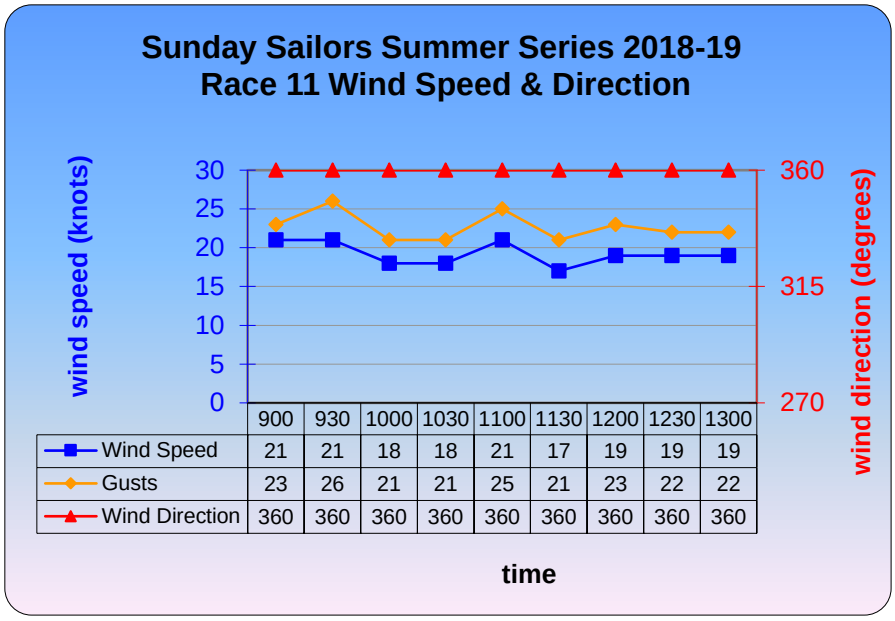
Plenty of Panache from Start to Finish
Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2018-19 Race 11

There was a fifteen minute delay to the start after it was discovered that SYC 6, which formed part of the original course, had gone AWOL. Some quick thinking resulted in the assignment of a new course which allowed the race to continue.
It was a great result for PANACHE IV (Egils E Stokans) who led the 24 yacht fleet around the 9.8 nautical mile course 24 from start to finish. She, and the rest of the fleet, were helped by a northerly that averaged 19 knots for the morning at Fawkner Beacon – the most breeze of the series. Yachts sailed faster than in any other race this series. The race saw WHITE ONYX (Ben & Katherine Solly) retire from the race with the last of the fleet crossing the finish line at 12:11:26.



	900	930	1000	1030	1100	1130	1200	1230	1300
Wind Speed	21	21	18	18	21	17	19	19	19
Gusts	23	26	21	21	25	21	23	22	22
Wind Direction	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360

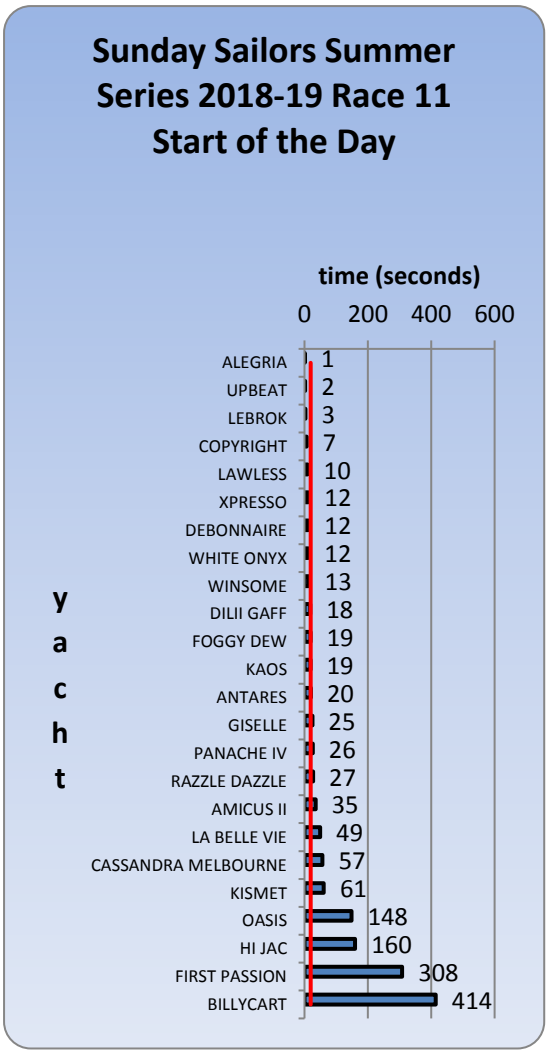
Start of the Day was won by ALEGRIA (Simon May) – her second win of the series. Following PANACHE IV across the finish line for her first podium finish of the summer was the Oceanis 34 KISMET (Doug Jackson). In third place was the Start of the Day winner ALEGRIA making this her first podium finish of the series. DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) didn't sail with a spinnaker this race but still sailed the course in 1:30:44 – the fastest elapsed time of the race.

LEBROK (Theo Korbel) finished 17th but holds on to top spot in the aggregate for at least another week whilst LAWLESS (Boyd Coulson) moves up from 4th back into 2nd place with DEBONNAIRE in 3rd.

After nine starts, this was the best result of the series for PANACHE IV. She has either retired or not finished 6 of her 9 races so it is testimony to the well known adage “If at first you don’t succeed try, try, try again.” With a handicap of -13 minutes PANACHE IV has the unenviable task of starting before the warning signal. She was the first yacht to start, 26 seconds late for handicap. She had a fine sail keeping the rest of the fleet behind her and completing the course in 2:20:06. PANACHE IV crossed the finish line at 11:52:06 – 1 minute 40 seconds ahead of her closest rival. The win helped her move up 5 places in the aggregate from 25th to 20th.

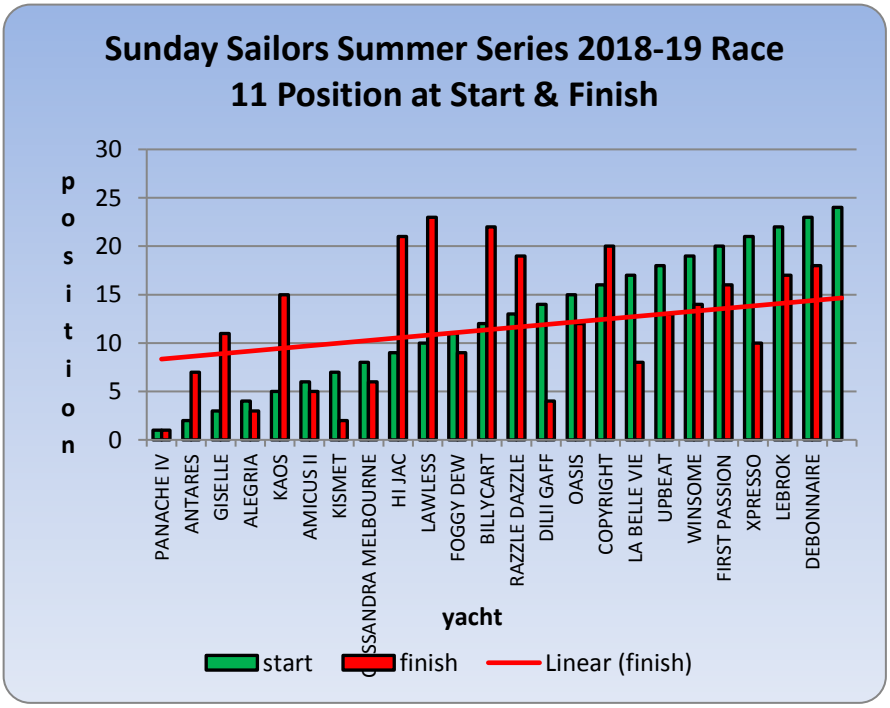
KISMET has sailed 8 races this summer and until this race she had not recorded a top ten let alone a podium finish. She started this race from 7th place 61 seconds late for her 14 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 1:54:46 and crossed the finish line in 2nd place at 11:53:46. KISMET had overtaken all but one of the yachts that had started before her and held off the challenges from those that started later. She sailed the course 25 minutes 20 seconds faster than PANACHE IV but finished 1 minute 40 seconds later. This 2nd place takes her from 19th to 17th in the aggregate equalling her best place so far this summer.

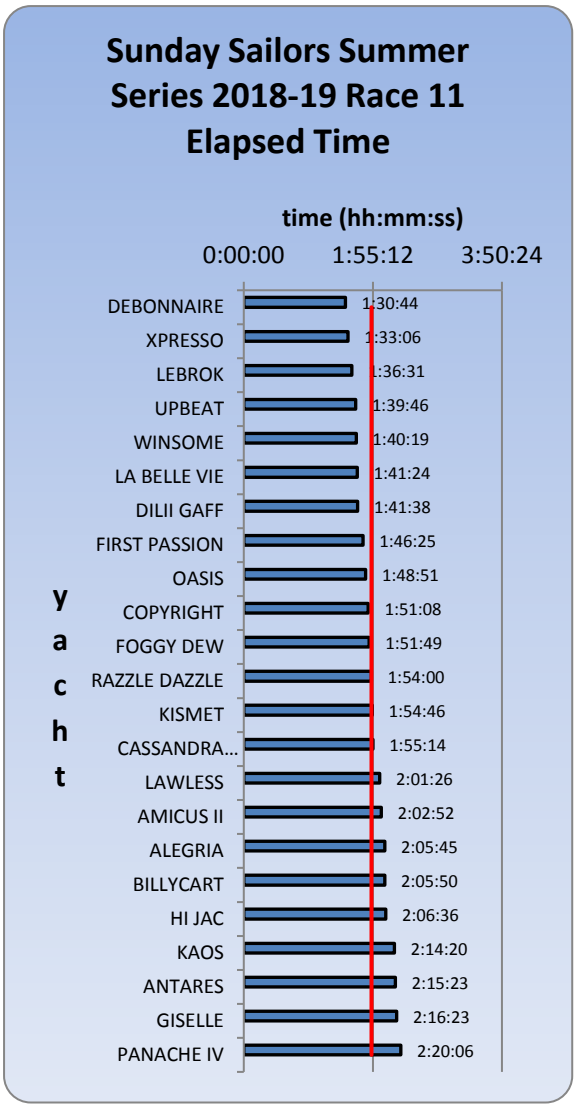
This was the 8th race this series for ALEGRIA. She has recorded two other top ten finishes but this was her first podium finish of summer. Since the start of the summer her handicap has gradually reduced from 11 down to 5 minutes. ALEGRIA had an excellent start only 1 second late for her 5 minute handicap from 4th place. She sailed the course in 2:05:45 which was 19 minutes 34 seconds faster than KAOS (Dawn Cleaver) who started over a minute later. ALEGRIA crossed the finish line at 11:55:45 – 1 minute 59 seconds after KISMET. ALEGRIA moves from 16th to 15th in the aggregate.



As mentioned this was the second Start of the Day win for ALEGRIA. Her first was in race 3 and both were starts of 1 second. Despite 5 yachts starting more than a minute late with 4 of those more than 2 minutes late the median start time was 19.5 seconds – better than the series average. Both LEBROK and XPRESSO had their best starts of the series with times of 3 and 12 seconds respectively.

With 6 of the first eight yachts to start the race among the first eight to finish it was a good result for the early starters. The closest finish was for 14th place with WINSOME (Simon Hemingway) crossing the line 1 second ahead of KAOS.





DEBONNAIRE was again the fastest yacht around the course for the 6th time this series. On this occasion it was without the help of a spinnaker. The median elapsed time was 1:554:00 – the time recorded by RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp).

(Right) With a time of 2 seconds UPBEAT had the second best start time of the race.
(Below) Not the best start for BILLYCART but she remains 13th in the aggregate.

(Left) COPYRIGHT wasn't able to hold of RAZZLE DAZZLE who finished one place ahead. (Right) WINSOME crossed the line 1 second ahead of KAOS.

OASIS got into the groove on her way to SYC 3 & recorded her best finish of the series.

(Left) FIRST PASSION was more than 5 minutes late for her start but was still able to finish 16th. (Right) WHITE ONYX was travelling well but retired from the race.

(Left) LAWLESS, OASIS & XPRESSO were all able to hold their course.
(Right) LA BELLE VIE sailed well to finish 8th after starting 17th.

(Below from left to right)
AMICUS II finished 5th, HI JAC 21st and ANTARES had her best result of the series by finishing 7th.

Race 12 is scheduled for 17th March 2019.

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