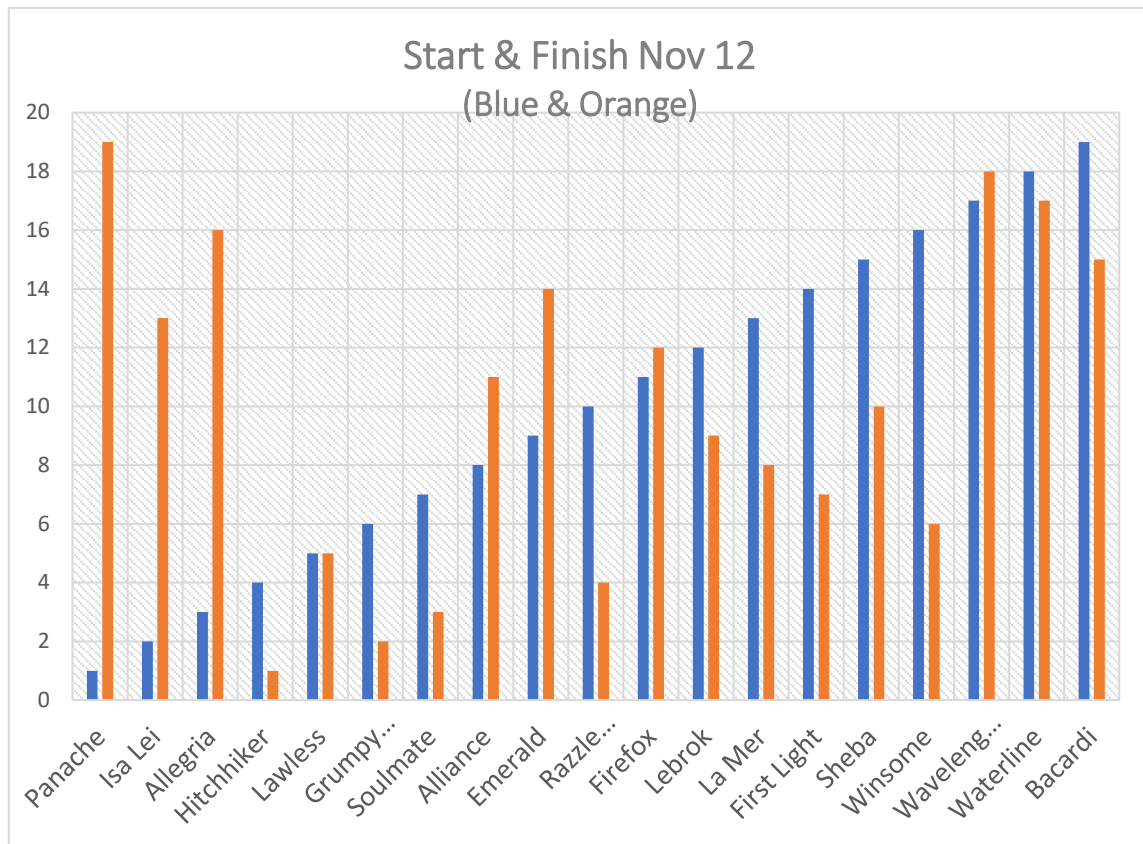
Elapsed Times

In a very even field, Winsome was the quickest with 114 minutes from Bacardi (Martin Power) on 116 minutes. Very close behind were First Light (and excellent performance), Sheba, La Mer and Lebrok. Your correspondent had to correct the results as the previous race's handicaps were used in the official results. The average VMG was 4.37 knots in 9,5 knots average wind.



START AND FINISH POSITIONS

The biggest mover in the fleet was **Winsome** (10 places) with **First Light** (7 places) and **Razzle Dazzle** (6 places) also faring very well.



Series Leader Razzle Dazzle. Winsome is second in the series, and fastest elapsed time today
Note the go fast stained mainsail of **Winsome**.



Panache 4 enjoying a Sunday sail,



Sheba and **La Mer** flying assies

SERIES LEAD

Razzle Dazzle has the lead after 4 races (the first was abandoned) closely followed by **Winsome**. Neither of these boats have managed a podium finish as yet. **Soulmate** is a very close third followed by **Firefox** and **Lebrok**. The top 10 are shown below, bought to you by the wonders of modern technology.

Mercedes-Benz Brighton Sunday Sailors								
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PROVISIONAL RESULTS								
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Series Results [PurHC] up to Race 4								
Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2
1		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	14.0	4.0	5.0	5.0
2		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	16.0	6.0	4.0	6.0
3		SM4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-Tilley	17.0	3.0	11.0	3.0
4		SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	22.0	12.0	3.0	7.0
5		SM367	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	23.0	9.0	6.0	8.0
6	2.05	SM4646	ALLIANCE	Alex H Simon F Paul S	27.0	11.0	14.0	2.0
7		YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	27.0	7.0	16.0	4.0
8		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	30.0	8.0	10.0	12.0
9		SM42	HITCHHIKER	David Goodman	33.0	1.0	18.0	14.0N
10		SM309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	34.0	16.0	17.0	1.0

Gossip and other matters.

Skulldrudgery update: the required electronic components are in the country but haven't cleared the docks as yet. Rumour has it that her competitors are paying bribes to the customs people. **Mr MacCarten** advises the ETA is now next week with the Skull and Crossbones again being flown before the end of November.

Hitchhiker was covered quite extensively in our last match report. And in this race a magnificent win with all cylinders firing in the Beneteau engine. My sources were unwilling to share the secrets of this week's success and the great improvement.

Grumpy Old Men and **Soulmate** had first ever podiums in the Sunday Sailors. And **Wavelength (Alex Elliot)** had a first outing as well. Hope to see **Wavelength** in the future, with some handicap relief of course. **Wavelength** is well known for her exploits in the Thursday Twilights – usually being the back marker in the B Fleet.

LUFFING LANCE