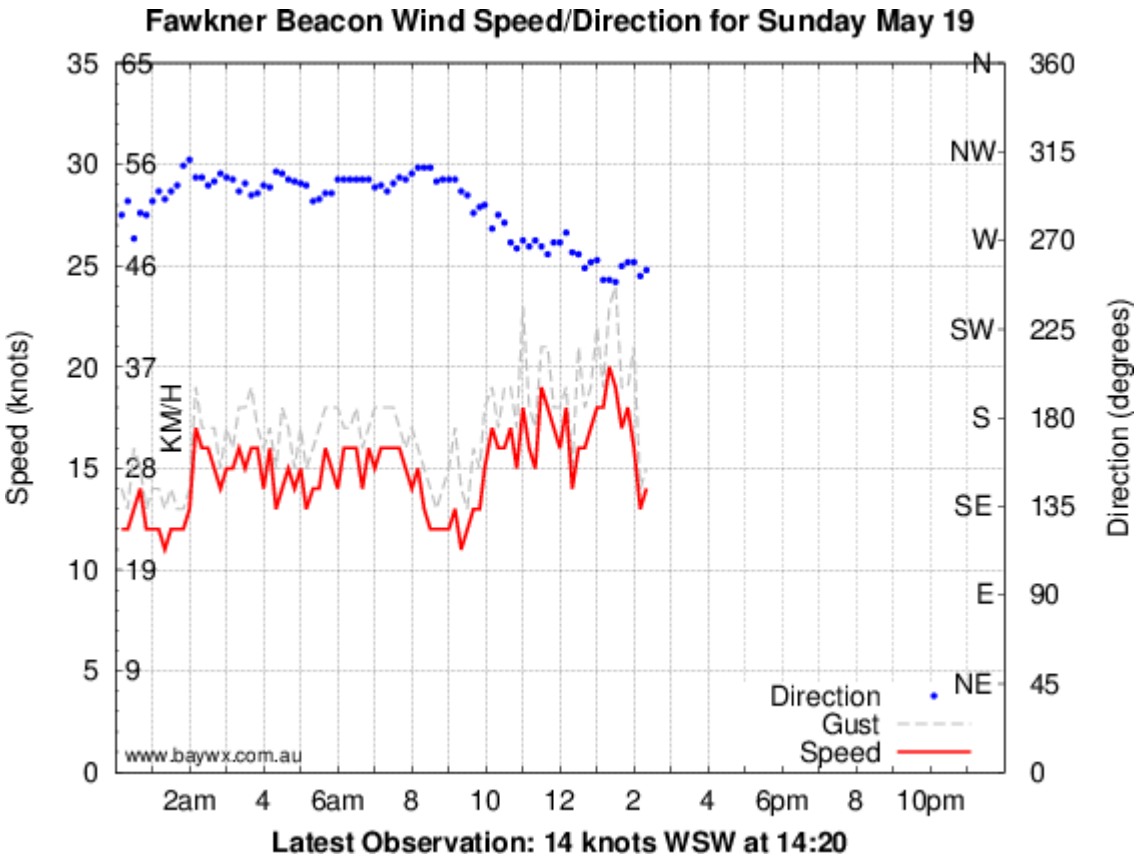
SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT MAY 19 2024 – Race 4

Intro

Luffing Lance is on holidays so we are doing the report, two mates of Lance's from Queensland, Michael Mainsheet and Kevin Keel.

Sunday was cold, but the showers held off completely. It rained all around us but not on our patch of water. The temperature lifted a bit, and the wind was forecast moderate westerlies, shifting about 15 degrees towards the SW as the race progressed. So spot on.

16 boats toed the line although there was some confusion on the start line.



RESULTS

Alliance (Alex, Simon, Paul) got the gong in a 3 minutes victory from the runner up, **Alegria (Simon May)** . Third was **Emerald (Tony Tanner)** who continues to dominate the series… more on that later.

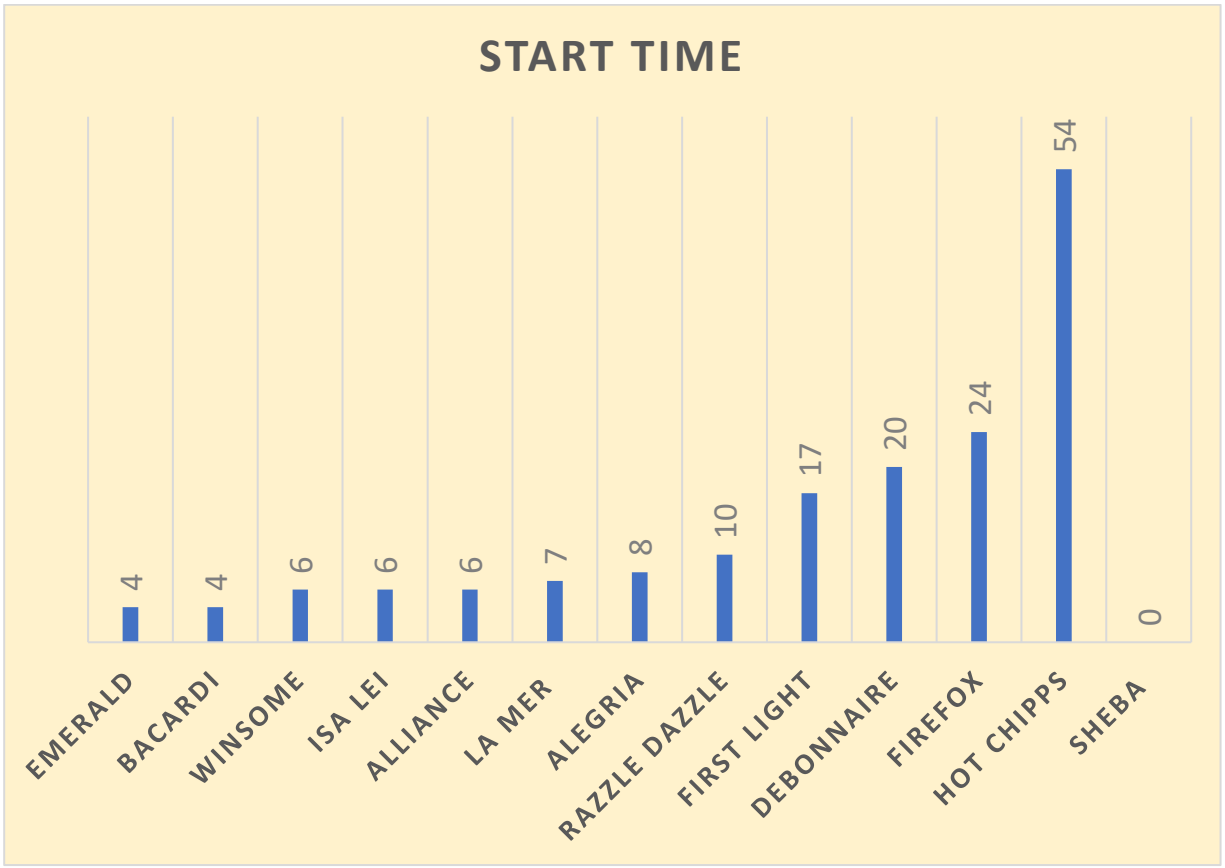
First Light (Mike Coulter) and Razzle of the Dazzle (Grahame Jones) were also prominent in 4th and 5th.

Emerald- Third today, Start of the Day and Series Leader – Wow!!

Alliance- Good win today

Start of the Day

Bacardi (brett Avery) and Emerald (Tonny Tanner) shared start of the day on 4 seconds. Well done. Other boats that fared well were **Winsome (Simon Hemingway), Isa Lei (Graham Chapman) and Aliiance (Alex hall et al)** all off 6 seconds. Two boats started early, **Skullduggery (Garry McLarten**) and possibly Sheba (86) and one boat started three times, well done that boat!!



Series: Start of the Day

Taking the best 3 of four starts the standings are:

Sheba	13
Winsome	18
Emerald	22
Isa Lei	25

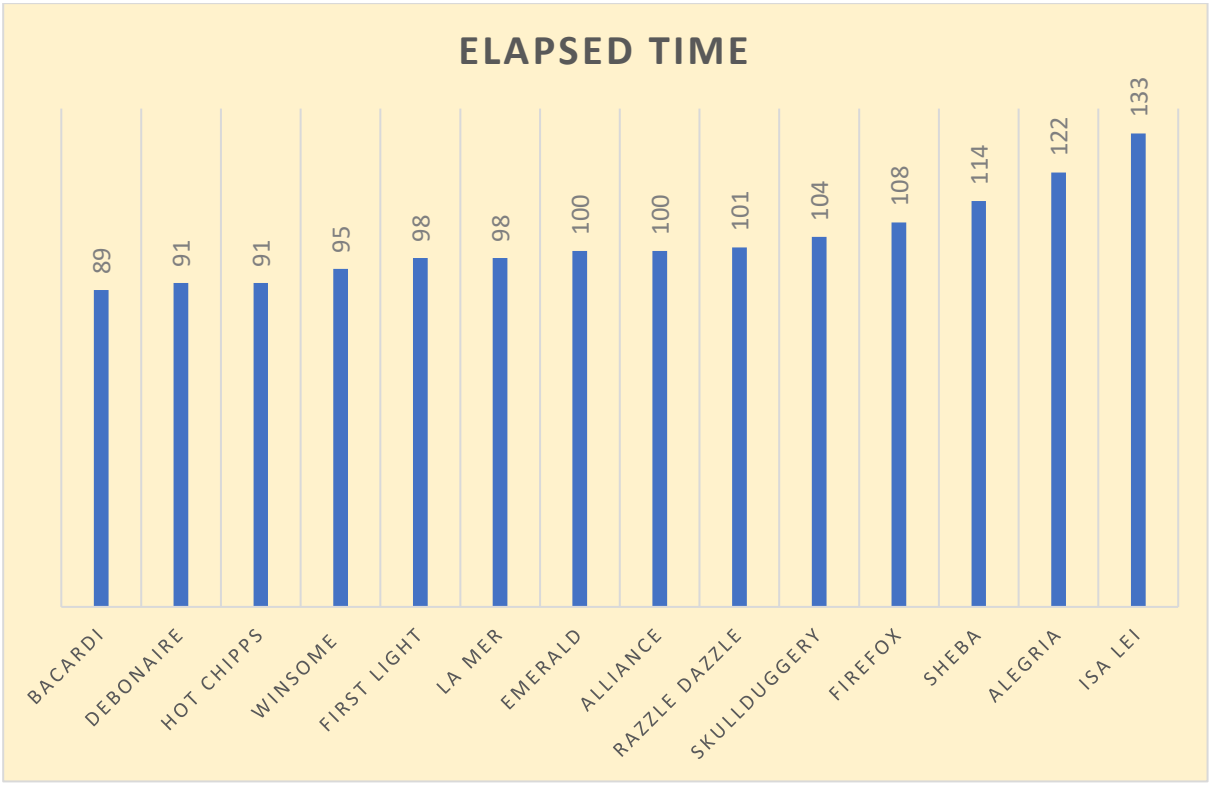
Bacardi – Equal Start of the Day and biggest mover in the fleet (8 places)

Third in the series - **La Mer**

<u>Elapsed Times</u>

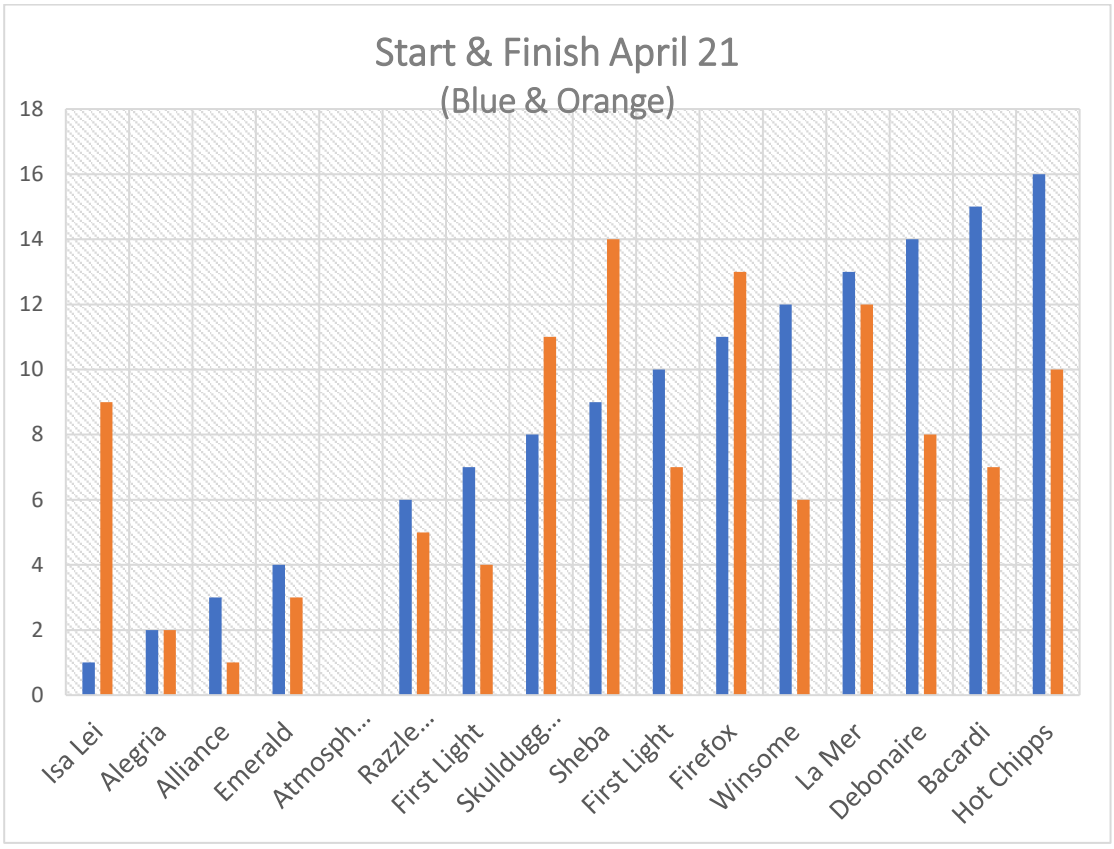
Bacardi was well sailed for the fastest time of 89 minutes, closely followed by **Debonaire (Phil Gomez) and Hot Chipps(Murray Swarbrick/Gavin Stewart /John Chipp) . Winsome, First Light and La Mer (Mike Eberling)** were the next fastest on 95, 98 and 98 minutes respectively**.**

The average VMG was 5.5 knots in about 16 knots of average breeze, slightly above average speed.



START AND FINISH POSITIONS

The biggest mover in the fleet was **Bacardi** (8 places) with 6 places being gained by **Winsome, Debonaire and Hot Chipps. Alegria** started and finished in second spot, so a good effort.



SERIES LEAD

And again the abacus comes out as the series table on the SYC website has not included the fourth race.

After hours of computations the series leader is: you guessed it, no change**. Emerald** has led from the first race and continues to have a commanding lead. Well done to the **Emerald** crew. Second is **First Light** with some very consistent sailing **and La Mer's** early season form sees her in third, level with **Alliance** after her victory today. Rounding out the top 5 is **Winsome**, who dropped from 3rd to 5th despite finishing 6th!!

SUNDAY SAILORS STANDINGS

Thanks to Mercedes Benz Brighton **4 races- 1 drop**

		SCORE	RACE 4	RACE 3	RACE 2	RACE 1
1	Emerald	5	3rd	9th	1st	1st
2	First Light	13	4th	16th	7tth	2nd
3	La Mer	18	12th	13th	3rd	3rd
3	Alliance	18	1st	15th	2nd	24C
5	Winsome	19	6th	3rd	11th	10th
6	Razzle dazzle	21	5th	12th	9th	7th
7	Lawless	25	C	11th	10th	4th
7	Hot Chipps	25	10th	2nd	13th	24C

Gossip and other matters.

Start Times: La Mer, normally a perennial hot starter has not been so hot lately. But recent steady improvement with each race saw 7 seconds today. Well done. Our usual source on this boat, **RC** (name hidden to protect the innocent) has not spilled the beans on this improvement. **Alliance** also has had 2 great starts recently .

Start Line Tactics: Well boat **116 Atmospheric**, according to tower sources, started 3 times and in the end the tower was so confused that a DNCM (do not come Monday) was issued. **Hot Chipps (Swwarbrick and co)** was lining up a perfect start (to go with their 00 of two races ago) when Bacardi decided to luff them up… so the **Chipperies** decided to do a circle rather than damage John Chipp's boat whilst he is away. The

Skulls said, and we quote from **Garry's** mouth: " the tower have said that if you're not over early sometimes, then you are not trying hard enough" . So **Garry McMartin** took them at their word and the **Skulls** were 2 seconds early…

Firefox (Anthony Clyne) was back in the saddle again after a run of hard luck. First the mast and now the engine. Great to see them out there.

Razzle Dazzle: again great to see **Bob " The Wind Whisperer Reeves**" out there helping them to a great 5th position.
Alliance: now what is going on with the this boat? Wednesday, a few days ago, she finished last in the Wednesday Wonders. Four days later a dominating display in the Sunday Sailors. No comment was offered when the crew were approached.
Skulls: what would a Sunday race be without drama on the Jeanneau Deck Saloon 44?? Up went the Black Beast (mark 3) and down it came in a tangle. Cheering was heard from the nearby **Winsome,** who had their own issues poling out the genoa.
Commodore's Cup: here were the Sunday Sailors fleet minding our own business trying to sail around no 6 (to starboard) when we were swamped by these large boats rounding no 6 at the same time, but leaving it to port. Several near incidents occurred and the skipper of Winsome XXX (censored)!!

Also thanks to **Mercedes Benz Brighton** – they are good guys..

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Filling in for UFFING LANCE

First Light – Second in the series Alegria second today