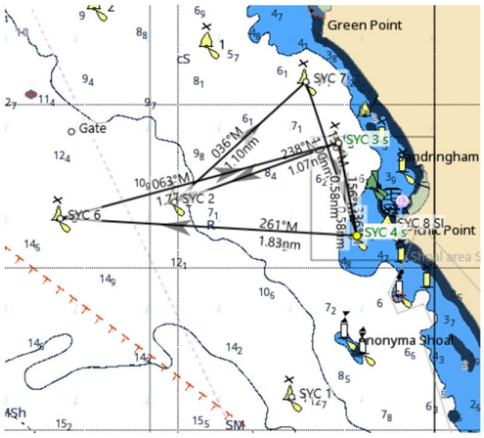
Sunday Sailors Report – Race 1 (19 April 2026)

The Race

The season kicked off with Race-1 in light variable N to NW winds.

Course 26 was selected with a Northerly start to SYC-3, then out to SYC-2 and two circuits North of the line between SYC-4 and SYC-6.

COURSE 26



MARK	BEARING (Magnetic)	DISTANCE
All marks to Stbd unless otherwise stated		
SYC 3 (Port)	336	0.58
SYC 2	238	1.07
SYC 7	036	1.10
SYC 4	150	1.00
SUB-TOTAL		**3.75**
SYC 6	261	1.83
SYC 3	063	1.77
FINISH	157	0.58
TOTAL		**7.93**

Boats Entered and Results

18 boats entered. 10 boats elected to fly a spinnaker. One boat retired.

Score	Number	Name	Type	Skipper	Spin	H'cap (Spin adjusted)	Finish Time		
							Hrs	Mins	Secs
1	SM321	LAWLESS	Farr 920	Boyd Coulson	Y	7	11	19	14
2	SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	Anthony Clyne	Y	13	11	21	8
3	SM309	ALEGRIA	Catalina 309	Simon May		-4	11	23	2
4	SM86	SHEBA	Elliot 780	Michael Pisani	Y	23	11	43	23
5	AUS117	TILTING AT WINDMILLS	42ft Custom designed	Sarah Gunnerson-Dempsy		9	11	35	4
6	SM82	ISA LEI	Serendipity 28	Andrew Chapman		-7	11	39	5
7	SM351	FIRST PASSION	Beneteau First 35	Simon Lipman	Y	20	11	41	18
8	SM194	ANTARES	Vandestadt 28	G Stewart D Pearce	Y	-16	11	42	54
9	SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	Michael Ebeling	Y	31	11	44	17
10	YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Beneteau First 47.7	Mike Coulter	Y	28	11	47	22
11	SM106	ELLIPSE II	Elan 350	Jonathan Warner/John Lindholm		26	11	49	10
12	SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	Simon Hemingway	Y	30	11	49	32
13	SM4535	PANACHE IV	Salar 40	Egils Stokans		-15	11	52	25
14	SM6915	EMERALD	Beneteau Oceanis 40	Tony Tanner	Y	17	11	55	6
15	SM46	HOT CHIPPS	Dehler 46	John Chipp	Y	43	12	11	22
16	5903	SPIRIT OF FREYER	Jeanneau Sunfast 36	Joanne Harpur		18	12	11	27
17	M010	AURORA	Jeanneau SO 349	Paul Challis		-5	12	13	5
RET	G3851	GRUMPY	Dufour 385	Andrew Stoop		4			

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The Winners

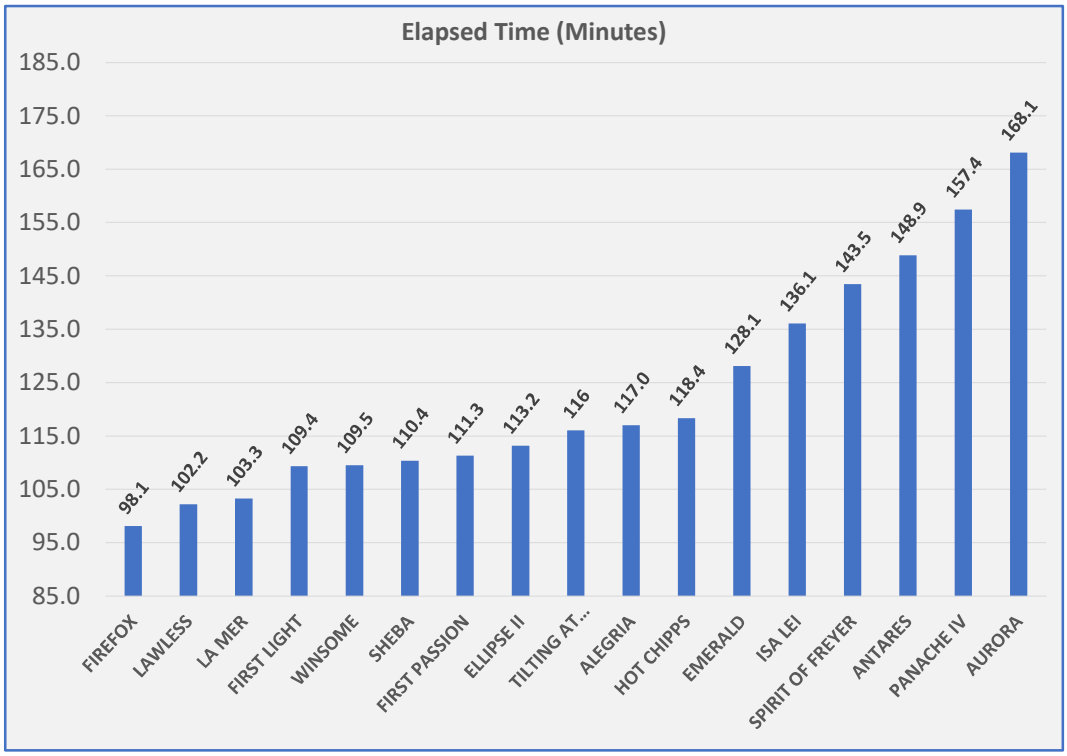
Congratulations to the winning boat **LAWLESS** (Boyd Coulson, Farr 920, spinnaker handicap of 7) with a winning crew of Lee Browman, Boyd Coulson, Janice French, Linda Pickett and Aaron Rooke.

Nearly 2 minutes behind, and in second place was **FIREFOX** (Anthony Cline, Beneteau 38.5 with a spinnaker handicap of 13).

The third podium finish was **ALEGRIA** (Simon May, Catalina 309, non-spinnaker handicap of -4)

Boat Speed

With the variable wind conditions, the relative elapsed time of boats did not necessarily favour the bigger or racing boats, as it often would.



The fastest boat around the course was **FIREFOX** (Anthony Cline, Beneteau 38.5 with a spinnaker handicap of 13).

Second fastest was **LAWLESS** (Boyd Coulson, Farr 920, spinnaker handicap of 7), followed by **LA MER**.

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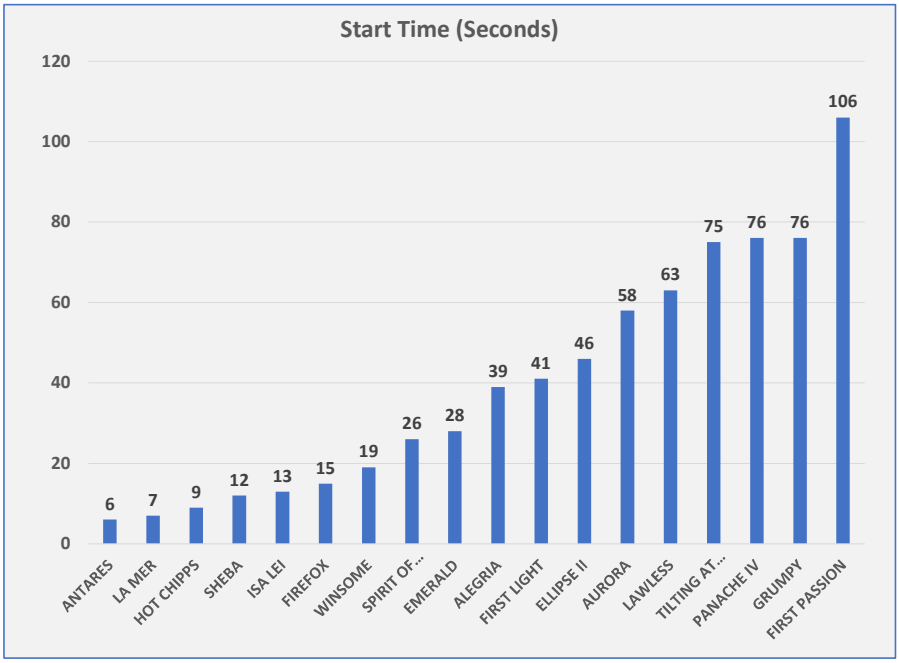
The Start

Congratulation to **ANTARES** (G. Stewart and G Pearce, Vandestadt 28, spinnaker handicap of -16) for winning start of the day at 6 seconds.

She was followed by **LA MER** on 7 seconds and **HOT CHIPPS** on 9 seconds.



Series Results

The Series results follow this race, being the first for the season.

Handicap News

Firefox and Sheba were both awarded a handicap penalty of 3 and 2 minutes.

And Spirit Of Freyer won a 4 minute reprieve as her position in the fleet is established.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

A special thank you to those that enabled this Sunday Sailors race: Tower volunteers (Stewart Simmons, Dell Lamont & Barb Watson), our Handicapper Stuart Morrison-Jack and the Boating Office.

Sunday Sailors Winter 26 Series - Handicap Tracking

Boat			Handicaps (Base)		
Sail	Name	Type	End of last season	Change (Race No) 1	Latest
SM321	LAWLESS	Farr 920	7		7
SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	7	3	10
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First Place

LAWLESS (Boyd Coulson, Farr 920, spinnaker handicap of 7)

Third Place Prize

ALEGRIA (Simon May, Catalina 309, non-spinnaker handicap of -4)

Second Place Prize

FIREFOX (Anthony Cline, Beneteau 38.5 with a spinnaker handicap of 13).

Start of the Day

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Leeward Larry