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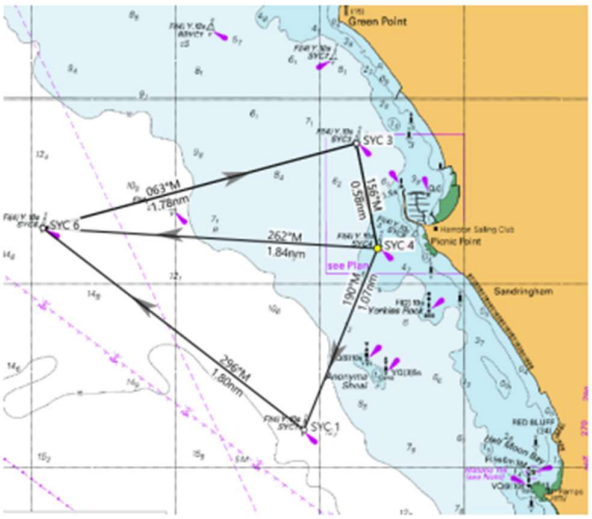
The Race

Race-6 was held in confusing wind conditions, varying from becalmed to approaching 10 knots, and wind direction that started NE, went to N, the SE, then to N and ended up S.

Course 29 was selected with a Southerly Start and 2 circuits over 9.4nm.

COURSE 29



MARK	BEARING (Magnetic)	DISTANCE
All marks to Stbd		
SYC 1	190	1.07
SYC 6	296	1.80
SYC 3	063	1.78
SYC 4	157	0.58
SUB-TOTAL		**5.23**
SYC 6	262	1.84
SYC 3	063	1.78
FINISH	157	0.58
TOTAL		**9.43**

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Boats Entered and Results

13 boats entered, and 8 boats elected to fly a spinnaker.

1 boat retired during the drifting conditions.

Score	Number	Name	Type	Skipper	Spin	H'cap (Spin adjusted)	Finish Time		
							Hrs	Mins	Secs
1	SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	Michael Ebeling		22	11	57	52
	SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	Simon Hemingway	Y	26	12	2	13
3	SM451	DEBONNAIRE	Beneteau First 45	Phil Gomez	Y	36	12	3	26
4	YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Beneteau First 47.7	Mike Coulter	Y	25	12	3	48
5	SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	Anthony Clyne	Y	12	12	4	7
6	SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Jeanneau 44 Ds	Garry McCarten	Y	22	12	6	57
7	SM351	FIRST PASSION	Beneteau First 35	Simon Lipman		23	12	7	19
8	SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	Graham Jones	Y	22	12	7	37
9	SM46	HOT CHIPPS	Dehler 46	John Chipp	Y	39	12	11	52
10	SM4379	SOUL MATE	Beneteau First 405	David Keyes-Tilley		11	12	11	52
11	SM82	ISA LEI	Serendipity 28	Andrew Chapman		-4	12	30	0
12	SM194	ANTARES	Vandestadt 28	G Stewart D Pearce	Y	-12	12	34	14
RET	SM4535	PANACHE IV	Salar 40	Egils Stokans		-15	RET		

The Winners

Congratulations to the winning boat **LA MER** (Michael Ebeling, Defour 36e Performance, non-spinnaker handicap of 22) with a winning crew of Michael Ebeling, John Goetz and Philip Sander.

A substantial 5 minutes behind was **WINSOME** (Simone Hemmdinger, Jeanneau Sunfast 40, non-spinnaker handicap of 26).

And completing the podium positions, a further 1 minute behind and in third place, was **DEBONNAIRE** (Phil Gomez, Beneteau First 45, spinnaker handicap of 36).

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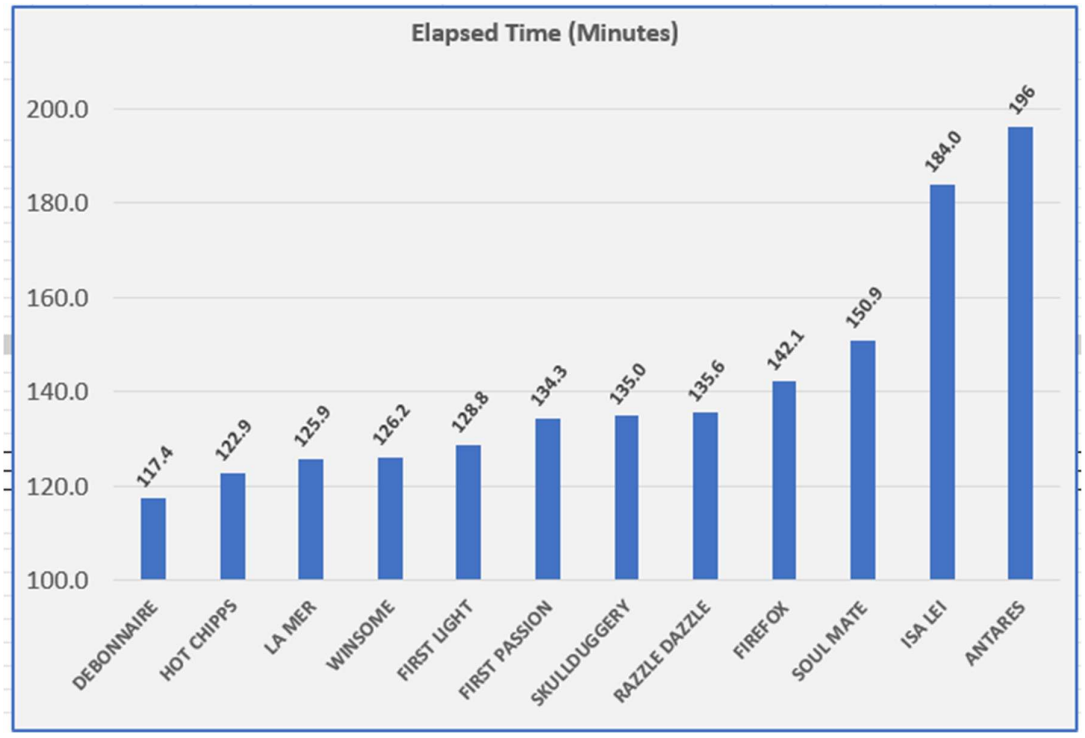
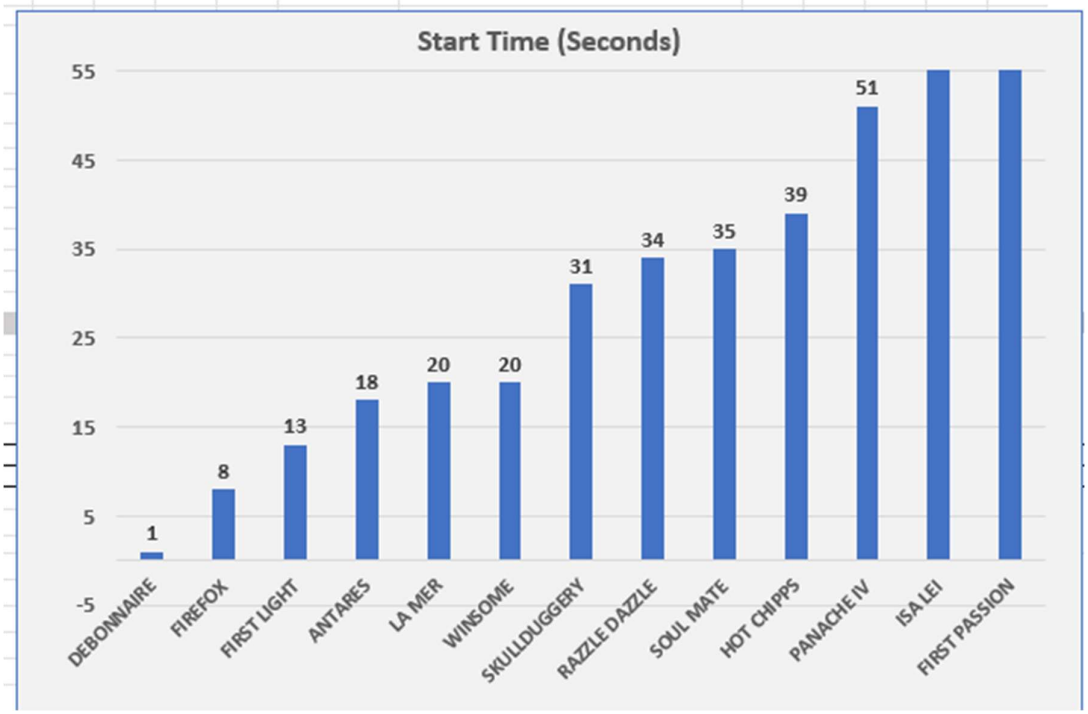
Boat Speed

The fastest boat around the course was the third placed boat, **DEBONNAIRE** (Phil Gomez, Beneteau First 45, spinnaker handicap of 36).



The Start

Start of the day was also won by **DEBONAIRE** with an impressive 1 second start in these fluky conditions.



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Series Results

Today's win cements **LA MER** (Michael Ebeling, Defour 36e Performance, non-spinnaker handicap of 22), in the series lead position. Closely followed by **SKULLDUGGERY** in second place with **WINSOME** and **FIRST LIGHT** sharing 3rd place in the series.

Series Results (PurHCJ up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	13.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	[7.0]	ABN	4.0
2		SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	16.0	6.0	6.0	[36.0C]	3.0	ABN	1.0
3	1.0S	YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	17.0	4.0	[13.0]	1.0	6.0	ABN	6.0
4		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	17.0	2.0	7.0	6.0	2.0	ABN	[7.0]
5		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	18.0	8.0	5.0	4.0	1.0	ABN	[8.0]
6		SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	26.0	5.0	9.0N	3.0	9.0	ABN	[11.0]
7		SM42	HITCHHIKER	David & Penny Goodman	28.0	[38.0C]	12.0	2.0	5.0	ABN	9.0
8		SM46	HOT CHIPPS	John Chipp	40.5	9.5	9.0	11.0	11.0	ABN	[16.0]
9		SM351	FIRST PASSION	Simon Lipman	46.0	7.0	1.0	36.0C	[36.0C]	ABN	2.0
10		SM8	DREAM	Peter Hackett	57.0	[38.0C]	36.0C	12.0N	4.0	ABN	5.0
11		G3851	GRUMPY	Andrew Stopp	66.0	[38.0C]	19.0R	36.0C	8.0	ABN	3.0
12		SM82	ISA LEI	Andrew Chapman	69.0	11.0	14.0	9.0	[36.0C]	ABN	35.0C
13		SM4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-Tilley	74.5	9.5	15.0	36.0C	[36.0C]	ABN	14.0
14	3.0S	SM451	DEBONNAIRE	Philip Gomez	82.0	3.0	8.0	36.0C	[36.0C]	ABN	35.0C
15		SM4535	PANACHE IV	Egils Stokans	82.0	14.0R	19.0R	36.0C	[36.0C]	ABN	13.0

Handicap News

There was little change in handicaps except for the much-expected significant hit (4 minutes) on **FIRST PASSION** (Simon Lipman, Beneteau First 35 off a non-spinnaker handicap of 23) after her 22-minute win in the previous race.

SOUL MATE (David Keyes-Tilley, Benneteau First 405, non -spinnaker handicap of 13) had a 2-mimiute reprieve.

HOT CHIPP's has retained her very notable 8-minute handicap relief granted this season.

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	
SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	25	-1			-2				22
SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	25								25
SM451	DEBONNAIRE	Beneteau First 45	35								35
YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Beneteau First 47.7	16	5		-2	3				22
SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	12			-2	-1				9
SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Jeanneau 44 Ds	17	-1	1	2					19
SM351	FIRST PASSION	Beneteau First 35	19							4	23
SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	19								19
SM46	HOT CHIPPS	Dehler 46	44		-2	-3	-3				36
SM4379	SOUL MATE	Beneteau First 405	13							-2	11
SM82	ISA LEI	Serendipity 28	-4								-4
SM194	ANTARES	Vandestadt 28	0								0
SM4535	PANACHE IV	Salar 40	-15								-15

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Gossip

The WINSOME Spinnaker Gift – TIME IS UP

WINSOME's spinnaker handicap penalty is only 1 minute, whereas virtually all other boats have a 3-minute penalty.

The history is that the Handicapper has been known to give temporary reduced spinnaker penalties for certain boats as encouragement to fly a spinnaker.

This was granted to Winsome during last season. It worked. Congratulations Mr Handiapper.
Winsome indeed dusted off her two spinnakers and now fly them with serious expertise.

Winsome's spinnaker handicap bonanza's time must surely now be up.

Other Spinnaker Handicap Incentives

Apart from a few smaller boats, the only other boats with incentive spinnaker handicaps of less than 3 minutes are:
HITCHHIKER (2 Minutes): Leeward Larry understands they have a new asy not yet used in a race.
RAGNAR: (2 minutes): Not sure if they have a kite.
LEBROK: (2 minutes): Not sure why as LEBROK has a long history of spinnaker excellence.

Potential for Multiple Grinch Protests

SKULLDUGGERY announced over the VHF that Santa and a few Elves were on board, and asked the fleet to please not slow them down due to the formidable workload facing Santa that night. Especially **RAZZLE DAZZLE** (possibly because they were equal first in the series).

In response there were grinchy grumbles of threats to protest due to Skullduggery attempting to seek outside assistance and potentially not signing on Santa or the Elves with a Day Sail pass.

But these threats did not eventuate as the correct protest process was not followed.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

A special thank you to those that enabled this Sunday Sailors race: Tower volunteers; our Handicapper Stuart Morrison-Jack and the Boating Office.

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Photos are not from this race)

First Place

LA MER (Michael Ebeling, Defour 36e Performance, non-spinnaker handicap of 22)

Third Place and Start Of The day

DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez, Beneteau First 45, spinnaker handicap of 36).

Second Place

WINSOME (Simon Hemmingberg, Jeanneau Sunfast 40, non-spinnaker handicap of 26).

Leeward Larry