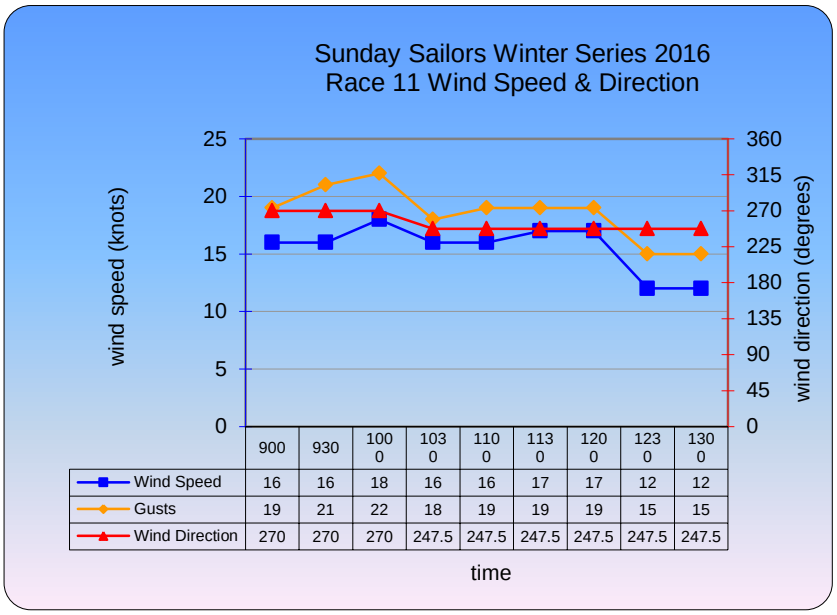
Last Race the Fastest
Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2016 Race 11

The winter series came to an end when XPRESSO (Ari & Damian Abrahams) crossed the finish line at 11:35:08. Despite finishing in last place XPRESSO won the aggregate after completing 9 of a possible 10 races and occupying top position for the last 5 consecutive contests.

Although the breeze for this race may not have reached the forecast levels, there was enough to make this the fastest race in the series. The average elapsed time of the fleet was the shortest, it was the earliest finish time and some yachts achieved their highest speed of the series. The race was around the 7 leg, 9.8 nautical mile course 16. It was the Oceanis 40 DILII GAFF (Paul MacBain) sailing off her lowest handicap of the series that won the race by a margin of 32 seconds. In second place was ANTARES (G Stewart D Pearce) also off her lowest handicap of the series. Third was the Bavaria 32 FOGGY DEW (Joe O'Grady) starting off her lowest handicap and recording her first podium finish for the series.

The Beneteau 44 PLAYLIST (Mathew Powell) became the 11th yacht to win Start of the Day 4 seconds late for her handicap. She also sailed the in the fastest elapsed time of 1:13:07 – 2 minutes 56 seconds faster than her closest rival.

Observations at Fawkner Beacon showed the speed and direction of the breeze remained relatively constant for the duration of the race. Average wind speed was about 16 knots coming from the west before shifting to the west south west at about 1030 hrs. There was enough breeze to have most yachts well heeled over. See next page.



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Wind Speed	16	16	18	16	16	17	17	12	12
Gusts	19	21	22	18	19	19	19	15	15
Wind Direction	270	270	270	247.5	247.5	247.5	247.5	247.5	247.5

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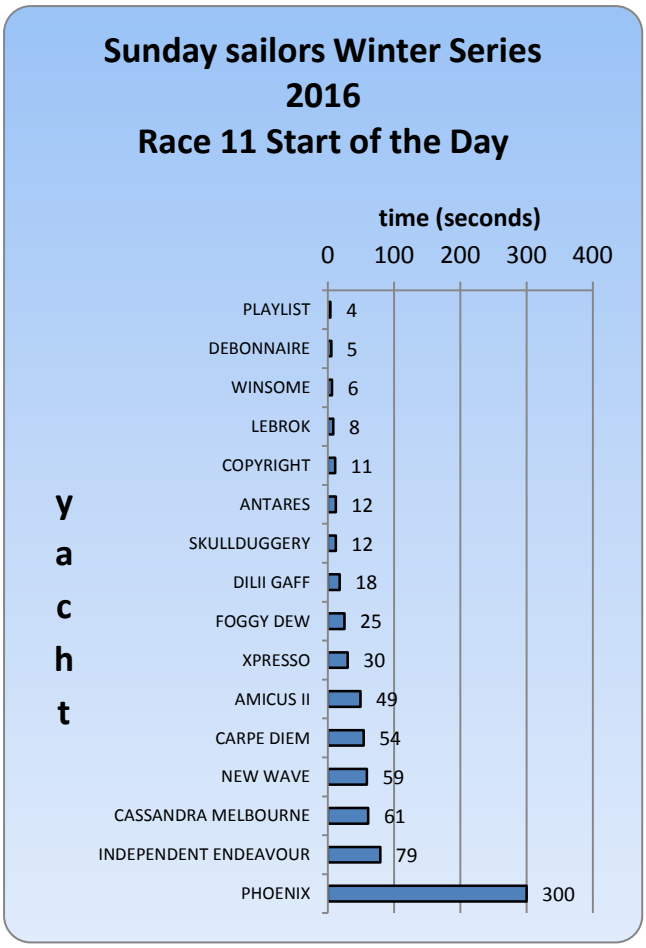
DILII GAFF has started 9 races but only completed 5 and this one delivered her best result. She started from 5th place 18 seconds late for her 17 minute handicap. It took her only 55 minutes 11 seconds to sail the first 4 legs of the course and by that time she had moved into 3rd place 6 minutes 26 seconds behind the leader. DILII GAFF sailed the final 3 legs of the course in 28 minutes 42 seconds and was first across the finish line at 11:11:11 after sailing the entire course in the 7th fastest time of the race. DILII GAFF finished the series in 12th place in the aggregate moving up 2 places after the previous race.

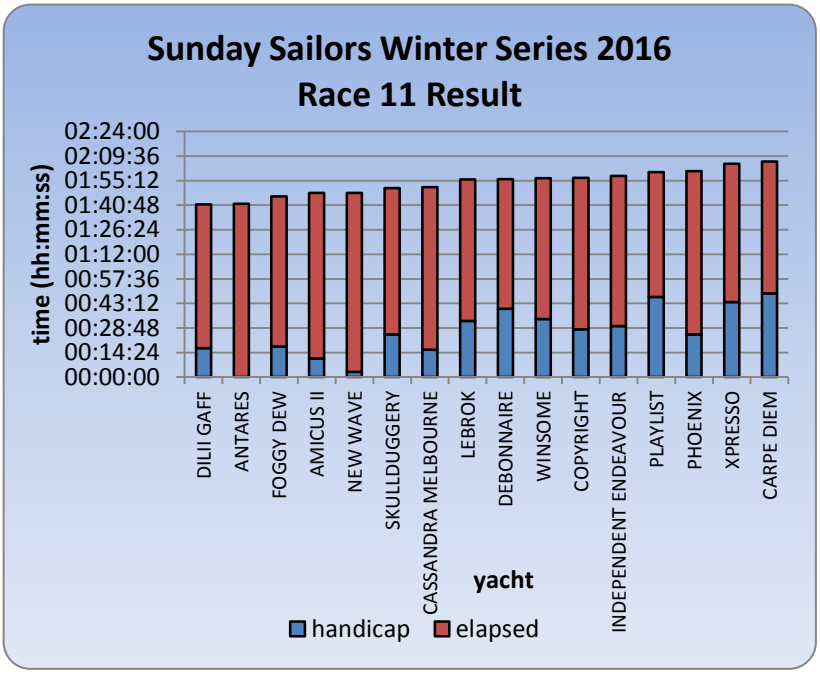
ANTARES was the first yacht to start the race 12 seconds late for her zero handicap; she still led the fleet at the first rounding of number 4 and it was only during the latter stages of the race that she was caught and overtaken by DILII GAFF – the eventual winner. ANTARES sailed the course in 1:41:43 and crossed the finish line in 2nd place at 11:11:43 – 32 seconds behind the winner. ANTARES had started 8 races in the series but completed only 5. This was her first podium finish which helped her into 14th place in the aggregate.

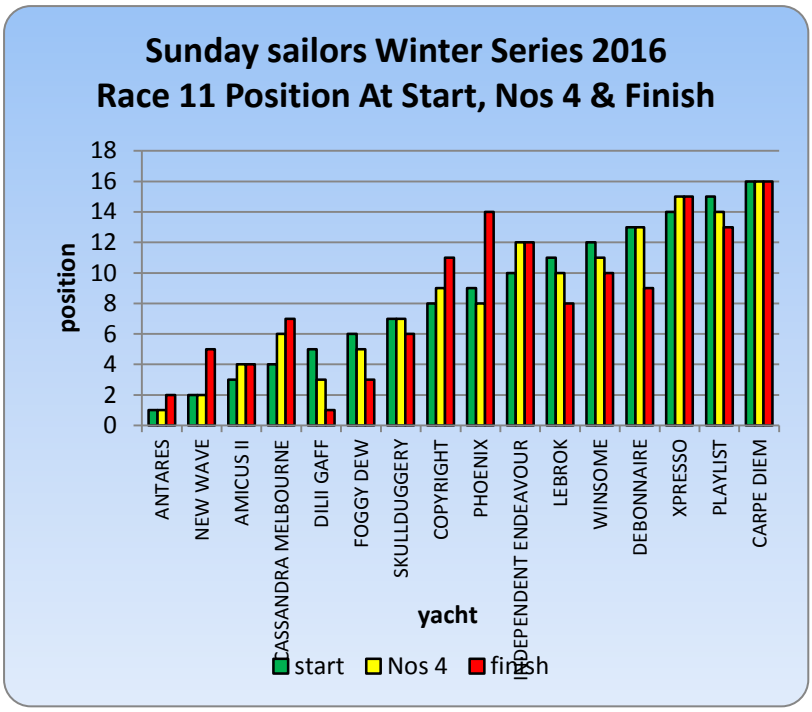
Although FOGGY DEW has had 5 top ten finishes in her 7 starts this was her first podium finish of the series. She started from 6th place 25 seconds late for her 18 minute handicap. She sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 57 minutes 44 seconds and moved into 5th place. FOGGY DEW sailed the remaining 3 legs in 29 minutes 37 seconds passing a further 2 yachts on the way and she crossed the finish line in 3rd place at 11:15:56 – 4 minutes 13 seconds behind ANTARES. The 3rd place helped FOGGY DEW from 10th place to finish 9th in the aggregate.



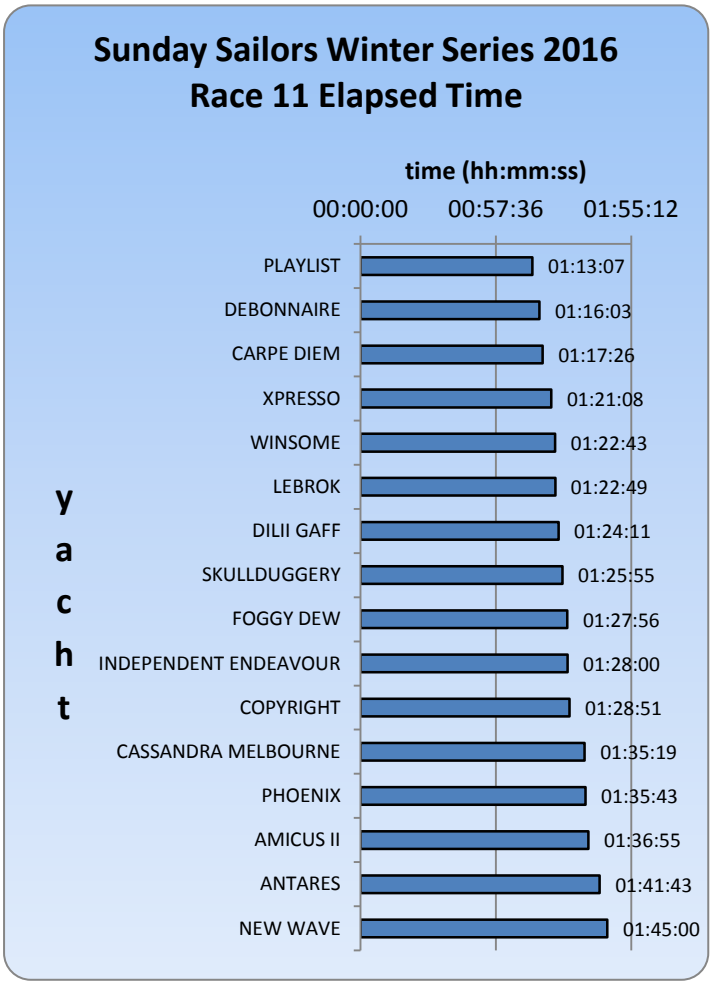
The median start time for the race was 18 seconds which was well below the series median of 30 seconds. PLAYLIST had the best Start of the Day closely followed by DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) and WINSOME (Simon Hemingway).

There was a close finish of 5 seconds between NEW WAVE (N Derricks) and AMICUS II (Warwick Stenford) which AMICUS II won after overtaking NEW WAVE well within sight of the finish line. The fleet started 49 minutes 42 seconds apart, this gap reduced to 31 minutes 7 seconds at the first rounding of number 4 and 16 yachts finished 25 minutes 15 seconds apart.





There was very little positional change during the race with yachts finishing, on average, within 3 positions of where they started. Of the first 5 yachts to finish, 4 were among the first 5 to start the race.



The average elapsed time for the race was 1:27:14 - the fastest of the series. With only 31 minutes 53 seconds separating the fastest from slowest this was one of the more consistent results. PLAYLIST recorded her fastest time of the series of 1:13:07 – 2 minutes 56 seconds faster than her closest rival DEBONNAIRE. PLAYLIST has recorded the fastest elapsed time in 3 of her 7 races.

The winner of the aggregate with a total of 23.5 points was the 35 foot X yacht XPRESSO. Although she did not win a race in the series she completed 9 of the 10 races she started and accumulated 4 podium finishes.

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2016 Xpresso Race Record									
RACE	DATE	POSN	ELAPSED	FINISH	HCAP	SOD	COURSE	DISTANCE	WIND SPEED
2	15-May-16	3	1:35:54	11:40:54	0:35:00	6	8	10.8	12
3	29-May-16	18	1:29:25	11:37:25	0:38:00	6	8	10.8	16
4	19-Jun-16	2	1:47:49	12:23:49	0:36:00	60	5	4.2	4
5	3-Jul-16	11	1:39:51	11:49:51	0:40:00	9	61	9.8	14
6	17-Jul-16					27	8	10.8	19
7	31-Jul-16	5	2:12:10	12:22:10	0:40:00	9	7	9.8	9
8	14-Aug-16	3	1:28:10	11:38:10	0:40:00	16	7	6.3	7
9	28-Aug-16	3	1:48:13	12:00:13	0:42:00	22	6	8.4	10
10	11-Sep-16	7	1:57:05	12:11:05	0:44:00	9	6	8.4	7
11	25-Sep-16	15	1:21:08	11:35:08	0:44:00	30	16	9.8	16

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2016 Aggregate Position per Race										
YACHT	RACE NUMBER									
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
XPRESSO	3	6	2	1	6	1	1	1	1	1
CARPE DIEM	12	20	5	6	5	2	2	2	2	2
COPYRIGHT	11	18	16	12	13	4	3	4	3	3
LEBROK	6	9	14	10	8	6	4	3	4	4
SKULLDUGGERY	4	7	4	2	1	3	5	6	8	5
AMICUS II	19	19	19	14	10	10	10	11	9	6
DEBONNAIRE	7	11	11	7	4	8	8	5	6	7
WINSOME	5	8	7	3	3	7	6	7	5	8
FOGGY DEW	8	13	8	9	7	9	9	8	10	9
PLAYLIST	9	15	17	13	15	17	14	9	7	10
NEW WAVE	16	21	20	18	19	15	11	12	13	11
DILII GAFF	2	4	3	8	12	11	13	13	14	12
VANQUISH	19	3	10	4	2	5	7	10	11	13
ANTARES	13	10	9	16	14	12	15	17	16	14
IMAGINER	19	24	23	25	22	24	20	15	12	15
MYUNA III	19	17	18	21	18	20	22	20	15	16
INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOUR	18	12	15	15	16	14	16	19	20	17
CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	19	24	26	24	23	25	23	22	23	18
KAOS	19	24	26	27	26	21	17	14	17	19
PHOENIX		23	25	19	17	18	21	23	22	20
HIGH HANDED	14	14	13	20	21	19	19	18	18	21
PLAY	1	2	1	5	11	16	12	16	19	22
PANACHE IV	15	5	6	11	9	13	18	21	21	23
DELL ERA	17	22	21	22	24	22	24	25	24	24
SHILO	10	16	22	23	25	26	26	24	25	25
SILVERADO	19	1	12	17	20	23	25	26	26	26
A CUNNING PLAN	19	24	26	27	28	28	28	28	27	27
CADENZA	19	24	23	25	27	27	27	27	28	28
SCALLYWAG	19	24	26	27	28	28	28	28	29	29
BARINYA	19	24	26	27	28	28	28	28	30	30

The Summer Series is due to commence 9 Oct 2016