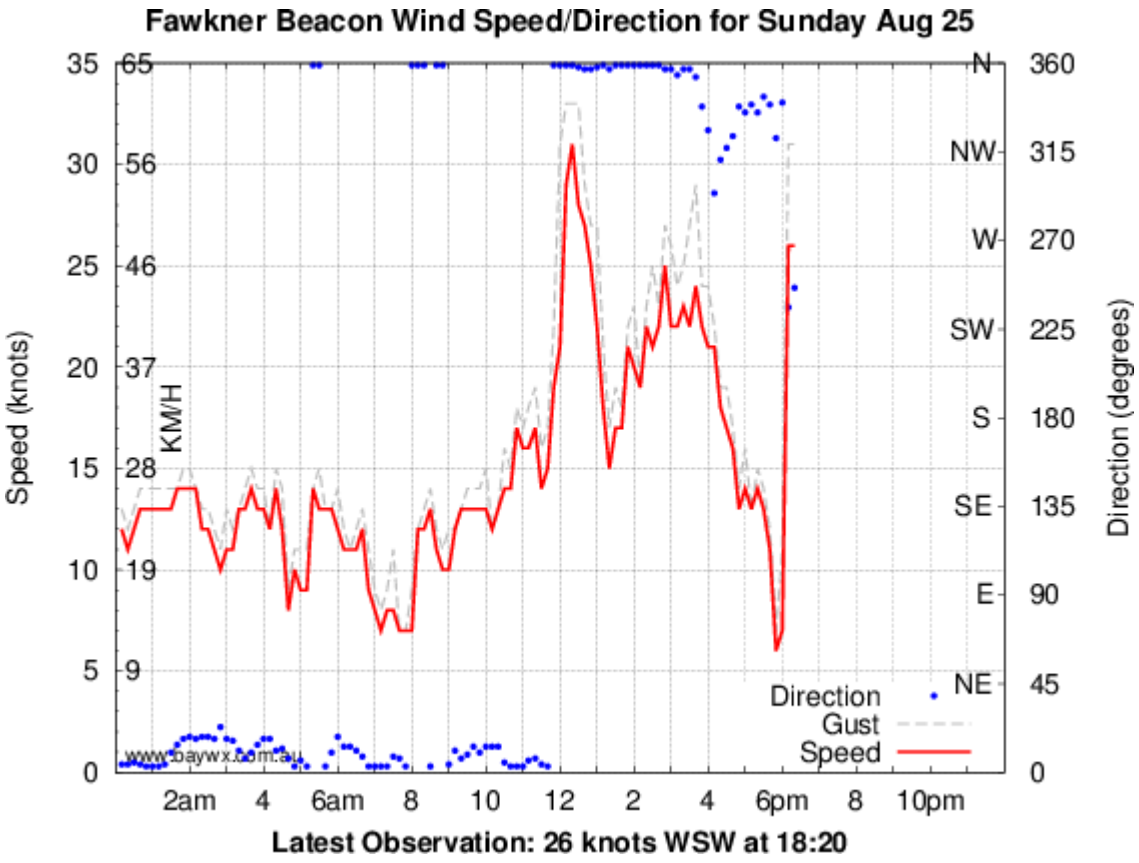
SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT AUGUST 25 2024 – Race 11

Intro

Sunday was forecast 10 knots increasing to about 15. What we got was 6-7 from the North to start and about 1/3 through the race it started jumping and gusting. We saw about 20-25 with gusts in the 30's with spikes and troughs closer into shore, making it very tricky, in addition to the wind strength. Rain held off and it was moderate temperature. Only 9 boats ventured out with two retiring. We sailed course 32 (3 loops) so plenty of scope to shorten if needed. It ended up being an upwind downwind course with wind pretty constant from the North, despite the great variation in wind speed.



RESULTS

Alegria (Simon May) had a brilliant day, leading from start to finish and also having a 3 glasser (more about that later. Hot on her tail was Skullduggery (Garry Mccarten) 14 seconds behind. Both boats rounded up just short of the finish line which made for interesting viewing. Third was Winsome (Simon Heffingway**). La Mer (Michael Ebeling**) was 4th across the line but suffered a start penalty. Two boats retired, **Lawless and Hitchhiker (David Goodman)** with **Lawless** being unscathed (I think) but **Hitchhiker** having some gear issues.

Mercedes-Benz Brighton Sunday Sailors

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Race 11 (25/08/2024) PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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PurHC results Start : 09:30

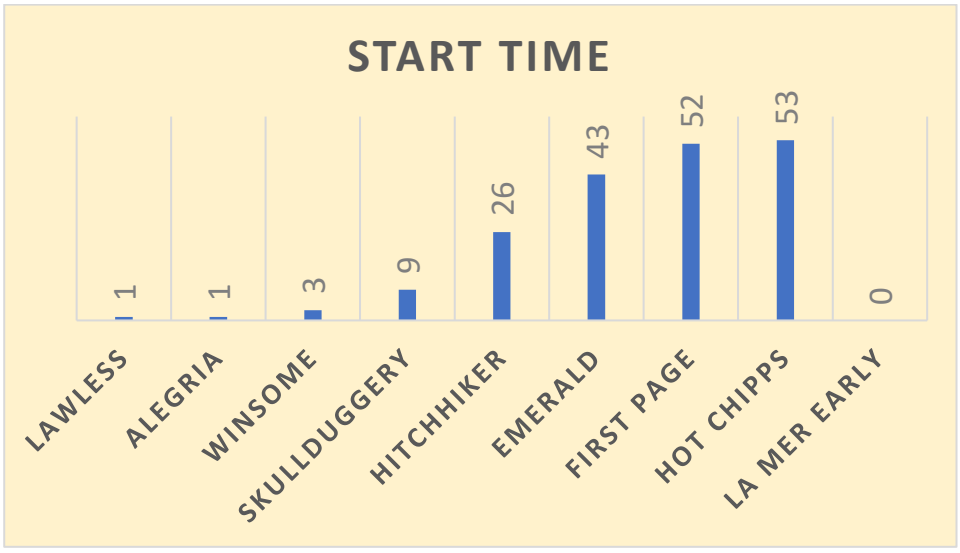
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	T ahc	Fin Tim	Elapsd	Score
1	309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	0.0	11:33:35	02:03:35	1.0
2	440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	22.0	11:33:49	01:41:49	2.0
3	190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	35.0	11:35:03	01:30:03	3.0
4	2626	NEXT PAGE II	Peter Forbes	35.0	11:37:22	01:32:22	4.0
5	46	HOT CHIPPS	Gavin Stewart / Murray Swarbrick	42.0	11:39:02	01:27:02	5.0
6	6915	EMERALD	Tony Tanner	25.0	11:39:44	01:44:44	6.0
7	6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	31.0	11:41:55	01:40:55	7.0
RET	42	HITCHHIKER	David Goodman	27.0			10.0
RET	321	LAWLESS	Boyd Coulson	10.0			10.0

Alegria (Left) A big day, First and Start of the Day. **Winsome** (right) finishing third.

Skullduggery – a close second today

<u>Start of the Day</u>

Given it was a light weather downwind start, three very good starts today. Start of the day was shared by **Alegria and Lawless (Boyd Coulsen**), on 1 second. **Alegria** cleaned up today hence the reference to a " 3 glasser" . On 3 seconds was **Winsome**. **La Mer** crossed the line accidentally? 14 seconds early, incurring a 5 minute penalty.



No need to spare the blushes of starters over 60 seconds late, there were none!!

Series: Start of the Day

Taking the best 7 of ten starts the standings are:

Winsome	32
Skulltuggery	45
La Mer	55
Emerald	84
First Light	87

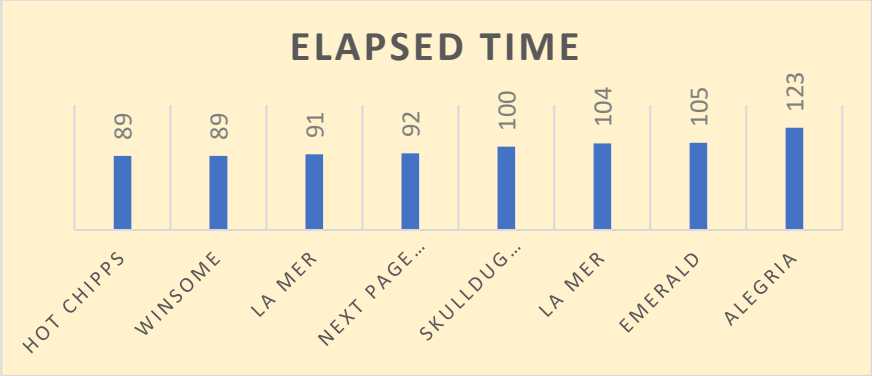
Only two boats have started every race**, La Mer and Winsome**.

Emerald –Second in the Series

Hot Chipps getting ready to do battle. Fastest elapsed time today

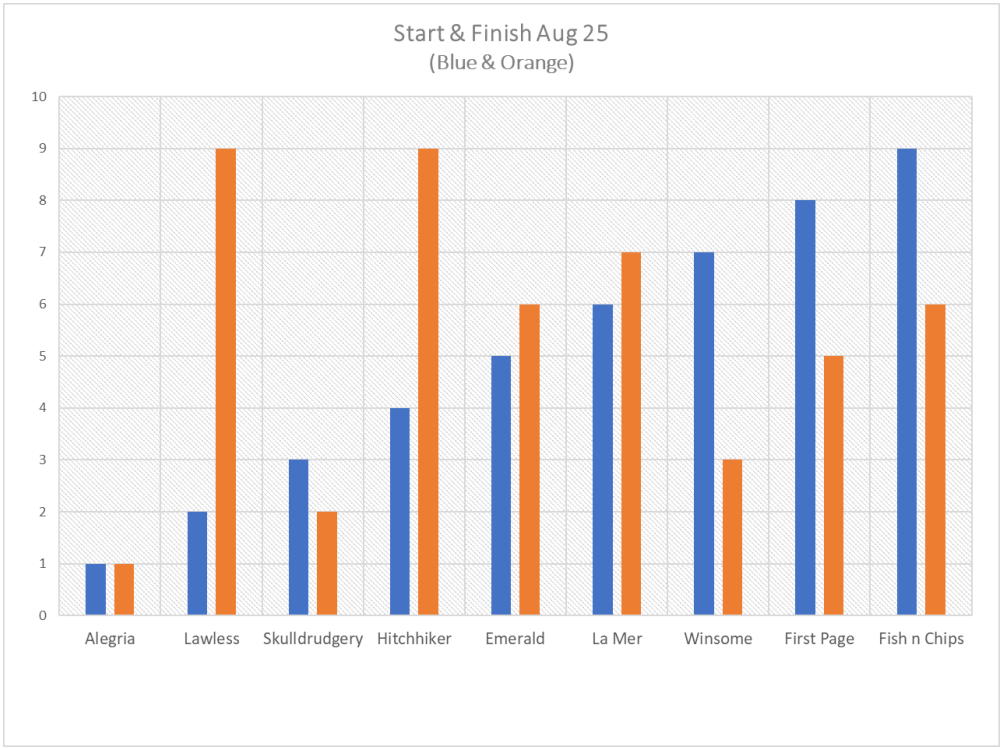
Elapsed Times

Hot Chipps (John Chipp) 89 minutes, was quickest around the course, one second faster than **Winsome**. **La Mer and Next Page 2 (Peter Forbes**) were close behind also. The race was shortened at the end of the second loop, at number 4. A good decision given the 30 + knot gusts that were coming through regularly at the time. The seas were flat given it was a Northerly.



START AND FINISH POSITIONS

Alegria led from start to finish, a good effort in the conditions, given she also started in light winds and so her handicap advantage was partly nullified. **Winsome** picked up 4 places in a small fleet, with **First Page 2 and Hot Chipps** picking up 3 places each.



SERIES LEAD

Two good results for **La Mer** has seen them snatch the lead from **Emerald (Tony Tanner)** with one race to go. **Hot Chipps and Winsome** are in 3rd and 4th but out of contention. **La Mer** has a better drop that **Emerald** so basically if **La Mer** finishes within 4 places of **Emerald** she wins the coveted Sunday Sailors for the first time ever. If the race is cancelled or both boats finish well down, **La Mer** also wins. The bookmakers have **La Mer** 3/1 on to win the title.
We may yet see a bit of match racing in the last race!!

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Series Results [PurHC] up to

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 11
1		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	36.0	7.0
2		SM6915	EMERALD	Tony Tanner	41.0	6.0
3		SM46	HOT CHIPPS	Gavin Stewart / Murray Swarbrick	47.0	5.0
4		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	48.0	3.0
5		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	52.0	[42.0C]
6		YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	54.0	[42.0C]
7		SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	78.0	2.0
8		SM4646	ALLIANCE	Alex H Simon F Paul S	81.0	[42.0C]
9		SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	82.0	[42.0C]
10		SM88	UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	85.0	[42.0C]

Gossip and other matters

- **Hitchhiker** was doing well but unfortunately they had the spinnaker clew sheet on the genoa and when they gybed, well not pretty. They retired after some exciting times.
- **Hot Chipps** had the fastest elapsed time, even after stopping to reef the main and sustaining some sail damage.
- **La Mer** kept their series lead, even after a penalty for being across the line early (allegedly). Sources inform your correspondent that high tech equipment is on the way from France to improve the performance of their mainsail system. But we have been sworn to secrecy.
- **Razzle Dazzle** is in the yard having her rigging repaired/replaced. The insurance company finally caught up with them
- **Skullduggery** got excited when **Allegria** rounded up with 100 metres to the finish line. They could see victory in their grasp, until they rounded up also.
- **Winsome** hit Mark 1 the second time around, whilst under enormous pressure from **La Mer**. The **Winsome** crew did a 360 (including an extra gybe in 25 knots) with **La Mer** watching every move… (we hear).
- Great to see **First Page 2** out in her first race. They seemed to be very quick, sailing a Saloma 380. This is a Croatian boat that reviews highly in the press.

- Many thanks to our tower volunteers and Mercedes Benz Brighton for sponsoring us!!

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Series Leader La Mer

Emerald- second in the Series

Joint Start of the Day **Lawless**