

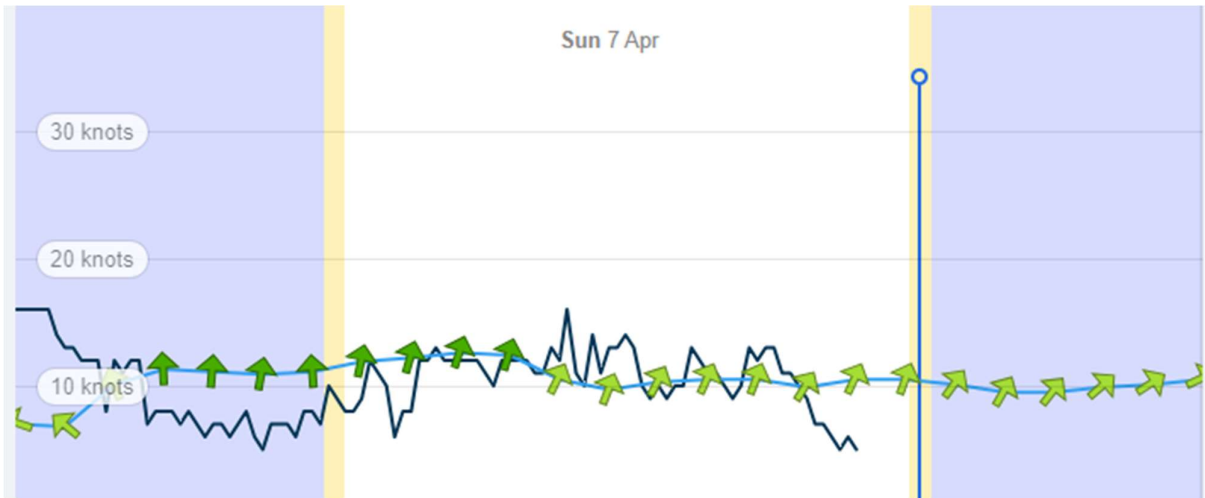


Sunday Sailors Report – Race 1 (7 April 2024)

The Race

The first race for the winter series was held in weather that started out drizzly, then rained, then was looked upon favourably by the gods and evolved into a brilliant autumn day sailing in steady 10 to 14 knot Southerly winds and a flat-ish sea.

Course 12 was selected with a Southerly start and two circuits over 9.3 nm.



COURSE 12



MARK	BEARING (Magnetic)	DISTANCE
All marks to Stbd		
SYC 5	190	2.16
SYC 2	340	2.24
SYC 3	059	1.07
SYC 4	156	0.58
SUB-TOTAL		6.05
SYC 1	190	1.07
SYC 4 (pass)	NA	NA
SYC 3	359	1.59
FINISH	157	0.58
TOTAL		9.29

Note: Reciprocal = Course 24



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The Fleet

A smallish fleet of 13 boats entered.

5 boats (EMERALD, LA MER, RAZZLE DAZZLE, SKULLDUGGERY and FIREFOX) electing to fly their spinnakers.

Boats Entered and Results

Score	Number	Name	Type	Skipper	Spin	H'cap (Spin adjusted)	Finish Time		
							Hrs	Mins	Secs
1	SM6915	EMERALD	Beneteau Oceanis 40	Tony Tanner	y	19	11	33	35
2	YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Beneteau First 47.7	Mike Coulter		24	11	41	6
3	SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	Michael Ebeling	y	28	11	42	45
4	SM321	LAWLESS	Farr 920	Boyd Coulson		14	11	44	39
5	SM82	ISA LEI	Serendipity 28	Andrew Chapman		-2	11	46	33
6	SM4379	SOUL MATE	Beneteau First 405	David Keyes-Tilley		20	11	47	58
7	SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	Graham Jones	y	28	11	48	17
8	SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Jeanneau 44 Ds	Garry McCarten	y	33	11	49	59
9	SM88	UPBEAT	Beneteau First 36.7	Peter Dunne		33	11	51	35
10	SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	Simon Hemingway		36	11	51	42
11	SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	Anthony Clyne	y	29	11	52	24
12	SM451	DEBONNAIRE	Beneteau First 45	Phil Gomez		45	11	57	32
ENO	SM86	SHEBA	Elliot 780	Michael Pisani		29	11	54	13

The Winners

Congratulations to the winner **EMERALD** (Tony Tanner, Beneteau Oceanis 40, spinnaker handicap of 19) who blitzed the field, finishing around 8 minutes ahead of the next boat. Their winning crew comprised Anna Burke, Rick Donald, Cathryn Furey, Andrew Mollison, Anthony Tanner and Joanna Tanner.

In second place was **FIRST LIGHT** (Mike Coulter, Beneteau First 47.7 off a non-spinnaker handicap of 24) followed around 40 seconds behind by **LA MER** (Michael Ebeling, Defour 36e Performance, spinnaker handicap of 28).



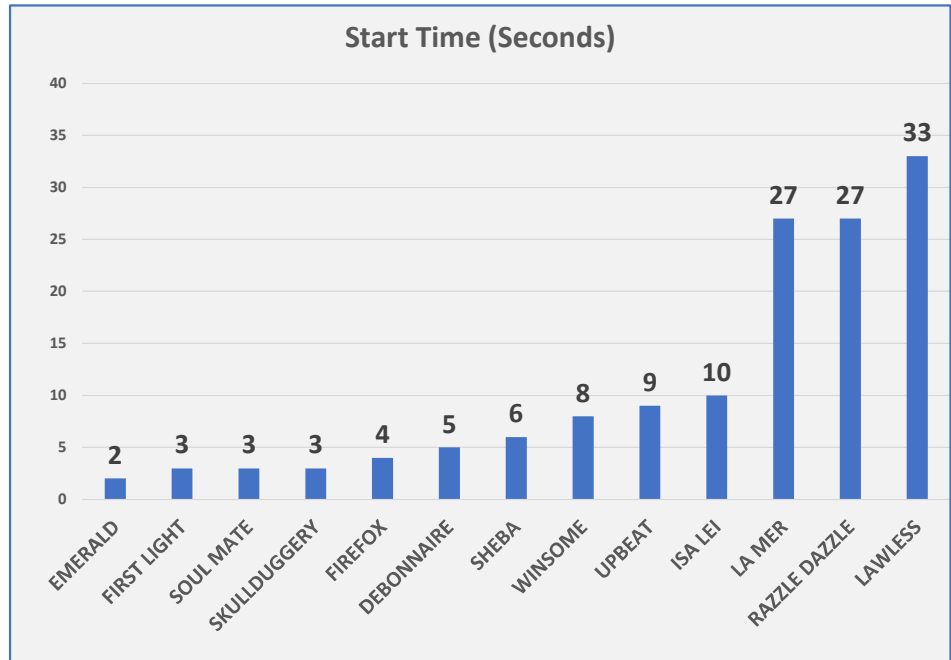
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The Start

EMERALD also won Start of the Day with an impressive 2 seconds start to raise their prizes for the day to 3 glasses.

Three other boats had 3-second starts – **FIRST LIGHT**, **WINSOME** and **SKULLDUGGERY**.

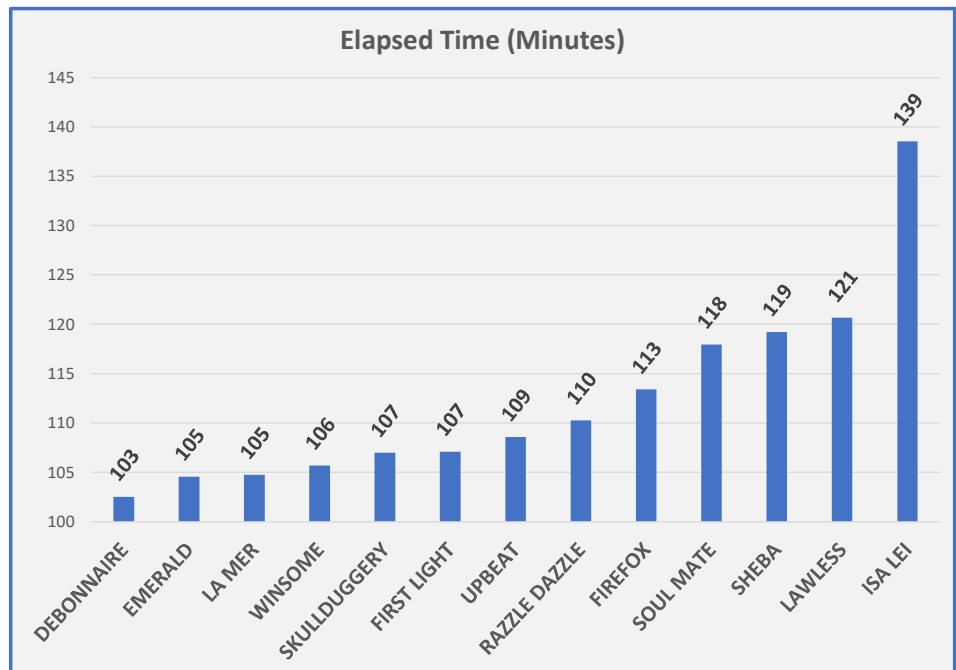
10 of the 13 boats had starts of 10 seconds or less.



Boat Speed

Congratulations to **DEBONNAIRE** (Phil Gomez, Beneteau First 47, non-spinnaker handicap of 45) for the fastest elapsed time of 103 minutes.

In a very impressive improvement, **EMERALD** (Tony Tanner, Beneteau Oceanis 40, spinnaker handicap of 19) had an elapsed time of only 2 minutes more than **DEBONNAIRE** and blitzed the speed of all other boats in the fleet.





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Series Results

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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Series Results [PurHC] up to Race 1

With only one race the series results are the same as Race -1.

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 1
1		SM6915	EMERALD	Tony Tanner	1.0	1.0
2		YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	2.0	2.0
3		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	3.0	3.0
4		SM321	LAWLESS	Boyd Coulson	4.0	4.0
5		SM82	ISA LEI	Andrew William Chapman	5.0	5.0
6		SM4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-Tilley	6.0	6.0
7		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	7.0	7.0
8		SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	8.0	8.0
9		SM88	UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	9.0	9.0
10		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	10.0	10.0
11		SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	11.0	11.0
12		SM451	DEBONNAIRE	Philip Gomez	13.0	13.0
13		SM86	SHEBA	Michael Pisani	14.0	14.0N
14		SM136	RAGNAR	Richard Ekberg	24.0	24.0C
14		SM309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	24.0	24.0C
14		SM16	MYUNA III	Geoffrey Nixon	24.0	24.0C
14		SM42	HITCHHIKER	David Goodman	24.0	24.0C
14		SM377	BACARDI	Brett Averay	24.0	24.0C

Handicap Monitoring

It is observed with some amazement that no handicap changes were made for this Race 1 for the boats that sailed on Sunday.

Except for an unprecedentedly large gift of 9 minutes for **LA MER**.

See the gossip section below.

Sunday Sailors Winter 2024 Series - Handicap Tracking

Boat						Handicaps (Base)		
Sail	Name	Type	End of last season	Change (Race No)	Latest			
				1				
SM6915	EMERALD	Beneteau Oceanis 40	16		16			
YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Beneteau First 47.7	24		24			
SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	35	-9	26			
SM321	LAWLESS	Farr 920	14		14			
SM82	ISA LEI	Serendipity 28	-2		-2			
SM4379	SOUL MATE	Beneteau First 405	20		20			
SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	25		25			
SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Jeanneau 44 Ds	30		30			
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SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	26		26			
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Gossip and News

La Mer – A Gift from The Gods. Or.....

Shhh. Don't tell. Was the message being whispered among the crew of **LA MER** after seeing, with disbelief, their handicap for Race. 1

You see, they ran the last race for the summer season (race 12) on a very appropriate 35 / 39 handicap where they came a respectable 7th place.

Then the handicap sheet for this race 1 of the winter season gave them a surprise handicap of 26 / 28.

Was this a typo or transcription error?

Or, was it quietly expected as a result of money changing hands? Or promises to keep certain scandalous secrets from becoming public?

But they didn't expect the super sleuth work of your author *Leward Larry* who monitors and reports on handicap trends.

What will happen next race?

Sunday Sailors Race Extension Proposal.

Those with their VHF radio's still on Ch77 after the race heard Boyd Coulson from LAWLESS announce a proposal to extend the time limit of Sunday Sailors races, and that it was available in the bar for agreeable participants to sign.

We wait with interest to see if many (or any) other SS skippers have signed up to this proposal.

The boating office, apparently, have no knowledge of the proposal or submission.

Of Dear - SHEBA

SHEBA made the mortal sin of omitting to sign on. Sudden death. No 3 strikes policy here.

Thankyou to our Tower Volunteers.

A big shout out of thanks to the tower volunteers Don Cullen, Warwick Jackson and Cathy Higgins.



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(Photos are not from this race)



Winner: Race and Start of the day

EMERALD (Tony Tanner, Beneteau Oceanis 40, spinnaker handicap of 19)



Third Place:

LA MER (Michael Ebeling, Defour 36e Performance, spinnaker handicap of 28).



Second Place:

FIRST LIGHT (Mike Coulter, Beneteau First 47.7 off a non-spinnaker handicap of 24)

Leeward Larry