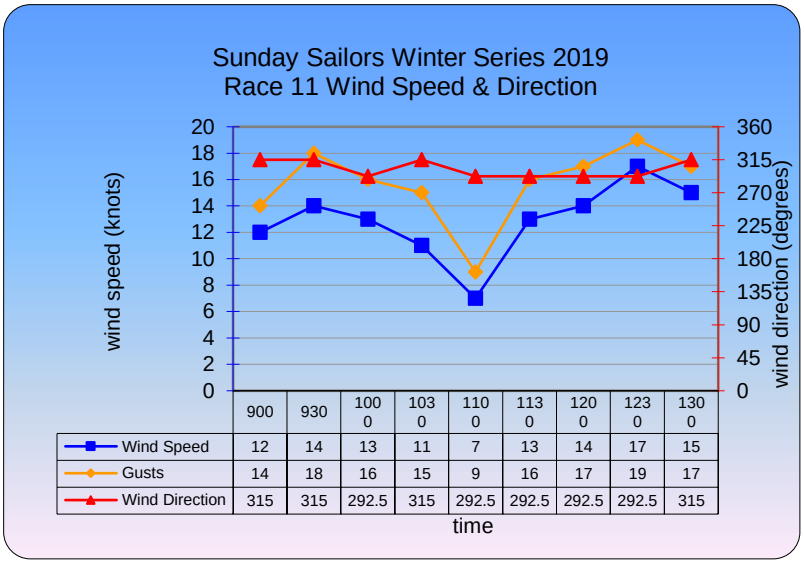
Last Race of the Series
Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2019 Race 11

Although ALEGRIA (Simon May) the Catalina 31 finished 9th in a fleet of 21 yachts in the last race of the series she was confirmed as the winner of the winter aggregate. Her performance throughout the winter was remarkable. She completed 9 of the ten races and won Start of the Day on 3 separate occasions. ALEGRIA accumulated 5 podium finishes and won the series with a score of 30 points – 23 points ahead of her closest rival CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves).

CASSANDRA was the only yacht to complete all 10 races in the series recording 5 top ten finishes including one 2nd and one 3rd place. With a score of 54 points and finishing only 1 point behind CASSANDRA in the aggregate was DELL ERA (Mike Coulter). DELL ERA completed 8 races in the series and finished with 5 podium finishes and won Start of the Day in race 9. Both DELL ERA and CASSANDRA finished the series on a high note by crossing the line in 1st and 2nd place.

There was a west north westerly breeze for the last race of the series which averaged about 13 knots for the morning. The 21 yachts sailed around a shortened (but still 10.1 nautical miles) course 51 selected for the first time this winter.

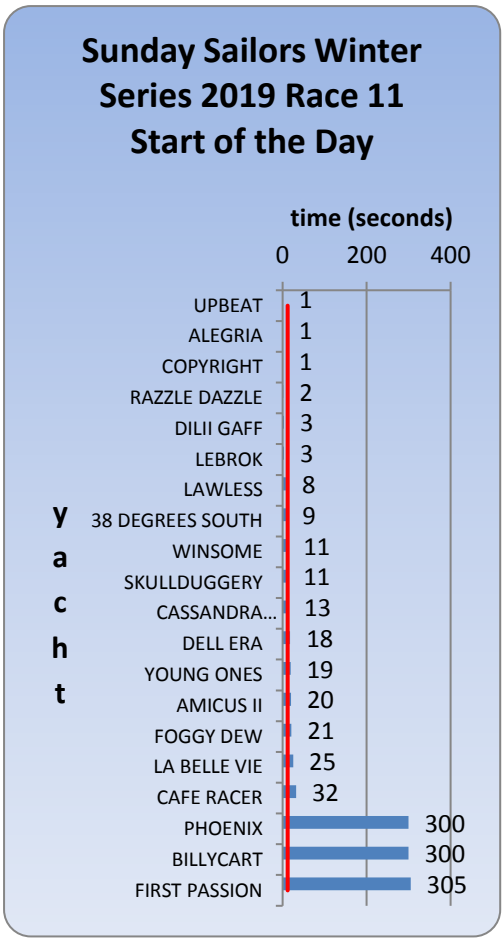


	900	930	1000	1030	1100	1130	1200	1230	1300
Wind Speed	12	14	13	11	7	13	14	17	15
Gusts	14	18	16	15	9	16	17	19	17
Wind Direction	315	315	292.5	315	292.5	292.5	292.5	292.5	315

DELL ERA started the last race of the series from 2nd place 18 seconds late for her 13 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 2:09:22 and crossed the finish line in first place at 12:02:22 – 1 minute 39 seconds ahead of CASSANDRA. This was the 2nd win of the series for DELL ERA and helped her to retain 3rd place in the series aggregate for the 3rd successive race.

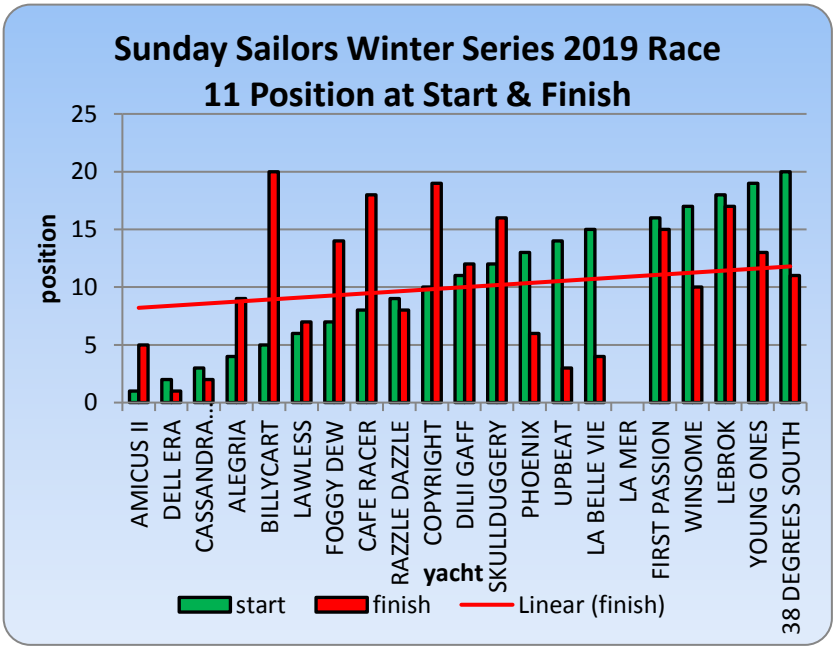
CASSANDRA was the 3rd yacht to start the last race of the series 13 seconds late for her 17 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 2:07:01 (2 minutes 21 seconds faster than DELL ERA) and crossed the finish line at 12:04:01. CASSANDRA finished 2nd in the aggregate a position she has held for the past 4 races.

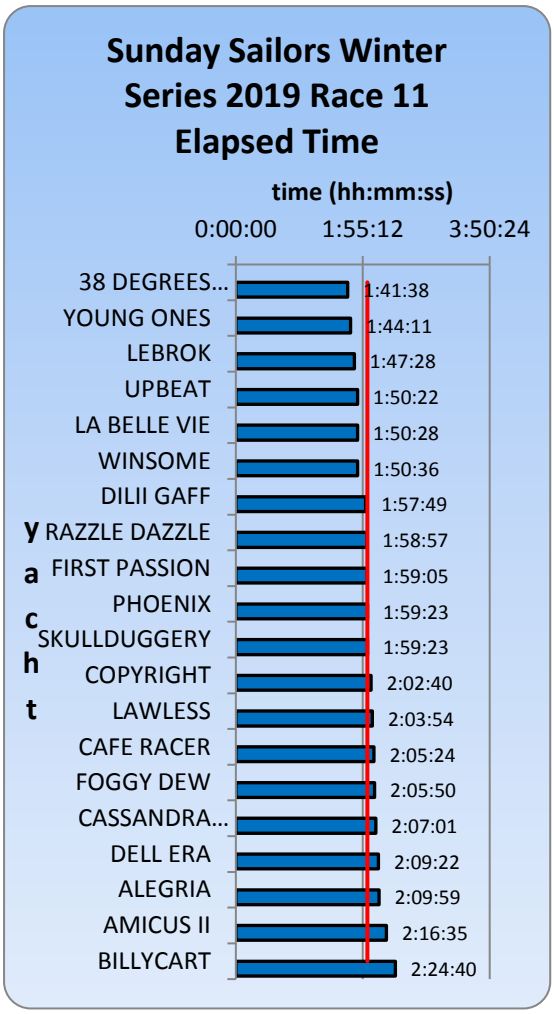
This was the 5th race for UPBEAT and her first since race 5. She had a 39 minute handicap at the start of the winter but this was reduced to 36 minutes for race 5. UPBEAT started this race from 14th place only 1 second late for her handicap. This was her best start time of the series. She completed the course in 1:50:22, the 4th fastest elapsed time, and crossed the finish line at 12:06:22. UPBEAT crossed the start line 24 seconds before LA BELLE VIE (Grant Anderson) and crossed the finish line only 6seconds ahead. She finished 20th in the aggregate.



The median start time for the race was 12 seconds. There was a 3 way tie for Start of the Day between ALEGRIA, COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) & UPBEAT. Both BILLYCART (Jonathon Kerley) and PHOENIX started too soon by 13 and 5 seconds respectively.

The fleet started the race 37 minutes 49 seconds apart and finished 20 minutes 18 seconds apart. It proved difficult for the late starters to make their way to the front at the finish line with only 4 of the early starters among the early finishers. There was a close finish for 7th place between LAWLESS (Boyd Coulson), RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp) and ALEGRIA who finished 5 seconds apart.





The median elapsed time for the race was 1:59:23. 38 DEGREES SOUTH (John Chatham & Kate Mitchell) recorded the fastest elapsed time with YOUNG ONES (Ian Miller) the 2nd fastest followed by LEBROK (Theo Korbel) 3rd fastest.

(Below) BILLY CART, PHOENIX & LA MER crossed the start line too soon.

SKULLDUGGERY (left) & CAFE RACER (right) flew spinnakers on the leg from R2 to SYC 7.

YOUNG ONES (below) finished 12th in the aggregate. WINSOME (right) was 9th & LAWLESS (far right) finished 30th.

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2019 Nos of Races	
YACHT	**NUMBER**
38 DEGREES SOUTH	6
ABSOLUTELY	1
ALEGRIA	9
AMICUS II	3
ANTARES	4
BILLYCART	2
BUSHRANGER	2
CAFE RACER	7
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	10
CHINOOK	3
COPYRIGHT	5
DEBONNAIRE	6
DELL ERA	8
DILII GAFF	8
FIRST PASSION	6
FOGGY DEW	8
GISELLE	5
HI JAC	3
KAOS	1
LA BELLE VIE	8
LA MER	7
LAWLESS	2
LEBROK	8
MARAMA	1
MYUNA III	4
NORA	2
OASIS	1
PANACHE IV	0
PHOENIX	8
PLAYLIST	2
RAZZLE DAZZLE	8
SCALLYWAG	2
SKULLDUGGERY	8
THE SECRETARY	1
UPBEAT	5
VALIANT	3
WINSOME	8
XPRESSO	4
YOUNG ONES	8

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2019 Average Start Time	
YACHT	AVERAGE (seconds)
38 DEGREES SOUTH	82.83
ABSOLUTELY	48.00
ALEGRIA	18.90
AMICUS II	19.00
ANTARES	12.50
BILLYCART*	130.00
BUSHRANGER	32.00
CAFE RACER	68.86
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	39.20
CHINOOK	33.67
COPYRIGHT	32.80
DEBONNAIRE	17.43
DELL ERA*	63.13
DILII GAFF	20.75
FIRST PASSION	238.00
FOGGY DEW	47.40
GISELLE*#	88.17
HI JAC	27.67
KAOS	37.00
LA BELLE VIE	97.89
LA MER	49.63
LAWLESS	17.50
LEBROK	17.00
MARAMA	52.00
MYUNA III	24.75
NORA	53.00
OASIS	4.00
PANACHE IV	29.00
PHOENIX*	52.78
PLAYLIST	10.00
RAZZLE DAZZLE	42.38
SCALLYWAG#	5.00
SKULLDUGGERY*	71.75
THE SECRETARY	7.00
UPBEAT	7.40
VALIANT	55.67
WINSOME*	52.00
XPRESSO	18.25
YOUNG ONES	39.00
Yachts marked with* started too soon. Those marked with # stated on time.	

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2019 Average Elapsed Time*	
YACHT	Time (minutes)
DEBONNAIRE	102.24
XPRESSO	102.94
38 DEGREES SOUTH	105.69
YOUNG ONES	113.45
LEBROK	113.57
LA MER	113.79
WINSOME	114.07
UPBEAT	116.28
RAZZLE DAZZLE	119.20
LA BELLE VIE	119.71
DILII GAFF	121.50
FIRST PASSION	121.76
SKULLDUGGERY	125.16
COPYRIGHT	127.07
FOGGY DEW	128.91
PHOENIX	129.38
CAFE RACER	132.45
MYUNA III	136.96
ALEGRIA	138.06
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	138.42
DELL ERA	140.30
GISELLE	151.12
ANTARES	159.22
*Includes yachts that have completed 4 or more races.	

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2019 Podium Finishers				
YACHT	PLACE			TOTAL
	First	Second	Third	
ALEGRIA	1	4		5
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE		1	1	2
DEBONNAIRE			1	1
DELL ERA	2	1	2	5
FOGGY DEW		1	1	2
GISELLE	1			1
KAOS			1	1
LA BELLE VIE			1	1
LEBROK		1	1	2
MARAMA	1			1
PHOENIX	1			1
PLAYLIST	2			2
SKULLDUGGERY		1		1
UPBEAT			1	1
VALIANT	1			1
XPRESSO	1	1		2
YOUNG ONES			1	1

The first race of the 2019-20 Summer Series is scheduled for 6 Oct 2019.
The Notice of Race is available on the SYC site.

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