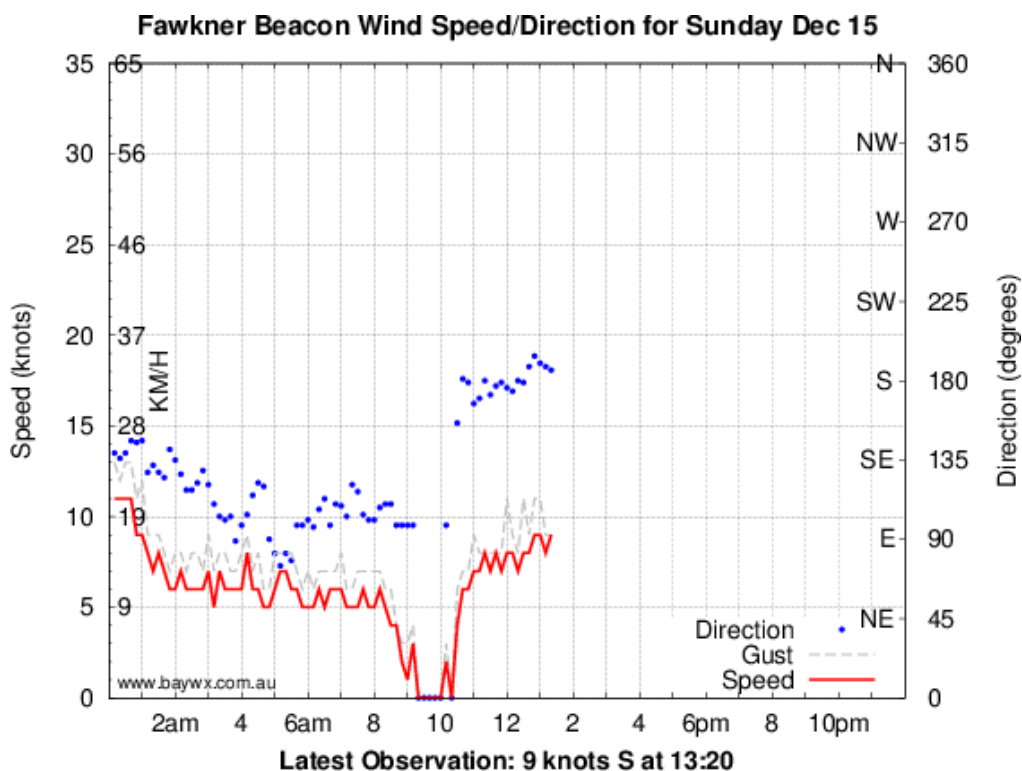


## SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT December 15 2024 RACE 6 SUMMER SERIES

### Intro

Sunday was a great day with very light winds and sunny, flat waters. A great day for the fair weather sailors, and out they came as we had 22 starters although **Spirit of Freya (Joanne Harpur)** left us before the start!! The wind started at about 3 knots from the East but shifted Southerly before the start and gradually strengthened to about 7 knots.



### RESULTS

Well **Razzle Dazzle (Grahame Jones)** lived up to her name with a great most of the way win. She rounded no 5 first and was never headed. Second was those light weather wizards **Ellipse 2 (Warner and Lindholm)** who came from a long way back. Third was **Debonnaire (Philip Gomez)** who came from even further back, in a great return to form. **Mojo (Maddison & Billson)** and **Sheba (Michael Pisani)** finished well also. The course sailed was number 7 (?), anyway because it was shortened at number 4 the first time (a good decision from the Tower by the way) it felt like we were sailing Division A in the twilights!!! As we started in 3 knots and then it strengthened to 7 knots, it was never going to end well for the early starters as their start margin was eroded to almost zero by the wind speed change.



Very light winds at the start



Our winner **Razzle Dazzle** just after rounding 5 in front – never caught.

## Tile Importer Sunday Sailors

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Race 6 (15/12/2024) PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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**PurHC results Start : 09:30**

Place	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	T ahc	Fin Tim	Elapsd
1	SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	23.0	11:38:23	01:45:23
2	SM106	ELLIPSE II	J. Warner J. Lindholm	32.0	11:39:28	01:37:28
3	SM451	DEBONNAIRE	Philip Gomez	40.0	11:40:52	01:30:52
4	SM499	MOJO	Leigh Maddison James Billson	49.0	11:42:27	01:23:27
5	SM86	SHEBA	Michael Pisani	25.0	11:42:56	01:47:56
6	SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	19.0	11:45:07	01:56:07
7	SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	27.0	11:45:54	01:48:54
8	SM46	HOT CHIPPS	John Chipp	48.0	11:46:59	01:28:59
9	AUS1316	SCRUMPY	Rodney Warner	16.0	11:47:24	02:01:24
10	SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	37.0	11:47:52	01:40:52
11	SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	36.0	11:48:35	01:42:35
12	SM367	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	27.0	11:50:01	01:53:01
13	SM351	FIRST PASSION	Simon Lipman	26.0	11:50:08	01:54:08



Second today **Ellipse 2**, followed by **Debonnaire** in third.

#### **Start of the Day**

In light winds **First Light (Mike Coulter)** started the best at 2 seconds, well done. Second on 3 seconds was **Amicus (Warwick Stenford)** – a great effort given there was only 1 sailor onbaord. **Upbeat (Peter Dunny)**, **Hot Chipperies (John Chipp)** and **Debonnaire** also had sub 10 second starts... Well done.

30% of the starts were 10 seconds or less and the average start time was 40 seconds in light winds (a nameless starter blew the average out by 15 seconds on their own). Starts over 60 seconds are not shown in the chart!!

The long term averages are: % within 10 seconds: 30%, average start times including outliers: 50 seconds.

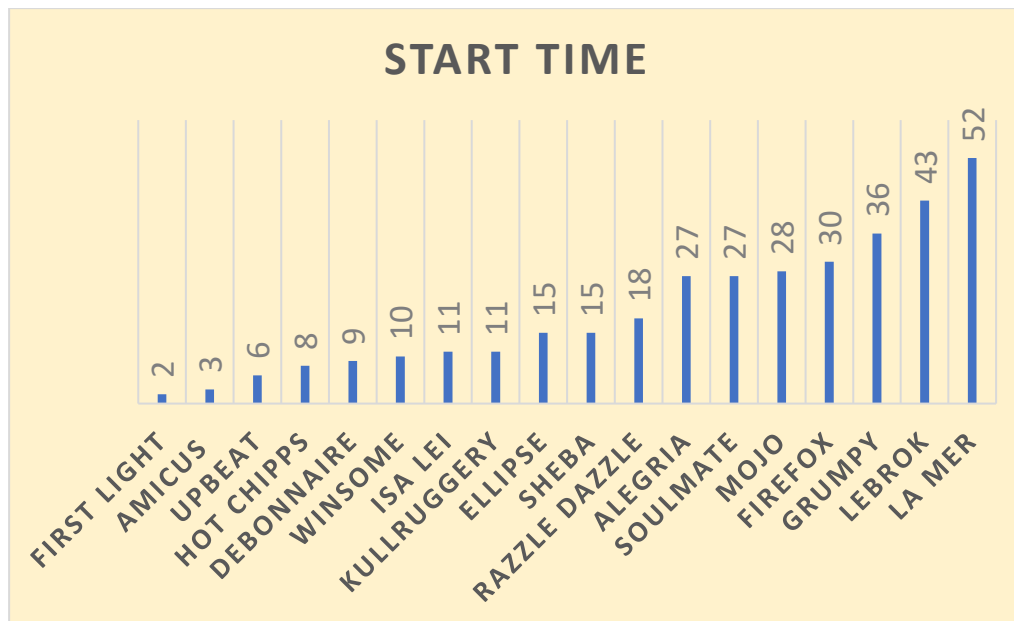
#### **SERIES Starts of the Day**

After 6 races (5 sailed) the standings are (best 4):

<b>Winsome</b>	21
<b>La Mer</b>	24
<b>Hot Chipps</b>	27
<b>Skullduggery</b>	38

The field is limited because few boats finished the first race in rather wild conditions, and only 6 finished Race 5 in equally challenging conditions.





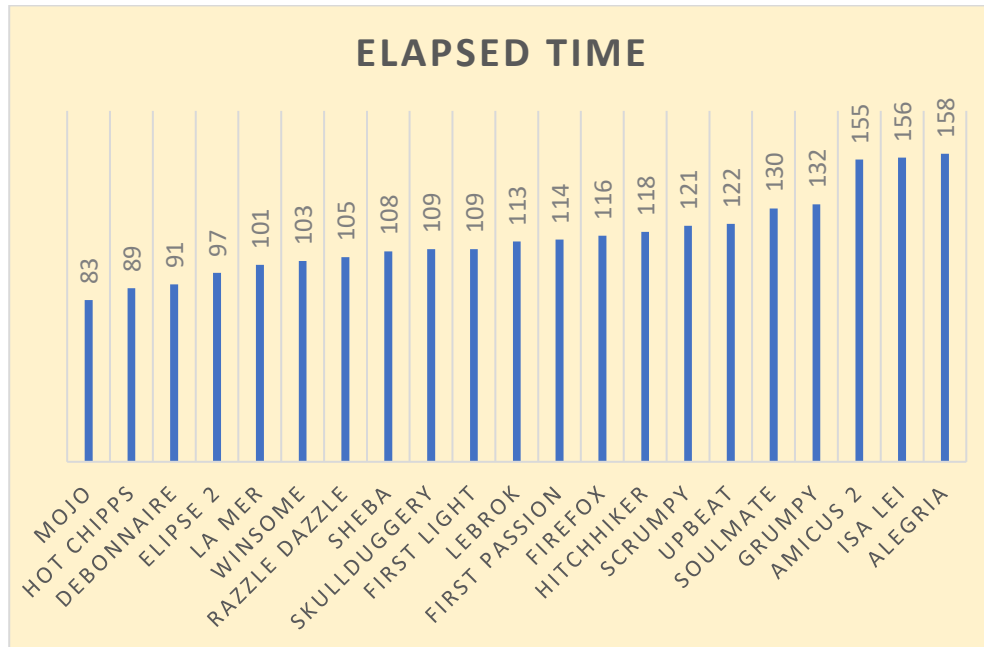
Start of the Day: **First Light**



Series Leader Start of the Day **Winsome** (complete with tangled spinnaker)

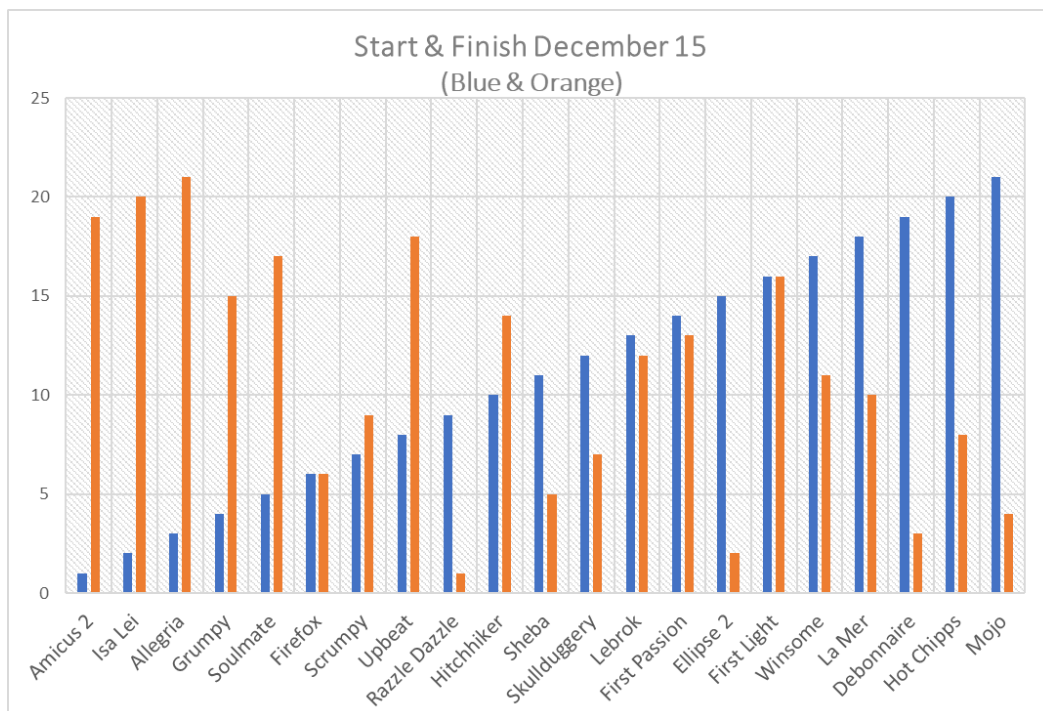
### Elapsed Times

**Mojo** had the quickest time (again!!) with 83 minutes from **Hot Chip (89)** and **Debonnaire (91)**. **Ellipse 2 (97)** did well and **Razzle Dazzle** excelled (105). **La mer (101)** would have done better but decided to go fishing.



### START AND FINISH POSITIONS

**Mojo** gained 17 positions from last, with **Debonnaire** very praise worthy 16. The **Chipp boys and girls** gained 14 places and very creditably **Razzle Dazzle** moved from 9<sup>th</sup> to first, (all on the first leg) wow!! Again the earlier starters suffered as they started in the lightest breezes, so when the stronger stuff came in their starts evaporated.



## SERIES LEAD

**Firefox** (6<sup>th</sup>) jumped **Hot Chipps** (8<sup>th</sup>) by 1 point to snatch the overall lead. **La Mer's** fishing expedition may have cost them the overall lead, as they are with 2 points of **Firefox!!!** The previous leader **Skullduggery** (**Harry MacCarten**) (see the last race report sections entitled, "I am stupid" - who am I to argue with **Leeward Larry**) is fourth. 5 points separate the top 4 boats...

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**Series Results [PurHC] up to Race 6 (Drops =**

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 6
1		385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	18.0	6.0
2		46	HOT CHIPPS	John Chipp	19.0	8.0
3		6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	20.0	[10.0]
4		440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	23.0	7.0
5		190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	28.0	11.0
6		86	SHEBA	Michael Pisani	37.0	5.0
7		451	DEBONNAIRE	Philip Gomez	45.0	3.0
8		2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	54.0	1.0
9		447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	62.0	16.0
10		4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-Tilley	71.0	17.0



Second in the series **Hot Chipps**.



Series leader **Firefox** (**Anthony Clyne**)

### Gossip and other matters

Well your correspondent and his assistants filtered through the members bar, not expecting much news in a light wind shortened race but no, the nuggets were gold.

- **Razzle Dazzle** has effectively won two races in a row, the first in heavy weather (where they went to the wrong mark when a long way in front), and now a dominating performance in light winds. With the **wind whisperer** on the helm and the organising abilities of **Mr G Jones...** the sky is the limit. Apparently they cemented their win on the first leg by going up the shore almost to Black Rock Sailing Club and then tacking out and laying Number 5. They probably got the strengthening southerlies a little earlier.
- **Firefox** hoisted their biggest flag after the race, in a tribute to themselves on gaining the series lead. Some people know how to celebrate!!
- Fishing and all that. **La Mer (Michael Ebeling)** was poised to snatch a place in the race and the series lead as she came to number 3. Unfortunately the crew decided to go fishing with their spinnaker (not effective). They had a lot of trouble retrieving the water filled sail and , by their estimation (not ours), lost 10-15 minutes at no 3. Certainly the fleet witnessed them sitting there for a while.
- **Mojo** sailed 3 up today so decided not to fly their kite.....
- A little birdie told us that one prominent boat in the Sunday Sailors, is sailing without an anchor – in the quest for light weight sailing. We will keep you posted on this interesting state of affairs – and no it is not you **Garry**.
- **Lebrok (Theo Korbel et al)** sailed well today and won the battle of the 367's. They also claimed to be the best fed, with cakes, scones and drinks and even souffle (I might have made up the last one).
- **Peter Dunny (Upbeat)** looked relaxed and confident before the race. He has won a number of races in the last year but doesn't sail enough to threaten the series lead. What happened today?
- **Stop Press Stop Press.** Hitchhiker(**David Goodman**) has bought a spinnaker (he hasn't shown **Penny** the bill). Apparently there is soon to be an unveiling ceremony with many invited. I have my ticket, do you?
- And finally we come to poor old **Winsome (Simon Hemingway)**. The soup was cold and the crew complained bitterly (I heard) to **Garry MacCarten** about no name brand tasteless lollies. Also they flew their spinnaker for the third time this year. The announcement was met with jeers and catcalls from several boats...
- Many thanks to our tower volunteers **Christine Walsh (RO), Barb Watson and Eryl Harris**. There would be no race without them. Also the **Tile Importer** for sponsoring us. Apparently they are in tiles and sell all sorts of timber too. Looking online they do decking timber, timber fencing, doors, pine products and timber in general. Great that they have become our sponsors.

### Luffing Lance

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Some of the early starters: **Alegria (Simon May)** and **Amicus**



**Isa Lei (Andrew Chapman)** dicing with **Upbeat**