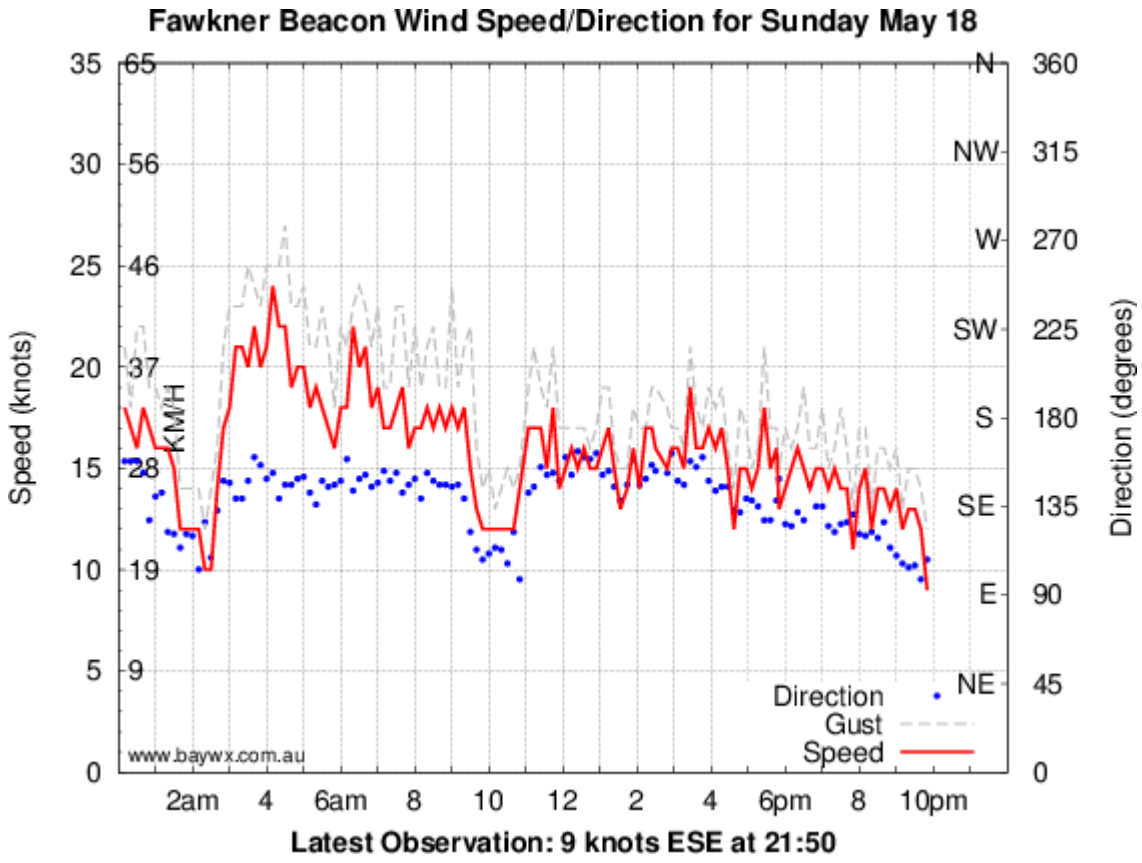
SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT ***May 18 2025 RACE 3 WINTER SERIES***

Intro

Sunday was initially forecast wet and a bit windy but the forecast improved as we came closer and in the end, it was broadly a SE at 10-15 knots, but it was less close in and some stronger gusts (over 20 knots) further out. Also there were was a shift to the East before it came back to the South East. This left somewhat sloppy and confused seas. We sailed course 24 which was start to the North then 3-2-5 then 4-3-1-finish. Although it was more confusing than that.

The temperature was a chilly 11-12 degrees out of the Southerly regions. 14 boats started and all finished by 11.30. It was a quick race due to the course being close hauled through to broad reach with very little tacking or running.



RESULTS

Well the boats that finished first and second finished so far out in front that nobody saw them. The boats finishing 3rd to 6th thought they may have been 1st to fourth . A great win for **Amicus 2 (Warwick Stenford)** who also won the single handed class and the two handed division as well. Well done that sailor.

Second, two minutes behind, was **Alegria (Simon May)** in a fine race. Nearly 5 minutes behind in 3rd place was **First Passion (Simon Lipman**) who held off **Soulmate (David Keyes-Tilley) and Winsome (Simon Hemingway).** There was 12 minutes between first and fifth….

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Race 3 (18/05/2025) PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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PurHC results Start : 09:30

Place	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Fin Tim	Score
1	SM342	AMICUS II	Warwick Stenford	11:11:45	1.0
2	SM309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	11:14:00	2.0
3	SM351	FIRST PASSION	Simon Lipman	11:18:47	3.0
4	SM4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-Tilley	11:21:24	4.0
5	SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	11:23:27	5.0
6	SM86	SHEBA	Michael Pisani	11:24:38	6.0
7	SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	11:25:05	7.0
8	SM4535	PANACHE IV	Egils Stokans	11:25:17	8.0
9	SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	11:27:00	9.0
10	SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	11:27:34	10.0
11	M010	AURORA	Paul Challis	11:27:59	11.0
12	YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	11:30:41	12.0
13	SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	11:32:38	13.0
14	SM499	MOJO	James Billson Nick Maddison	11:34:41	14.0

Amicus with a very fine victory, two in a row. Holding off all comers including **Alegria**.

Alegria a great second today. Spent all day closing on **Amicus** but couldn't get there.

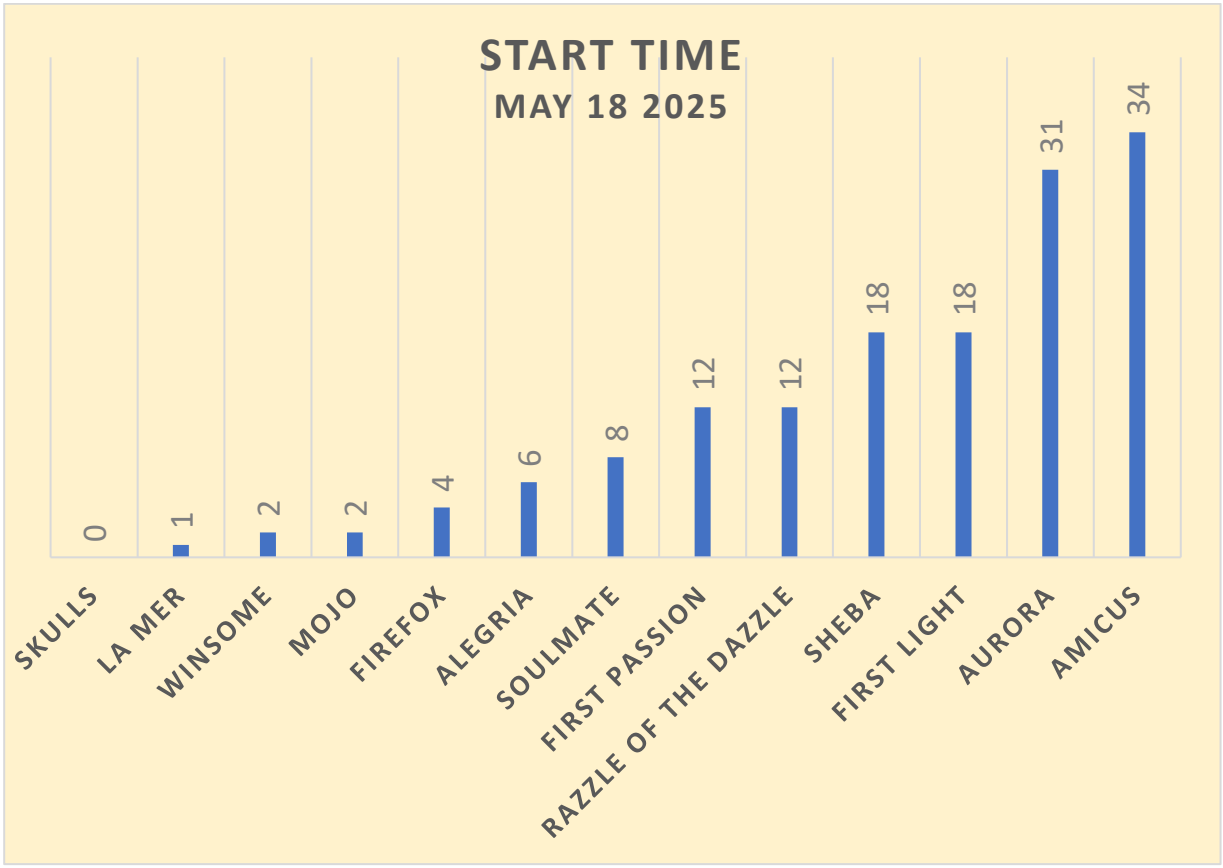
First Passion a very solid third today in tricky conditions

<u>Start of the Day</u>

Well it wasn't a super easy start, a broad reach start but our sailors were in fine fettle. Average start time 16 seconds and 50% of the fleet within 10 seconds. By the standards of our leisurely Sunday Sailors fleet a fine effort. The **Skulls (Barry MacCarten**) were a zero zero to win it with **La Mer (Michael Ebeling**) on 1 second, hard luck **La Mer**. Most other weeks you would have won. Meritous efforts on 2 seconds from **Mojo (James Bilson/NickMaddison) and Winsome**, with **Firefox (Antony Clyne**) on 4 seconds.

Skullduggery on the left. Start of the Day and Second in the Series. **Razzle Dazzle** on the right. They started together and finished together. They battled all day with **Razzle** just edging it by 30 seconds at the end.

La Mer: equal second in the series and second best start today.



SERIES Starts of the Day

What a prestigious award this. A bit like " the best player never to win a Brownlow" or the "best Actor never to win an Oscar", this surely has to be the "most prestigious award not to have a trophy" ?? Sponsors anyone??
Well the Skulls have had 2 out of three SOTD with Winsome picking up the other. La Mer and First Light have had an excellent start each and Firefox had a 4 seconder in Race 3. At the moment the Skulls have one finger on the trophy…. If we had a trophy.

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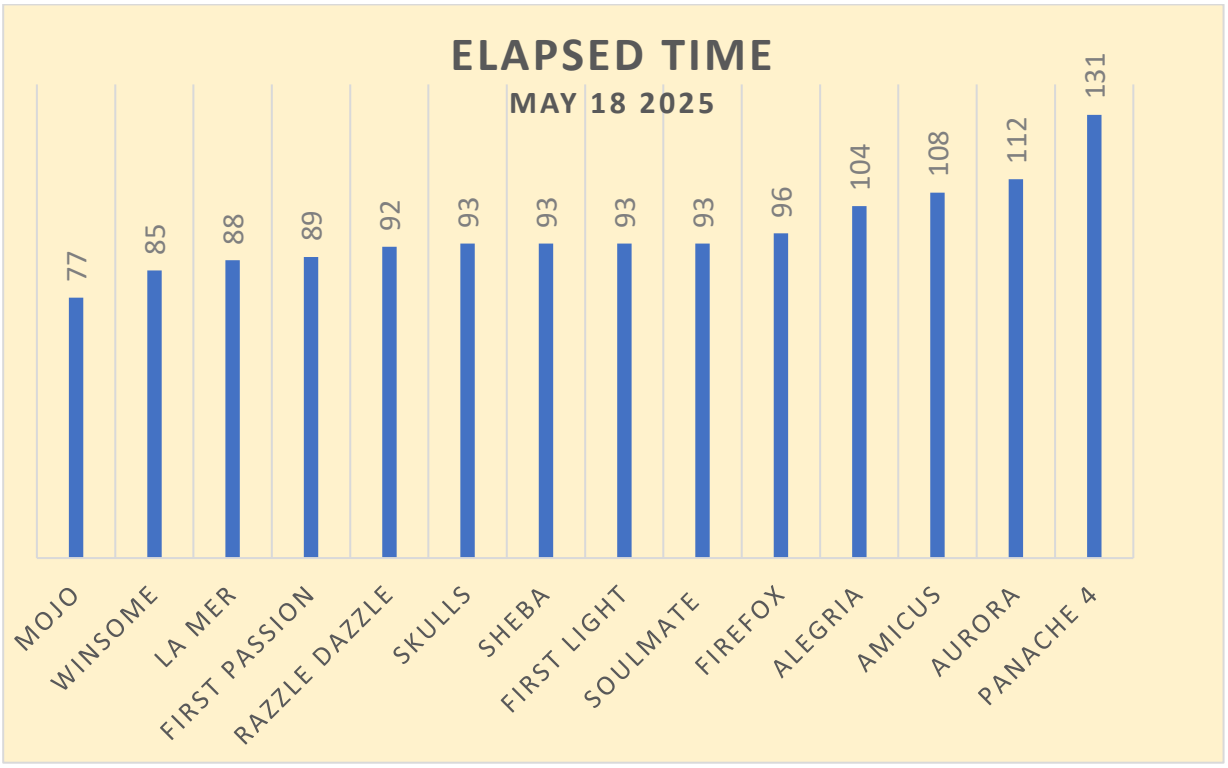
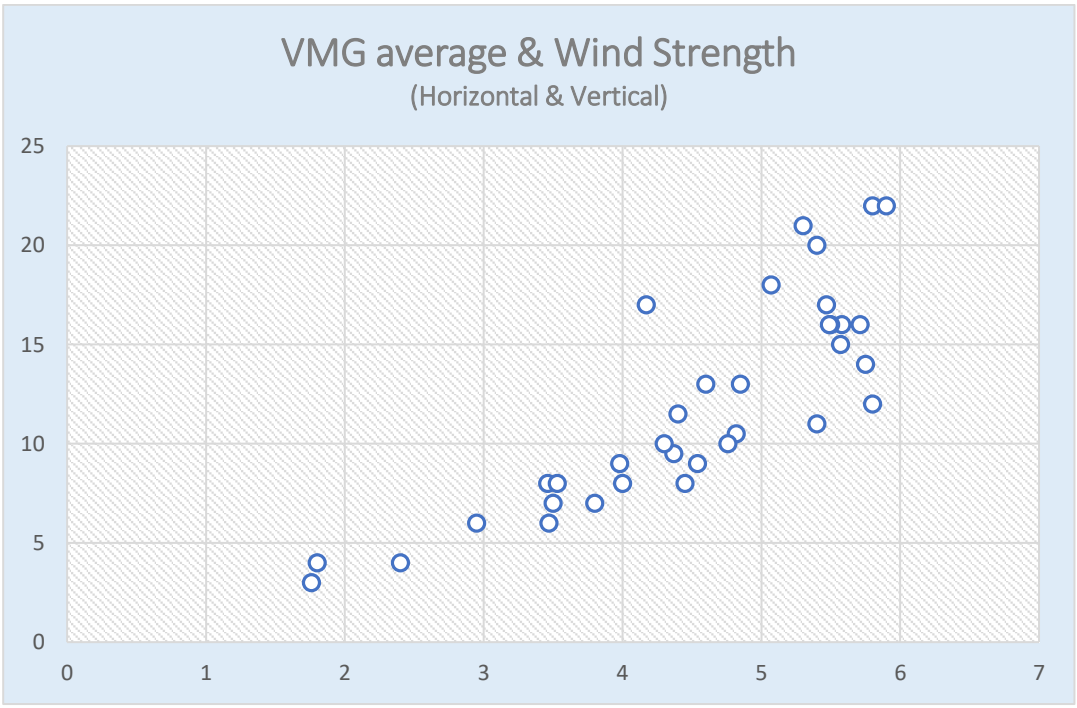
Best 3 starts		
Skulls		12
Winsome		16
La mer		26
First Light		30
Firefox		30

Elapsed Times

In a semi soldiers course it was hard to mow down the opposition, with Sunday being mainly reaches of all shapes and sizes. **Mojo** started off 47 minute handicap (we could hear them bleating on the start line) and despite being 8 minutes quicker than anyone else with 77 minutes, they couldn't quite catch anyone. Second fastest was **Winsome** (85) with good efforts from **La Mer** (88), **First Passion (Simon Lipman) (89) and Razzle of the Dazzle (Grahame Jones)** on 92.



With an average wind strength of about 14 knots (less inshore) the average VMG was 5.75 knots. This is quite quick but with almost no tacking it is to be expected.

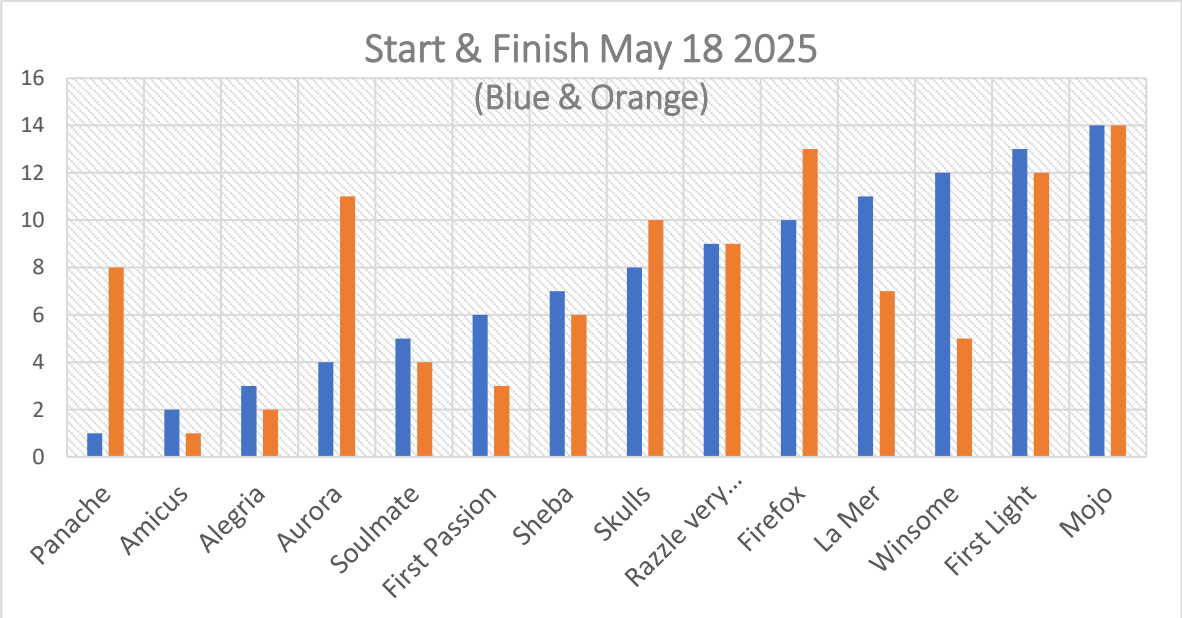


Fastest around the course: Mojo

START AND FINISH POSITIONS

Given the race conditions, the boats that started second and third (**Amicus 2 and Alegria**) finished 1st and 2nd, and the boat that started last finished last, **Mojo.**

Winsome picked up 7 places and **La Mer** picked four places. **First Passion** picked up 3 places in a solid showing. **Mojo and Razzle of the Dazzle** picked up the stuck in the mud prize for finishing where they started…..



Biggest mover today**: Winsome.** Also a surprise series leader. Going airborne here.

SERIES LEAD

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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Series Results [PurHC] up to Race 3

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	18.0	5.0	6.0	7.0
2	3.0S	SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	19.0	10.0	3.0	6.0
3		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	19.0	7.0	8.0	4.0
4		SM351	FIRST PASSION	Simon Lipman	20.0	3.0	5.0	12.0
5		YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	29.0	12.0	9.0	8.0
6		SM342	AMICUS II	Warwick Stenford	31.0	1.0	1.0	29.0C
7		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	33.0	9.0	11.0	13.0
8		SM309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	37.0	2.0	32.0C	3.0
9		SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	40.0	13.0	10.0	17.0
10		SM4535	PANACHE IV	Egils Stokans	41.0	8.0	32.0C	1.0

Well Winsome somehow have snatched the series lead by 1 point, after they managed to sneak past both the Skulls and La Mer when they weren't looking, on Sunday. Early days. The real sleeper is Warwick Stenford on Amicus 2 with two wins, the minute he drops his 29 points for not racing the first race, he will have a big lead. Alegria are also in a similar position with a second and a third with a 32 pointer to drop off. First Passion is also well placed. The top 4 are separated by two points, very close.

Very Important Information (Formerly known as "Gossip")

Luffing Lance, was all ears to try and unlock the truth in the vibrant racing scene that is Sandringham Yacht Club Sunday Sailors.

- **Razzle Dazzle** always in the news… ?? Nothing to report except he was short of crew.
- **Skulldrudgery,** borrowed a crew member off their deadly rivals. Not sure it helped that much although maybe **Graham Lee** taught **Garry** a few lessons on how to start well, congrats on the SOTD. However I did hear they were over early and the tower, being part time Skulls sailors and hoping to get their normal alcoholic Xmas bribes again, took pity on them.
- Speaking of the tower they decided to spice things up by changing 2 marks mid race and it was too much for some skippers who have enough trouble finding permanent marks , let alone little Rhibs in the water. Which side do we pass, my port or your port??
- **Winsome** were heard bleating on the radio trying to verify where they had to finish. No shortage of people willing to mock them… " thought you were in front did you"
- **Soulmate** again having trouble with their halyards – this time the Spinnaker halyard so left their spinnaker in the bag.
- **First Light (Mike Coulter)** were trying to get around no 4 on starboard and encountered an ORCV boat coming the other way on port and refusing to give way,,, I have the photo. Perhaps it was wise for the tower to change no 4. **Alegria** also claimed to have been wronged by an ORCV boat but wisely decided to be the better boat and not protest.
- **First Passion** had about 10 on board today, after complaining they were short and borrowing crew from other boats. Their newest crewman, **Trenham Wetherhead** has a glorious nautical surname….. A great third today.
- **Amicus.** Well what can we say about **Warwick Stenford.** He wins with 4 on board, he wins with 2 onboard and he wins on his own. Only one person can stop him, **Stuart Morrison-Jack.**

Many thanks to our tower volunteers **Del Lamont and Cathy Higgins**. There would be no race without them. We really appreciate your efforts. Also photos came from **Margaret Whitbread (tower), Trenham Weatherhead (First Passion) and John Goetz (La Mer**). Many thank.

Also the ***Tile Importer*** for sponsoring us. Apparently they are in tiles and sell all sorts of timber too. Looking online they do decking timber, timber fencing, doors, pine products and timber in general.
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Luffing Lance

Firefox messing around…

First Light trying to get around No 4

Soulmate on her way to Fourth

The view from **First Passion** looking back at the fleet

The view from **First Passion** – looking at the water.

Photos: T. Weatherhead