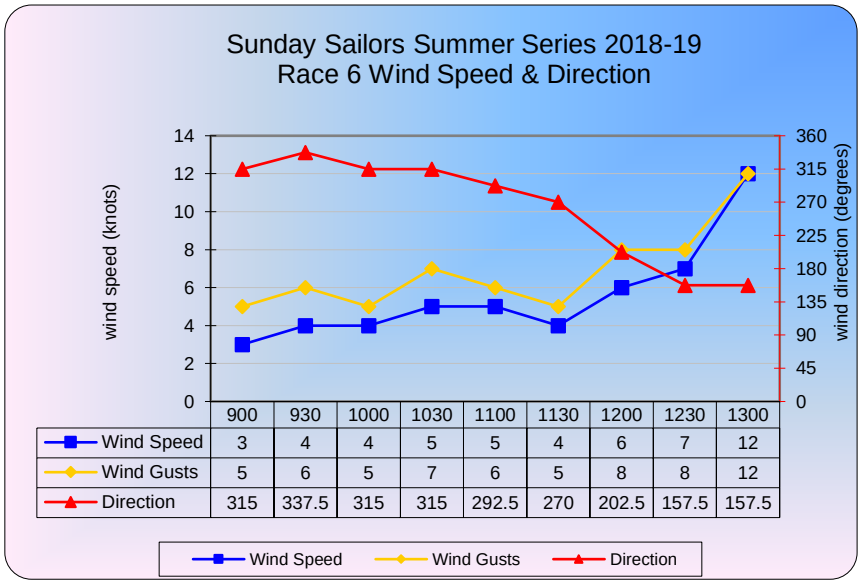
The One That Got Away
Sunday Sailors Summer Series 2018-19 Race 6

With a winning margin of 8 minutes 24 VIVE LA VIE (Mark Sutherland) got away from the rest of the fleet to record her first podium finish of the series. She was one of 20 yachts contesting race 6 which was delayed for 30 minutes to allow the patchy breeze to fill in. The breeze only averaged 6 knots for the morning and the shorter than usual 7.6 nautical mile course 17 was shortened by 1 leg.



	900	930	1000	1030	1100	1130	1200	1230	1300
Wind Speed	3	4	4	5	5	4	6	7	12
Wind Gusts	5	6	5	7	6	5	8	8	12
Direction	315	337.5	315	315	292.5	270	202.5	157.5	157.5

DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez) became the 7th different yacht this series to win Start of the Day. Finishing 2nd and claiming her first podium finish of the series was FOGGY DEW (Joe O'Grady) whilst CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) finished 3rd. For the second time this series DEBONNAIRE sailed the course in the fastest elapsed time.

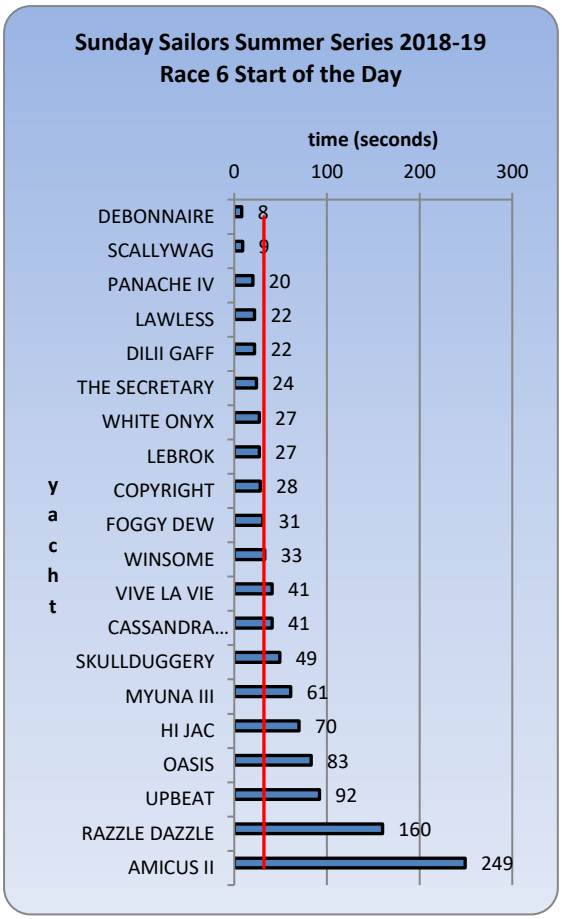
WHITE ONYX (Ben & Katherine Solly) remains at the top of the aggregate with LAWLESS (Boyd Coulson) in 2nd place. Both have been in their respective positions for the third race in succession. After finishing 5th in this race LEBROK (Theo Korbel) moves up from 5th into 3rd place. It is DEBONNAIRE with 8 points that leads the contest for the Sunday Plate. Meanwhile CASSANDRA leads the challenge for the Noelle Coram Trophy.

VIVE LA VIE began the series with a handicap of 13 minutes which has gradually reduced after finishing 21st or more. She started this race from 2nd place 41 seconds late for her 5 minute handicap. It took her 1:13:35 to sail the first 3 legs of the course and she rounded SYC in 2nd place. VIVE LA VIE sailed the last 2 legs of the course in 43 minutes 41 seconds crossing the finish line at 12:56:57. She has completed 4 races this series and this is her best finish so far. VIVE LA VIE moves up from 26th to 17th in the aggregate; is now 7th in the Noelle Coram Trophy; and, 15th in the Sunday Plate.

FOGGY DEW has also completed 4 races this series she has finished in the top ten on 3 occasions although this was her first podium finish. She started the race from 6th place 31 seconds late for her 23 minute handicap. After sailing the first 3 legs of the course in 1:14:03 she was in 3rd place still 14 minutes 18 seconds behind the leader. In the last 2 legs of the race she moved into second place and crossed the finish line at 12:15:21 – 8 minutes 24 seconds behind the winner. FOGGY DEW is now 6th in the aggregate; 4th in the Noelle Coram Trophy; and, 3rd in the Sunday Plate.

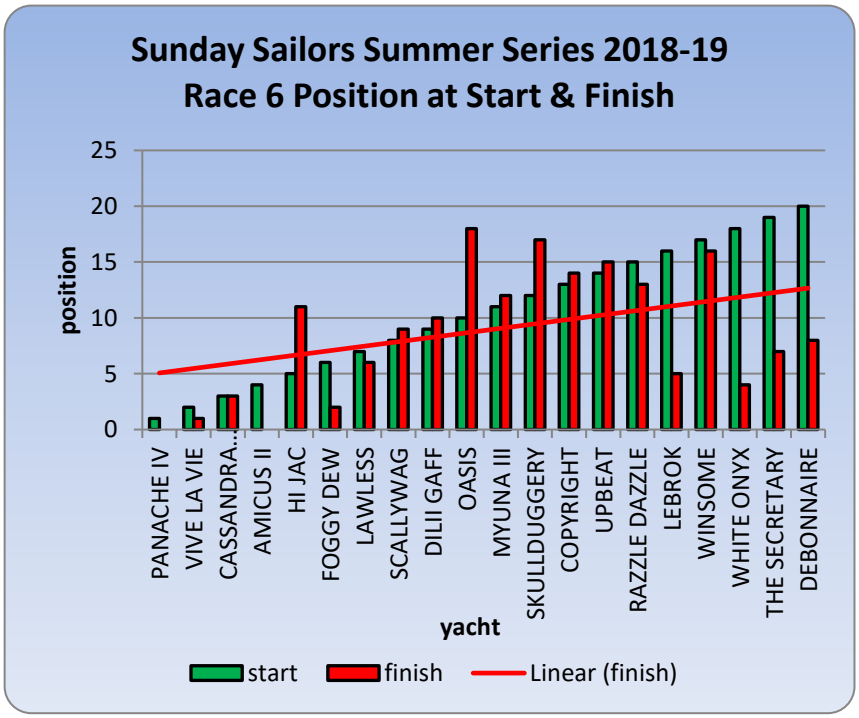
This is the second time in 2 races that

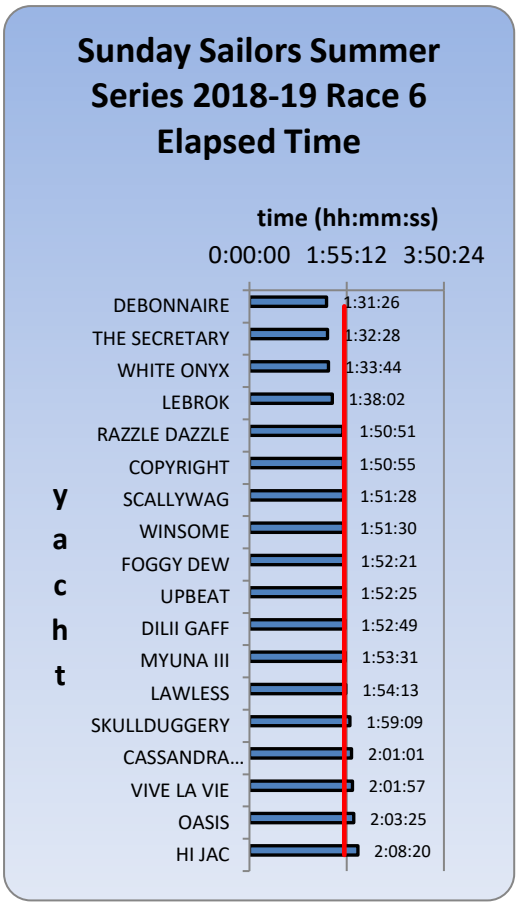
CASSANDRA has finished in 3rd place. She has completed five races and has 2 podium finishes. She started this race from 3rd place 41 seconds late for her 17 minute handicap. At the first rounding of SYC 4 she had moved into 2nd position. During the last two legs of the race CASSANDRA was overtaken by FOGGY DEW and was 3rd across the finish line at 12:18:01 - 2 minutes 40 seconds behind FOGGY DEW. CASSANDRA had sailed the course in 2:01:01. She is currently 3rd in the aggregate; 3rd in the Sunday Plate; and, leads the contest for the Noelle Coram Trophy.



The median start time for the race was 32 seconds. DEBONNAIRE won Start of the Day for the first time this series with a time of 8 sceonds.

The 20 yachts started the race 61 minutes 48 seconds apart. By the first rounding of SYC 4 the gap had reduced to 34 minutes 14 seconds and the 19 finishers were 28 minutes 28 seconds apart at the finish line. The closest finish was for 13th place with 4 seconds separating RAZZLE DAZZLE from COPYRIGHT. None of the yachts that started from mid fleet were able to improve on their start positions.





The median elapsed time for the race was 1:52:23 making this the shortest race of the series in both time and distance. DEBONNAIRE recorded the fastest time of 1:31:26 – 62 seconds faster than THE SECRETARY. The range of elapsed times was 36 minutes 54 seconds the closest so far this series.

(Left) SCALLYWAG had the second best start of the race whilst PANACHE IV recorded the third.

(Far left & left) COPYRIGHT made a spinnaker start and held a bigger white one in reserve for use later in the race.

(Left) AMICUS II was over 4 minutes late for her start.

(Right) SKULLDUGGERY had the "battle flags" on display for the last race of the year.

LEBROK was 11 places ahead of WINSOME at the finish line.

UPBEAT was ahead of RAZZLE DAZZLE at the start but the positions were reversed at the finish.

(Left) THE SECRETARY was the 2nd fastest around the course.

(Right) WHITE ONYX is leading the aggregate.

(Below) Good day for spinnakers.

Race 7 is scheduled for 6 Jan 2019

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