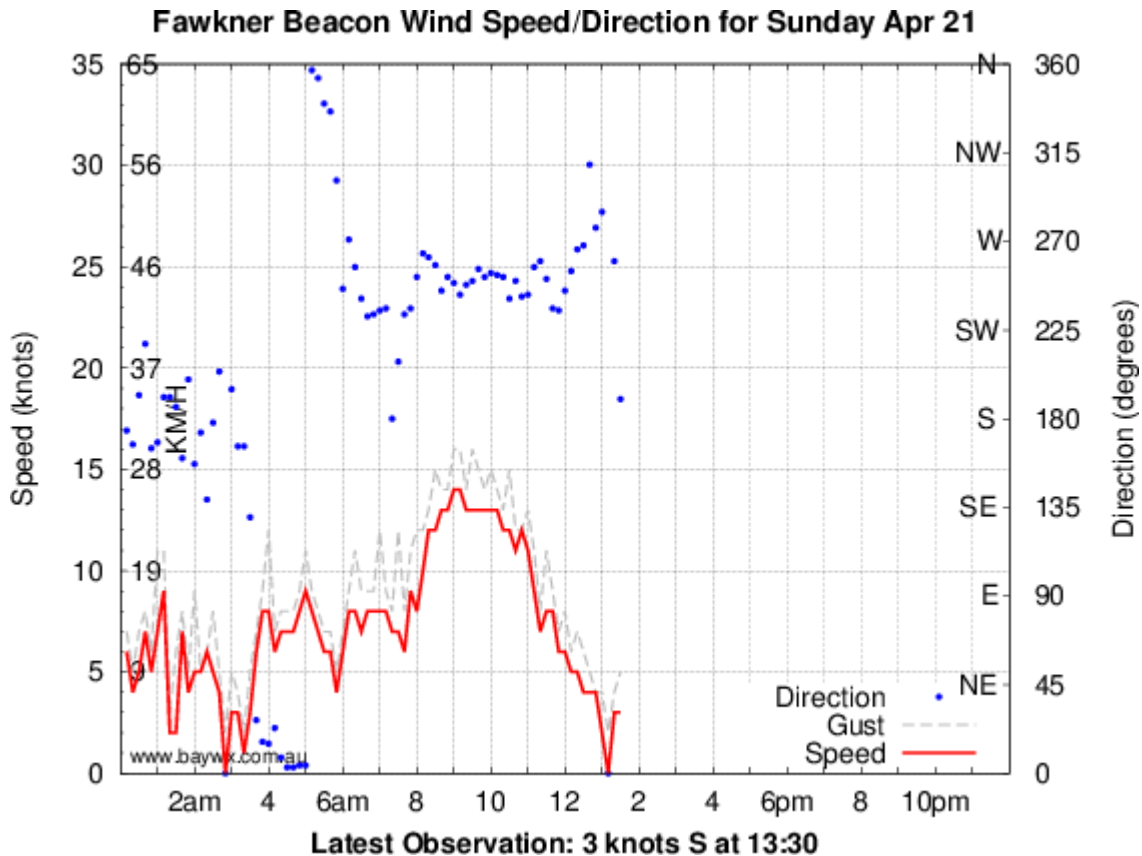


## SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT APRIL 21 2024 – RACE 2

### Intro

Sunday was cold, initially a bit stronger than forecast with 13 knots of WSW, which gradually lightened off and shifted around a fair bit. It remained dry and was quite pleasant.

16 boats toed the line.



### RESULTS

The winner was **Emerald (Tony Tanner)** again!! She sailed very quickly around the course with kite, a well deserved win. Second was **Alliance (Alex Hall et al)** with a quick sail. Third was the team of **La Mer (Michael Ebeling)** with good spinnaker work also. It was great to see a 4<sup>th</sup> for **Panache 4 (Egils Stokans)** just holding off **Amicus 2 (Warwick Stenford)**.

**Amicus 2** won the single hander division.



**Emerald- Winner of the race today and the Series Leader**

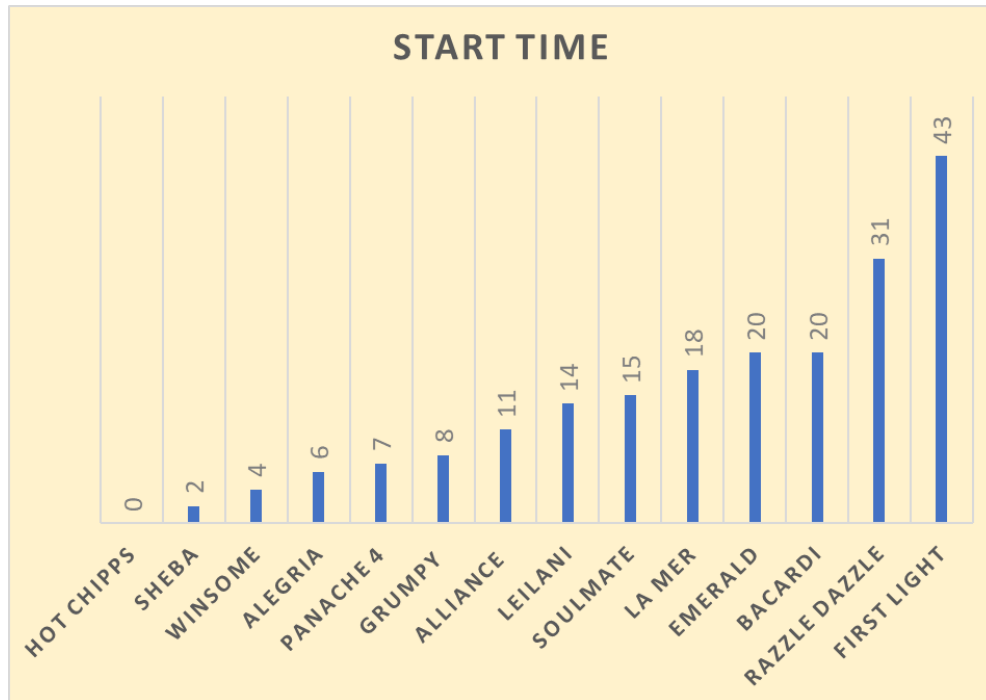


**Alliance –second today**

### Start of the Day

**Hot Chipps (Murray Swarbrick)** won with a great 00. Other great starts came from **Sheba (Michael Pisani)** and **Winsome (Simon Hemingway)** with **Alegria (Simon May)**, **Panache 4** and **Grumpy (Andrew Stopp)** all being under 10 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.

Average start time was 32 seconds which is lower than usual (would have 18 if a couple of miscreants hadn't lost their watches).



### Series: Start of the Day

After two races it is a bit early to be talking about this but Sheba and Winsome are doing well.



**Hot Chipps (Murray Swarbrick – John Chipp):** start of the day.



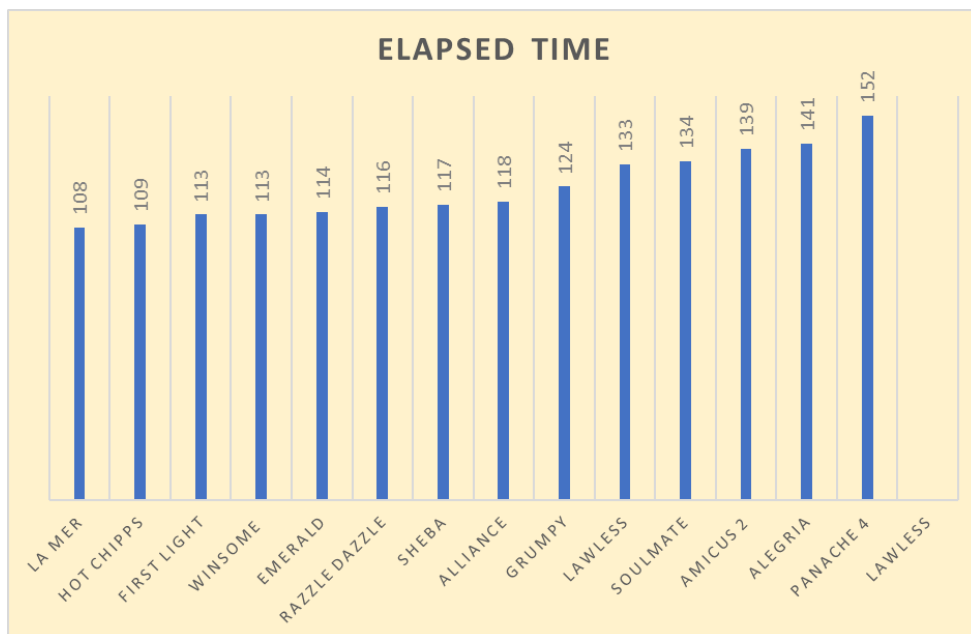


Third Today and Second in the Series – **La Mer**

**Elapsed Times**

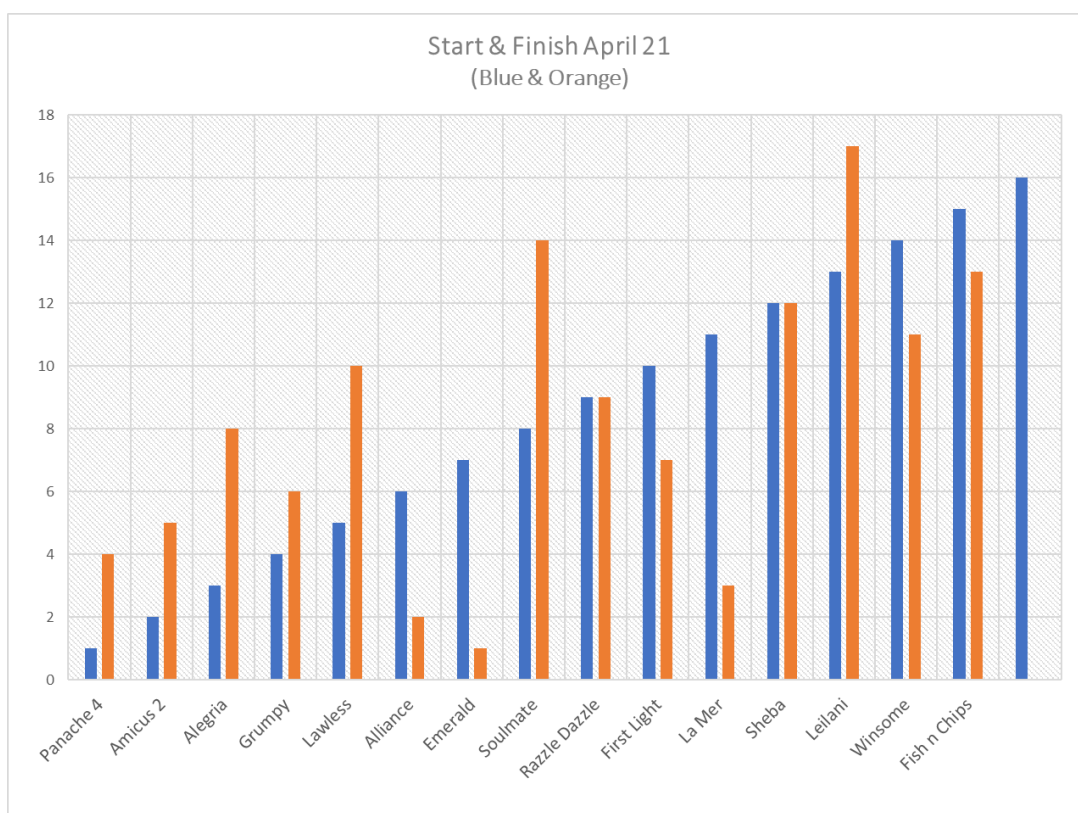
**La Mer (108 minutes) and Hot Chippis** were the two fastest and well done to them. **First Light , Emerald and Winsome** were the next fastest, with a similar elapsed time... **Sheba** also did very well downwind in the conditions, but found it a bit choppy upwind, not surprising being the smallest boat in the fleet.

The average VMG was 4.5 knots in about 9 knots of average breeze, a little slow.



### **START AND FINISH POSITIONS**

The biggest mover in the fleet was La Mer – well done, 8 places. Emerald picked up 6 on her way to a win and Alliance moved up 4 places. The boring gong went to **Razzle Dazzle – Grahame Jones** (started and finished 9<sup>th</sup>).



### **SERIES LEAD**

As we go to press, shock horror, the standings table is wrong as the official results show 1 drop when there should be none. So your correspondent has had to get his abacus out and do some bead manoeuvring and lo and behold we have a series leader: **Emerald** – hardly surprising because she has won every race. Second is **La Mer** with **First Light** third.

### **SUNDAY SAILORS STANDINGS**

**Thanks to Mercedes Benz Brighton**

		SCORE	RACE 2	RACE 1
1	<b>Emerald</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>1st</b>
2	<b>La Mer</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
3	<b>First Light</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>2nd</b>
4	<b>Lawless</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>4th</b>
5	<b>Razzle dazzle</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>7th</b>
6	<b>Soulmate</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>6th</b>
7	<b>Winsome</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>10th</b>

### Gossip and other matters.

**Handicaps:** Luffing Lance keeps away from discussion of handicaps given how hard a handicappers job is. Luffing Lance takes the moral high ground unlike Leeward Larry who likes to dive into handicap matters. But there are a number of interesting anomalies that has caught our attention.

- The plummet of **La Mers** handicap was quoted by semi-official sources as an error, but in Race 2, there was 26 minutes again. Umpire!! The crew on **La Mer** swear that no goods or services have changed hands.
- Two wins to **Emerald** with very quick elapsed times should attract a level of scrutiny??
- **Winsome** have been struggling manfully with a burdensome handicap. Mutterings were heard from the “ corridors of power” that **Winsome** should not win another race for at least 3 seasons. Oh Umpire??

**Hot Chipps** won start of the day at 00 with **Murray Swarbrick** at the helm. **John Chipp** was heard saying to **Murray**, a bit reckless? But we applaud **Murray** for his daring

A great solo effort by **Warwick Stenford** to get around the course and win the Single Handed division (yet again)!!!

**Hitchhiker** is still sailing around Tasmania. They celebrated their series win for the Summer in absentia, cracking a Grange or similar in Bathurst Harbour

**Bacardi** started the race and got part way around the course and then disappeared.

Also welcome to **Leilani (Carrie Wormald)** who raced well around the course but was penalised for sailing through the start line after the 5 minute gun had gone. A trap other players have fallen for.

Finally to **Razzle Dazzle**. If the last race for the Sunday Sailors had completed (La Mer was half a bow from the line at 12.30 when it was called off), **Razzle Dazzle** would have won the Sunday Series and The Neolle Corum trophy. Instead the silverware went to **Hitchhiker** and the undeserving **Winsome**.

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

### LUFFING LANCE



**First Light – Third in the series**





**Sheba** near the finish line, trying to claim another victim...

In fact **Sheba** came roaring down, well downwind from an un-named 40 footer who dropped down to collapse **Sheba's** spinnaker. When **Sheba** turned to go around to windward the 40 footer luffed up.  
Really!! We are not playing for sheep stations here!!