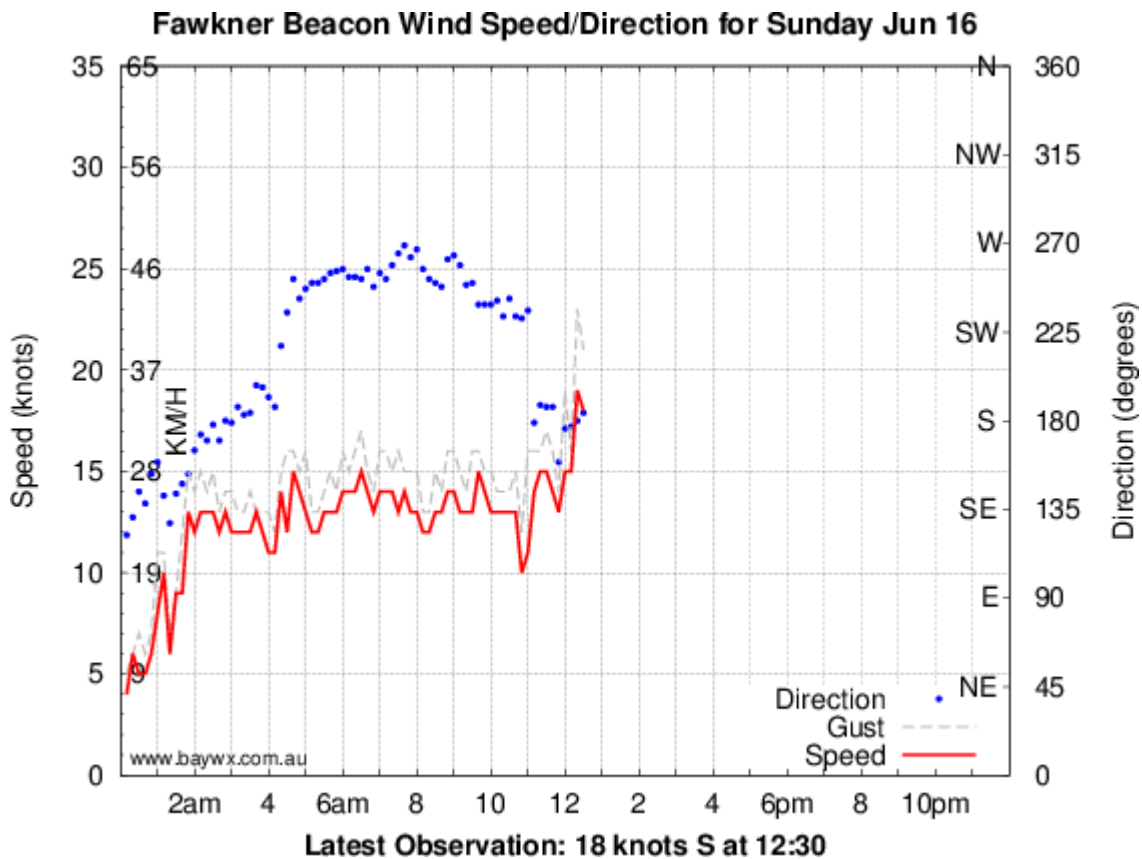


## SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT JUNE 16 2024 – Race 6

### Intro

Sunday was forecast cold but ended up being more mild than expected and sunny too.

18 boats started with one retirement. The wind was 10-15 knots (mostly 13-15) with a shift to the South at 11AM which made the last run squarer and allowed boats rounding 3 for the last time to lay the finish line without tacking. Just as the last boats were finishing the wind strengthened to 18 knots... A feature was the quality of the fleet starts in this race, covered in more detail later.



### RESULTS

**Razzle Dazzle (Grahame Jones)** won in a good effort 2 minutes in front of **Isa Lei (Andrew William Chapman)**. Rounding out the podium was **La Mer (Michael Eberling)** two minutes further back. A distant 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> were **First Light (Mike Coulter)** and **Upbeat (Peter Dunne)**. Well done those crews.



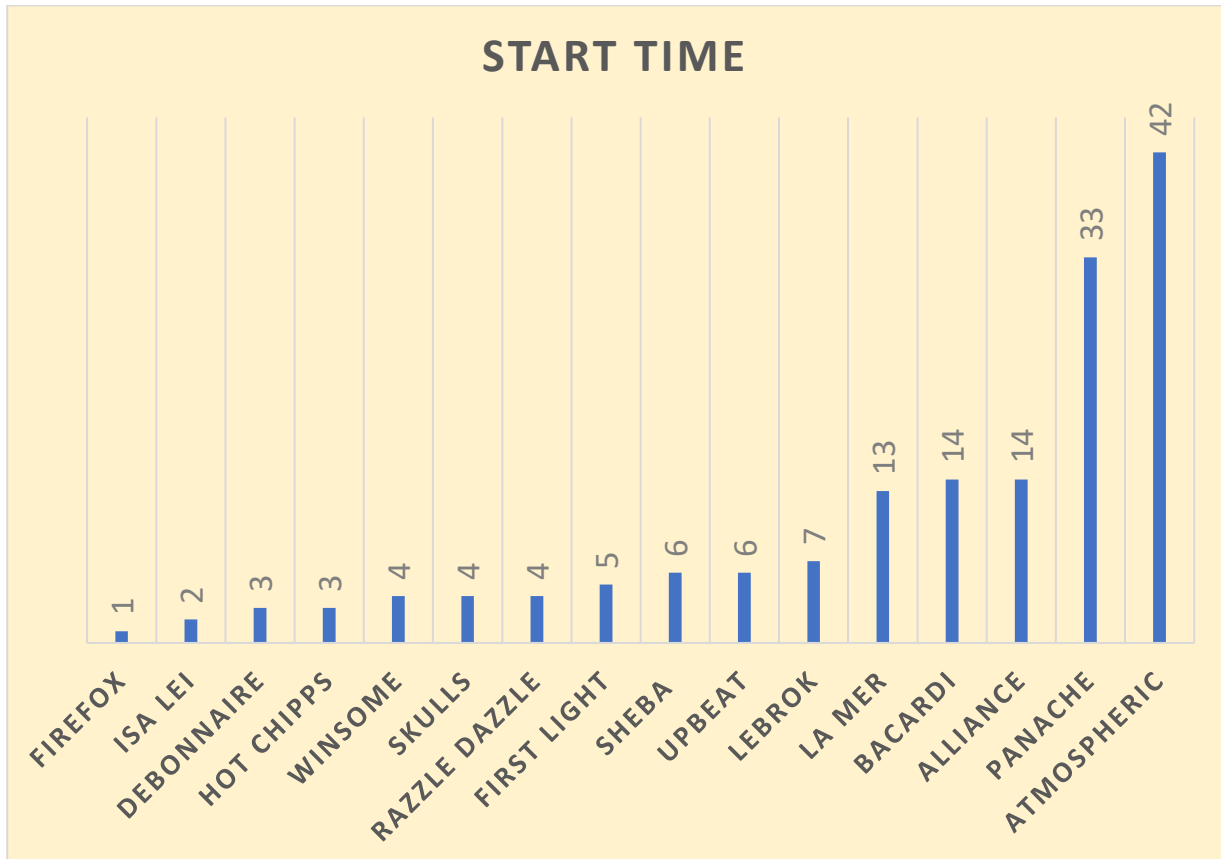
**Razzle Dazzle- worthy winners today. Isa Lei second**



**La Mer: Third Today and Fastest around the course**

**Start of the Day-Magnificent Starting by the Fleet**

Half the fleet started within 5 seconds and 2/3 within 10 seconds. Un heard of starting for the Sunday Sailors!!! Wow!!! On 1 second was **Firefox (Anthony Clyne)** who collected the glass wear. **Firefox** is back!!! On two seconds was **Isa Lei** – well done with **Debonnaire (Phil Gomez)**, **Hot Chipps (John Chipp)**, **Winsome (Simon Hemingway)**, **Razzle Dazzle** and **Skullduggery (Garry McLartin)** starting on 3 and 4 seconds. It was good to see a successful start for **Atmospheric (Mike Ferguson)**....



**Series: Start of the Day**

Taking the best 5 of six starts the standings are:

Sheba	31
Winsome	34
First Light	44
Isa Lei	53



**Emerald** –Series leader(again!)

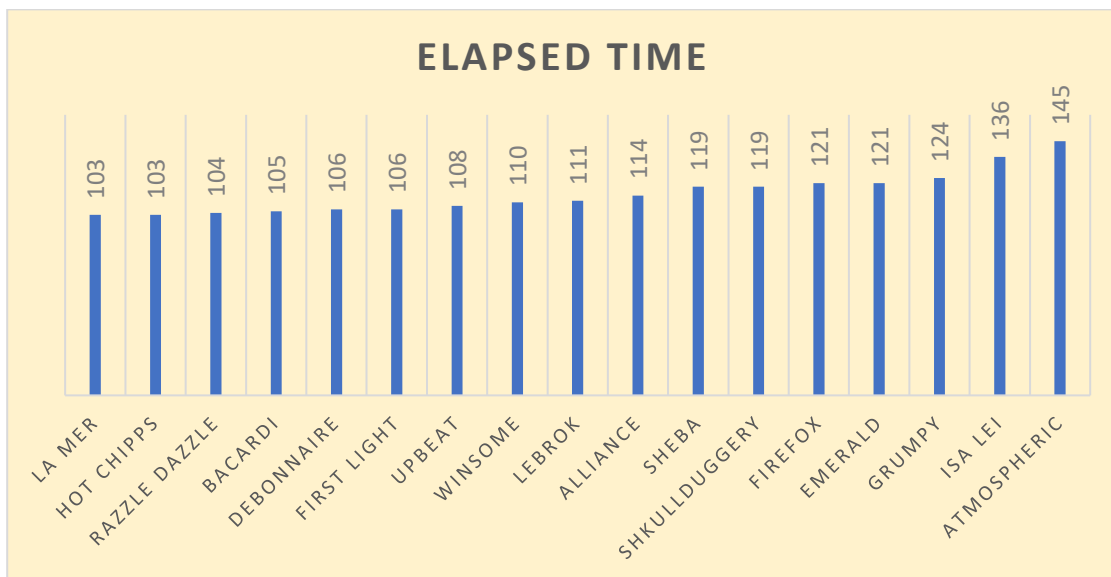


Start of the Day: **Firefox**

### Elapsed Times

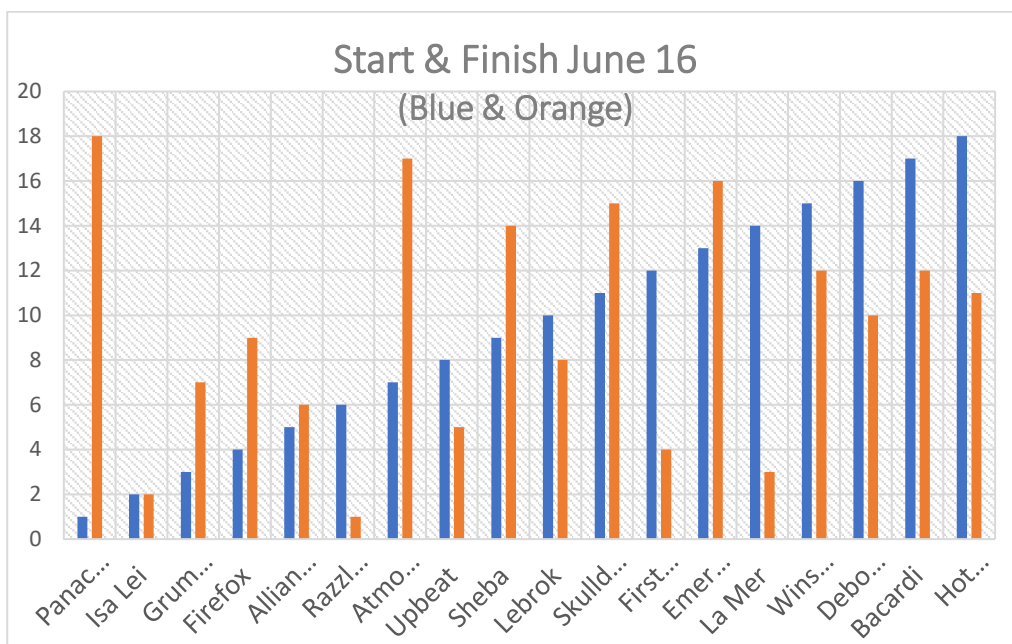
**La Mer and Hot Chipps** both sailed the course in 103 minutes. **Razzle dazzle** was the surprise package and was next fastest on 104 minutes. This was aided by some good spinnaker work and two secret weapons on the boat (more later). The fastest 9 boats were only separated by 8 minutes with **Razzle Dazzle and First Light (Mike Coulter)** showing some form.

The average VMG was 4.85 knots in about 13 knots of average breeze. This was average speed for the wind strength, although the chop certainly threw the sails around going down wind – making it harder to maintain good speed.



### START AND FINISH POSITIONS

The biggest mover in the fleet was **La Mer**, picking up 11 places to finish third. **First Light** also picked up 8 places



### SERIES LEAD

High quality technology sponsored by Shady and Shady IT Systems brings you the results. **Emerald (Tony Tanner)** keeps the series lead with a good gap to second. **First Light has jumped Winsome** to pick up second place. **La Mer and Razzle Dazzle** are also close.....

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS  
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Series Results [PurHC] up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 6	Re
1		SM6915	EMERALD	Tony Tanner	17.0	[16.0]	3.
2		YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	29.0	4.0	12
3		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	31.0	[12.5]	1.
4		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	32.0	3.0	11
5		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	34.0	1.0	[1
6		SM46	HOT CHIPPS	Gavin Stewart / Murray Swarbrick	38.0	11.0	2.
7		SM82	ISA LEI	Andrew William Chapman	40.0	2.0	7.
8		SM4646	ALLIANCE	Alex H Simon F Paul S	44.0	6.0	20
9		SM86	SHEBA	Michael Pisani	58.0	14.0	[2
10		SM309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	61.0	[38.0C]	9.
11		SM89	UPBEAT				

### Gossip and other matters.

**La Mer:** a bit contentious this boat. Firstly congrats on a great result, third with the fastest elapsed time, achieved without Michael on the boat (and it wasn't kept as a secret by the crew). And **La mer's** handicap?? Started at 35, then was 26 for two races (supposedly a typing error but I dunno), then up to 36 and now down to 28 (31 spinnaker). Come on umpire!!

**Skulduggery:** tried to hoist their spinnaker on the second leg but then discovered "a fitting on the mast was going to fail" so couldn't hoist the spinnaker or pole out the code zero. They were the only boat to go inside the Anonyma reef the second time around, and it didn't pay off.

**Firefox:** good to see them racing and congrats on a 1 second start. But Anthony was overheard saying, "we could have done better, next race it will be 00". I think next race it will be..... 5 minute penalty.

**Atmospheric:** after 2 non starts a senior and highly respected member reached out to Mike and as a result of that discussion – a successful start. Great to see them out in their 42 Moody DS.

**Bacardi and Winsome:** not sure if anyone saw it but **Bacardi and Winsome** had a two boat drag race from no 3 to the finish. Winsome had a 2 boat length start and the result: a dead heat. 12<sup>th</sup> position shared!!

**Upbeat:** rumour circulated the club that Upbeat were over early at the start with a 5 minute penalty that would have pushed them down from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. The rumour was spread by an arch rival but **Peter Dunne** was relieved to learn it was not true.

**The return of John Chipp:** after some great results without John, who had been promenading around Europe, the return was heralded by a respectable 11<sup>th</sup> and equal fastest time.

**Debonnaire and Emerald:** these two boats diced for 2 legs, with **Debonnaire** unable to get through to leeward of the spinnaker wielding **Emerald**, watched with some interest by the boats just in front.  
**Razzle Dazzle-** a great result with not 1 but 2 Wind Whisperers on board: **Bob Reeves AND Robyn Brookes:** BR and RB!!

FEEDBACK!!

### Reader Survey

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**Bacardi** in full flight

**Luffing Lance**