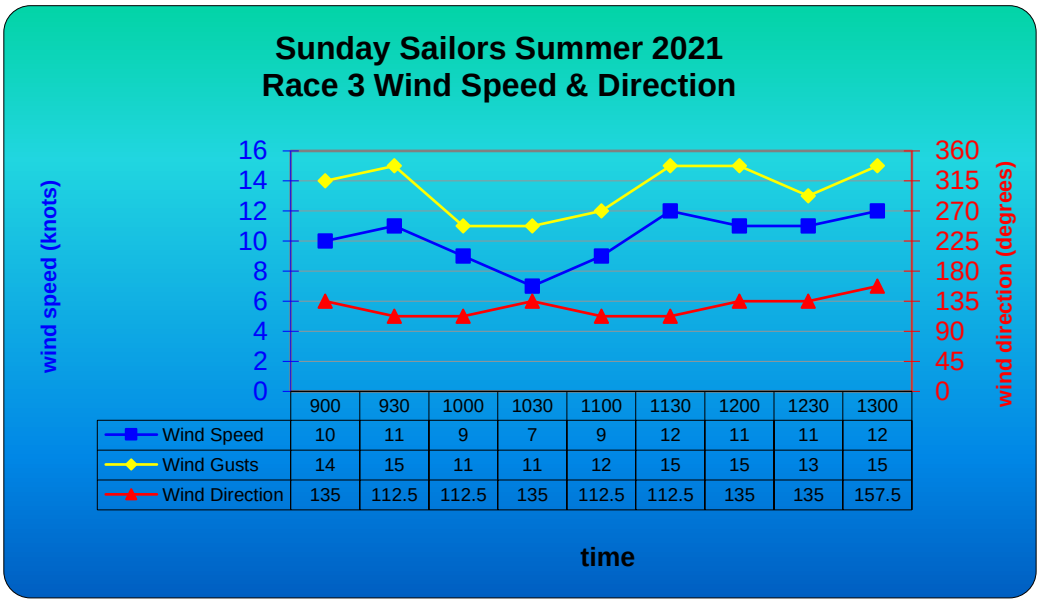
Largest Fleet of the Series so Far
Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2021 Race 3

A fleet of twenty three yachts successfully completed the third race of the summer series. The race was around the 9.4 nautical mile course 27 – the same course sailed in race 2. However, there were significant differences. The breeze for this race averaged about 10 knots for the morning from around the south east compared to a 13 knot south westerly for race 2. The majority of the 16 yachts that sailed both races completed race 2 quicker than this one, resulting in three new podium finishers.



	900	930	1000	1030	1100	1130	1200	1230	1300
Wind Speed	10	11	9	7	9	12	11	11	12
Wind Gusts	14	15	11	11	12	15	15	13	15
Wind Direction	135	112.5	112.5	135	112.5	112.5	135	135	157.5

With the best start of the series to date UPBEAT (Peter Dunne) won Start of the Day with a time of 2 seconds. First across the finish line was CAFE RACER (Alan Clapham). She was closely followed across by VALIANT (David Keyes Tilley) with COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) finishing in 3rd place. DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) sailed the course in the fastest time for the second successive week.

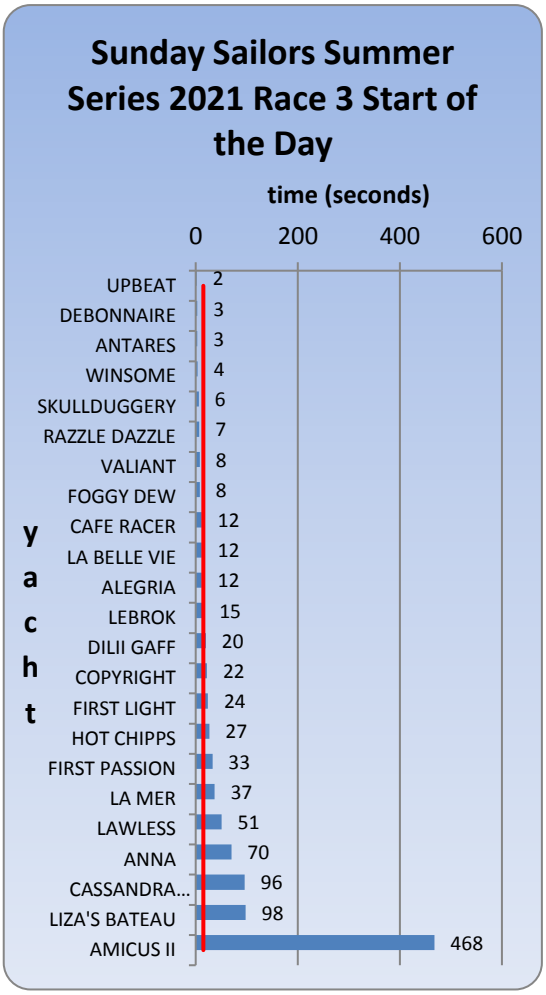
By finishing 5th in this race WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) moves to the top of the aggregate with a total of 9 points. FOGGY DEW (Robert D'Arcy) is currently 2nd on 13 points with HOT CHIPPS (John Chipp) 3rd with a total of 16 points.

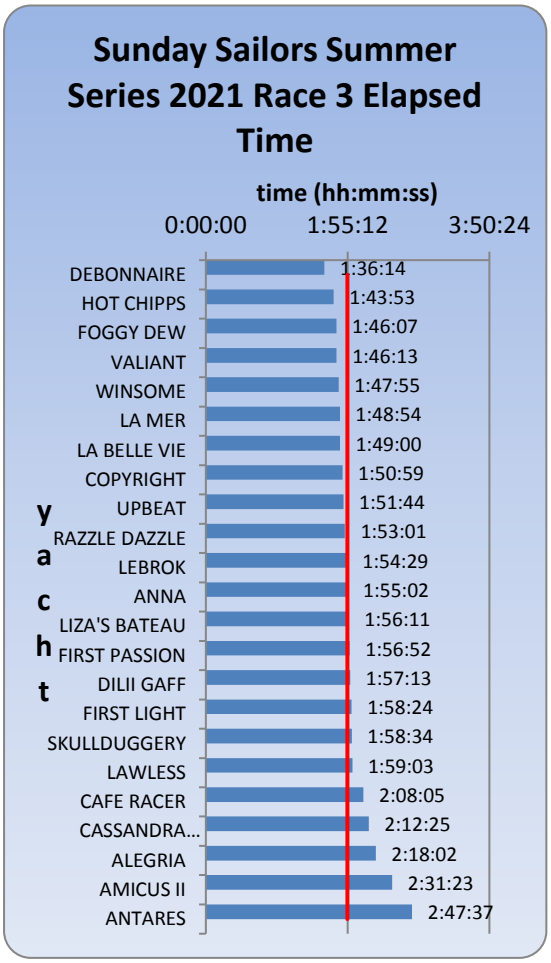
CAFE RACER completed all 3 races in the spring competition and has completed 2 of the 3 races in this series. She started this race from 3rd place 12 seconds late for her 12 minute handicap.
She completed the course in 2:08:05 and crossed the finish line at 11:50:05 – 8 seconds ahead of VALIANT. This win takes CAFE RACER from 20th to 11th in the aggregate.

After finishing 7th in race 1 VALIANT received a 1 minute reduction to her handicap. She didn't take part in the 2nd race but started this race from 13th place 8 seconds late for her 34 minute handicap. It took her 1:46:13 to sail the course (the 4th fastest elapsed time of the race) and was 2nd across the finish line at 11:50:13. VALIANT moves from 17th to 9th in the aggregate.

COPYRIGHT started this race, her first Sunday race since 8 November 2020, from 8th place 22 seconds late for her 30 minute handicap. Her elapsed time was the 8th fastest of the race and she completed the course in 1:50:59. She crossed the finish line at 11:50:59 – 46 seconds after VALIANT. COPYRIGHT is currently 17th in the aggregate.

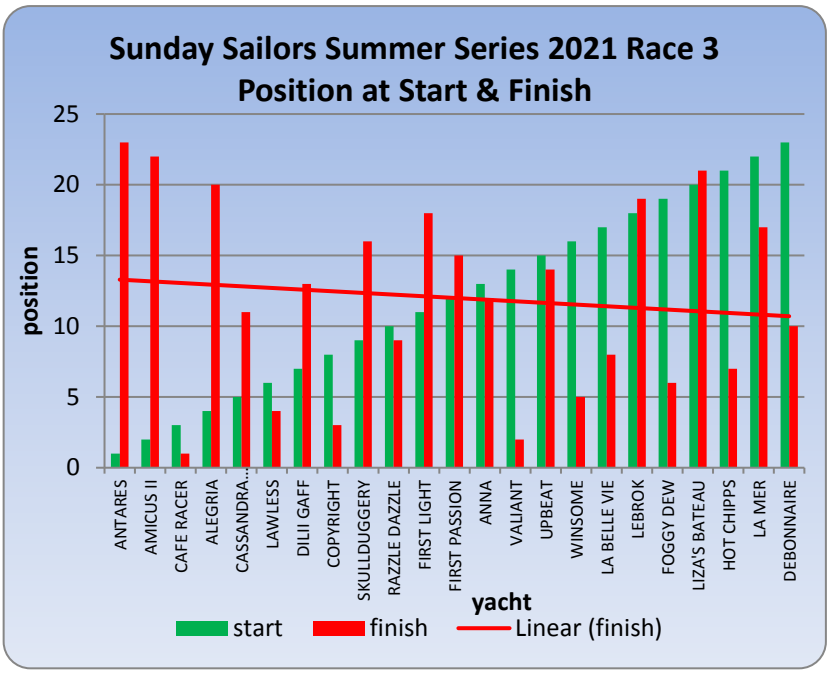
As already mentioned UPBEAT won Start of the Day with the best time this series. The median start time for the race was 15 seconds – the highest of the series so far.





Without the help of a spinnaker DEBONNAIRE sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time – 7 minutes 39 seconds faster than HOT CHIPPS who did fly a spinnaker. The median elapsed time for the race was 1:55:02.

Among the yachts that made the most improvement on their start positions were: HOT CHIPPS finished 14 places higher than she started; DEBONNAIRE and FOGGY DEW improved by 13 places; VALIANT improved by 12 places and WINSOME finished 11 places higher than she started.



ANTARES (left) was one of two yachts to make the 2nd best Start of the Day whilst ALEGRIA (below left) and FIRST PASSION (below) made their best start of the series

DILLI GAFF (right) & LIZAS BATEAU (far right) in their first race of the series

HOT CHIPPS (left) & LA MER (right) were 2 of 3 yachts that flew spinnakers

(Below) ANTARES & DEBONNAIRE after rounding SYC 2

(Above) FOGGY DEW about to overtake FIRST PASSION whilst FIRST LIGHT holds a slender lead over DEBONNAIRE

(Left) SKULDUUGERY on the lookout
(Above) WINSOME on her way to the top of the aggregate
(Below) Towards the finish

Race 4 is scheduled for 14 Feb 2021

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