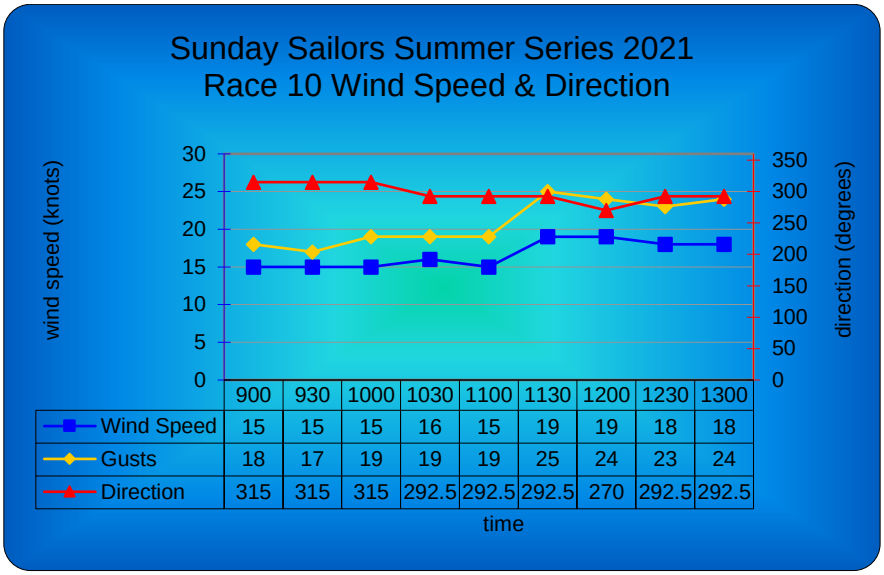
Last of the Series
Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2021 Race 10

This race was always going to be the series decider with only 1 point separating the top two yachts in the aggregate. To become the clear winner of the aggregate FOGGY DEW (Robert D'Arcy) had to finish this race at least 2 places ahead of WINSOME (Simon Hemingway). With only 12 yachts contesting the race the chances of both yachts improving their aggregate scores improved. However after sailing the 9.4 nautical mile course 29 in a breeze that averaged 17 knots for the morning and shifted from the north west to the west north west, FOGGY DEW finished 2nd – just 1 place ahead of WINSOME 3rd with VALIANT (David Keyes Tilley) only 10 seconds behind. This placed FOGGY DEW and WINSOME equal on points at the top of the aggregate which FOGGY won on a count back (she won the first race of the series).



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Wind Speed	15	15	15	16	15	19	19	18	18
Gusts	18	17	19	19	19	25	24	23	24
Direction	315	315	315	292.5	292.5	292.5	270	292.5	292.5

With a time of 3 seconds HOT CHIPPS (John Chipp) won Start of the Day. LA BELLE VIE (Grant & Nathan Anderson) won the race to collect their second prize of the series whilst BRAVEHEART (Leigh Maddison) sailed the course in the fastest time.

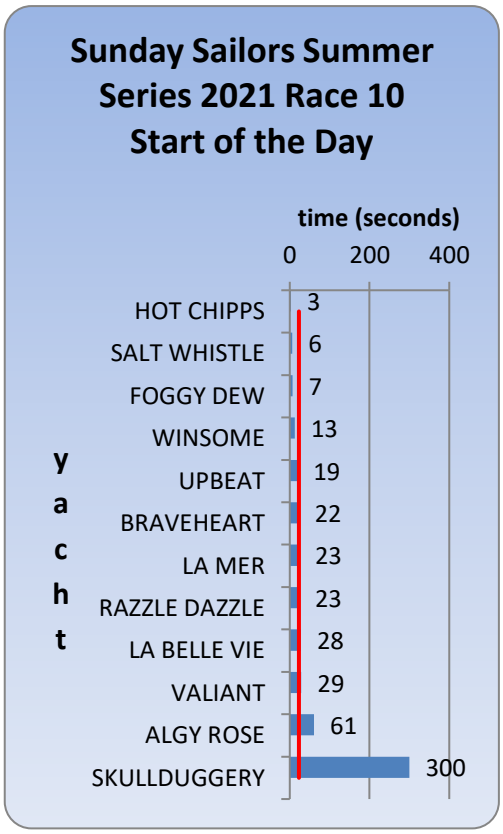
As already mention FOGGY DEW finished at the top of the aggregate with WINSOME 2nd. The win by LA BELLE VIE took her to 3rd in the aggregate with VALIANT and HOT CHIPPS making up the top 5. Also finishing in the top ten were: SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten); UPBEAT (Peter Dunne); RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp & Graeme Jones); LA MER (Michael Ebeling) and DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez).

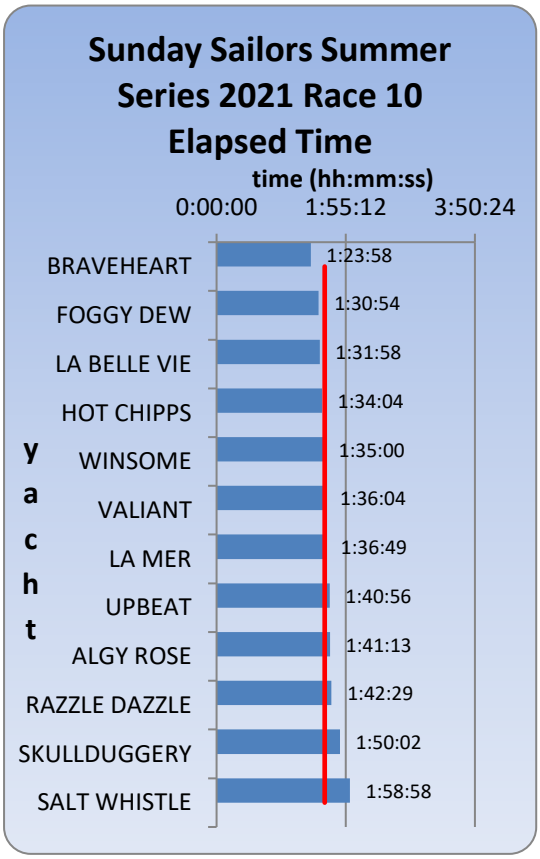
LA BELLE VIE missed the first race of the series but completed the remaining seven. All but one of her results were in the top ten including a 3rd in race 9 and 1st in this race. She was the fifth yacht to cross the start line, 28 seconds late for her 36 minute handicap – up a minute following a 3rd place in the previous race. She had already moved into 2nd place at the first rounding of SYC 4 and moved to the front of the fleet during the last three legs of the race. LA BELLE VIE sailed the course in 1:31:58 and was first across the finish line at 11:37:58 with a lead of 1minute 56 seconds. The win took her from 5th to finish 3rd in the aggregate.

FOGGY DEW is one of 3 yachts to have completed all 8 races this summer. She has finished in the top ten in each race and has recorded two 1sts, a 2nd and one 3rd place. She began this race from 9th place with her second best start of the series just 7 seconds late for her 39 minute handicap. FOGGY DEW was in 4th place at the first rounding of SYC 4 already more than a minute ahead of WINSOME. She sailed the entire course in 1:30:54 – the second fastest time of the day to cross the finish line at 1:39:54 – 1 minute 56 seconds ahead of WINSOME. As already mentioned FOGGY DEW finished on top of the aggregate.

WINSOME has also completed all 8 races in the series and recorded 7 top ten finishes including a 2nd and two 3rd places. She started 2 places ahead of FOGGY DEW – from 7th place 13 seconds late for her 37 minute handicap. She sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 54 minutes 47 seconds to round SYC 4 still in 7th place. WINSOME completed the last 3 legs of the course in 40 minutes crossing the finish line in 3rd place at 11:42:00. She had closed the aggregate point's gap with FOGGY DEW but it was not enough to win the series

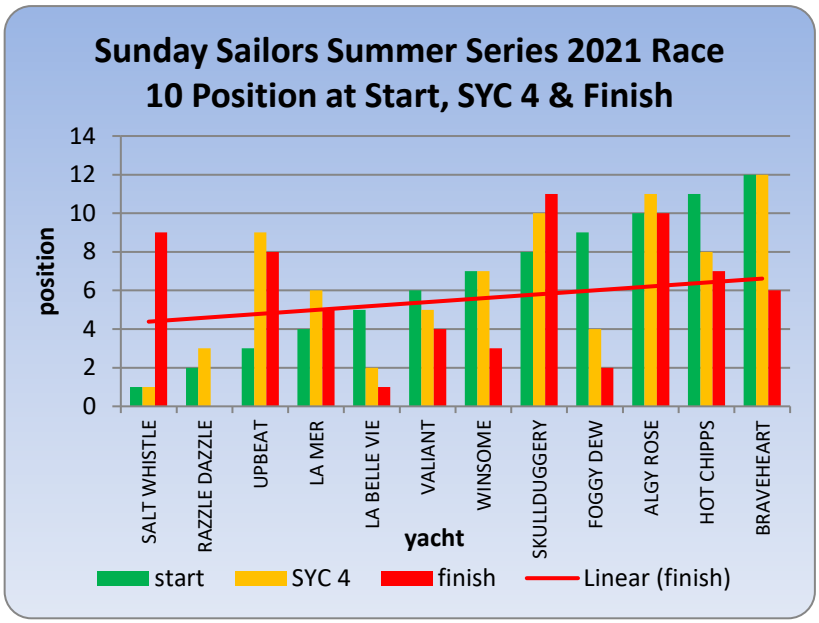
HOT CHIPPS saved her best start of the series ‘til last when she won Start of the Day. Her time of 3 seconds wasn’t the best winning time of the series but it was by no means the worst. The median start time of 23 seconds shows that making a good start proved challenging. By starting 1 second too soon SKULLDUGGERY was penalised 5 minutes which cost her 2 places at the finish line.





This was only the second race this summer for BRAVEHEART but she sailed the course in the fastest time. She was the last yacht to start the race but with an elapsed time of 1:23:58 finished 6th. The median elapsed time for the race was 1:36:26.

The only downwind leg of the race was the first leg – from start to SYC 1. This partly explains why the two yachts who flew spinnakers (SKULLDUGGERY and ALGY ROSE) were unable to improve upon their start positions. The biggest movers were FOGGY DEW (7 places) and BRAVEHEART (6 places).



(Above left) SALT WHISTLE made her best start of the series and 2nd best of the race
(Above right) ALGY ROSE started under spinnaker
(Right) VALIANT couldn't quite catch WINSOME at the finish

RAZZLE DAZZZLE (left) finished 8th in the series whilst UPBEAT (right) finished 7th

(Left) LA MER rounding SYC 4
(Below) SKULLDUGGERY in pursuit of UPBEAT

SUNDAY SAILORS SUMMER 2021 AGGREGATE TOP TEN						
POSN	SCORE	YACHT	Nos of Races	Podium Finishes	AVERAGE START TIME	AVERAGE HANDICAP
1	19	FOGGY DEW	8	4	56.13	0:37:53
2	19	WINSOME	8	3	32.13	0:35:38
3	30	LA BELLE VIE	7	2	30.00	0:35:43
4	33	VALIANT	7	1	28.43	0:35:51
6	43	SKULLDUGGERY	8	1	45.38	0:29:38
7	44	UPBEAT	7	1	13.14	0:36:09
8	45	RAZZLE DAZZLE	6	1	23.33	0:30:50
9	45	LA MER	7	1	16.57	0:39:00
10	49	DEBONNAIRE	6	1	23.17	0:49:20

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