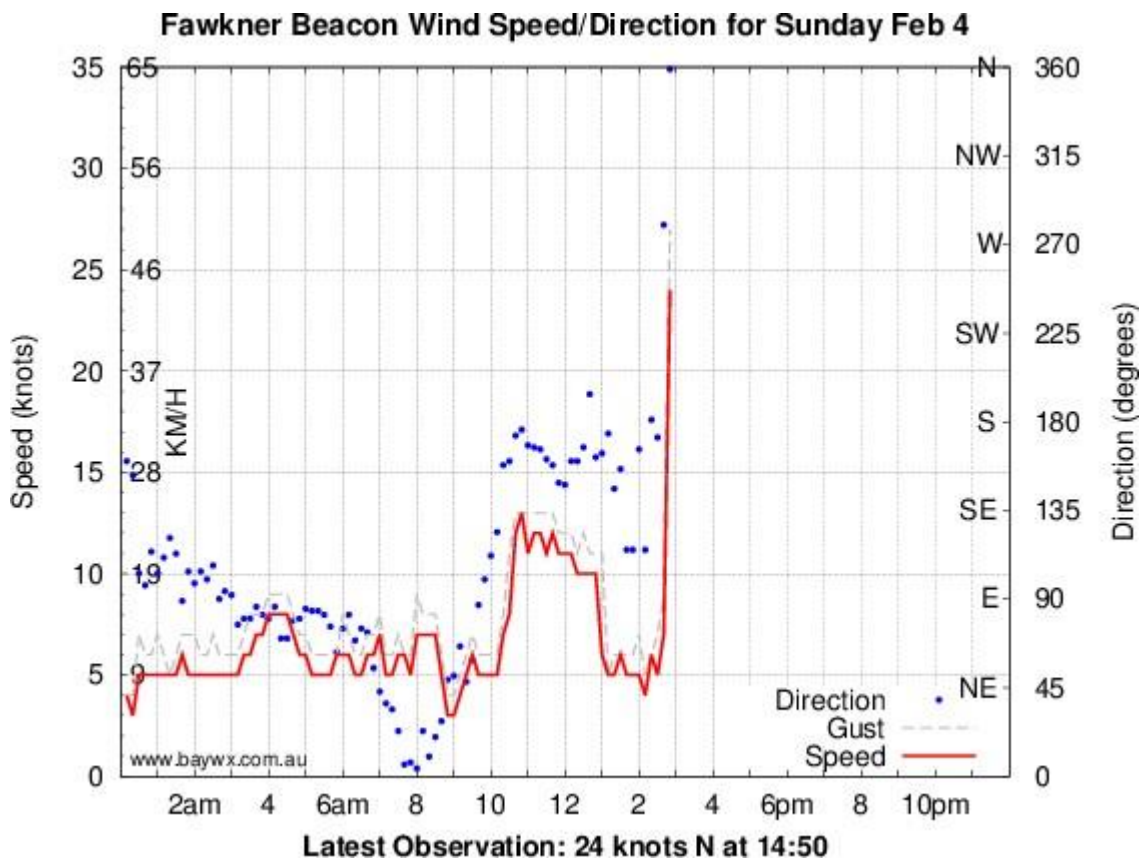


SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT FEBRUARY 4 2024 – RACE 10

Intro

A very lovely day was Sunday February 4. Sunny and pleasant in the morning with the promise of heat to come. The wind was light and variable, and as we came out to start it was very light, starting off North Easterly very light as the first boats started. It then went SE as the later boats started, and started to strengthen, finally finishing as a Southerly at about 10 knots. So the boats that started first had the worst of it!!!

16 boats toed the line and only 15 minutes separated the fleet at the end (top 11 - 6 minutes).



RESULTS

Upbeat (Peter Dunne) returned to the starting gates after some absence and won in style despite a handicap (30 minutes) that seemed reasonable rather than generous. Second was **La Mer (Michael Ebeling)** and third was **Bacardi (Brett Averay)** who started last and sailed through the fleet for third. Fourth was **True South (John Chatham)**. Actually **38 Degrees South** dead heated for fourth with **Soulmate** – very exciting!! The boats that finished second, third and fourth started last, whilst the boats that started first filled the last places. Handicap starts disappeared as the breeze strengthened.

NON FINISHERS

Ellipse 2 (Johnathon Warner/ John Lindholm) and **Panache 4 (Egils Stokans)** retired whilst **Sheba (Michael Pisani)**, after winning start of the day, just disappeared off the results altogether. Bermuda Triangle??



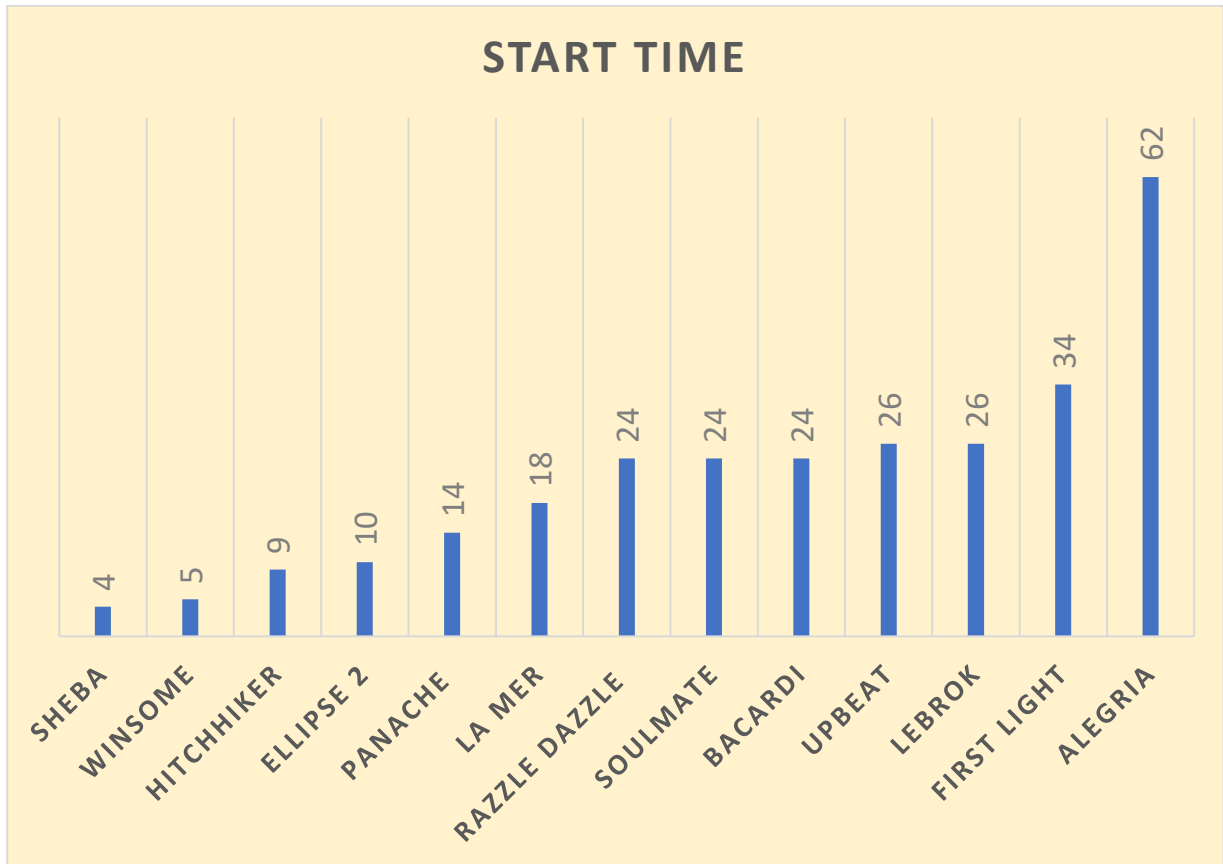
Upbeat today's winner, returning after an absence with experienced stagers Don, Steve Cummin amongst a talented crew. .



La Mer claims another victim on the way to Second today!!

Start of the Day

The afore mentioned **Sheba** won start of the day (4 seconds) from **Winsome (Simon Hemingway)** 5 seconds. **Hitchhiker (David Goodman)** and **Ellipse 2** also had starts of 10 seconds or less.



Series: Start of the Day

Taking 7 of the best start times the standings look like:

Boat	Average Start time
Winsome	4.1
Emerald	12.4
La Mer	12.8
Soulmate	17.1
The Rest	Not great

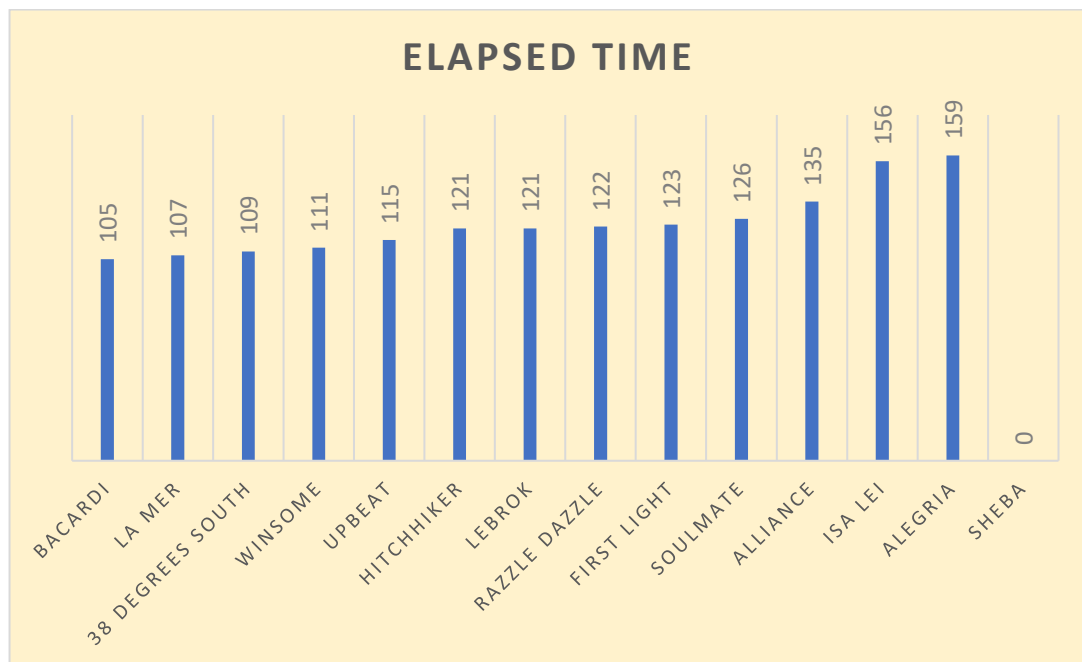


Bacardi finished third today. **Sheba** with start of the day!!

Elapsed Times

Bacardi's run through the fleet yielded the best elapsed time (105 minutes), closely followed by **La Mer** (107 minutes- with spinnaker), **True South** (109 minutes) and **Winsome** (111 minutes- spinnaker penalty taken but spinnaker not used). Next on 115 minutes was the race winner **Upbeat**.

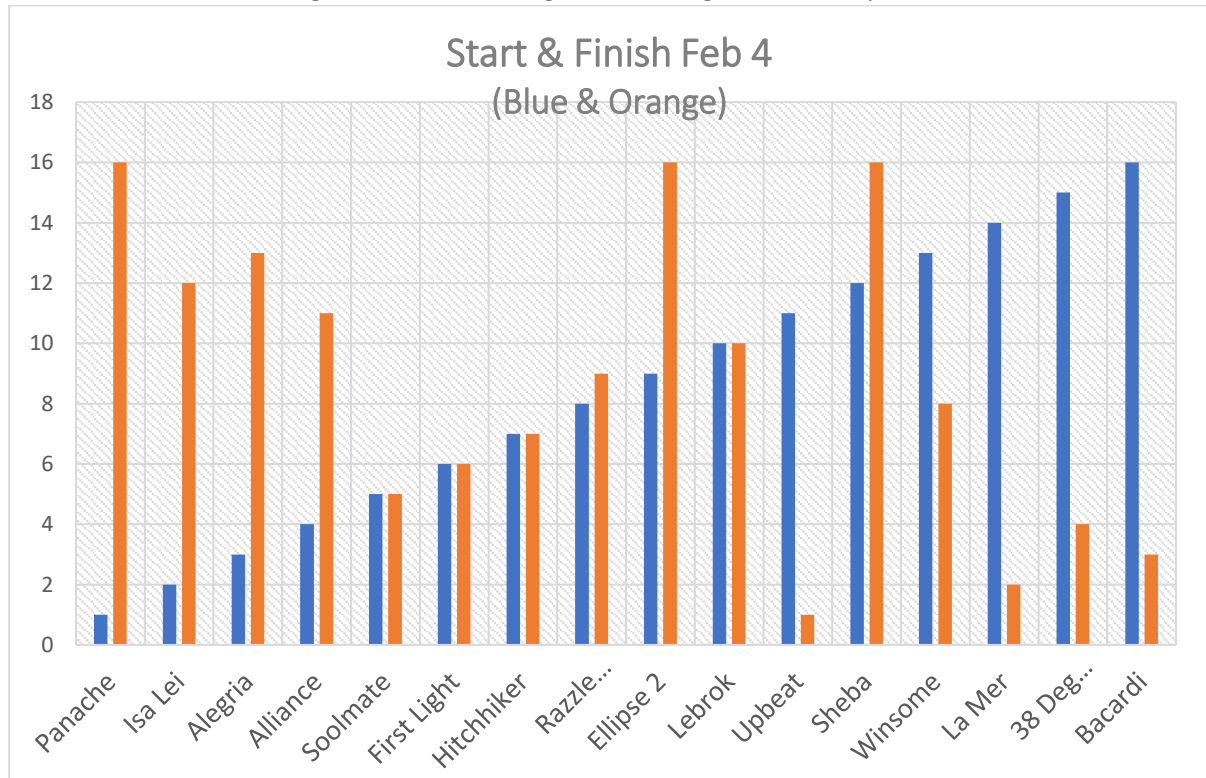
The average VMG was 4.3 knots in about 8 knots of average breeze.



START AND FINISH POSITIONS

Bacardi picked up 13 places, **La Mer** 12 places, **38 Deg South** 11 places and the **Dunne Gang** 10 places, to win the race.

Soulmate (David Tilley – Keyes), **First Light** (Michael Coulter), **Hitch hiker** and **Lebrok** all picked up the “Boring Award” for starting and finishing in the same position!!!



SERIES LEAD

Hitchhiker retains the series lead after a creditable 7th. **Winsome** remains second after dropping today's 8th placing. **Soulmate** climbs up the standings to 3rd after a solid 4th (equal) with **Razzle of the Dazzle** and **La Mer** still in contention!!

PROVISIONAL RESULTS
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Series Results [PurHC] up to Race

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 10
1		SM42	HITCHHIKER	David Goodman	24.0	7.0
2		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	32.0	[8.0]
3		SM4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-Tilley	34.5	4.5
4		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	37.0	9.0
5		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	44.0	2.0
6		SM6915	EMERALD	Tony Tanner	59.0	[41.0C]
7		SM4646	ALLIANCE	Alex H Simon F Paul S	64.0	11.0
8		YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Michael Coulter	67.0	6.0
9		SM82	ISA LEI	Andrew Chapman	71.0	12.0
10		SM309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	83.0	13.0
11		G385	GRIMBY	...		

Gossip and other matters.

The trials and tribulations of **Skullduggery** continue, with motor issues keeping them out of Sunday's race. They will be back next time, **Garry Mc Carten** assured one of your correspondent's secret spies..

Hitch hiker – a middle of the road finish saw them retain their series lead by a margin. A handicap blow out from 14 minutes to 28 has them bemused. For the second week in a row they had to fend off **Winsome** on the finish line and did so with seconds to spare!!

On **Soulmate** all looked lost as **38 Degrees South** bore down on them at the finish line, but a last lunge by Mr **Keyes-Tilley** and crew saw them split the points (so to speak).

An un named source on **Bacardi** mused that a 42 minute handicap would be the end of them in the light conditions, but they were smiling after a 3rd place. Well sailed.

Winsome called in a spinnaker, took the penalty, and then didn't use her spinnaker. **Garry MacCarten** was absent or he would have had a lot to say about that!! Like several other boats, the orange pennant was not flown from the back stay, and he were reminded by the RO.

Again many thanks to the tower people.

Also thanks to **Mercedes Benz Brighton** – they are good guys, and girls.

LUFFING LANCE



Series Leader still **Hitchhiker**