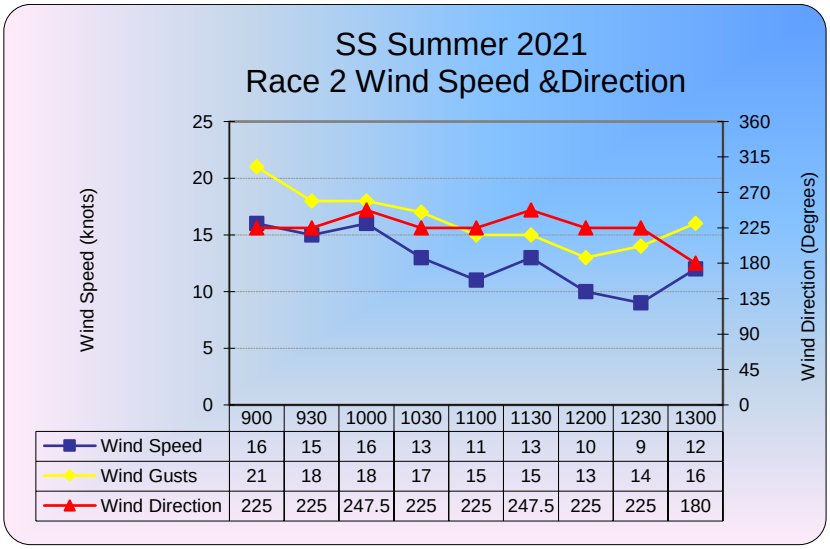
An Enjoyable Sunday Morning
Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2021 Race 2

The second race of the series brought 4 different yachts into the winners circle. In her first race of the series LEBROK (Theo Korbel) won Start of the Day with a time of 6 seconds. RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp & Grahame Jones) won the race followed across the line by WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) with CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) 3rd. DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) who was also sailing her first race of the series completed the course in the fastest elapsed time – 7 minutes 21 seconds faster than her closest rival WINSOME.

A predominately south westerly breeze that averaged about 13 knots for the morning carried a fleet of 18 yachts around the 9.4 nautical mile course 27. The breeze did ease as the morning progressed but it was still a quick race with the last yacht crossing the finish line at 12:05:05. Of a total of 7 legs, 3 of them were reaching legs (almost 50% of the course length) with 2 legs to windward (about 25% of the course) with the remaining 2 legs down wind. Although some yachts did fly spinnakers the advantage was limited.



	900	930	1000	1030	1100	1130	1200	1230	1300
Wind Speed	16	15	16	13	11	13	10	9	12
Wind Gusts	21	18	18	17	15	15	13	14	16
Wind Direction	225	225	247.5	225	225	247.5	225	225	180

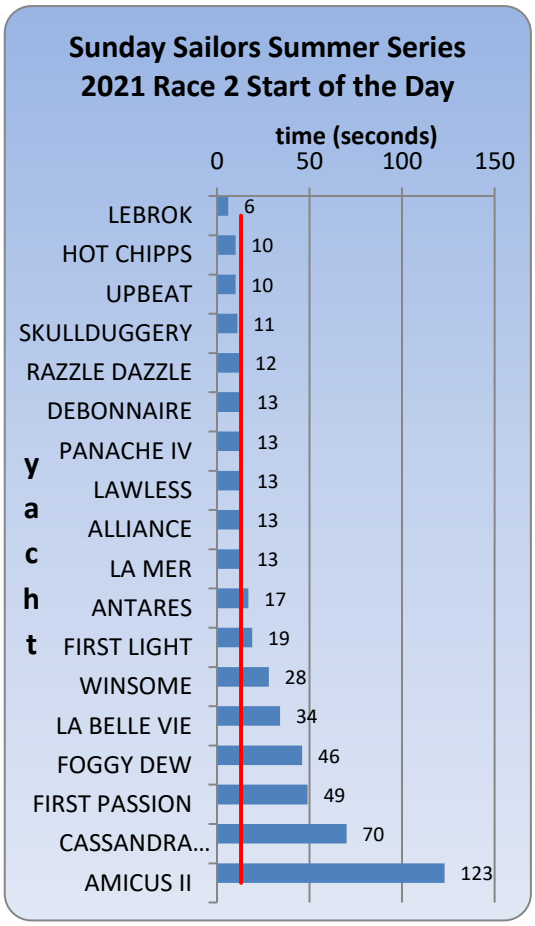
With two races of the series complete WINSOME leads the aggregate with FOGGY DEW (Robert D'Arcy) in 2nd place and RAZZLE DAZZLE moving up into 3rd place.

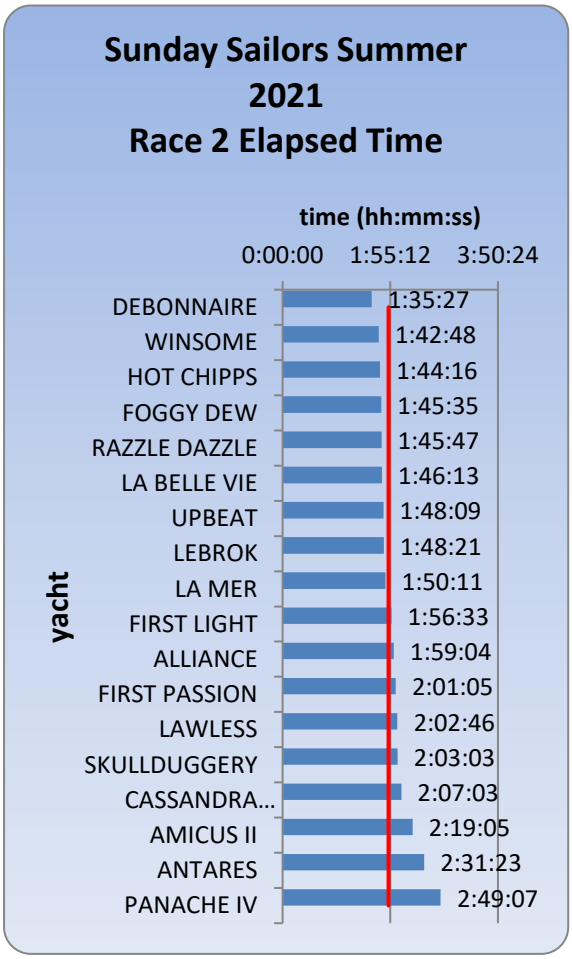
RAZZLE DAZZLE started this race from 5th place 12 seconds late for her 28 minute handicap. She rounded SYC 4 for the first time in 4th place and after sailing the course in the 5th fastest time of the race crossed the finish line at 11:43:47 – 2 minutes 1 second ahead of WINSOME. RAZZLE DAZZLE started just 1 second ahead of LAWLESS (Boyd Coulson) but sailed the course 17 minutes 11 seconds faster to finish 12 places ahead.

WINSOME finished 4th in the first race of the series and received a 1 minute increase to her handicap. She started this race from 8th place 28 seconds late for her 33 minute handicap. WINSOME completed the first 4 legs of the course in 57 minutes 11 seconds and rounded SYC 4 in 6th place. It took her 45 minutes 9 seconds to sail the last 3 legs of the course and she was 2nd across the finish line after recording the 2nd fastest elapsed time for the race.

CASSANDRA finished 9th in the first race of the series but the stronger breeze in this race was probably more to her liking. She started the race from 4th place 70 seconds late for her 11 minute handicap. CASSANDRA was the 3rd yacht to round SYC 4 on the first occasion 6 minutes 27 seconds behind the leader. She sailed the course in 2:07:03 and was 3rd across the finish line at 11:48:03 – only 4 minutes 16 seconds behind the leader.

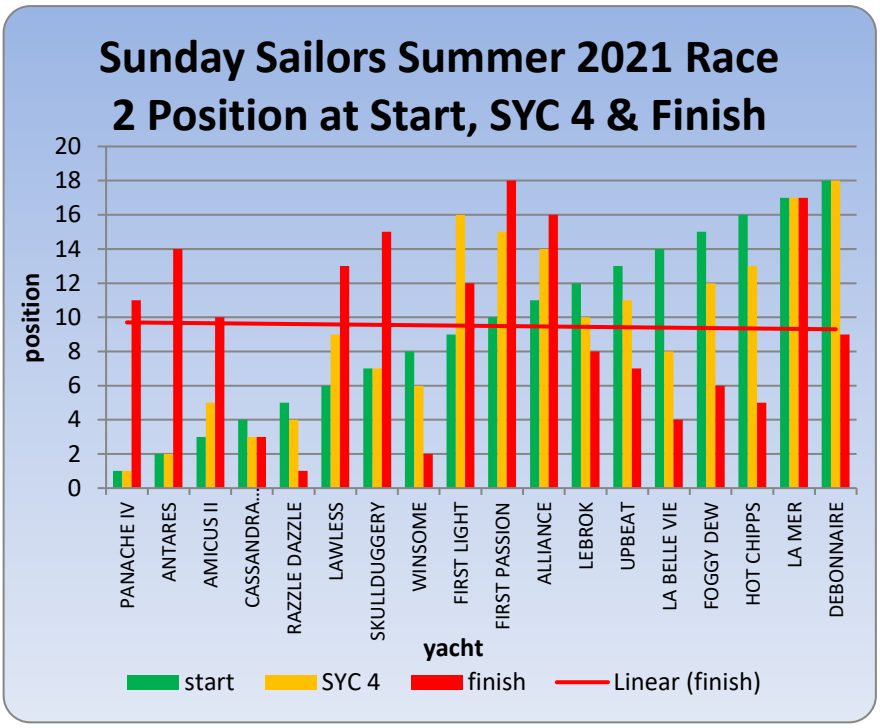
Five yachts recorded the median start time of 13 seconds. Only 3 yachts started within 10 seconds or less of their handicaps whilst 2 yachts were more than a minute late for theirs.





The median elapsed time for the 9.4 nautical mile race was 1:53:22. This was faster than the median elapsed time for the 6.2 nautical mile race 1.

Although there were exceptions, there was little positional change to the yachts after the first 4 legs. The most change occurred during the last 3 legs. LA MER started from 17th place, was 17th around SYC 4 for the first time and finished the race in 17th place.



(Left) PANACHE IV was first to start & led the fleet around SYC 4 for the first time

(Above right) HOT CHIPS & UPBEAT (right) both recorded the 2nd best start time

LA MER (below) started and finished 17th whilst SKULLDUGGERY flew her familiar spinnaker

ALLIANCE (left) ANTARES (above) & LA BELLE VIE all made their series debut in this race

FIRST LIGHT (left) crossed the finish line one place ahead of LAWLESS (below)

Last week's winner FOGGY DEW (right) finished 6th in this race

AMICUS II (below) with eyes fixed on the finish line

Race 3 scheduled for 31 Jan 2021

Graham Furness