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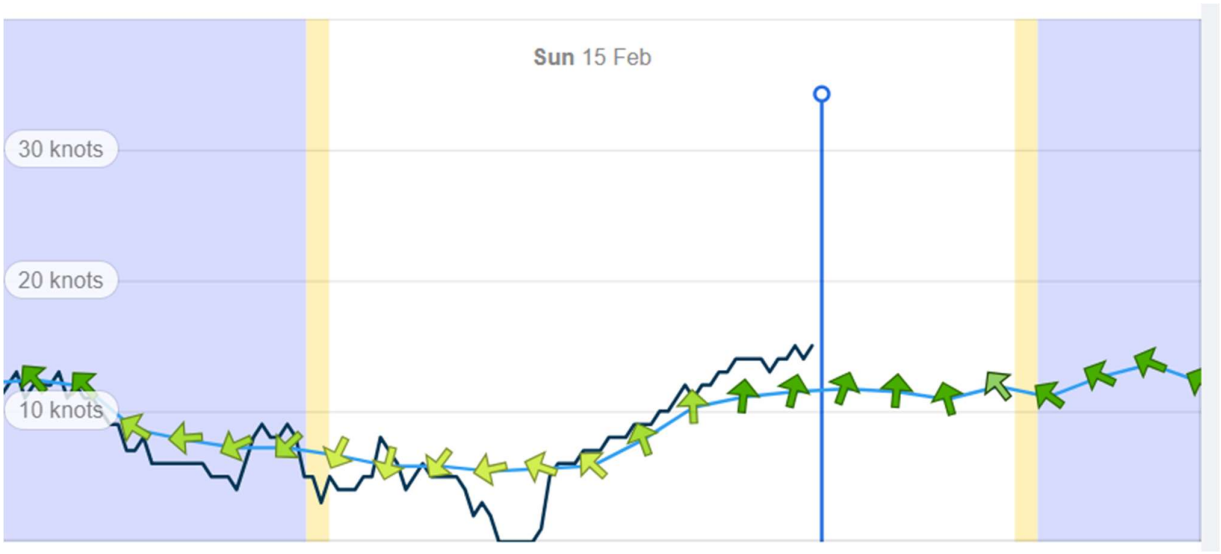
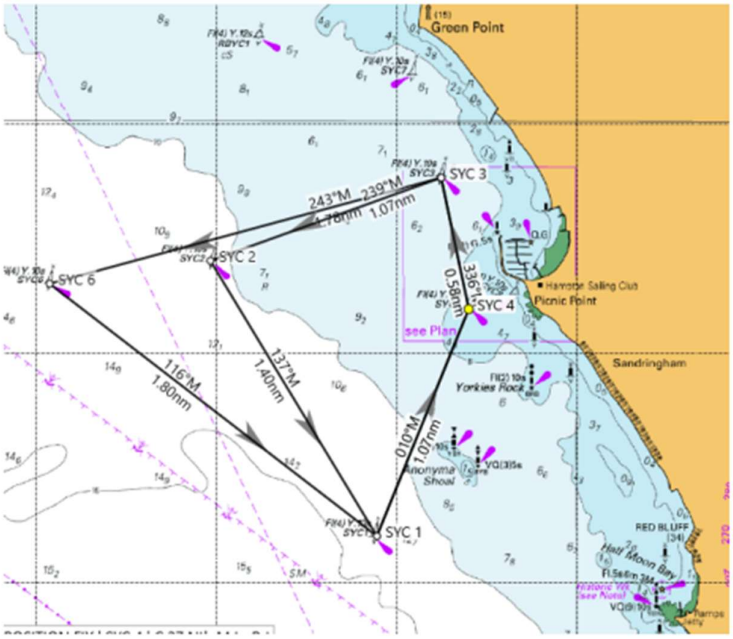
The Race

Race-10 kicked off with light NNE wind for the first few boats, then 0 knots for a half hour, then slow build-up of wind maxing out at around 6 knots easterly by the race end.

Course 27 was selected with a Northerly start and then shortened.



COURSE 27



MARK	BEARING (Magnetic)	DISTANCE
All marks to Port		
SYC 3	336	0.58
SYC 6	243	1.78
SYC 1	116	1.80
SYC 4	010	1.07
SUB-TOTAL		**5.23**
SYC 3	336	0.58
SYC 2	239	1.07
SYC 1	137	1.40
FINISH	010	1.07
TOTAL		**9.35**

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Boats Entered and Results

19 boats entered, and 2 boats were disqualified (ENP) for not signing on.

13 boats elected to fly a spinnaker.

The first 13 boats finished within 9 minutes of It each other – a testament to our handicapper.

In a first (I think) three boats came equal 7th (Firefox, First Light and Sheba). Accurate to the second.

In fact, the tower resorted to a video review of the finish to try and identify a difference – which they could not.

Score	Number	Name	Type	Skipper	Spin	H'cap (Spin adjusted)	Finish Time		
							Hrs	Mins	Secs
1	SM46	HOT CHIPPS	Dehler 46	John Chipp	Y	40	11	38	16
2	SM1400	ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	Jones/Hart 14	Jock Macadie	Y	36	11	38	18
3	SM351	FIRST PASSION	Beneteau First 35	Simon Lipman	Y	24	11	39	28
4	SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	Michael Ebeling	Y	30	11	39	56
5	SM136	RAGNAR	Beneteau First 36	Richard Ekberg	Y	38	11	41	46
6	SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	Simon Hemingway		28	11	42	37
7	SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	Anthony Clyne	Y	12	11	42	43
7	YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Beneteau First 47.7	Mike Coulter		26	11	42	43
7	SM86	SHEBA	Elliot 780	Michael Pisani	Y	18	11	42	43
10	SM4646	ALLIANCE	Beneteau Oceanis 46	Alex H Simon F Paul S	Y	20	11	43	23
11	SM42	HITCHHIKER	Beneteau Oceanis 41.1	David Goodman	Y	12	11	45	2
12	SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	Graham Jones	Y	20	11	45	23
13	SM321	LAWLESS	Farr 920	Boyd Coulson	Y	9	11	47	27
14	SM82	ISA LEI	Serendipity 28	Andrew Chapman		-5	11	51	45
15	SM309	ALEGRIA	Catalina 309	Simon May		-4	12	5	32
16	M010	AURORA	Jeanneau SO 349	Paul Challis		0	12	9	19
17	SM194	ANTARES	Vandestadt 28	G Stewart D Pearce	Y	-12	12	19	48
ENP	SM342	AMICUS II	Swanson 30	Warwick Stenford		-2	11	54	49
ENP	B47	CYAN MOON	Benneteau Oceanis 47.3	Wayne Arnold Seaward	Y	21	11	45	16

The Winners

Congratulations to the winning boat **HOT CHIPPS** (John Chipp, Delher 46 off a spinnaker handicap of 40) with a huge crew of 10 - Belinda Dalli, Gavin Stewart, Giuditta Mortola, John Chipp, Matthew Feore, Matthew Pylyp, Murray Swarbrick, Paul Fitzpatrick, Serge Vita & Will Thurlow.

Just 2 seconds behind and in second place was **ALEX TEAM MACADIE** (Jock Macadie, Jones/Hart 14, non-spinnaker handicap of 36).

Then another I minute and 10 seconds behind and in third place was **FIRST PASSION** (Simon Lipman, Beneteau First 35 off a non-spinnaker handicap of 26).

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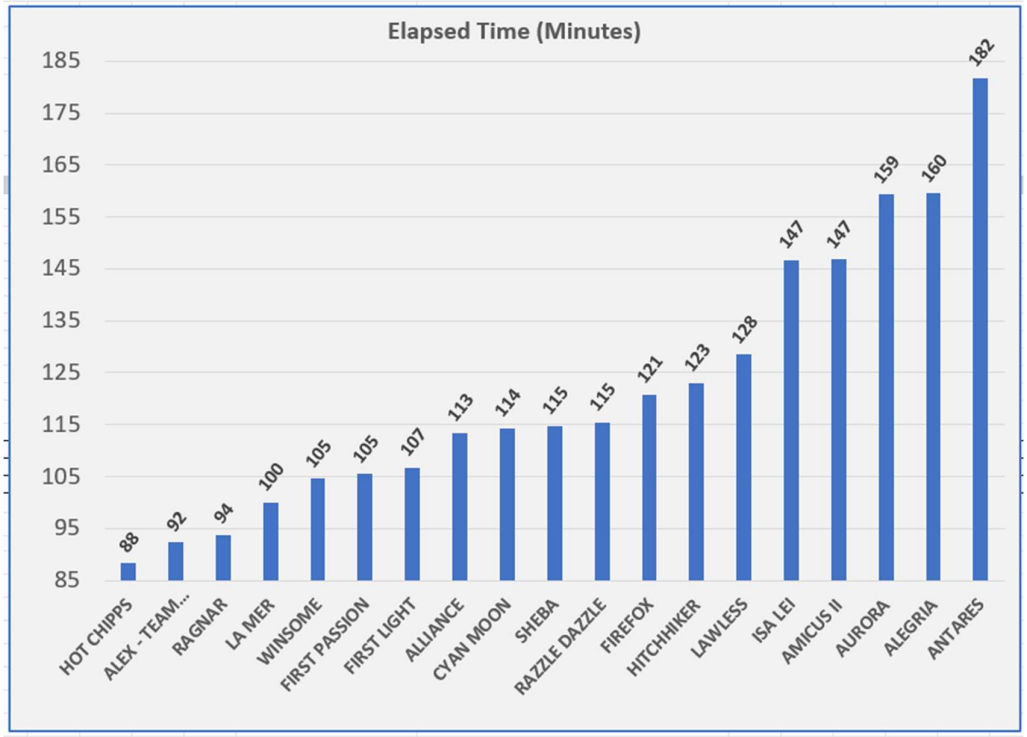
Boat Speed

The fastest boats around the course were the two winning boats, **HOT CHIPPS** (John Chipp, Delher 46 off a spinnaker handicap of 40) with an elapsed time of 88 minutes and **ALEX TEAM MACADIE** (Jock Macadie, Jones/Hart 14, non-spinnaker handicap of 36) with an elapsed time of 92 minutes

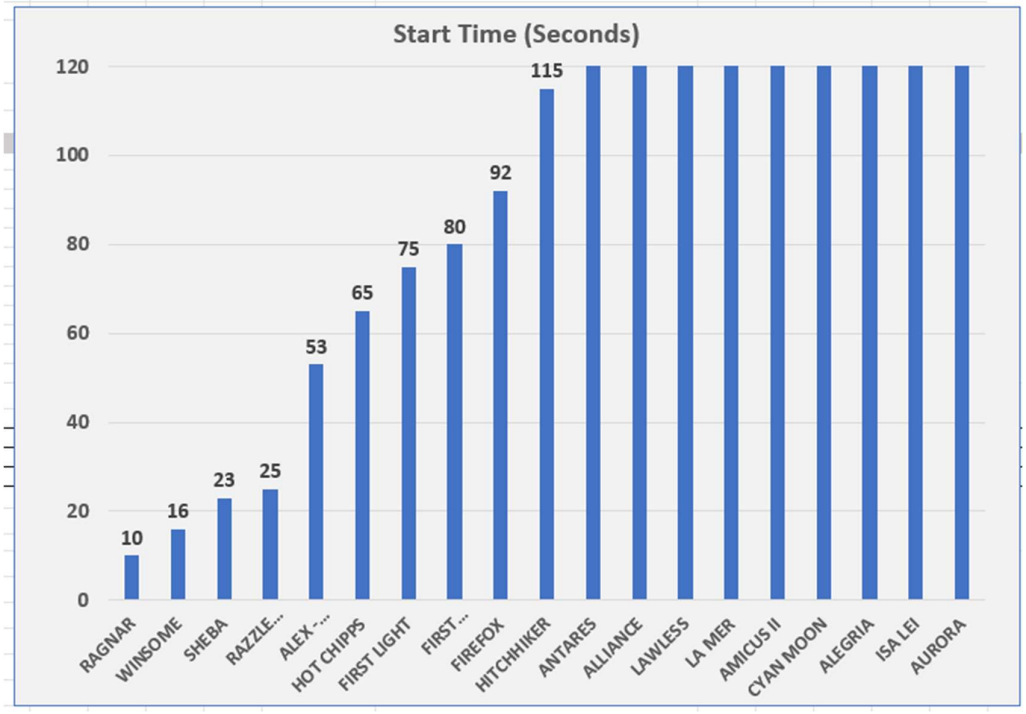
Leward Larry predicts some handicap adjustments are imminent for these two thoroughbred racers.



The Start

With the difficult light wind conditions, more than half the fleet were more than 2 minutes late for their start. And 4 boats were more than 5 minutes late.

But kudos and congrats to **RAGNAR** (Richard Ekberg, Beneteau First 36, off a spinnaker handicap of 38) for clinching the coveted SotD trophy on an impressive 10 second start.



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Series Results

LA MER (Michael Ebeling, Defour 36e Performance, spinnaker handicap of 30) holds the series lead by 2 points from **FIRST LIGHT** (Mike Coulter, Beneteau First 47.7 off a non-spinnaker handicap of 26).

They are closely followed by **WINSOME** (Simone Hemmdinger, Jeanneau Sunfast 40, non-spinnaker handicap of 28) in third place.

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 10	Race 9	Race 8	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	25.0	4.0	1.0	[10.0]	[38.0C]	1.0	3.0	5.0	7.0	ABN	4.0
2		YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	27.0	[8.0]	4.0	1.0	5.0	4.0	[13.0]	1.0	6.0	ABN	6.0
3		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	28.0	6.0	3.0	[17.0R]	2.0	2.0	7.0	6.0	2.0	ABN	[7.0]
4	3.0S	SM351	FIRST PASSION	Simon Lipman	36.0	3.0	7.0	6.0	10.0	7.0	1.0	[36.0C]	[36.0C]	ABN	2.0
5		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	36.0	[13.0]	2.0	[11.0]	8.0	8.0	5.0	4.0	1.0	ABN	8.0
6		SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	38.0	8.0	6.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	9.0N	3.0	[9.0]	ABN	[11.0]
7		SM46	HOT CHIPPS	John Chipp	44.5	1.0	5.0	8.0	1.0	9.5	9.0	11.0	[11.0]	ABN	[16.0]
8		SM42	HITCHHIKER	David & Penny Goodman	85.0	11.0	38.0C	[38.0C]	8.0N	[38.0C]	12.0	2.0	5.0	ABN	9.0
9		SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	101.0	[39.0C]	38.0C	[38.0C]	11.0	6.0	6.0	36.0C	3.0	ABN	1.0
10		SM86	SHEBA	Michael Pisani	124.0	8.0	[38.0C]	5.0	13.0	[38.0C]	11.0	36.0C	36.0C	ABN	15.0
11		SM82	ISA LEI	Andrew Chapman	134.0	15.0	[38.0C]	[38.0C]	14.0	11.0	14.0	9.0	36.0C	ABN	35.0C
12		SM451	DEBONNAIRE	Philip Gomez	136.0	[39.0C]	[38.0C]	12.0	6.0	3.0	8.0	36.0C	36.0C	ABN	35.0C
13		SM4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-tilley	136.5	[39.0C]	[38.0C]	17.0R	9.0	9.5	15.0	36.0C	36.0C	ABN	14.0
14	2.0S	SM321	LAWLESS	Boyd Coulson	142.0	14.0	38.0C	4.0	[38.0C]	[38.0C]	2.0	36.0C	36.0C	ABN	12.0
15		SM4535	PANACHE IV	Egils Stokans	142.0	[39.0C]	[38.0C]	7.0	17.0R	14.0R	19.0R	36.0C	36.0C	ABN	13.0
16		G3851	GRUMPY	Andrew Stopp	149.0	[39.0C]	38.0C	38.0C	7.0	[38.0C]	19.0R	36.0C	8.0	ABN	3.0
17		SM6915	EMERALD	Tony/ Jo Tanner	167.0	[39.0C]	38.0C	17.0R	12.0	[38.0C]	19.0R	10.0	36.0C	ABN	35.0C
18	4.0S	SM8	DREAM	Peter Hackett	171.0	[39.0C]	38.0C	38.0C	38.0C	[38.0C]	36.0C	12.0N	4.0	ABN	5.0
19		SM4646	ALLIANCE	Alex H Simon F Paul S	171.0	10.0	38.0C	9.0	[38.0C]	[38.0C]	36.0C	7.0	36.0C	ABN	35.0C
20		SM342	AMICUS II	Warwick Stenford	189.0	20.0N	38.0C	38.0C	[38.0C]	[38.0C]	10.0	36.0C	12.0	ABN	35.0C

Handicap News

There were no handicap changes of the boats that sailed in Race 10.

It cannot go unnoticed that Winsome has had her handicap penalty rightfully restored to 3 minutes.

And that Hitchhiker (new to spinnakering) has an encouragement handicap penalty of one minute.

But baffling is that the super-fast Ragnar has only a 2-minute handicap penalty.

Sunday Sailors Summer 2025/26 Series - Handicap Tracking

Boat			Handicaps (Base)											
Sail	Name	Type	End of last season	Change (Race No)										Latest
				1	2	4	5	5	5	6	7	8	9	10	
SM46	HOT CHIPPS	Dehler 46	44		-2	-3	-3					1			37
SM1400	ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	Jones/Hart 14	37	2	-2										37
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SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	25	-1			-2	0			2		3		27
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SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	25									2	1		28
SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	12			-2	-1								9
YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Beneteau First 47.7	16	5		-2	3						4		26
SM86	SHEBA	Elliot 780	21		-4	2				1		-2	-3		15
SM4646	ALLIANCE	Beneteau Oceanis 46	21	3									-1		23
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Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

A special thank you to those that enabled this Sunday Sailors race: Tower volunteers (Cathy Higgins, Eryl Harris & Peter Graham), our Handicapper Stuart Morrison-Jack and the Boating Office.

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Start of the Day

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Second Place Prize

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Third Place Prize

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Leeward Larry