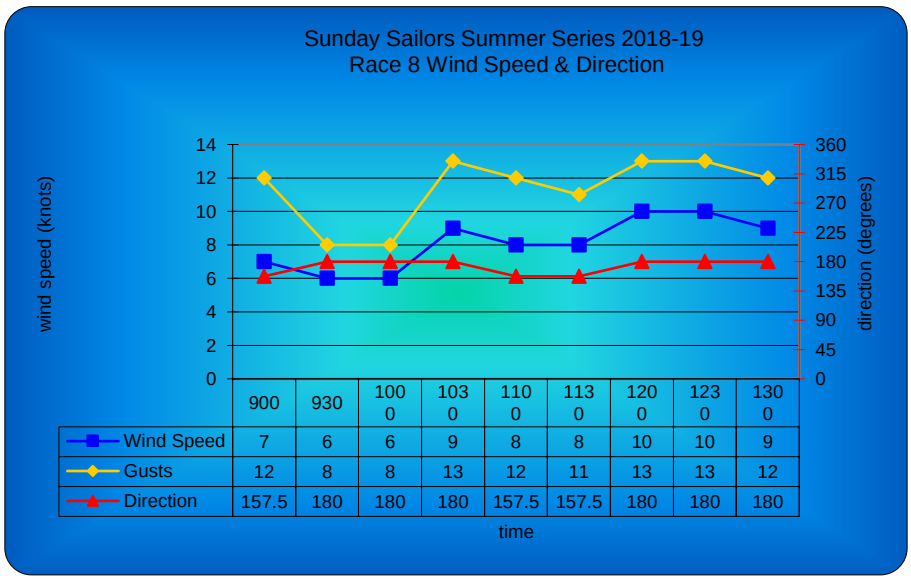
Largest fleet of the Summer
Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2018-19 Race 8

Twenty eight yachts, the largest fleet of the series, contested race eight. The race was around the 6 leg, 9.9 nautical mile course 14 with 2 opportunities for 6 yachts to fly spinnakers. Conditions were dull and overcast but made for pleasant sailing in a breeze that was variable and averaged about 8 knots for the morning. Of the 28 starters, 2 retired, with the last yacht crossing the finish line at 12:51:16 – 8 minutes 44 seconds before the 1300 time limit.



	900	930	1000	1030	1100	1130	1200	1230	1300
Wind Speed	7	6	6	9	8	8	10	10	9
Gusts	12	8	8	13	12	11	13	13	12
Direction	157.5	180	180	180	157.5	157.5	180	180	180

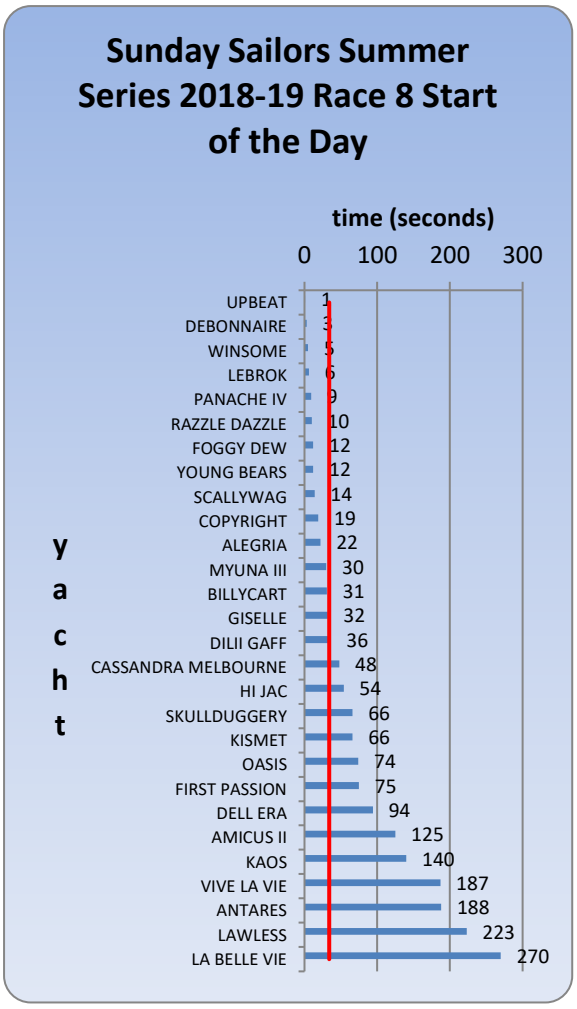
Winning Start of the Day for the first time of the series was UPBEAT (Peter Dunne) only 1 second late for her handicap. Managing to hold off late challenges was WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) who won this one. DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) was second with SCALLYWAG (Bill Hutchison) third.

A 7th place was enough to take LEBROK (Theo Korbel) from 2nd to the top of the aggregate with LAWLESS (Boyd Coulson) dropping back to 2nd place and DEBONNAIRE moving up into 3rd place. DEBONNAIRE leads the contest for the Sunday Plate and she is followed by WINSOME 2nd and LEBROK 3rd. In the contest for the Noelle Coram trophy RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp) is in the lead with CASSANDRA (Bob Reeves) 2nd and MYUNA III (Geoffrey Nixon) 3rd.

This was the 7th race for WINSOME and it provided her first podium finish of the series. She had her best start of the series starting from 21st place only 5 seconds late for her 36 minute handicap. A start that was 7 seconds ahead of the winner of last week's race – YOUNG BEARS (Graeme Mathews). WINSOME sailed this race 18 minutes 49 seconds faster than YOUNG BEARS and crossed the finish line at 12:15:37 - 26 seconds ahead of DEBONAIRRE who finished 2nd. This win takes WINSOME from 9th to 5th in the aggregate and she is currently 2nd in the Sunday Plate.

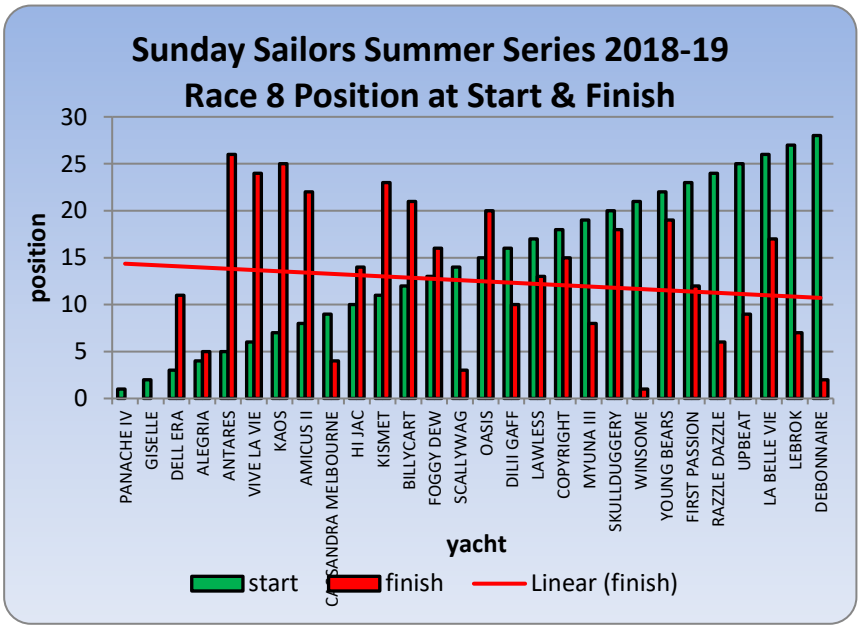
DEBONAIRRE is putting together a good series of results with 5 top ten finishes including 3 podium finishes in 7 completed races. She was the last yacht to start the race 3 seconds late for her 49 minute handicap. With the aid of a spinnaker she purposefully overtook the rest of the fleet and was gaining on WINSOME before she crossed the finish line to end the race. DEBONAIRRE had sailed the course in 1:57:03 - the fastest elapsed time of the race and the only yacht to sail the course in under 2 hours. She crossed the finish line at 12:16:03 and this 2nd place takes her from 5th to 3rd in the aggregate and she currently leads the contest for the Sunday Plate.

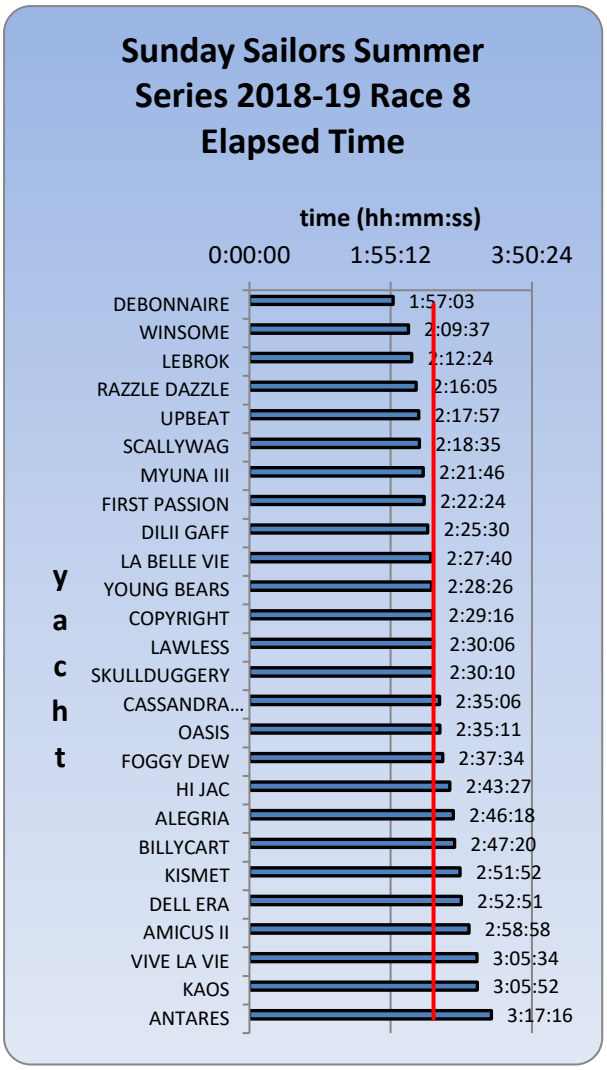
Although SCALLYWAG has started 7 races this series she has completed only 5. Nevertheless she has collected 4 top ten finishes including 2 podium finishes. She started this race from 14th place 14 seconds late for her 30 minute handicap. SCALLYWAG sailed the course in 2:18:35 the 6th fastest elapsed of the race and was 3rd across the finish line at 12:18:35. She had sailed the course 16 minutes 36 faster than OASIS a yacht that shared the same 30 minute handicap. SCALLYWAG remains 10th in the aggregate and is 17th in the Sunday Plate.



UPBEAT has started six times this series and this was her best so far. Her average start time in the previous 5 races was 35 seconds so winning start of the day with a 1 second start was exceptional. The median start time for the 28 yacht fleet was 34 seconds with 6 yachts starting more than 2 minutes late for their handicaps.

The fleet started 61 minutes and 54 seconds apart and that gap had become 35 minute and 39 seconds at the finish line. There were 5 late starters among the 9 early finishers with the two earliest starters retiring from the race. The 6 yachts that flew spinnakers had mixed results finishing 2nd, 6th, 13th, 18th, 19th and 23rd. The closest finish was for 16th place with FOGGY DEW crossing the finish line 6 seconds ahead of LA BELLE VIE.





It was the third week in succession that DEBONNAIRE recorded the fastest elapsed time – 12 minutes 34 seconds faster than her closest rival WINSOME. The median elapsed time of 2:30:08 made this the second longest race of the series with three yachts taking over 3 hours to complete the course. With an elapsed time of 2:30:06 LAWLESS was closest to the median time.

ALEGRIA, DELL ERA, MYUNA III & RAZZLE DAZZLE all had their best result of the series.

(Above left) CASSANDRA was able to finish 12 seconds ahead of ALEGRIA.
(Above right) OASIS finished 20th in her 6th race of the series.

(Left) LEBROK moved from 2nd to the top of the aggregate.

(Below) LA BELLE VIE finished 17th and is 28th in the aggregate.

(Below) LAWLESS, DEBONNAIRE & SKULLDUGGERY each flew spinnakers.

(Left) FIRST PASSION was able to finish ahead of COPYRIGHT.

(Below) BILLYCART finished 21st and remains at 15th in the aggregate.

(Below) Neither GISELLE nor RAZZLE DAZZLE held off the challenge of DEBONNAIRE.

(Left) PANACHE IV was one of two yachts to retire.

(Right) YOUNG BEARS won race 7 & received a handicap increase.

(Above) AMICUS II overtakes VIVE LA VIE.

(Right) KISMET was one of six yachts to fly a spinnaker.

Both KAOS & ANTARES finished the race after sailing for over 3 hours.

Race 9 is scheduled for 3 Feb 2019

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