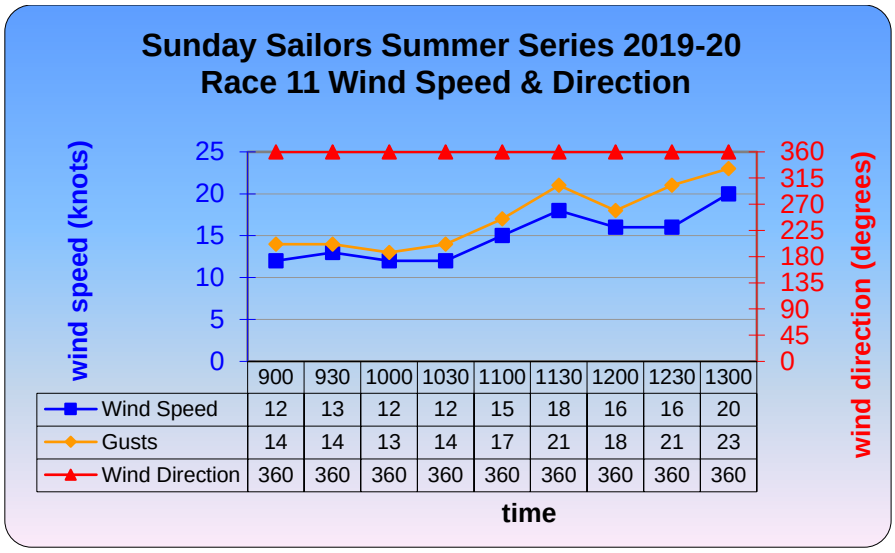
**Good to be Back on the Water**
**Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2019-20 Race 11**

Without a Sunday race for 4 weeks it was good to be back on the water for the first race in March. A total of 29 yachts, equalling the largest fleet of the series, took to the water on what were ideal sailing conditions – a northerly breeze that average about 15 knots for the morning. It did strengthen particularly during the last hour of the race when 3 yachts retired. For those that completed the race it was the closest finish of the series with only 13 minutes 40 seconds separating all 26 yachts. The race took the fleet around the 6 leg 9.9 nautical mile course 26 and in the northerly breeze about 52% of the course was a beat with 48% a run.

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| Wind Speed | 12 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 16 | 16 | 20 |
| Gusts | 14 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 17 | 21 | 18 | 21 | 23 |
| Wind Direction | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 |

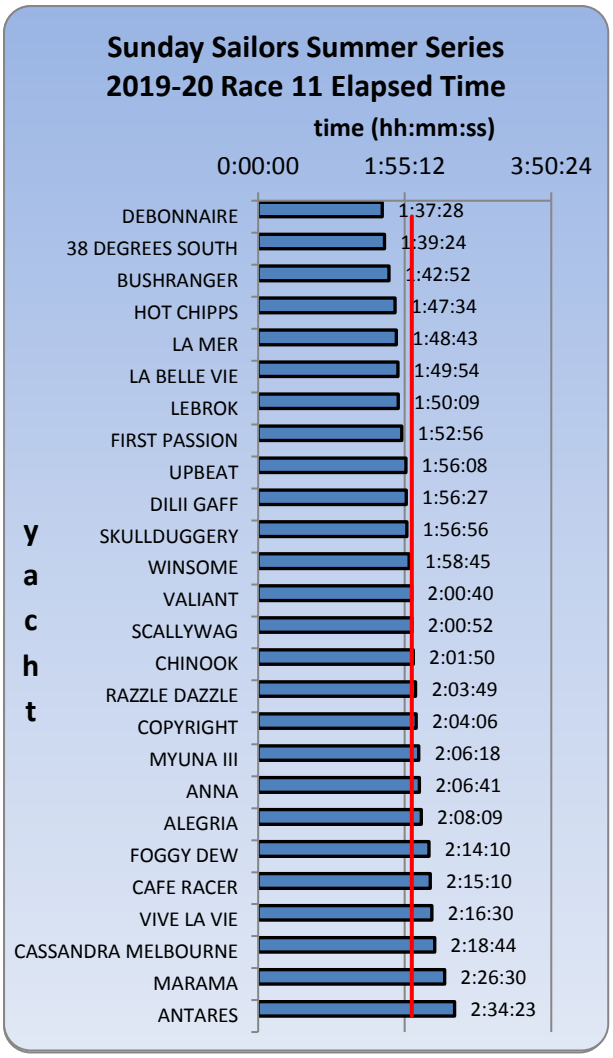
ALEGRIA (Simon May) won Start of the Day with the 3rd perfect start of the series. First across the finish to collect her first glass of the series was LA MER (Michael Ebeling). It was ALEGRIA who finished 2nd for her first podium finish of the summer with HOT CHIPPS (John Chipp) crossing the finish line in 3rd place also for her first podium finish of the summer. Even without a spinnaker DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time of the race.

By finishing 3rd HOT CHIPPS brought about a change at the top of the aggregate. She moves into top spot equal on points with LA BELLE VIE (Grant & Nathan Anderson) who slips into 2nd position with BUSHRANGER (Tim Pearce) holding on to 3rd place. ALEGRIA is currently leading the contest for the Sunday Plate 1 point ahead of LA BELLE VIE and 6 points ahead of LA MER.

LA MER has completed 8 of the 9 races sailed this summer and her best result before this race was a 4th place in race 2. She started the series with a handicap of 36 minutes but started this race from 17th place 13 seconds late for her 32 minute handicap. LA MER completed the course in 1:48:43 – the 5th fastest time of the race. This was 10 minutes 2 seconds faster than WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) and 11 minutes 57 seconds faster than VALIANT (David Keyes-Tilley) who both had 32 minute handicaps. LA MER crossed the finish line at 11:50:34 – 1 minute 26 seconds ahead of her closest rival. This win takes her from 7th to 5th in the series aggregate.

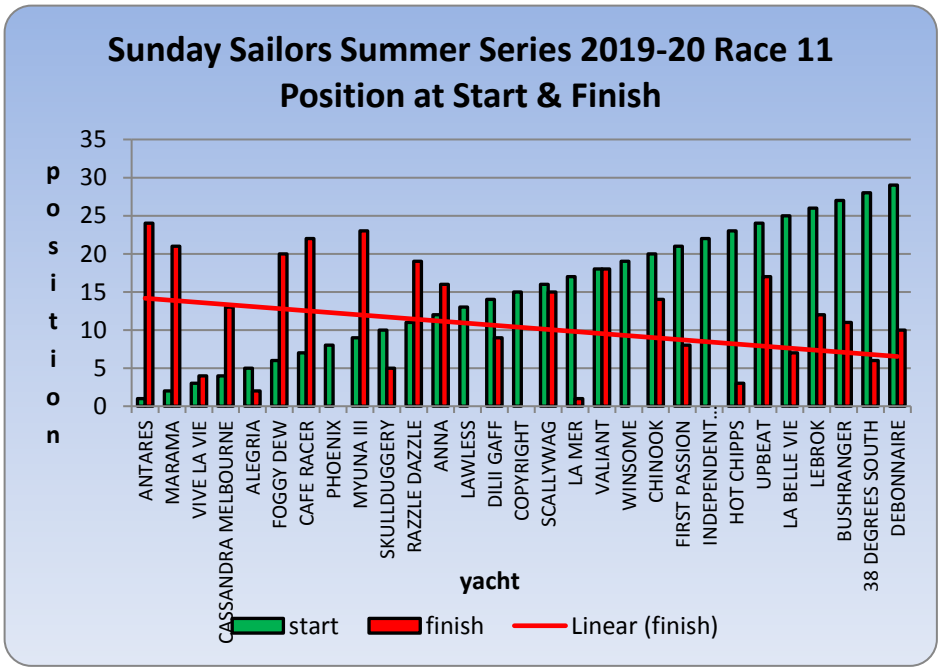
ALEGRIA has now completed 7 races this summer and has recorded 5 top ten finishes including this – her first podium finish of the series. She started this race from 5th place exactly on time for her 14 minute handicap. Her elapsed time of 2:08:09 was better than all the yachts that started ahead of her and better than 2 yachts that started after her. ALEGRIA was 2nd across the finish line at 11:52:09. After spending time in 10th place she moves up to 6th in the aggregate with 61.5 points – 21.5 points behind the leader.

HOT CHIPPS is one of 6 yachts to have completed all 9 races this series and is compiling some good results. She is one of only 2 yachts to have 7 top ten finishes from her 9 races and this was her best result to date. HOT CHIPPS started the race from 23 place 29 seconds late for her 35 minute handicap. With the aid of a now familiar spinnaker she sailed the course in 1:47:34 – the 5th fastest time of the race. She crossed the finish line 25 seconds behind ALEGRIA for her best result of the series. HOT CHIPPS entered the aggregate top ten after race 3 and by finishing 3rd in this race she is now on top.




With the exception of race 8 when she started too soon ALEGRIA has made starts of 7 seconds or less throughout the series. This was her best start of the summer and she joins FOGGY DEW and SKULLDUGGERY as the 3rd yacht to record a perfect start. The median start time was 25 seconds – 3rd highest of the series.

The fleet started the race 49 minutes 37 seconds apart and finished 13 minutes 40 seconds apart. The closest finish was for 7th place with LA BELLE VIE beating FIRST PASSION (Simon Lipman) by 2 seconds. The same margin separated CHINOOK (Doug Jackson) from SCALLYWAG (Bill Hutchison) who finished 14th and 15th.




The median elapsed time for the race was 2:00:46 making this one of the longer races of the series. For

the 5th time this series DEBONNAIRE was able to record the fastest elapsed time for the race. She sailed the course 1 minute 56 seconds faster than her closest rival 38 DEGREES SOUTH (John Chatham & Kate Mitchell).

(Below left) INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOUR and MYUNA III (below right) both made their best starts of the series.

MARAMA (below) and ANNA (right) completed their 3rd race of the series.

(Above) CHINOOK about to cross the start line. VIVE LA VIE (Right) recorded her best place of the series.

(Right) BUSHRANGER overtook CASSANDRA to finish 11th & 13th respectively.

(Left) PHOENIX retired from the race not before a good spinnaker run. (Above) Plenty of crew & a spinnaker helped FIRST PASSION to her best result of the summer.

(Right) Rounding SYC 5.

(Below & right) ANTARES & COPYRIGHT were 2 of a number of yachts that sailed double handed.

(Left) SCALLYWAG completed her 3rd race of the series.

(Right) 38 DEGREES SOUTH recorded the 2nd fastest elapsed time of the race.

(Below left) CAFE RACER completed her 6th race of the summer.
(Below right) LA BELLE VIE pursues FOGGY DEW.

(Below right) WINSOME crossed the finish line in 14th place but was judged not to have signed on.

**Race 12 is scheduled for 15 Mar 2020**

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