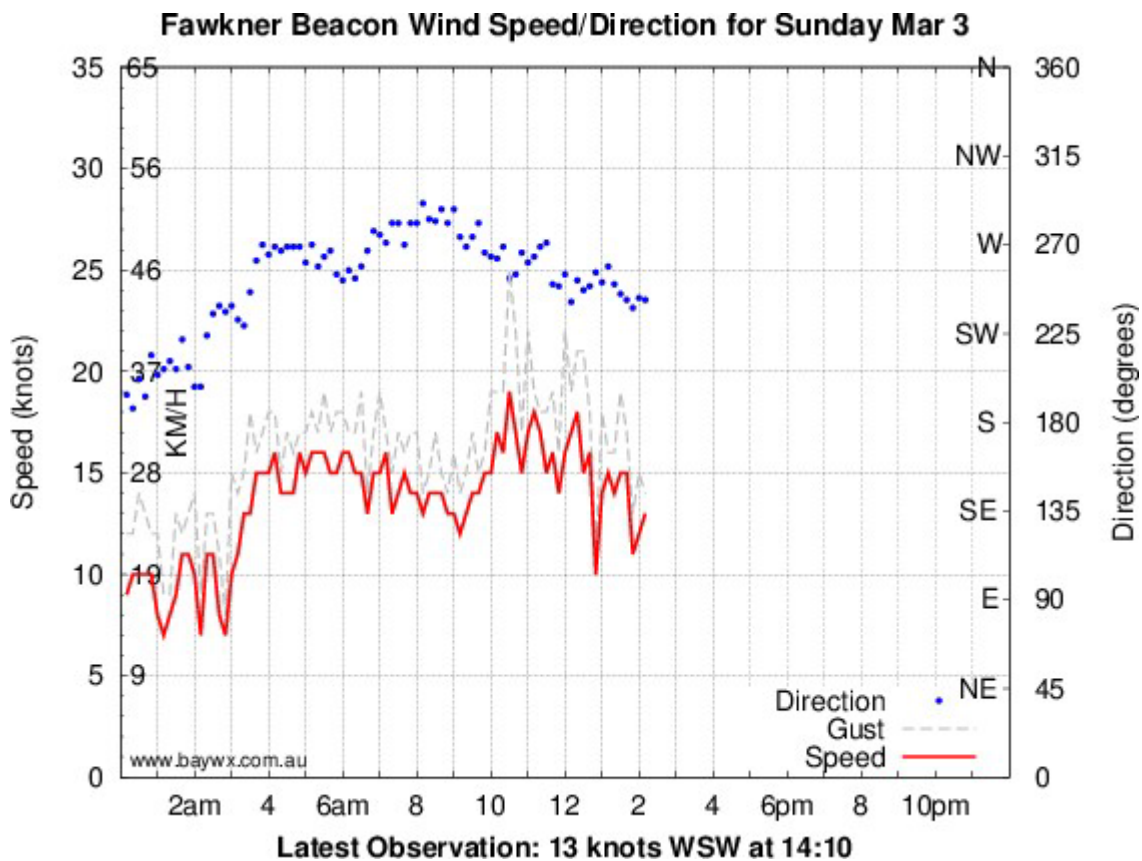


SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT MARCH 3 2024 – RACE 12

Intro

Sunday was forecast SW of 12-15 knots, strengthening and going towards the South. Instead we had Westerlies, very slowly going South West, starting about 13 knots but strengthening a little (got very strong later). Weather was pleasant. 15 boats started with 9 having lady helmspersons.



RESULTS

Alliance (Lucy Allison) just held off **First Light (Gemma Coulter)** for first and second. Third, a couple of minutes later, was **Emerald (Tony tanner)** - the first of the male skippers. So the two largest boats in the fleet finished first and second!!



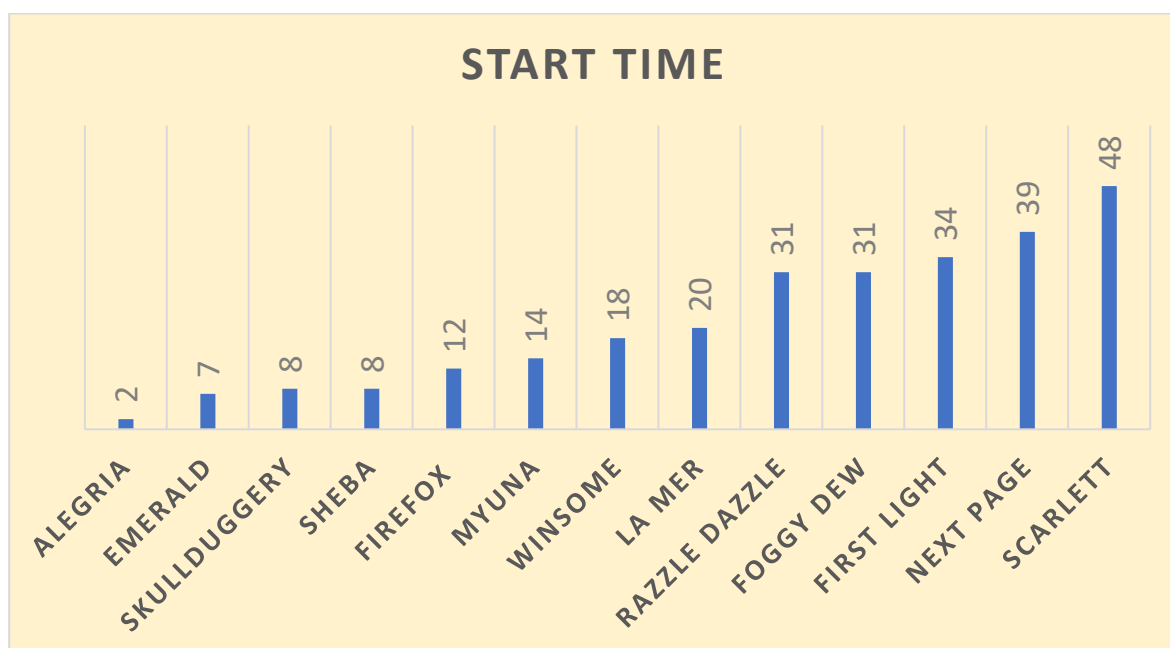
Alliance – today's winner **Lucy Allison**.



First Light with a great second and the fastest elapsed time. Well done **Gemma Coulter**.

Start of the Day

A great start by **Alegria (Simon May)** of 2 seconds won a deserved start of the day. Especially good as the start was down wind. Second was Emerald 7 seconds with **Skulldrugery (Garry MaacCarteen)** and **Sheba (Michael Pisani)** both starting with a good 8 seconds. As usual starts of more than 60 seconds are not shown, to save the blushes of the less worthy, but you know who you are.



Series: Start of the Day

Taking 8 of the best start times the standings look like:

Boat	Average Start time
Winsome	4.5
La Mer	11
Emerald	12
Soulmate	19
The Rest	Not great



Alegria – Simon May: start of the day.

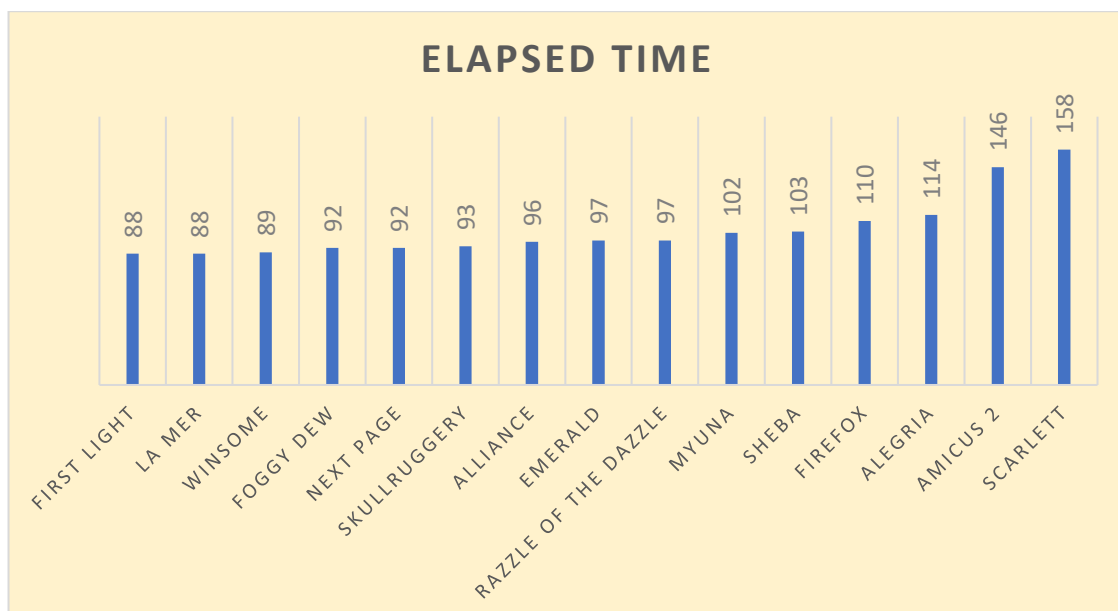


Emerald third today and **Razzle dazzle**- third in the series, dicing on another day!!

Elapsed Times

First Light had the quickest elapsed time, for the first time. Obviously **Gemma can teach Michael** one or two things... Next fastest was **La Mer (Michael Ebeling)** and **Winsome (Rosa Coy/Simon Hemingway)**. **Foggy Dew (Robert Clancy)** was 4th fastest. There was not much difference between the top 6 boats in elapsed time...

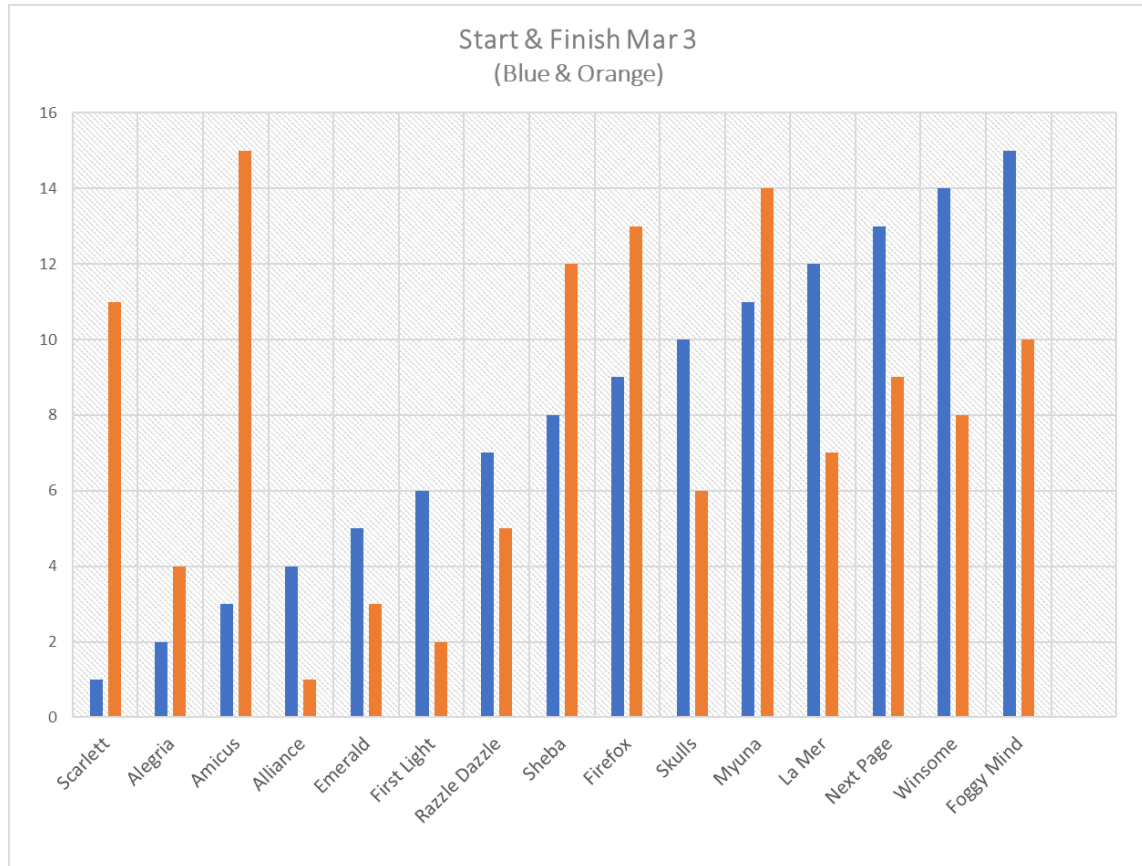
The average VMG was 5.5 knots in about 17 knots of average breeze. A little slow given that the course was basically broad reach and upwind legs.



START AND FINISH POSITIONS

There were no massive place gains on Sunday, expected given the amount of reaching. **Winsome** picked up 6 places, **La Mer** and **Foggy Dew** picked up 5 places...

No one finished in the place they started.



SERIES LEAD

Hitchhiker (David Goodman) retains the series lead just, although now absent sailing around Tasmania. She didn't sail today. **Winsome** remains second with **Razzle of the Dazzle (Grahame Jones- Sue Cramp)** closing the gap. **La Mer** and **Soulmate (David Keyes-Tilley)** remain a chance. One race to go.

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers 9
1		SM42	HITCHHIKER	David Goodman	47.0
2		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	48.0
3		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	52.0
4		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	56.0
5		SM4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-Tilley	59.5

Gossip and other matters.

Garfield McCarten on Skullduggery has managed to sail 5 of the last 7 races, so they appear to be with us again. Can't wait to see the new/repairs spinnaker.

It was a lady helm race and 9 of the boats toed the line with a lady helm, a record your correspondent thinks!! Several boats faired as well, if not better than usual. The following ladies could displace their male counterparts. **Gemma Coulter** on **First Light** and **Lucy Allison** on **Alliance** were strong. **Rosa Coy** put **Simon Hemingway** on notice on **Winsome**. I am told **Sue Cramp** was outstanding on **Razzle Dazzle** with the wind whisperer, **Bob Reeves**, helping.

It was good to see **Next Page (Judith Clarke)** for the first time sailing with a Brighton number. They were quick around the course. **Scarlett** was tempted out with **Sue Tuma** skippering – well done. **Kate Woodluck (Firefox)** and **Catherine Trevorrow (Amicus)** were also active.

The most intriguing was **Robyn Brooke** on **Myuna**. Obviously **Robyn's** formidable reputation proceeded her, and **Myuna** was slammed with a 34 minute handicap. Not even **Robyn** could overcome that one.

My "colleague" (I use the term advisedly) **Leeward Larry** mentioned that **Winsome** was getting excited because series leader **Hitchhiker** was absent sailing around Tasmania (salivating was, I think, the technical term). As is usual with "loose journalism" **Leeward Larry** has forgotten about the fast finishing **Razzle Dazzle**. What an insult. **Razzle Dazzle** is a multi winner in the Cock of the Bay and Festival of sails, she has won many series at SYC and is a past holder of the prestigious Noelle Corum Trophy.

Ignore Razzle Dazzle at your peril, **Leeward Larry** (what a corny name) and **Winsome**.

Again many thanks to the tower people.

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

LUFFING LANCE



Series leader Hitchhiker – on her way to Tasmania.