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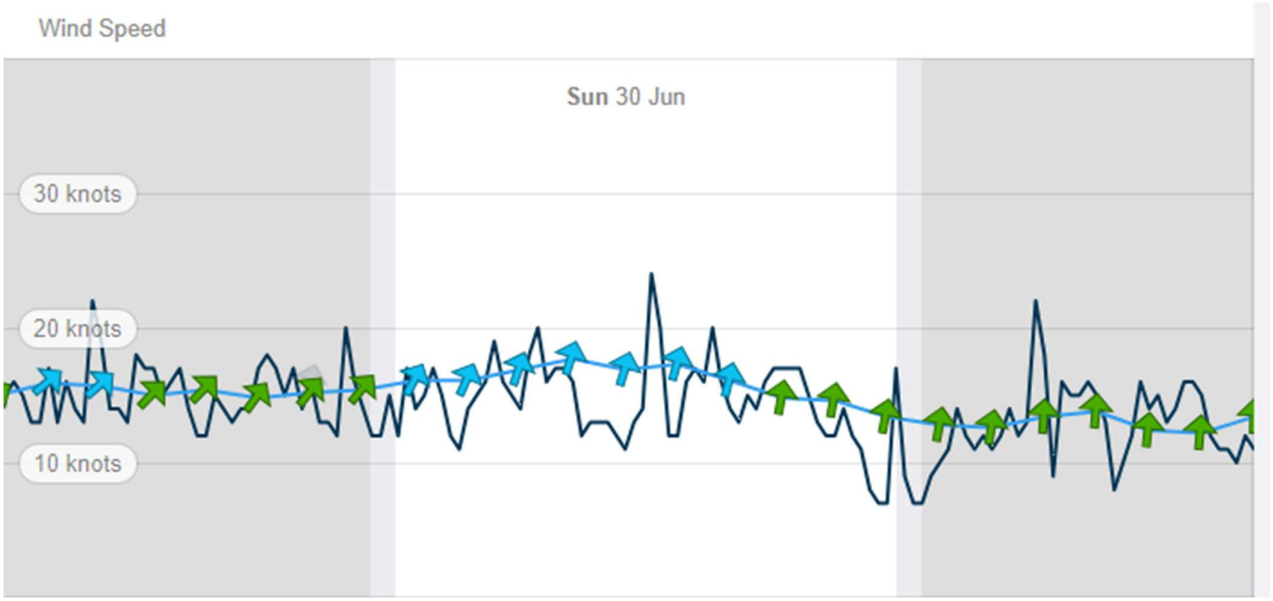
The Race

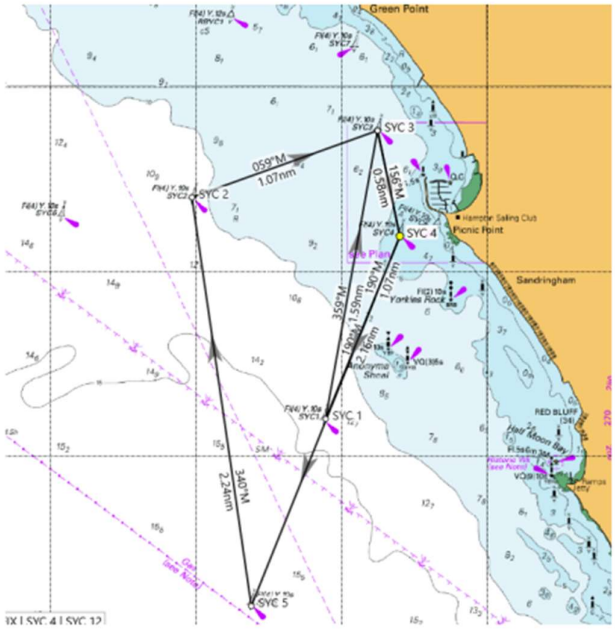
With rain forecast there were only 14 boats entered in race-7 on 30 June. But the rain didn't materialise, and it was a magnificent day's sailing.

With a forecast around 17 knots, the actuality was wind varying from 12 knots to gusts of 24.

Courses 12 was selected with 2 circuits covering 9.3 nm.



COURSE 12



MARK	BEARING (Magnetic)	DISTANCE
All marks to Stbd		
SYC 5	190	2.16
SYC 2	340	2.24
SYC 3	059	1.07
SYC 4	156	0.58
SUB-TOTAL		**6.05**
SYC 1	190	1.07
SYC 4 (pass)	NA	NA
SYC 3	359	1.59
FINISH	157	0.58
TOTAL		**9.29**

Note: Reciprocal = Course 24

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The Fleet

5 boats elected to fly their Spinnaker – **EMERALD, FIREFOX, LA MER, RAZZLE DAZZLE**, and **SULLDUGGERY**.

Although Skullduggery didn't use hers despite taking the penalty.

Welcome to **BELLE**, a magnificent Indigo 60 yacht sailed by Richard Taylor and Kylie Balharrie for their debut in the Sunday Sailors fleet.

Boats Entered and Results

Score	Number	Name	Type	Skipper	Spin	H'cap (Spin adjusted)	Finish Time		
							Hrs	Mins	Secs
1	SM82	ISA LEI	Serendipity 28	Andrew Chapman		-4	11	36	43
2	SM700	BELLE	Indigo 60	Richard Taylor/Kylie Balharri		45	11	39	39
3	SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	Simon Hemingway		35	11	44	37
4	SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	Michael Ebeling	Y	31	11	45	29
5	SM88	UPBEAT	Beneteau First 36.7	Peter Dunne		29	11	46	40
6	SM6915	EMERALD	Beneteau Oceanis 40	Tony Tanner	Y	28	11	49	0
7	SM46	HOT CHIPPS	Dehler 46	John Chipp		42	11	50	18
8	SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	Anthony Clyne	Y	23	11	50	33
9	SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Jeanneau 44 Ds	Garry McCarten	Y	28	11	50	41
10	SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	Graham Jones	Y	26	11	52	25
11	YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Beneteau First 47.7	Mike Coulter		30	11	53	9
12	SM4646	ALLIANCE	Beneteau Oceanis 46	Alex H Simon F Paul S		23	11	56	43
13	G3851	GRUMPY	Dufour 385	Andrew Stoop		14	12	1	16
14	SM194	ANTARES	Vandestadt	G Stewart D Pearce		-4	12	13	9

The Winners

Congratulations to the winning boat **ISA LEI** (Andrew Chapman, Serendipity 28, off a non-spinnaker handicap of -4). With a 2-up crew of Andrew and his wife Susan Chapman, they didn't just win the race, they slaughtered the competition. 3 minutes ahead of the second-place boat and 8 minutes ahead of the next and the rest of the fleet.

Andrew was overheard to say that on this occasion it was the gods and weather that favoured them. But we know he is just being strategic to try and fend off some serious handicap adjustment for the next race.

Congratulations also to **BELLE** (Richard Taylor/Kylie Balharrie, Indigo 60, off a non-spinnaker handicap of 45) who came second place on their debut Sunday Sailors race.

And in third place was **WINSOME** (Simone Hummingway, Jeanneau Sunfast 40, non-spinnaker handicap of 35) just one minute ahead of **LA MER** (Michael Ebeling, Defour 36e Performance, spinnaker handicap of 31), who was in turn 1 minute ahead of **UPBEAT** (Peter Dunne, Benneteau First 36.7, non -spinnaker handicap of 29).

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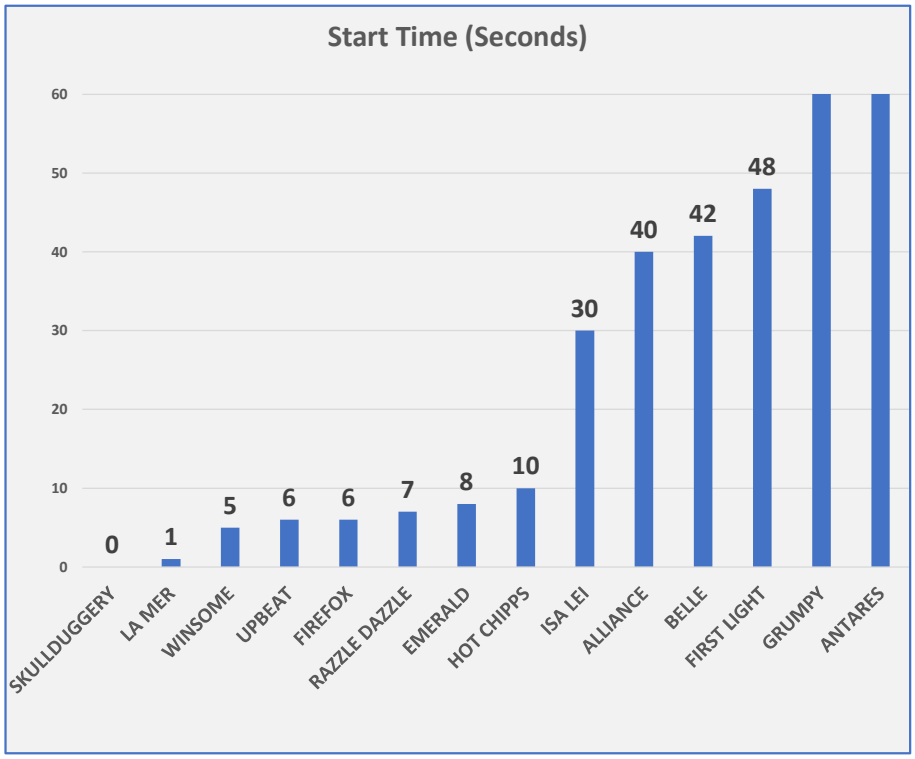
The Start

Congratulations to **SKULLDUGGERY** (Garry McCarten, Jeanneau 44DS, spinnaker handicap of 28) for winning start of the day on a perfect 0 seconds.

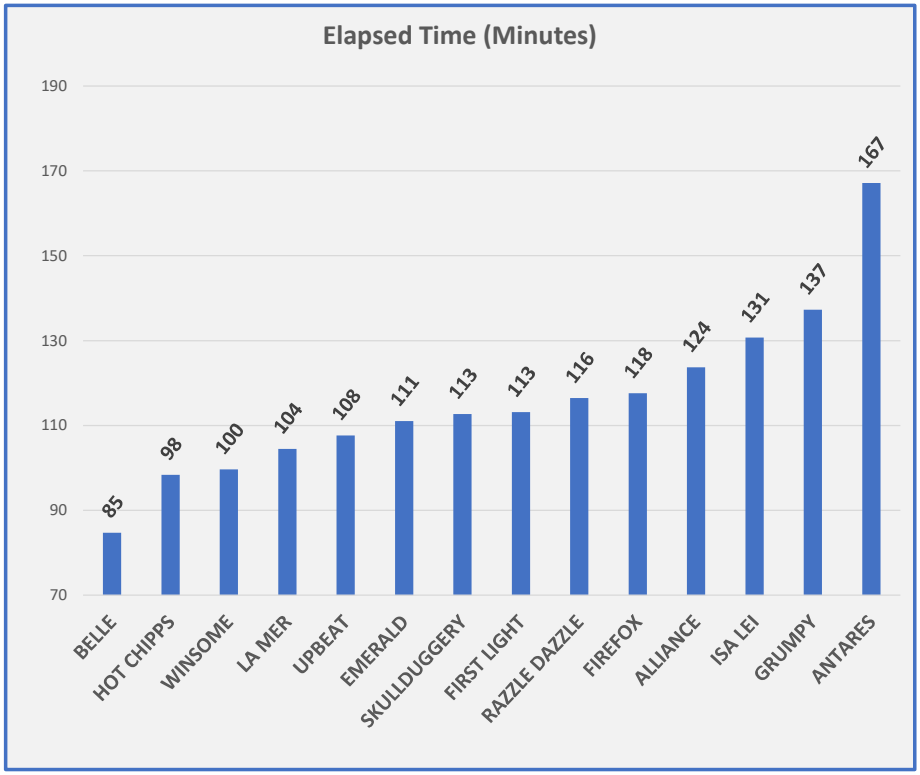
LA MER deserves a special mention for a 1-second start. 8 boats in the fleet started on less than 10 seconds.



Boat Speed

The fastest boat by far was **BELLE** (Richard Taylor/Kylie Balharrie, Indigo 60, non-spinnaker handicap of 45) who blitzed the fleet, 13 minutes faster than the next boat **HOT CHIPPS.**

Leward Larry predicts some handicap adjustments for Belle.



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Series Results

EMERALD (Tony Tanner, Beneteau Oceanis 40, spinnaker handicap of 28) still leads the series, with a significant margin over **WINSOME** in second place and **LA MER** in 3rd.

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		SM6915	EMERALD	Tony Tanner	23.0	6.0	[16.0]	3.0	3.0	9.0	1.0	1.0
2		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	34.0	3.0	[12.5]	1.0	6.0	3.0	11.0	10.0
3		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	36.0	4.0	3.0	11.0	12.0	[13.0]	3.0	3.0
4		YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	40.0	11.0	4.0	12.0	4.0	[16.0]	7.0	2.0
5		SM82	ISA LEI	Andrew William Chapman	41.0	1.0	2.0	7.0	9.0	17.0	[31.0C]	5.0
6		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	44.0	10.0	1.0	[13.0]	5.0	12.0	9.0	7.0
7		SM46	HOT CHIPPS	Gavin Stewart / Murray Swarbrick	45.0	7.0	11.0	2.0	10.0	2.0	13.0	[24.0C]
8		SM4646	ALLIANCE	Alex H Simon F Paul S	56.0	12.0	6.0	20.0R	1.0	15.0	2.0	[24.0C]
9		SM88	UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	68.0	5.0	5.0	8.0	[36.0C]	10.0	31.0C	9.0
10		SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	77.0	8.0	9.0	5.0	13.0	[35.0C]	31.0C	11.0
11		SM86	SHEBA	Michael Pisani	78.0	[41.0C]	14.0	20.0R	14.0	4.0	12.0	14.0N
12		SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	88.0	9.0	15.0	[36.0C]	11.0	14.0	31.0C	8.0
13		G3851	GRUMPY	Andrew Stopp	95.0	13.0	7.0	10.0	[36.0C]	35.0C	6.0	24.0C
14		SM309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	99.0	[41.0C]	38.0C	9.0	2.0	18.0	8.0	24.0C
15		SM377	BACARDI	Brett Averay	102.5	[41.0C]	12.5	36.0C	7.0	6.0	17.0R	24.0C
16		SM321	LAWLESS	Boyd Coulson	103.0	[41.0C]	38.0C	4.0	36.0C	11.0	10.0	4.0
17		SM451	DEBONNAIRE	Philip Gomez	105.0	[41.0C]	10.0	36.0C	8.0	7.0	31.0C	13.0
18		SM4535	PANACHE IV	Egils Stokans	124.0	[41.0C]	19.0R	20.0R	36.0C	21.0R	4.0	24.0C
19		SM116	ATMOSPHERIC	Michael Ferguson	143.0	[41.0C]	17.0	20.0S	16.0S	35.0C	31.0C	24.0C
20		SM342	AMICUS II	Warwick Stenford	144.0	[41.0C]	38.0C	6.0	36.0C	35.0C	5.0	24.0C
21		SM194	ANTARES	G Stewart D Pearce	154.0	14.0	[38.0C]	14.0	36.0C	35.0C	31.0C	24.0C

Handicap Monitoring

The most notable handicap change for Race-7 was **FIREFOX** getting another 2 minutes relief.

Sunday Sailors Winter 2024 Series - Handicap Tracking

Boat			Handicaps (Base)								
Sail	Name	Type	End of last season	Change (Race No)							Latest
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
SM82	ISA LEI	Serendipity 28	-2						-2		-4
SM700	BELLE	Indigo 60	New Boat							45	45
SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	36			-2			2	-1	35
SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	35	-9		11		-2	-7		28
SM88	UPBEAT	Beneteau First 36.7	33			-2	-1		-1		29
SM6915	EMERALD	Beneteau Oceanis 40	16			6		4		-1	25
SM46	HOT CHIPPS	Dehler 46	41					-1	2		42
SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	26			1		-3	-2	-2	20
SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Jeanneau 44 Ds	30			-2	-2	1	-1	-1	25
SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	25				-2	2	-3	1	23
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G3851	GRUMPY	Dufour 385	16						-1	-1	14
SM194	ANTARES	Vandestadt	-2						-2		-4

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Gossip and News

Congratulations 50 Times Over

Following his huge win, Andrew Chapman (skipper of winning boat **ISA LEI**) was chuffed to get a call from the Commadore congratulating him for his 50-year membership anniversary.

Given Andrew's youthful demeaner it is clear that he must have joined while still at kindergarten!!.

Exceptional On Water Curtesy From HOT CHIPPS !!!

The incident: **HOT CHIPPS** had secured an overlap over **FIRST LIGHT** on the approach to Mark-1. However, with a wind gust **HOT CHIPPS** had difficulty turning around the mark, forcing **FIRST LIGHT** to steer above where they wanted and preventing them from immediately rounding that mark.

Response: **HOT CHIPPS** was heard to loudly hail a sincere, heartfelt, genuine apology toward **FIRST LIGHT** and, after rounding, proceeded to do a self-imposed 360-degree penalty turn.

Reaction: Observers asked: Had John Chipp been reprogrammed with 'be nice' pills? He is normally an ultra-competitive skipper that gives away nothing.

Explanation: Ahh. It now makes sense. Much nicer and very courteous Kiwi Murry was at the helm.

Rules Education: Definition of Proper Course Explained.

Leeward Larry overheard some excited post-race conversation between **LA MER** and **WINSOME** in hacking out the definition of 'Proper Course'.

The context was Rule 17, which states that a leeward overtaking boat (same tack) must sail no higher than her proper course while overlapped. So what is a 'Proper Course' you might ask?

The rules simply state that a 'Proper Course' is 'the course a boat would choose in order to sail the course and finish as soon as possible in the absence of the other boats'.

Can a boat, when overtaking to leeward, choose a 'proper course' that luffs up and interferes with a windward boat that is otherwise on a lay line to the next mark?

Digging deeper Leward Larry has discovered.

1) Your proper course can be anything you want it to be if you believe that it gets you to the finish line quickest.
2) With the condition that:
    a. You have a credible reason for sailing this course – which can be explained if required to a protest committee, and
    b. You are sailing consistently to that course on that leg of the race. Not changing direction to luff up other boats.

Tower Volunteers

As always, a big shout out and thanks to the tower volunteers of Bruce Reidy (RO) and Barb Watson.

Reader Feedback

Your two authors Leward Larry and Luffing Lance are eager to hear from readers of this report.

We encourage all readers to drop a brief email to boating@syc.com.au with your opinions of 'do you read it', which bits are considered best, bits that are glossed over as boring, and any suggestions for improvement.

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(Photos are not all from this race – special thanks to Chris Furey)

Winner

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Second Place

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Leeward Larry

Third Place

WINSOME (Simon Hemmingway, Jeanneau Sunfast 40, non-spinnaker handicap of 35)

Stary of the day

SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten, Jeanneau 44DS, spinnaker handicap of 28)