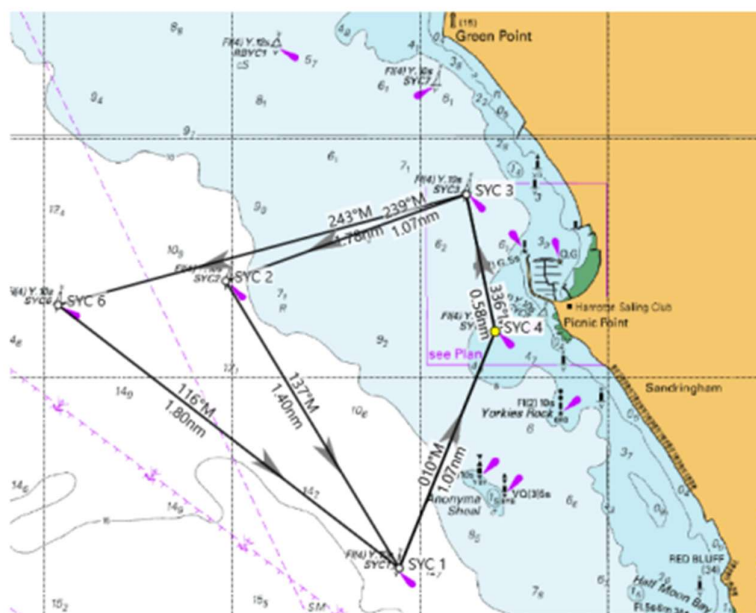


Race 7 for the summer season was held in frustratingly light winds of around 5 knots Westerly. Course 27 was selected with a Northerly start, and then shortened to finish at Mark 4 after the first circuit.



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



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The Fleet

A good-sized fleet of 21 boats entered.

12 boats elected to fly their spinnaker. Excluding Winsome whose skipper and crew present with an allergic reaction when opening their spinnaker bag.

Welcome to the J24, Joyride, entering this SS season for the first time.

One boat, Panache IV, retired. See the Addendum for more about Panache IV.

Boats Entered and Results

Score	Number	Name	Type	Skipper	Spin	H'cap (Spin adjusted)	Finish Time		
							Hrs	Mins	Secs
1	SM3800	38 Degrees South	Sydney 38	John Chatham	-	35	11	53	34
2	SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	Simon Hemingway	-	34	12	1	39
3	AUS1316	SCRUMPY	J24	Rodney Warner	Y	19	12	2	12
4	SM136	RAGNAR	Beneteau First 36	Richard Ekberg	Y	42	12	4	1
5	SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	Michael Ebeling	Y	40	12	5	44
6	SM42	HITCHHIKER	Beneteau Oceanis 41.1	David Goodman	-	24	12	7	40
7	SM86	SHEBA	Elliot 780	Michael Pisani	Y	33	12	8	49
8	SM351	FIRST PASSION	Beneteau First 35	Simon Lipman	Y	32	12	10	53
9	SM220	WAVELENGTH	Farr 1020	Alex Elliott	-	30	12	12	1
10	SM77	BABY DOLL	Hanse 400	Brendan Kruger	-	36	12	12	4
11	SM4379	SOUL MATE	Beneteau First 405	David Keyes-Tilley	-	21	12	12	34
12	SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	Graham Jones	Y	26	12	13	55
13	SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Jeanneau 44 Ds	Garry McCarten	Y	33	12	15	41
14	SM6915	EMERALD	Beneteau Oceanis 40	Tony Tanner	Y	23	12	6	21
15	AUS5058	JOYRIDE	J24	Cuttsy	Y	19	12	17	14
16	SM4646	ALLIANCE	Beneteau Oceanis 46	Alex H Simon F Paul S	-	21	12	19	44
17	SM321	LAWLESS	Farr 920	Boyd Coulson	Y	14	12	24	58
18	SM309	ALEGRIA	Catalina 309	Simon May	-	4	12	29	15
19	YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Beneteau First 47.7	Mike Coulter	Y	30	12	33	52
20	SM194	ANTARES	Vandestad	G Stewart D Pearce	Y	-2	12	41	22
RET	SM4535	PANACHE IV	Salar 40	Egils Stokans	-	-15			

The Winners

Congratulations to the winner **38 DEGREES SOUTH** (John Chatham, Sydney 38, non-spinnaker handicap of 35) who delivered a convincing win with expert crewing by Alison Boyes, Bernard Hoefer, Anthony Micheletto and Debra Parker.

8 minutes further back, in-second place, was **WINSOME** (Simone Hemmdinger, Jeanneau Sunfast 40, non-spinnaker handicap of 34).

Approx. 30 seconds behind was the third-place boat was **SCRUMPY** (Rodney Warner, J24 off a spinnaker handicap of 19).

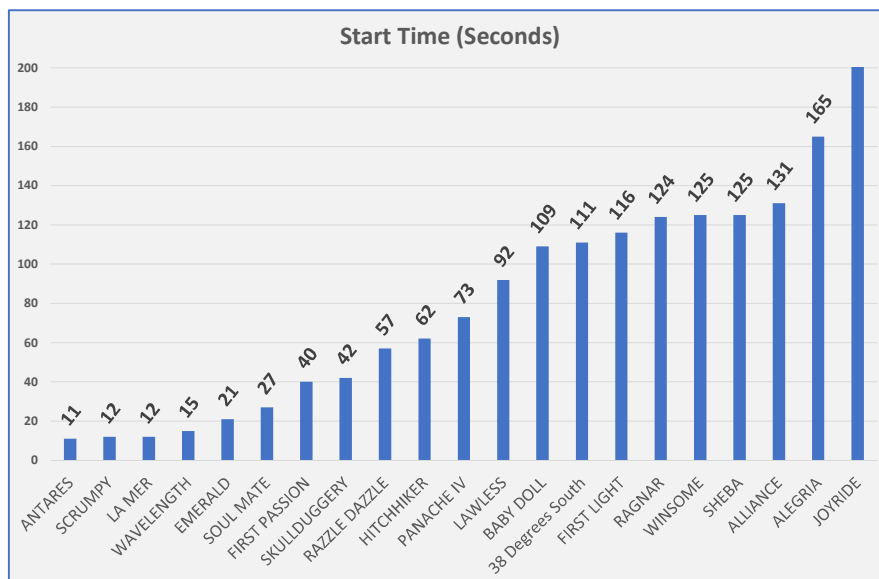


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The Start

Congratulations to **ANTARES** (G. Stewart and G Pearce, Vandestadt, spinnaker handicap of -2) for an 11 second start in light and inconsistent winds that drove only 6 boats to start within ½ minute.

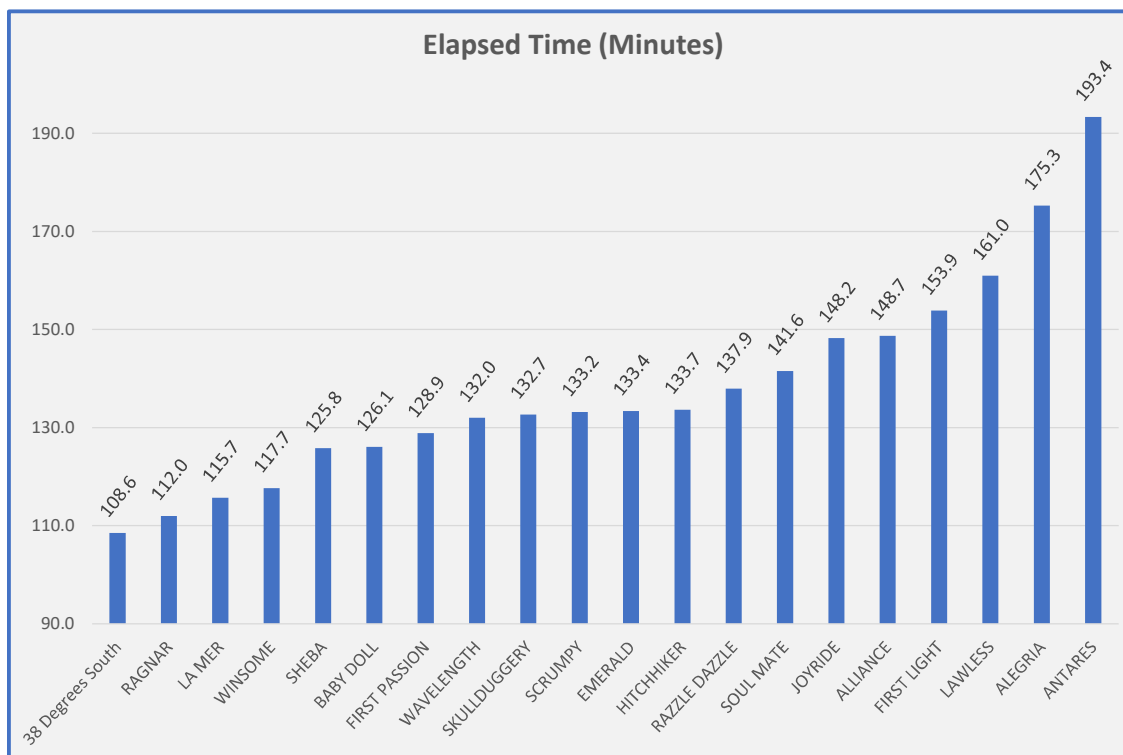
More than half the boats were a minute or more late to the start.



Boat Speed

The fastest boat with an elapsed time of 108.6 minutes was **38 DEGREES SOUTH** (John Chatham, Sydney 38, non-spinnaker handicap of 35), followed by **RAGNAR** (Richard Ekberg, Beneteau First 36, off a spinnaker handicap of 44).

The third fastest boat was **LA MER** (Michael Ebeling, Defour 36e Performance, spinnaker handicap of 44).





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Series Results

WINSOME (Simone Hemmdonger, Jeanneau Sunfast 40, non-spinnaker handicap of 33) is winning the series by 2 points ahead of **SOUL MATE** (David Keyes-Tilley, Benneteau First 405, non-spinnaker handicap of 21).

In third place is the much-improved **HITCHHIKER** (David Goodman, Beneteau Oceanis 41.1, non-spinnaker handicap of 24).

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Series Results [PurHC] up to Race 7 (Drops = 1)

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	23.0	2.0	5.0	[7.0]	6.0	4.0	6.0	ABN
2		SM4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-Tilley	25.0	11.0	3.0	5.0	3.0	[11.0]	3.0	ABN
3		SM42	HITCHHIKER	David Goodman	26.0	6.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	[18.0]	14.0N	ABN
4		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	27.0	[12.0]	10.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	ABN
5		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	30.0	5.0	1.0	6.0	8.0	10.0	[12.0]	ABN
6		SM4646	ALLIANCE	Alex H Simon F Paul S	43.0	[16.0]	14.0	2.0	11.0	14.0	2.0	ABN
7		SM6915	EMERALD	Tony Tanner	49.0	14.0	6.0	4.0	14.0	[15.0]	11.0	ABN
8		YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Michael Coulter	58.0	19.0	12.0	[38.0C]	7.0	16.0	4.0	ABN
9		SM309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	59.0	18.0	7.0	[38.0C]	16.0	17.0	1.0	ABN
10		G385	GRUMPY	Andrew Stopp	75.0	[40.0C]	18.0R	8.0	2.0	13.0	34.0C	ABN
11		SM321	LAWLESS	Boyd Coulson	77.0	17.0	13.0	[38.0C]	5.0	8.0	34.0C	ABN
12		SM82	ISA LEI	Andrew Chapman	86.0	[40.0C]	9.0	11.0R	13.0	19.0	34.0C	ABN
13		SM136	RAGNAR	Richard Ekberg	91.0	4.0	38.0C	38.0C	[38.0C]	1.0	10.0	ABN
14		SM4535	PANACHE IV	Egils Stokans	92.0	22.0R	15.0	[38.0C]	20.0R	21.0R	14.0R	ABN
15	3.0S	SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	98.0	[40.0C]	38.0C	38.0C	12.0	3.0	7.0	ABN
16		SM86	SHEBA	Michael Pisani	98.0	7.0	38.0C	[38.0C]	10.0	9.0	34.0C	ABN
17		SM367	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	99.0	[40.0C]	38.0C	38.0C	9.0	6.0	8.0	ABN
18		SM342	AMICUS II	Warwick Stenford	120.0	[40.0C]	2.0	9.0	38.0C	37.0C	34.0C	ABN
19		SM351	FIRST PASSION	Simon Lipman	125.0	8.0	8.0	38.0C	[38.0C]	37.0C	34.0C	ABN
20		SM377	BACARDI	Brett Averay/ Darren Hunter	127.0	[40.0C]	38.0C	38.0C	15.0	2.0	34.0C	ABN
21		AUS1316	SCRUMPY	Rodney Warner	130.0	3.0	18.0F	38.0C	[38.0C]	37.0C	34.0C	ABN
22		SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	133.0	13.0	11.0	38.0C	[38.0C]	37.0C	34.0C	ABN
23		SM220	WAVELENGTH	Alex Elliott	136.0	9.0	38.0C	[38.0C]	18.0	37.0C	34.0C	ABN
24		SM511	WATERLINE	Ainslie Allen	139.0	[40.0C]	38.0C	38.0C	17.0	12.0	34.0C	ABN
25		SM3800	38 DEGREES SOUTH	John Chatham	148.0	1.0	38.0C	38.0C	[38.0C]	37.0C	34.0C	ABN



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Handicap Monitoring

For first SS race, the J24, **JOYRIDE**, was initially given the same 19 spinnaker handicap as the other J24, **SCRUMPY**.

Handicap adjustments of note were **LA MER**, docked 9 minutes, and **HITCHHIKER** was docked 10 minutes over the last three races as the consequence of their much improvement and shiny new jib.

Boat		Handicaps (Base)								
Sail	Name	Type	End of last season	Change (Race Number)						Latest
				2	3	4	5	6	7	
SM3800	38 Degrees South	Sydney 38	new boat				35			35
SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	31			2			1	34
AUS1316	SCRUMPY		new boat		16					16
SM136	RAGNAR	Beneteau First 36	new boat	36		2				38
SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	31		-2	-1	-1		9	36
SM42	HITCHHIKER	Beneteau Oceanis 41.1	14				4	4	2	24
SM86	SHEBA	Elliot 780	30							30
SM351	FIRST PASSION	Beneteau First 35	29							29
SM220	WAVELENGTH	Farr 1020	0			36	-7	1		30
SM77	BABY DOLL	Hanse 400	36							36
SM4379	SOUL MATE	Beneteau First 405	17		1	-1	1	1	2	21
SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	23		-1	-1	1		1	23
SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Jeanneau 44 Ds	30							30
SM6915	EMERALD	Beneteau Oceanis 40	26		-2	-1	-1		-2	20
AUS5058	JOYRIDE	J24	new boat						16	16
SM4646	ALLIANCE	Beneteau Oceanis 46	18		2			2	-1	21
SM321	LAWLESS	Farr 920	13						-1	12
SM309	ALEGRIA	Catalina 309	2		3				-1	4
YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Beneteau First 47.7	27		1				-1	27
SM194	ANTARES	Vandestad	-2							-2
SM4535	PANACHE IV	Salar 40	-15							-15

Gossip

1. **Alliance/Firefox:** Firefox crew are sailing on Alliance whilst their mast is replaced. Their specification was a boat 44 ft or longer and with a greater degree of luxury than Firefox. And they got that with Alliance. But bigger does not translate to faster in the case of Alliance, who starts closer to the front of the fleet.
2. **Hitchhiker:** Adjusting with ease to their new 24-minute handicap, really a much-improved boat. But we hear a few ruffled feathers with discussion about who is responsible for sail setting and then the ignominy of having an ex-crew member (Rodney Warner) sail pass them in a J24....
3. **Skullduggery:** Back in the water after some time out. One of Santa's elves radioed from Skullduggery that they had Santa on board and could the rest of the fleet keep clear so as not to delay him from his daunting pre-Christmas workload. Hmm.....
4. **38 Degrees South:** They rounded no 6 first showing a clean pair of heels, even without a spinnaker. John Chatham is the godfather of Sunday Sailors having started it up many years ago.

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(Photos are from different races)



First Place: 38 DEGREES SOUTH (John Chatham, Sydney 38, non-spinnaker handicap of 35). *Stock photo of a Sydney 38.*



Third Place: SCRUMPY (Rodney Warner, J24 off a spinnaker handicap of 19).



Second Place: WINSOME (Simone Hemmingerdonger, Jeanneau Sunfast 40, non-spinnaker handicap of 34)



Start of The Day: ANTARES (G. Stewart and G Pearce, Vandestadt, 11 second start)

Leeward Larry

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Appendix: BOAT PROFILE: PANACHE IV (Slowest Boat in the Fleet).

Egils Stokans, proud owner of Panache IV declares it as absolutely, undisputed that Panache IV is the slowest boat in the Sunday Sailors fleet, with a handicap of '-15' minutes.

Panache IV is a Queensland built 1988 Salar 40 design. A centre cockpit boat with full length keel and a hydraulic in-mast furling main with verticals battens. A 39ft, 10-ton yacht, she has a beam of 3.4m, draft of 1.7m and a gutsy 84 hp Perkins.

Originally built for the Brockhoff family in Sydney, she has been maintained immaculately over the decades by enthusiastic owners.



Egils purchased her in 2002 and renamed her Panache IV. His two prior yachts were named Panache I, an SS 30, and Panache II, a Holland 34 that he sailed in a Sydney to Hobart. But the name Panache III was not (internationally) available, so this boat was named Panache IV.

Egils, his wife Margaret and friends have crossed Bass Strait numerous times, circumnavigated Tasmania and sailed her to Noumea and Vanuatu. Egils says that centre cockpit, full length keel boats are seriously more stable and ocean seaworthy - snug, safe and warm to be in. But impossible to steer in reverse. When backing out of their SYC pen they must be prepared for not knowing which way she will turn.



Panache IV best loves 18 to 20 knot winds. She can be very difficult to tack in lightish winds. Often, in say, 10 knots or less they will have to do a granny gibe to get around. In less than 5 knots they will typically need to retire as they won't get around the course.

Egils likes to be on foredeck. Helming is normally by Graeme Miller or Jillian Marshall.

Egils, Margaret and their crew love the boat and sailing in these club races. They have no desire to upgrade to one of those new-fangled boats with a fin keel that might fall off.