SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT JULY 14 2024 – Race 8

Intro

Sunday was forecast average but in the end we didn't get rained on. It was cold but improved a bit over time. Wind was 15-20 knots WSW, fairly constant. Course 27 ended up being two beats and the rest was broad reaches, with little scope for spinnakers and not much scope for passing boats, a bit of a soldiers course. 13 boats started and finished. cold but ended up being more mild than expected and sunny too.

High Tech presentation for the wind conditions for Sunday…

RESULTS

Alliance (Alex Hall et al) started third and won by nearly 6 minutes, they had a good day out**. Razzle Dazzle (Grahame Jones)** was second, well done and **La Mer (Michael Eberling)** rounded out the podium places. Special call out to **Firefox (Anthony Clyne), Skulldruggery (Garry McLartin) and First Light (Mike Coulter)** who all finished close to a podium.

Also good to see **Myuna (Geoffrey Nixon)** on the racecourse after a fair absence.

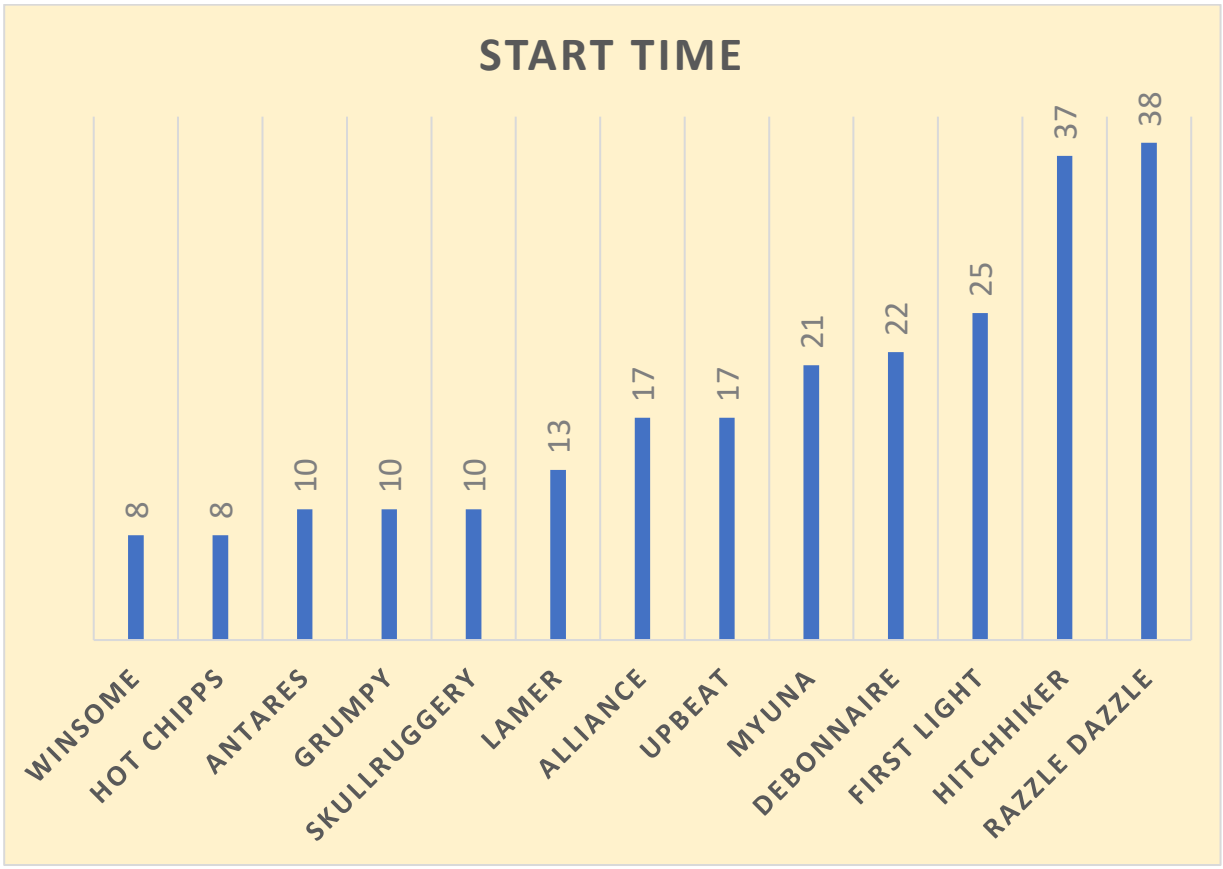
Alliance – comfortable winners today

<u>Razzle Dazzle- a great second and La Mer third.</u>

La Mer: Third Today and Fastest around the course

Start of the Day

On the surface of it, poor starting today by the fleet. **Hot Chipps (John Chipp) and Winsome (Simon Hemingway)** shared the best of it on 8 seconds. But the starts were fairly respectable and , at 18 seconds, the average start time was certainly respectable. Normal average start times are aroud 40 seconds or higher (certainly not something to boast about) for the Sunday Sailors fleet.



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

Series: Start of the Day

Taking the best 6 of eight starts the standings are:

Winsome	35
Firefox	51
La Mer	57
Emerald	64

Firefox has jumped into contention with four good starts in a row, whilst the Skulls would have figured in first or second but for a 2 second early start in Race 4. Garry being too eager again.

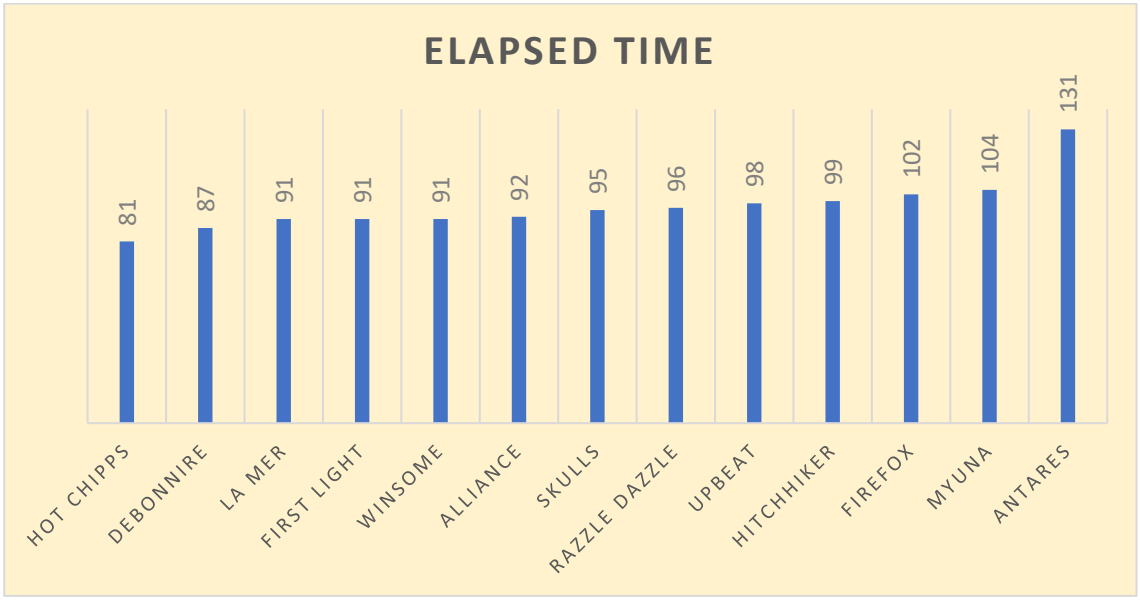
Emerald –Series leader(again!)

Joint start of the Day: **Winsome and Hot Chipps Hot Chipps** was also the fastest elapsed time.

Elapsed Times

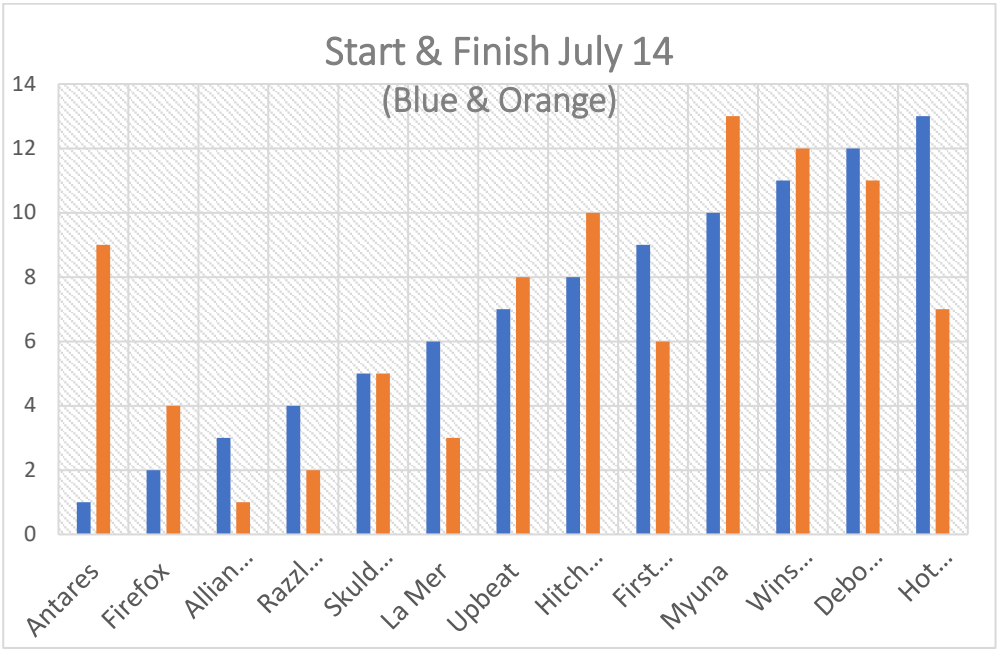
Well the cream rises to the top, or class beats… (I forget how that ends). **Hot Chipps (John Chipp)** was fastest around the course with **Debonnaire (Phil Gomez)** doing well on 87 minutes too**. La Mer had** her skates on today, despite it not being spinnaker friendly (91 minutes) and a very good showing **saw First Light (Mike Coulter)** on 91 minutes only.

The average VMG was 5.47 knots in about 17 knots of average breeze. This was slightly quicker than average for this wind strength – to be expected given the fleet composition (slightly larger than normal- 41 feet) and the number of reaching legs.



START AND FINISH POSITIONS

Given the reaching conditions and the small fleet there were no massive position changes. **Hot Chipps** gained 6 places. Unusually, given she had the equal third fastest time , **Winsome** went back one place… **Debonnaire** registered an ENP. Maybe Phil was too busy looking at his " Yachts for Sale " magazines.



SERIES LEAD

Shady and Shady IT systems have outdone themselves this time….

Emerald (Tony Tanner) keeps the series lead despite not turning up to race. But the gap to **La Mer** is smaller. **La Mer** has registered two thirds and a fourth (and you thought we wouldn't notice) to jump into clear second. **Razzle Dazzle (Grahame Jones), Winsome and First Light** are equal third. Good to see last season's winner, **Hitchhiker (David Goodman**) has re-entered the arena for the first time this season…

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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Series Results [PurHC] up to Race 8 (Drops = 2)

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 8	Race 7
1		SM6915	EMERALD	Tony Tanner	23.0	[41.0C]	6.0
2		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	27.0	3.0	4.0
3	2.0S	SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	34.0	2.0	10.0
4	1.0S	SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	34.0	[12.0]	3.0
5		YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	34.0	6.0	11.0
6		SM4646	ALLIANCE	Alex H Simon F Paul S	37.0	1.0	12.0
7		SM46	HOT CHIPPS	Gavin Stewart / Murray Swarbrick	39.0	7.0	7.0
8		SM82	ISA LEI	Andrew William Chapman	41.0	[41.0C]	1.0
9		SM88	UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	45.0	8.0	5.0
10		SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	50.0	4.0	8.0
11		SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	62.0	5.0	9.0
12		SM86	SHEBA	Michael Pisani	78.0	[41.0C]	[41.0C]

Gossip and other matters

Apologies but due to lack of time and new cost cutting measures from our owners this weeks copy was not filed. Also there was minimal controversy after the race…

Although we did hear there may have been a starting incident involving the boats starting at 38 minutes : Skullduggery, Upbeat and Hitchhiker … but on approaching Peter Dunne afterwards, he denied any knowledge of a racing incident.

Also **Hot Chipps** was seen luffing up from underneath **Winsome** (Rule 17 again) despite calls from one party to keep clear. And then promptly went up underneath **Debonnaire causing Debonnaire** to do a 360 to avoid a collision. Some discussion from **Hot Chipps** that they had started their luffing manouevers from more than 2 boat lengths away.

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

Luffing Lance