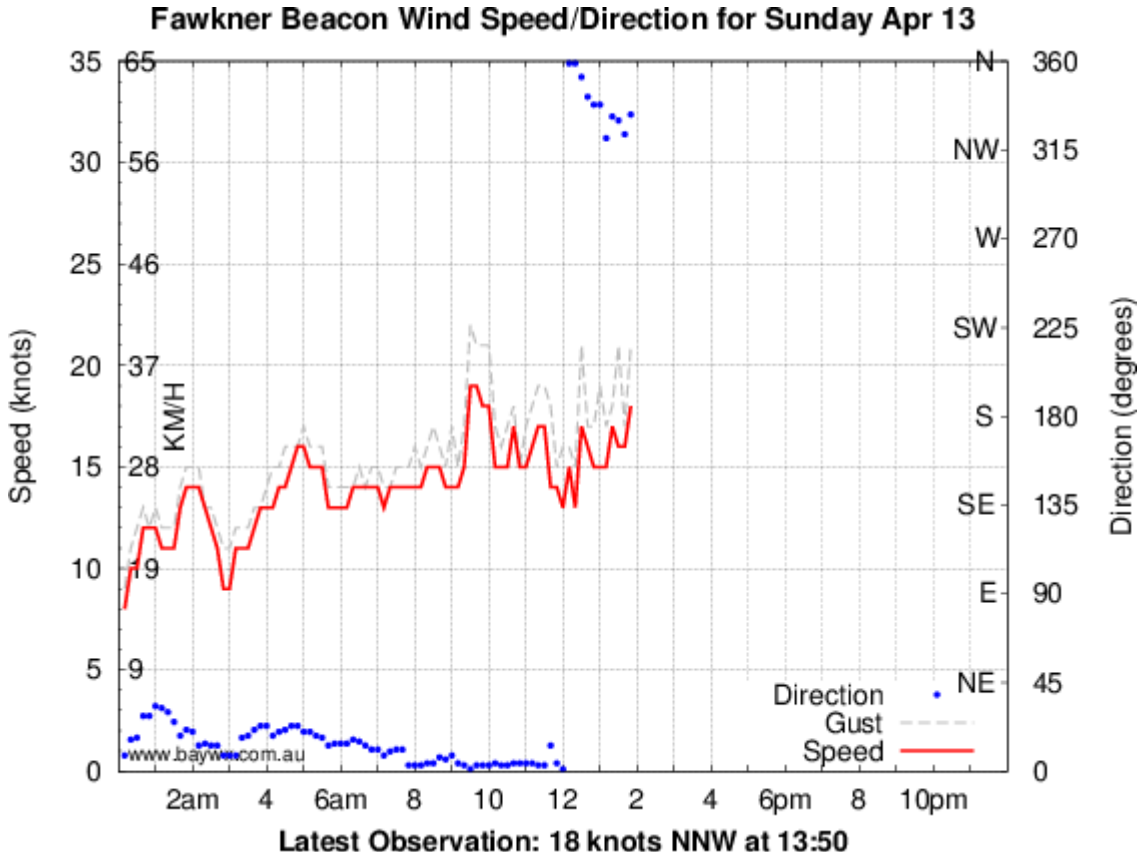
SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT ***April 13 2025 RACE 1 WINTER SERIES***

Intro

Sunday was forecast fine, getting warmer with some sun and Northerly winds. Initially the Northerlies had been forecast 10-12 knots but the forecast strengthen to 16-20 knots as we got closer to Sunday. In any event we got some what unstable 15-18 knots with gusts over 20and slightly East of North, so coming off the shore. This led to flat seas with things a bit variable in shore.

19 boats toed the line and all finished in great conditions. There was some revamping of handicaps. Course 24 was start, 3, 2, 5, 4, 3, 1 finish. Or inner, inner, outer, 4, inner, inner, finish. There was no need for the bulk of the fleet to know the course because the first boats were well out in front.



RESULTS

A great victory for **Panache 4 (Egil Stokans**) who led from start to finish (a bit like a horse race) and held off a fast finishing **Grumpy (Andrew Stopp**) who finished second. Third was **Alegria (Simon May**) who started third and finished third, a bit over 3 minutes off the leader. Nearly 3 minutes further back was **La Mer (Michael Ebeling) and Hitchhiker (David Goodman**) rounded out the top five.

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Race 1 (13/04/2025) PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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Place	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Fin Tim	Score
1	SM4535	PANACHE IV	Egils Stokans	11:26:40	1.0
2	G3851	GRUMPY	Andrew Stopp	11:28:14	2.0
3	SM309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	11:30:27	3.0
4	SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	11:32:55	4.0
5	SM42	HITCHHIKER	David Goodman	11:33:32	5.0
6	SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	11:34:42	6.0
7	SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	11:34:48	7.0
8	YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	11:35:10	8.0
9	SM6915	EMERALD	Anthony Tanner	11:35:27	9.0
10	SM4646	ALLIANCE	Alex H Simon F Paul S	11:36:34	10.0

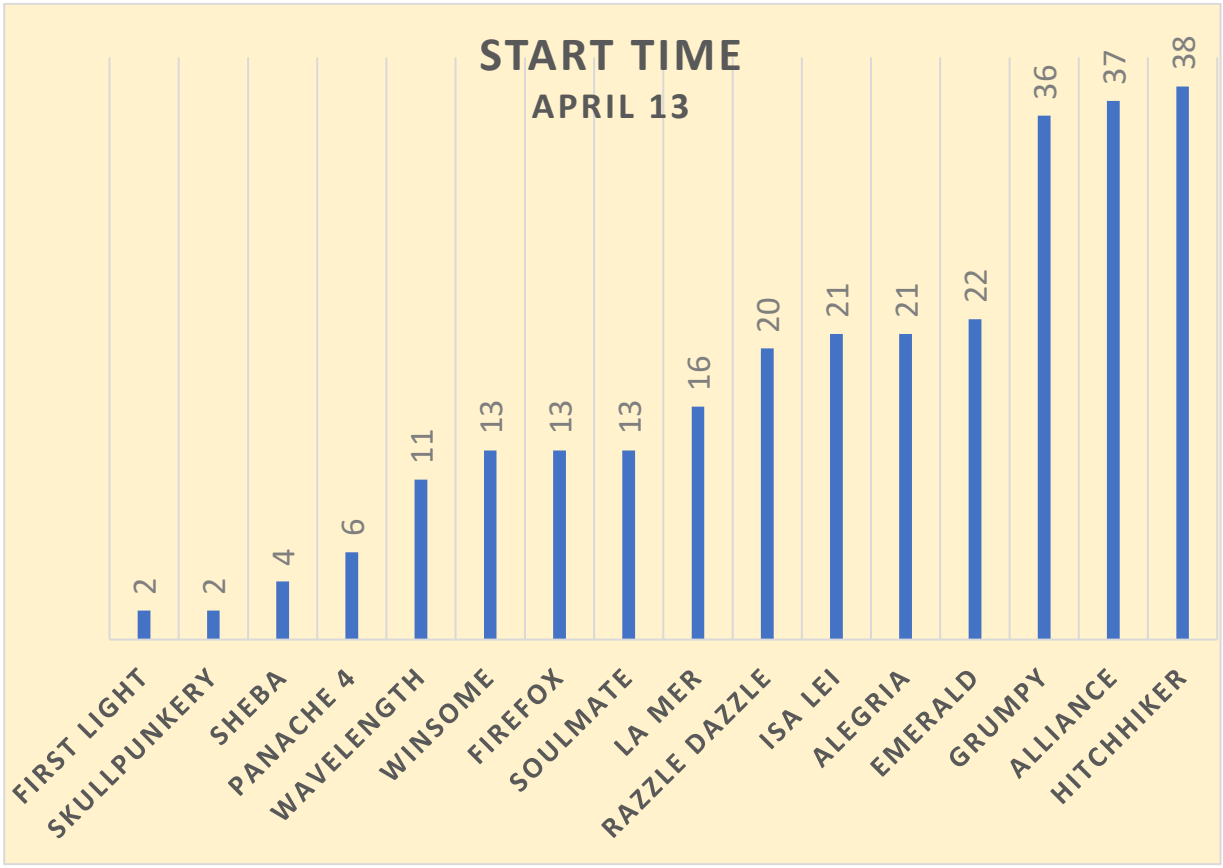
Panache holding off all comers to register a first all the way victory

Grumpy a very meritous second today !!

<u>Start of the Day</u>

For some reason the start was hard to judge today, perhaps because a starboard start meant running down the line before turning across the line, difficult to get close to the pin (number 4) to judge it well. But **First Light (Mike Coulter) and Skulltuggery (Larry MacCarten**) managed it very well, each having a 2 second start. Great effort both. **Sheba (Michael Piani) and Panache 4** also had good starts.

Equal Start of the Day: **Skullduggery and First Light**



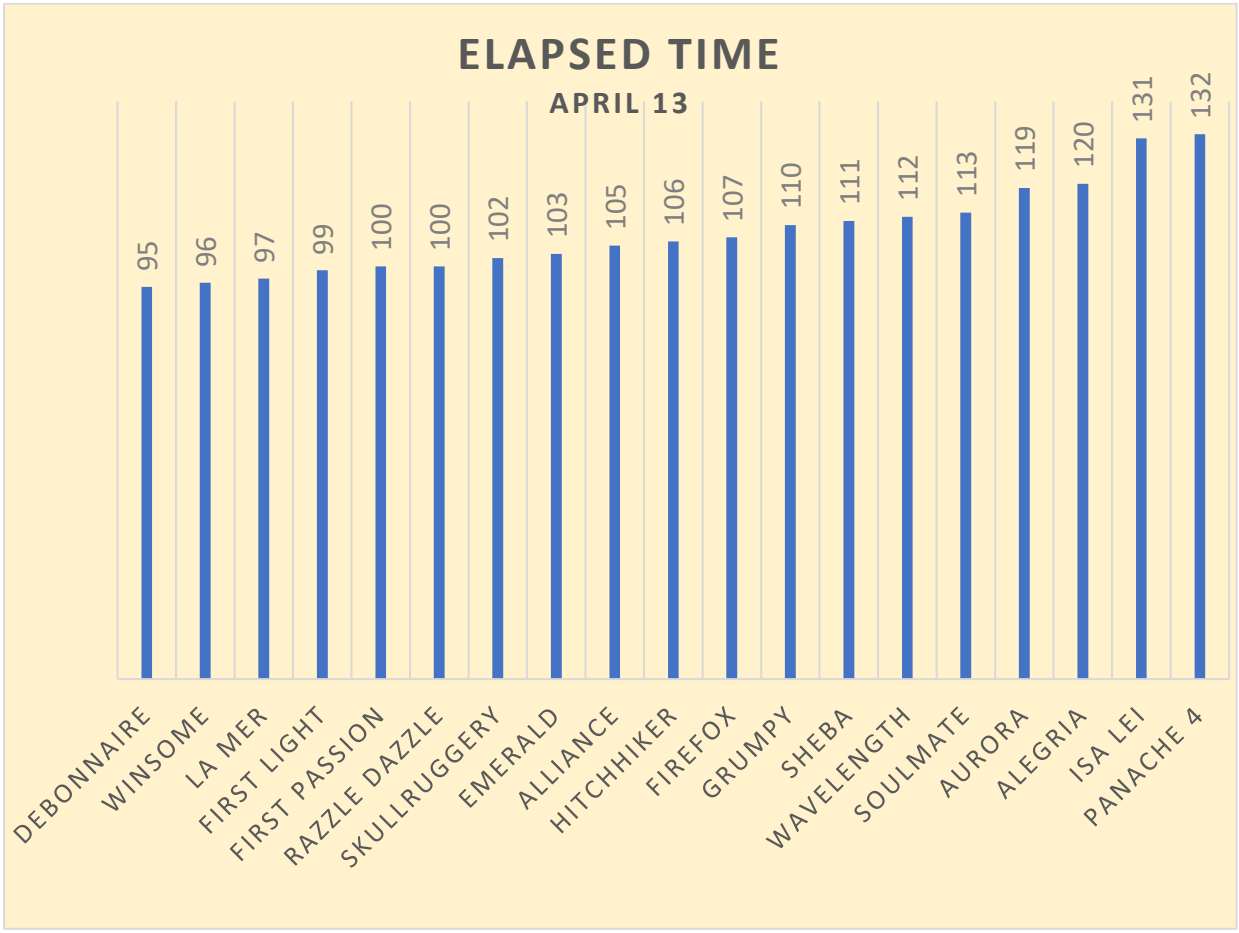
Alegria – Third Today

SERIES Starts of the Day

With one race gone Skullduggery and First Light are joint leaders…..

Elapsed Times

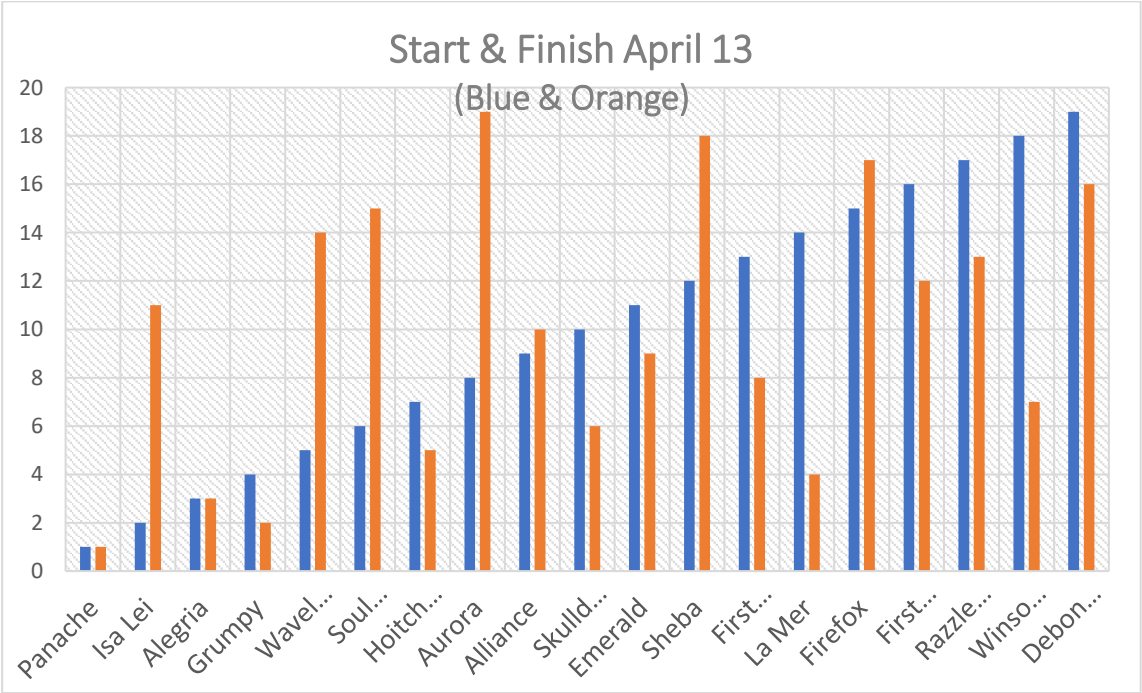
Many of the bigger boats weren't there today. **Hot Chipps** is getting ready to travel North for Hamilton Island and glory. **Bacardi** is doing Bacardi things but **Debonnaire (Phil Gomez**) was there. She started last and picked up a few boats for the fastest elapsed time of 95 minutes. But she was closely followed by **Winsome (Simon Hemingway)** (96) and **La Mer** (97 minutes). Course 24 was 9.29 nM. This meant that the fleet average time was 107.8 minutes, giving an average VMG of 5.17 knots in moderate conditions. This is quite good given the smaller number of "large boats", possibly balanced out by the flat seas and fairly constant wind.



Fastest elapsed time today: **Debonnaire**

START AND FINISH POSITIONS

Winsome was the biggest mover in the fleet picking up 11 places, with **La Mer** picking up 10 places from 14th to 4th. **Alegria** started and finished in 3rd, a good result. **Panache** also started and finished in the same position as she started : first!!



Biggest mover today**: Winsome.**

SERIES LEAD

Clearly the race winner today is the series leader, so congratulations to **Panache 4**. We hope that the handicapper does not visit upon you penalties out of proportion to what you merit. If you understand that line please explain it to me.
Past series winners **Hitchhiker, La Mer, Skullduggery and Winsome** all had good placings – setting themselves up for a strong series. What is the mantra? Stay out of the placings and maybe the handicapper won't notice you?? Well I think **Stuart Morrison-Jack** is a bit sharper than that. You can also try giving bottles of wine to the tower volunteers and boating office staff (not that they don't deserve it), as a boat of the Skull and Crossbones persuasion does…..

LAST SEASON

Again congrats to **Razzle Dazzle (Grahame Jones and crew**) on an outstandingly consistent season, having missed the first two races. Also to **Winsome** for a very consistent starting performance in the summer season.

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By now we should have had the announcement of the winner of this prestigious trophy. I am not privy to the result or the subtle and complicated formula used to compute the winner. I have it on good authority that **Skullduggery** and **Hot Chipps** were very well placed, with **Razzle Dazzle and Alliance** worth a mention. We wait with baited breath…. **STOP PRESS STOP PRESS The winner is Hot Chipps (John Chipps and Co).**

Gossip and other matters

Well your correspodant Luffing Lance, sent his reports out in to the world of Sandringham Yacht Club, to find news and sailing tips to help you all.

- **Razzle Dazzle** always in the news… ?? Spinnaker issues today I heard.
- **Skulldrudgery,** commonly featured in these pages had returned from Ocean Racing last weekend. These boys and girls do the real stuff in Bass Strait. Anyway, amazingly, they didn't fly their kite today. Something from Paddy McBarton about not enough crew. We at Luffing Lance enterprises, thought they went better without flying the kite today.
- **Talking of Skullpudgery,** they thought Winsome had got them on the last leg but Winsome overlaid the finish line and so although 100 mtrs to windward on the line, the Skulls snuck inside for a 6 second win!!!
- **Winsome** may or maynot have had a new headsail, but Mr Hemingway was neither confirming or denying the rumours.
- Talking of new sails**, Hitchhiker** had a brand new spinnaker, and what a beauty too. But the sail stayed in the bag today – what happened???
- **Soulmate** when receiving commiserations for their less than outstanding result, let slip that their pole topper was lost up the mast so they couldn't pole out the headsail, having to tack downwind. Everyone knows that will have confused **David and Ian. Ian Hetherington** is on record denying he lost the offending halyard.
- **First Light** now there's a tale of tired ness and over sailing. They also had a reef in the main (great debate on the pros and cons before they decided to put it in). Halfway down the last run they shook it out. They said that **Winsome** interpreted that they were trying to take **Winsome**'s wind with a resultant complaint form the Jeanneau 40. But they were innocent, didn't even know **Winsome** was there.
- **Debonnaire** looked at the conditions, looked at the handicap, and **Phil Gomez** thought, a good result is coming here!! Alas the boats in front did well.
- **Sheba** according to an anonymous source (which I can name if bribed appropriately), was tacking downwind under assy but making her tacks too deep and so was sailing slower than optimal. Given the sophistication of this observation, there are not too many boats it could have come from.
- **La Mer** was another boat without a kite today – very unusual. I think (not sure) they had only 4 crew, but sailed very well for a 5th.
- **First Passion** didn't have a crew today so fished around in other boats for a crew. All was looking well until they put there genoa up, upside down and inside out (well maybe they but the genoa sheets on the tack, not the clew). Anyway sorting that out meant they were 6 minutes late for their start. 6 minutes earlier would have given them a 3rd today. So well done, sort of, **First Passion**.
- Great to see **Upbeat (Peter Dunne)** out there sailing again. But it was the Wednesday Wonders!!
- Boats spotted in the yard getting go fast treatment include **Amicus, Winsome, Hot Chipps, Razzle Dazzle.**

Many thanks to our tower volunteers **Barb Watson and Cathy Higgins**. There would be no race without them. Apologies to anyone I have missed out.

Also the ***Tile Importer*** for sponsoring us. Apparently they are in tiles and sell all sorts of timber too. Looking online they do decking timber, timber fencing, doors, pine products and timber in general. Please support them!!

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