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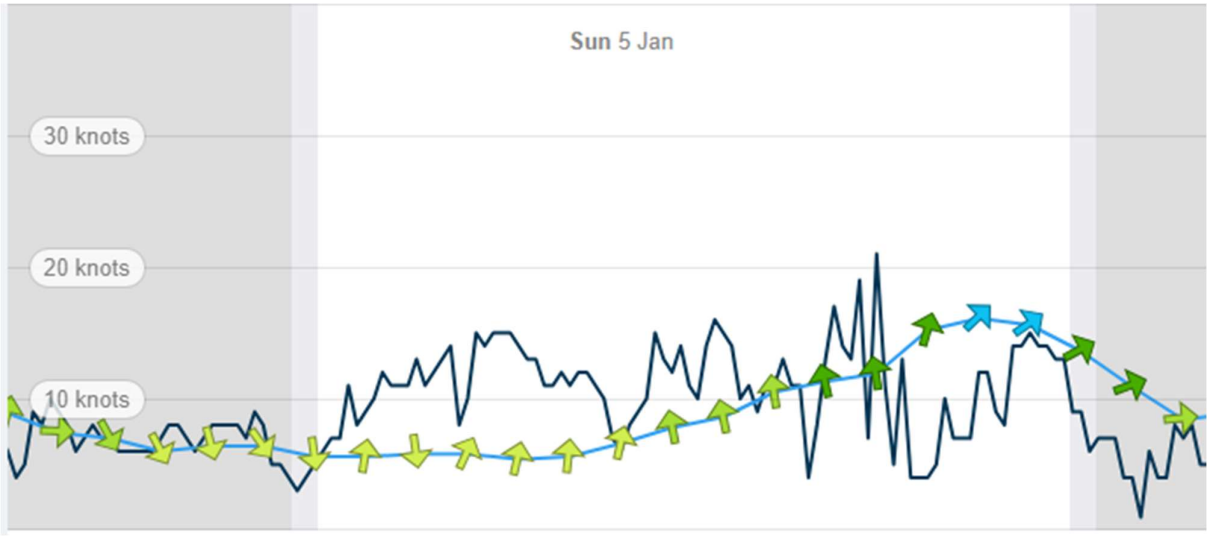
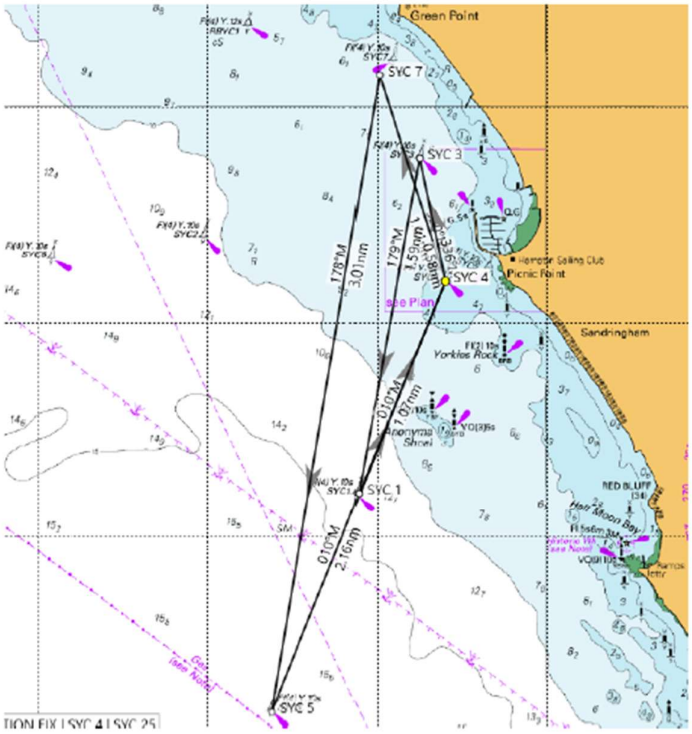
The Race

With a NNE wind of between 10 and 15 knots, Race 7 kicked off with a Northerly start on course 25, which was pretty much a windward leeward course.



COURSE 25



MARK	BEARING (Magnetic)	DISTANCE
All marks to Port		
SYC 7	330	1.01
SYC 4 (pass)	NA	NA
SYC 5	178	3.01
SYC 4	010	2.16
SUB-TOTAL		**6.18**
SYC 3	336	0.58
SYC 4 (pass)	NA	NA
SYC 1	179	1.59
FINISH	010	1.07
TOTAL		**9.42**

Note: Reciprocal = Course 13

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The Fleet

17 boats entered and 7 elected to fly Spinnakers.

This was a smaller fleet than normal, with a number of the normally faster boats in the series not sailing for this Race-7.

Boats Entered and Results

Score	Number	Name	Type	Skipper	Spin	H'cap (Spin adjusted)	Finish Time		
							Hrs	Mins	Secs
1	SM321	LAWLESS	Farr 920	Boyd Coulson	Y	12	11	46	15
2	SM4379	SOUL MATE	Beneteau First 405	David Keyes-Tilley		13	11	53	0
3	SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	Graham Jones	Y	23	11	53	2
4	G3851	GRUMPY	Dufour 385	Andrew Stoop		10	11	54	22
5	SM82	ISA LEI	Serendipity 28	Andrew Chapman		-3	11	54	43
6	SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Jeanneau 44 Ds	Garry McCarten	Y	27	11	55	5
7	SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	Anthony Clyne	Y	19	12	1	18
8	YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Beneteau First 47.7	Mike Coulter		30	12	1	28
9	SM351	FIRST PASSION	Beneteau First 35	Simon Lipman		26	12	2	1
10	SM4535	PANACHE IV	Salar 40	Egils Stokans		-15	12	2	16
11	SM86	SHEBA	Elliot 780	Michael Pisani	Y	25	12	2	44
12	SM42	HITCHHIKER	Beneteau Oceanis 41.1	David Goodman		24	12	2	46
13	SM4646	ALLIANCE	Beneteau Oceanis 46	Alex H Simon F Paul S	Y	28	12	3	55
14	SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	Simon Hemingway		34	12	4	26
15	SM1400	ALEX - TEAM MACADI	Jones/Hart 14	Jock Macadie		47	12	8	22
16	B126	FOXY	X Yacht 38	Geoff Perks		30	12	42	0
17	SM194	ANTARES	Vandestadt	G Stewart D Pearce	Y	-4	12	43	20

The Winners

Congratulations to the winning boat **LAWLESS** (Boyd Coulson, Farr 920, spinnaker handicap of 12) with a magnificent, *handicapper-attention-seeking* lead of around 7 minutes ahead of the second-place boat.

In second place was **SOUL MATE** (David Keyes-Tilley, Benneteau First 405, non -spinnaker handicap of 13).

Just 2 seconds behind and in third place was **RAZZLE DAZZLE** (Graham Jones, Swarbrick 111 on a spinnaker handicap of and 23).

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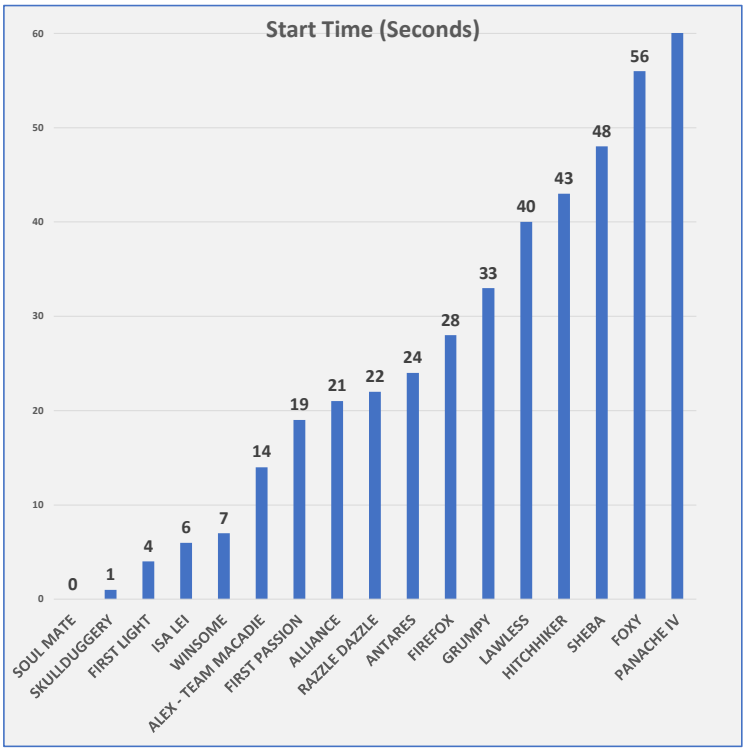
The Start

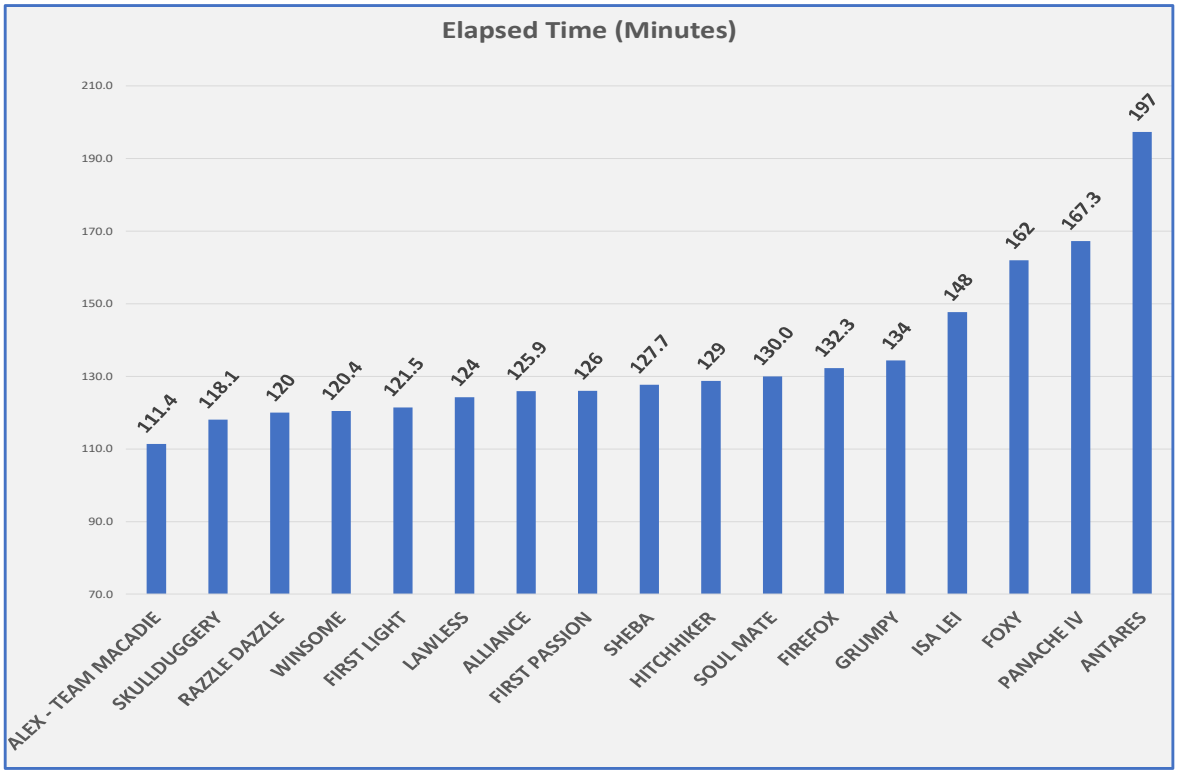
Congratulations to **SOUL MATE** (David Keyes-Tilley, Benneteau First 405, non - spinnaker handicap of 13) for winning start of the day with a very precise 00.0 seconds.

They just pipped S**KLLDUGGERY** who stated on 1 second.



Boat Speed

The fastest boat around the courses was the lightning speed boat **ALEX TEAM MACADIE** (Jock Macadie, Jones/Hart 14, non-spinnaker handicap of 47). See handicap comments.



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Series Results

Congratulations to the series winner so far being **FIREFOX** (Anthony Cline, Benneteau 38.5 with a spinnaker handicap of 19).

SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten, Jeanneau 44DS, spinnaker handicap of 27) is in second place and third place is shared equally by **LA MER** (Michael Ebeling, Defour 36e Performance) and **HOT CHIPPS** (John Chipp, Delher 46), neither of who sailed in race 7.

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	25.0	7.0	6.0	3.0	ABN	3.0	[19.0R]	6.0
2		SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	29.0	6.0	7.0	[41.0C]	ABN	10.0	5.0	1.0
3	1.0S	SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	30.0	[43.0C]	10.0	1.0	ABN	8.0	9.0	2.0
4		SM46	HOT CHIPPS	John Chipp	30.0	[43.0C]	8.0	5.0	ABN	11.0	3.0	3.0
5		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	42.0	14.0	11.0	2.0	ABN	[15.0]	11.0	4.0
6		SM86	SHEBA	Michael Pisani	48.0	11.0	5.0	[41.0C]	ABN	5.0	14.0	13.0R
7		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	57.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	ABN	13.0	[39.0C]	36.0C
8		YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	70.0	8.0	16.0	[41.0C]	ABN	2.0	8.0	36.0C
9		SM4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-Tilley	73.0	2.0	17.0	[41.0C]	ABN	17.0	1.0	36.0C
10		SM42	HITCHHIKER	David Goodman	84.0	12.0	14.0	6.0	ABN	16.0	[39.0C]	36.0C
11		SM451	DEBONNAIRE	Philip Gomez	86.0	[43.0C]	3.0	41.0C	ABN	4.0	2.0	36.0C
12		SM82	ISA LEI	Andrew Chapman	88.0	5.0	20.0	[41.0C]	ABN	19.0	39.0C	5.0
13		SM351	FIRST PASSION	Simon Lipman	91.0	9.0	13.0	[41.0C]	ABN	14.0	19.0R	36.0C
14		SM4535	PANACHE IV	Egils Stokans	107.0	10.0	[43.0C]	41.0C	ABN	24.0R	19.0R	13.0R
15		SM4646	ALLIANCE	Alex H Simon F Paul S	114.0	13.0	[43.0C]	41.0C	ABN	40.0C	13.0	7.0
16		SM88	UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	118.0	[43.0C]	18.0	41.0C	ABN	7.0	39.0C	13.0R

Handicap News

No boats had a handicap adjustment for Race 7 - a notably rare occasion.

Was this recognition that the Handicapper had it perfect, or just a well-earned handicapper Christmas break?

Sunday Sailors Summer 2024/25 Series - Handicap Tracking

Boat			Handicaps (Base)							
Sail	Name	Type	End of last season	Change (Race No)						Latest
				1	2	3	5	6	7	
SM321	LAWLESS	Farr 920	10							10
SM4379	SOUL MATE	Beneteau First 405	12			2	-1			13
SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Swarbrick 111	22					-1		21
G3851	GRUMPY	Dufour 385	10							10
SM82	ISA LEI	Serendipity 28	-3							-3
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Gossip

Foxy - Welcome

Welcome to **FOXY (**Geoff Perks, X-Yachts 38, non-spinnaker handicap of 30) for her Sunday Sailors debut for race -7.

Leward Larry understands that for Sunday Sailors she is being sailed 2-up, husband and wife, using a No 3 jib as practice for future two up cruising expeditions.

The Handicapper might well be considering awarded handicap relief for FOXY in recognition that she is intentionally not sailing to her full race performance potential – short-handed and small jib.

Alex - Seeking Pity

ALEX TEAM MACADIE (Jock Macadie, Jones/Hart 14, non-spinnaker handicap of 47), clearly one of the fastest boats in the fleet, has an impressive pedigree including line honours in the Melbourne Osaka 2007 Melbourne Osaka Cup. She has sailed in two Sunday Sailors races this season with scores of a 10th and 15th.

Despite winning handicap relief of 5 minutes after her first race for the season, it is rumoured that their skipper might be seeking further handicap relief with claims that the boat is sailing with a less than optimum crew that includes intermittent attendance of less experienced crew than befits her previous illustrious performance.

Will this tactic be successful??

If so, Leeward Larry wonders if this is a tactic that can be used for other boats seeking Sunday Sailors handicap relief.

UpBeat for sale

Leward Larry has noted that **UPBEAT** (Peter Dunne, Benneteau First 36.7) is for sale on the 38 South web site.

So, if anyone is seeking a well-equipped, well proven Beneteau First 36.7 then here is a good opportunity. One rumour, not substantiated, is that Theo is considering buying it to ensure elimination of this match race competitor.

It is understood that Peter Dunne is lining up offers to sail on other boats once UpBeat is sold.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

A special thank you to those that enabled the Sunday Sailors race:

- The Tower Volunteers: Bruce Reidy (RO), Peter Graham, Wanda Warren
- The Boating Office: James, Mitch, Clay, Gemma.

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Photos are not all from this race)

FIRST PLACE.

LAWLESS (Boyd Coulson, Farr 920, spinnaker handicap of 12)

Second Place and Start of the Day

SOUL MATE (David Keyes-Tilley, Benneteau First 405, non -spinnaker handicap of 13)

TThird Place

RAZZEL DAZZLE (Graham Jones, Swarbrick 111 on a spinnaker handicap of and 23).

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