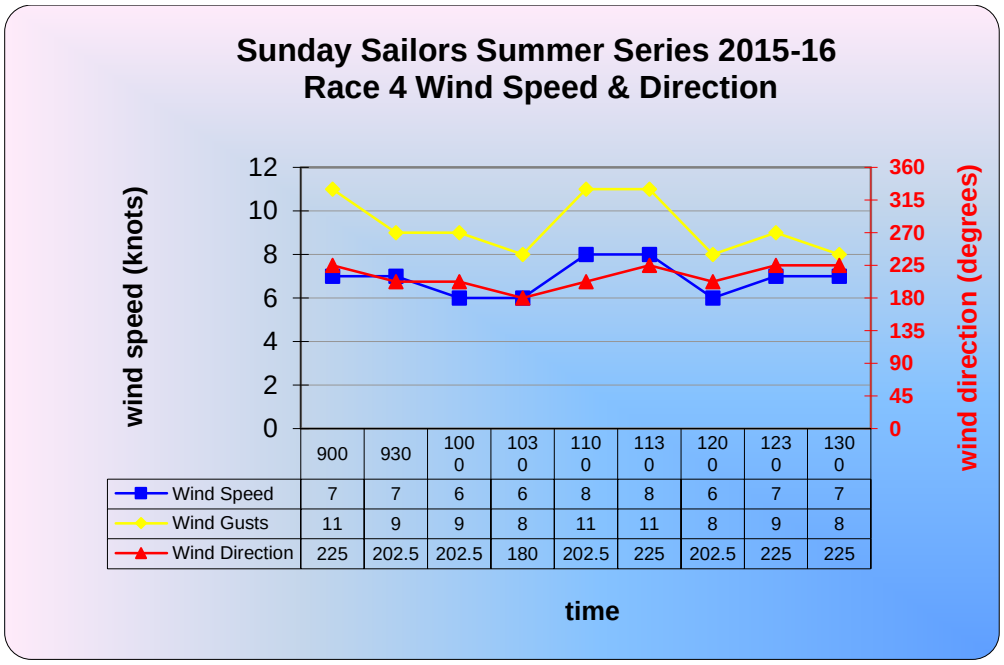
The Entire Fleet Completes Shortened Course

If the course had not been shortened it is estimated that only 1 of the 19 yacht fleet would have finished the race within the 1230 time limit. The remaining 18 yachts would have exceeded the time limit by an average of around 26 minutes.

However, good course selection ensured that the race could be shortened so that all the fleet finished the race. It is the 3rd out of 4 races in which the course has been shortened as a result of light breezes. For the 4 races in the series to date the average wind speed (Fawkner Beacon) has been about 9 knots Including 19 knots for race 2) and the average rhumb line distance of each race 6.3 nautical miles. In comparison the winter series had an average wind speed of around 11 knots and average course length of 7.4 nautical miles.

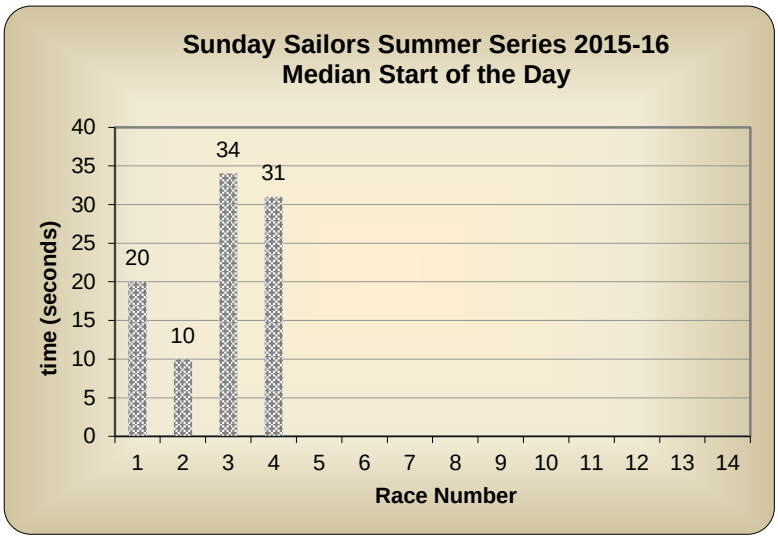


	900	930	1000	1030	1100	1130	1200	1230	1300
Wind Speed	7	7	6	6	8	8	6	7	7
Wind Gusts	11	9	9	8	11	11	8	9	8
Wind Direction	225	202.5	202.5	180	202.5	225	202.5	225	225

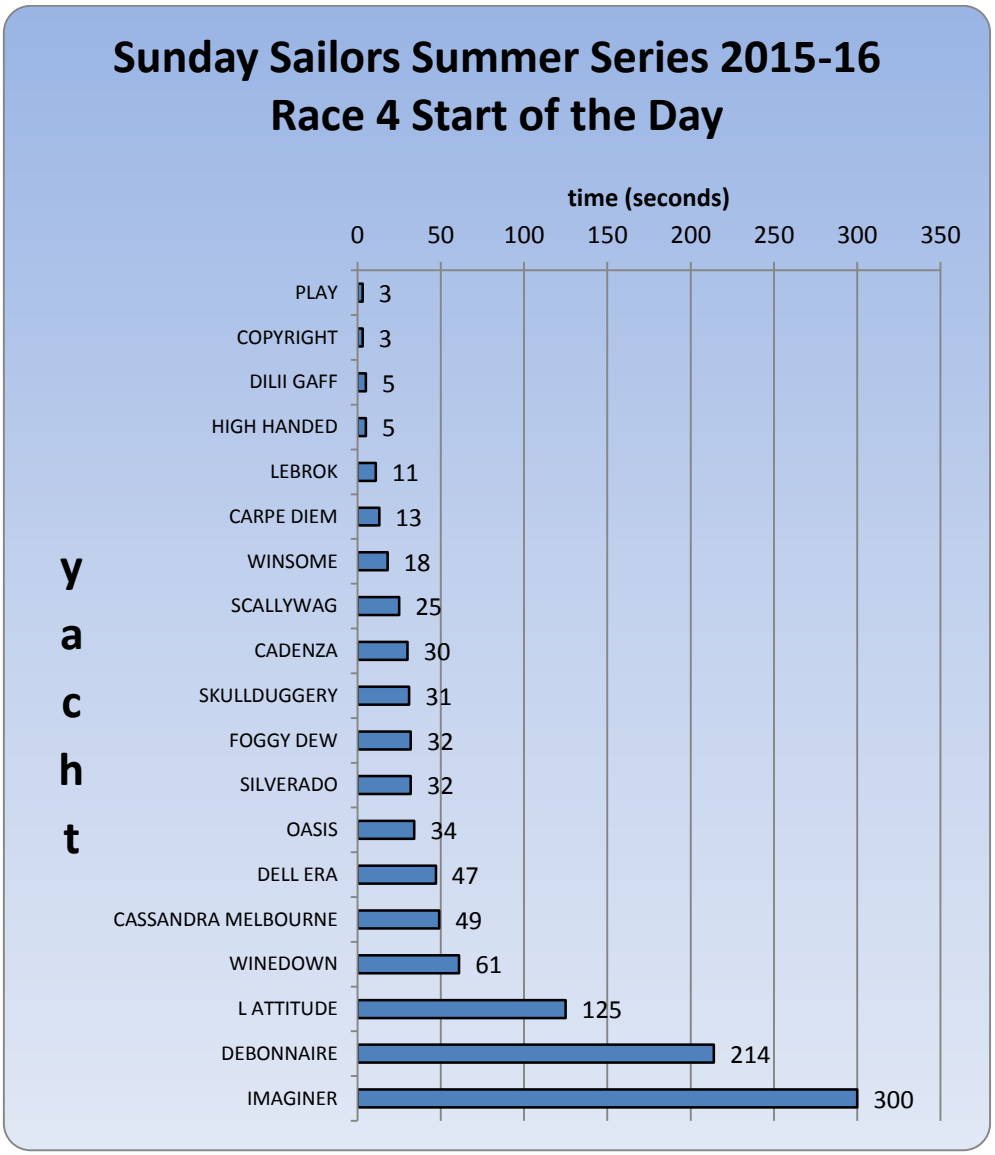
The Mottle 33 CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) has completed all 4 races in this series and has already recorded 2 wins. The first win was in race 2 and this is the second. CASSANDRA started race 4 from 4th place 49 seconds late for a 10 minute handicap. She sailed the course in 1:33:55 and was first across the finish line at 11:13:55. This win was enough to put CASSANDRA on top of the aggregate.

Crossing the finish line 56 seconds behind CASSANDRA was the Oceanis 40 DILII GAFF (Paul Macbain). She was only 5 seconds late for her 16 minute handicap starting from 7th place. DILII GAFF crossed the finish line at 11:14:51 after sailing the course in 1:28:51. She has also completed all the races in the series and this was her 2nd top ten finish. DILII GAFF moved up from 9th into 6th place in the aggregate.

The Beneteau 27.7 PLAY (Ian Pridgeon) started the race from 3rd place 3 seconds late for an 8 minute handicap. She tied for Start of the Day with the Wright 10 COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack). This was only the 2nd race this series for PLAY and her first podium finish for the series. She sailed the course in 1:37:08 and crossed the finish line in 3rd place only 17 seconds behind DILII GAFF. PLAY moved up 5 places in the aggregate to be in 18th position.

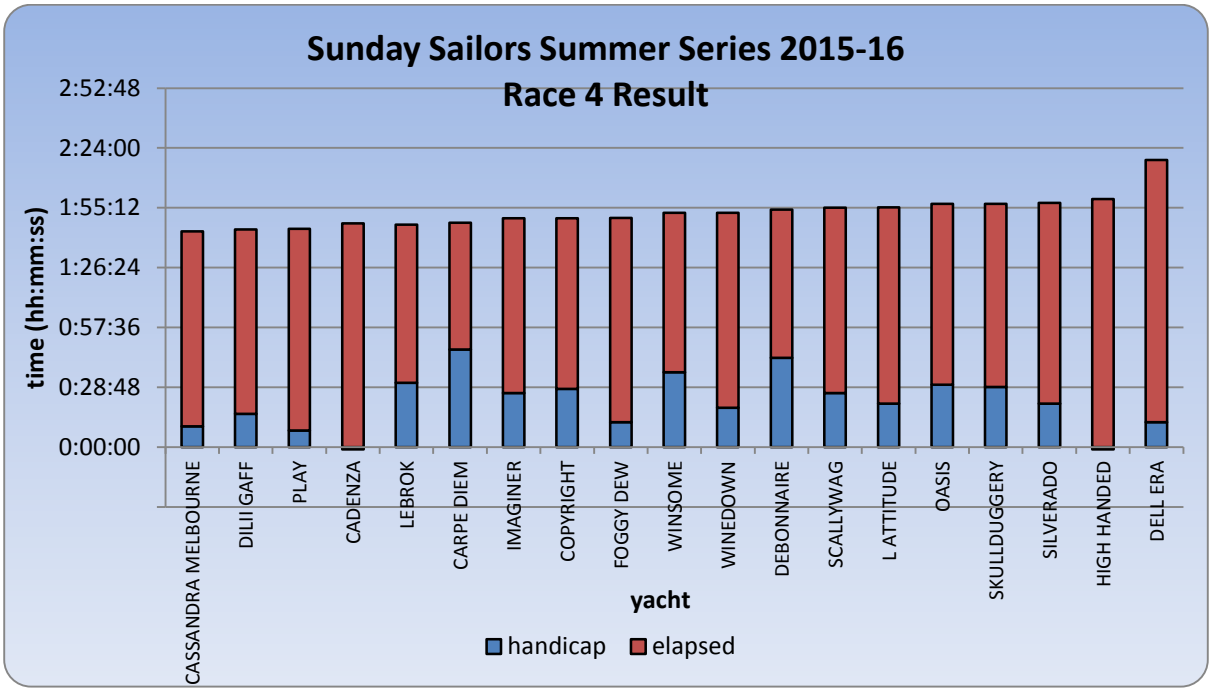


It would appear that getting a good start in light breezes is not all that easy. In race 3 the median start time was 34 seconds with 31 seconds the median start for this race. One yacht was more than a minute late, a second more than 2 minutes late a third more than 3 minutes late whilst one yacht started too soon.

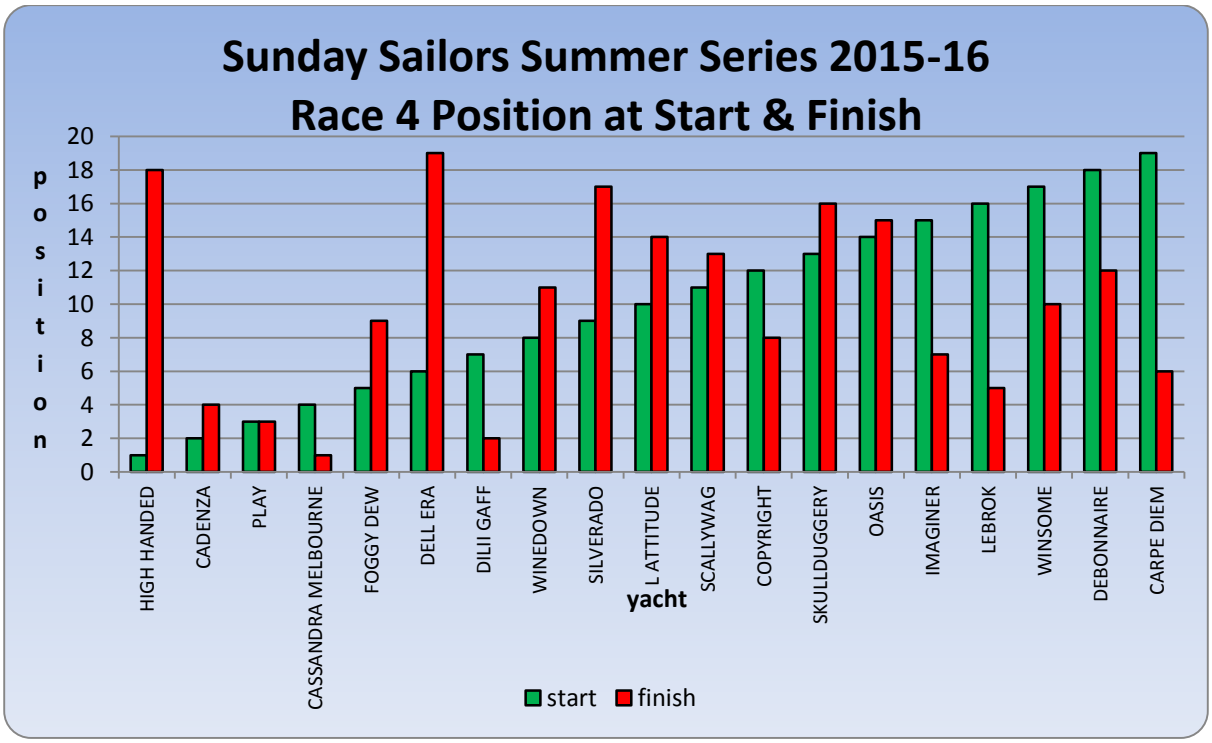


This race had quite a close finish with 18 of the 19 yachts finishing within 15 minutes of the winner. The fleet had started 48 minutes 8 seconds apart. IMAGINER (Chris

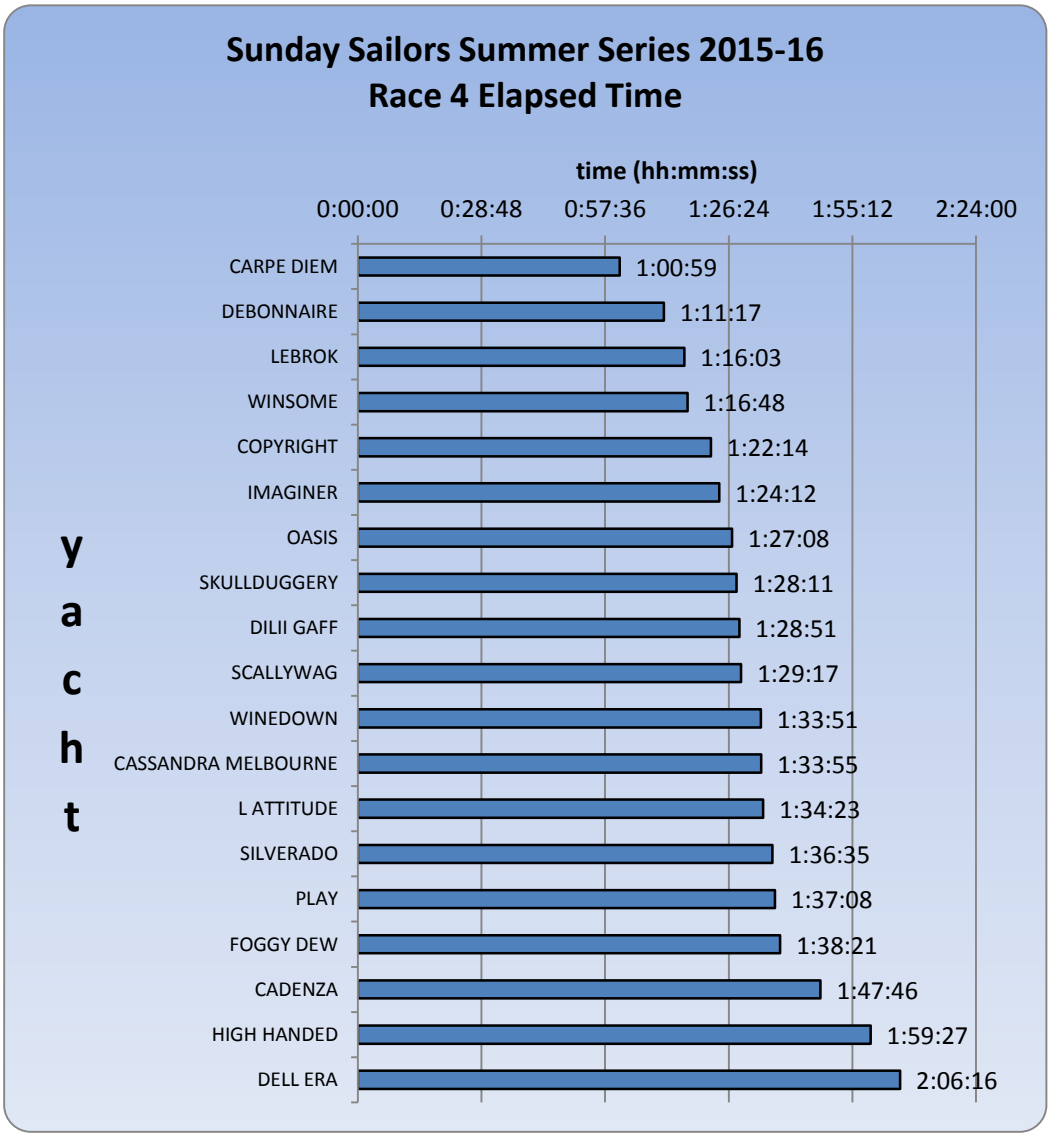
Byrne) and COPYRIGHT crossed the finish line within 2 seconds of each other whilst OASIS (David Keyes Tilley) and SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten) finished within 3 seconds of each other.



Two of the first three yachts to finish were among the first 6 to start whilst the third started from mid fleet.



It was CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) that recorded the fastest elapsed time for the race completing the course in 1:00:59. This was 10 minutes 18 seconds faster than the 2nd fastest DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) and more than 30 minutes faster than the average time of 1:31:12. It was the 33 foot CASSANDRA and the 39.3 foot WINEDOWN (Brian Horley) that had the closest elapsed time – only 4 seconds apart.



After 4 races it is CASSANDRA who leads the aggregate moving from 4th place after race 3. Previous leader SILVERADO (John Barbieri) moves into 3rd place with COPYRIGHT in 2nd place. The biggest move was made by LEBROK (Theo Korbel) who entered the top ten at number 8 from 14th place.

SUNDAY SAILORS SUMMER SERIES 2015-16 AGGREGATE POSITION		
YACHT	RACE 4	RACE 3
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	1	4
COPYRIGHT	2	3
SILVERADO	3	1
OASIS	4	2
WINSOME	5	5
DILII GAFF	6	9
DEBONNAIRE	7	7
LEBROK	8	14
L ATTITUDE	9	8
KAOS	10	6
FOGGY DEW	11	12
IMAGINER	12	15
WINEDOWN	13	16
SKULLDUGGERY	14	13
INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOUR	15	10
MYUNA III	16	11
CADENZA	17	21
PLAY	18	23
SCALLYWAG	19	22
HIGH HANDED	20	19
ISA LEI	21	17
PANACHE IV	22	18
AMICUS II	23	20
DELL ERA	24	25
ANTARES	25	24
SHILO	26	26
VANQUISH	27	27
A CUNNING PLAN	27	27
SALT WHISTLE	27	27

Race 5 is scheduled for 6th December 2015