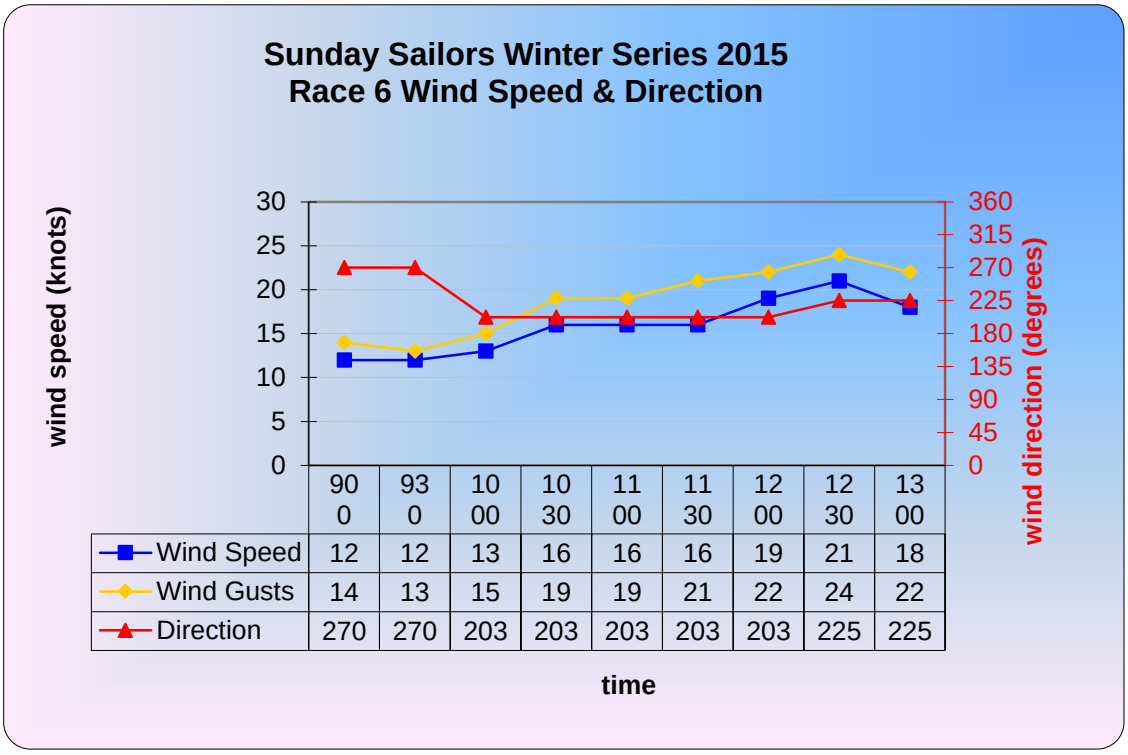
Race 6 - A Wintry Blast But The Race Goes On

Skippers and crew of seven yachts found that bit of extra courage to take part in race 6 of Sunday sailors. It was a little on the cold and damp side with Moorrabin Airport recording a top temperature of 8°C for the morning along with 5mm of rain. On the other hand there was a good breeze that averaged 16 knots increasing from around 12 knots to 21 knots at 1230.



	900	930	1000	1030	1100	1130	1200	1230	1300
Wind Speed	12	12	13	16	16	16	19	21	18
Wind Gusts	14	13	15	19	19	21	22	24	22
Direction	270	270	203	203	203	203	203	225	225

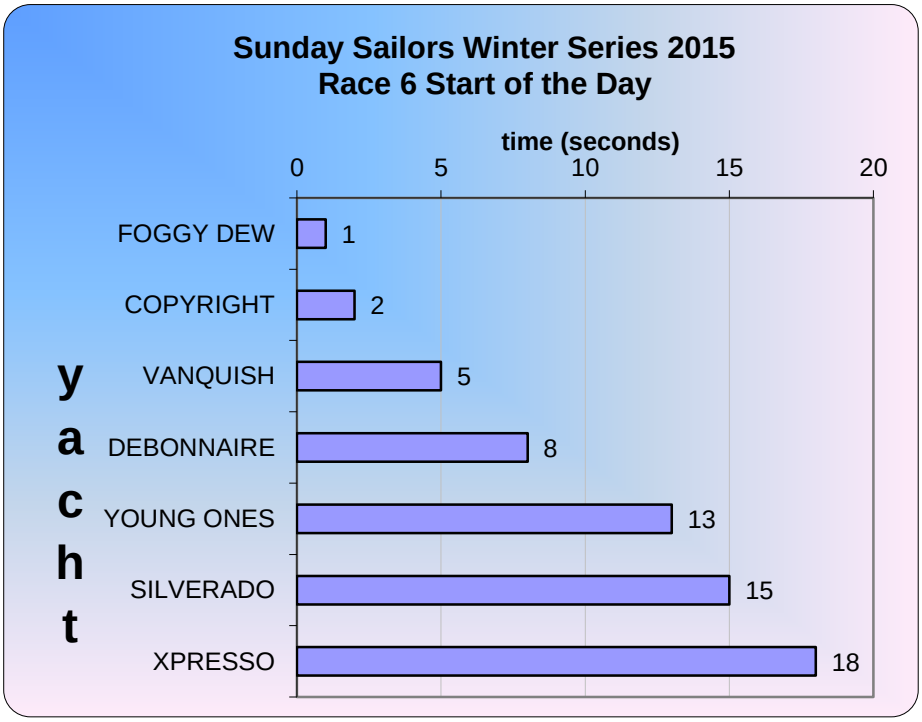
For only the second time in the series, the good breeze avoided the need for a shortened course. It was possible to sail the 9.8 nautical mile course 7 in its entirety. The average elapsed time of 1:25:36 was the quickest this series with the last yacht crossing the finish line well inside the time limit at 11:34:43. There was an added bonus for the participaing yachts with a maximum of 7 points added to the aggregate points score. The remaining yachts received a score of 29 points.

It was the Bavaria 32 FOGGY DEW (J. Jones & F.Hiliard) that found the conditions very much to her liking. Not only did she win the race she also won Start of the Day. Although she has 2 previous podium finishes in 4 races this was her first win of the series. FOGGY DEW was the 2nd yacht to start the race only 1 second late for her 13 minute handicap. She was still in 2nd place after sailing the first 4 legs of the 7 leg course. She made 2nd place and sailed the last 3 legs of the course in a little over 29 minutes and crossed the line at 11:14:56. FOGGY DEW had the 2nd slowest elapsed time of the day sailing the course in 1:31:56. She has completed 5 of the 6 races in the series and is 5th in the aggregate with 35 points.

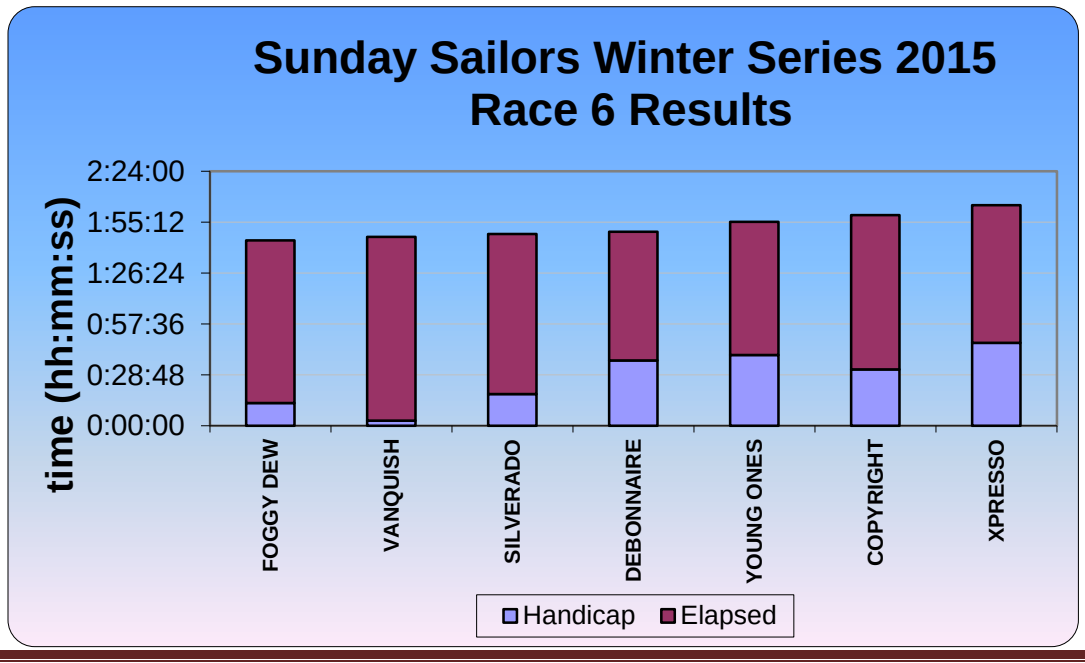
The first yacht to start the race was the S&S 34 VANQUISH (Bob Beresford) only 5 seconds late for her 3 minute start. She was still in the lead at the first rounding of number 4 but was overtaken by FOGGY DEW during the last 3 legs of the race. VANQUISH sailed the course in 1:43:48 and crossed the finish line at 11:16:48. This is the 2nd podium finish for VANQUISH who won race 3 around the same course. She has completed 5 races in the series and this 2nd place lifted her 6 places in the aggregate into 9th position.

Third yacht to start, third around number 4 and third to finish was the Mull 31 SILVERADO (John Barbieri). SILVERADO was 15 seconds late for her 18 minute handicap sailed the entire course in 1:30:25 including sailing the last 3 legs in 29 minutes 23 seconds. She crossed the line at 11:18:25 only 1 minute 37 seconds behind VANQUISH. SILVERADO has also completed 5 races in the series and this is her first podium finish. She is placed 7th on t 39 points in the aggregate.

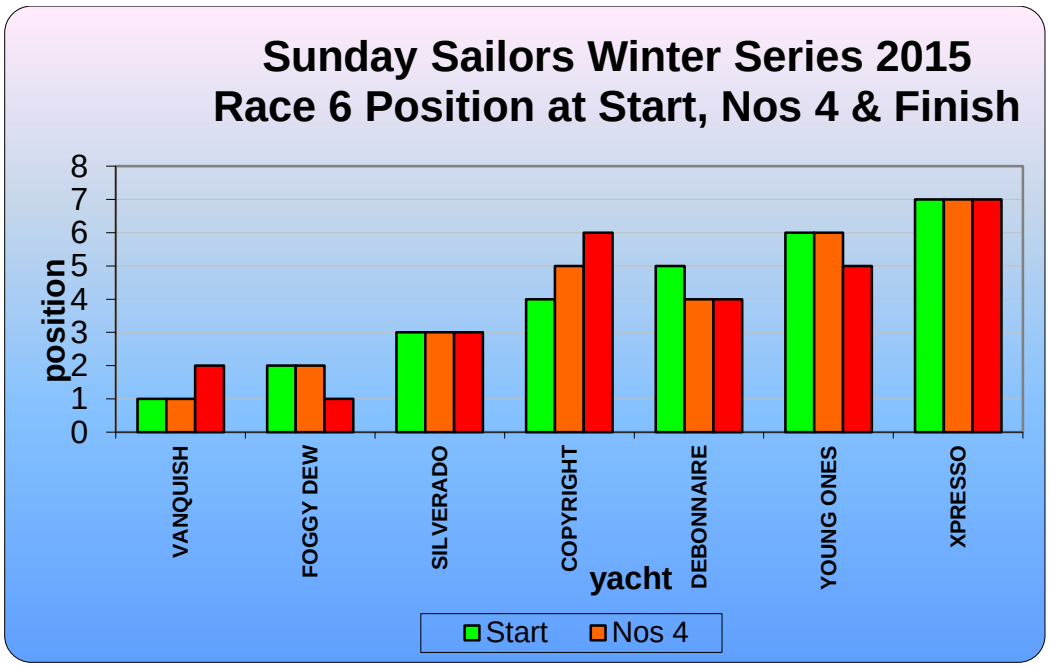
The start of the day was the best overall so far this series. The median time was 8 seconds compared to the series median of about 27 seconds. FOGGY DEW won the start on 1 second but she was closely followed by COPYRIGHT (Stuart Morrison Jack) who was only 2 seconds late. All 7 yachts started within 18 seconds or less of their respective start.

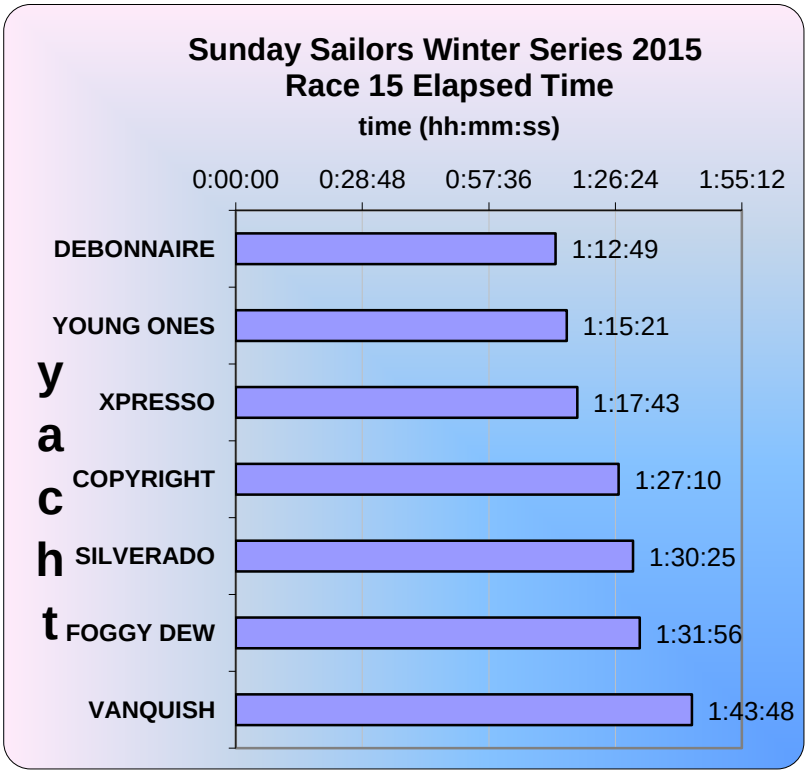


The fleet started the race 44 minutes and 3 seconds apart and about 24 minutes apart at the first rounding of number 4. This gap was 19 minutes 47 seconds at the finish.



With only 7 yachts in the fleet there was an average of 2 minutes 50 seconds between the finishing time of each yacht. There was very little change in positions of the yachts throughout the race. Both SILVERADO and the 35 foot X Yacht EXPRESSO (D&A Abrahams) finished in the same position they started. FOGGY DEW, DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) and YOUNG ONES (Ian Miller) each finished a place better than where they started whilst VANQUISH and COPYRIGHT lost one and two places respectively.





It was the Beneteau First 45 DEBONNAIRE that sailed the course in the fastest time of 1:12:49. YOUNG ONES, a Young 11, was the 2nd fastest with XPRESSO the 3rd fastest.

Despite the worst weather some people are able to find a comfortable spot.

But this weeks winner of the Comfort Award has to go to Dawn & Gary Cleaver who created KAOS by seeking refuge in the warmth of the tower rather than sailing

The next race is scheduled for Sunday 26 July 2015.

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