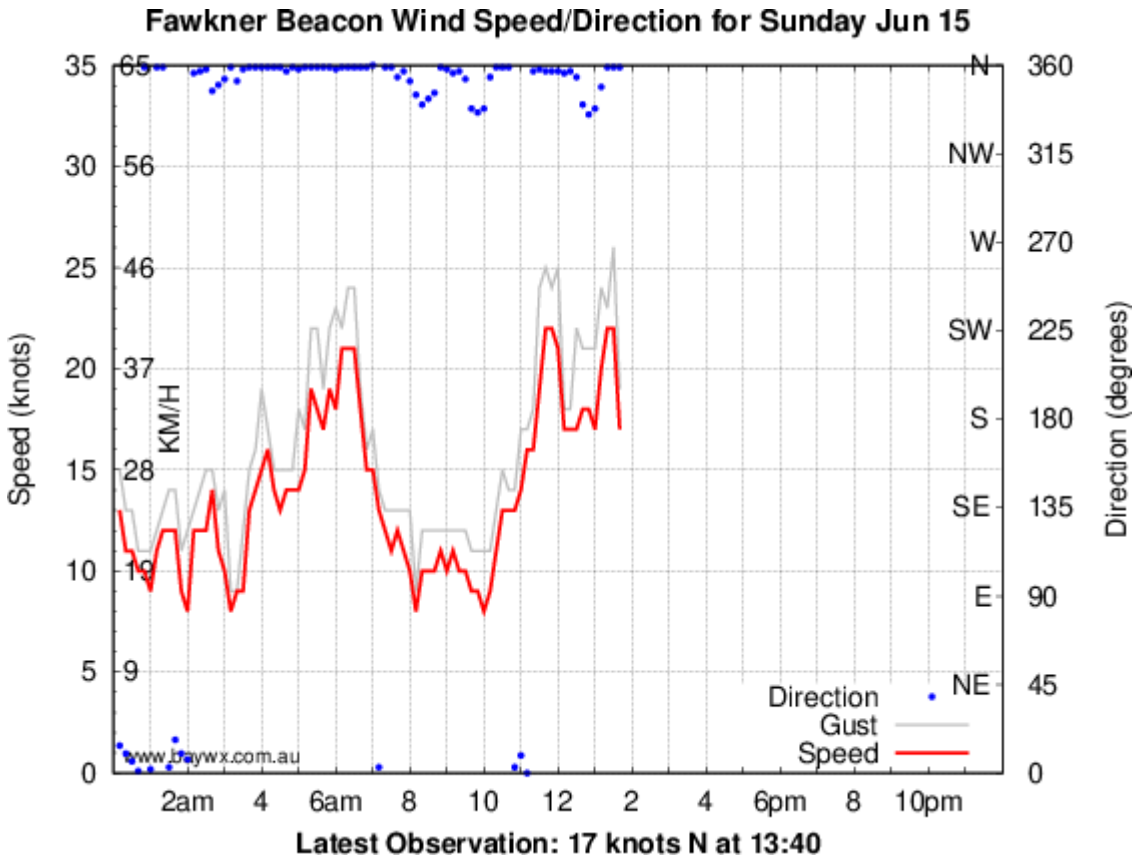
SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT ***June 15 2025 RACE 5 WINTER SERIES***

Intro

Sunday had a strong wind warning with Northerlies and a 3 degree morning forecast. Winter woolly weather. The wind died out about 7AM and the sun was out…. We started in smooth seas and about 5-6 knots inshore. We sailed course 25- 9.4nM. Start 7, 5, 4, 1, 5 finish. The wind was twitching about a bit and started to strengthen to about ten knots as we headed for Mark 5. It progressively strengthened to about 17 knots as we rounded 1 to head home, with gusts to nearly 20. It was also shifting around.

14 boats toed the line with 13 finishing. Good to see relative newbies **Aurora (Paul Challis**) and **Tilting at Windmills (Sarah Gunnerson- Dempsey).**

The course was effectively upwind and downwind…..



RESULTS

The building winds helped the later starting boats, as the smaller boats sailed longer in the slow conditions. **La Mer (Michael Ebeling** – not on board, more of that later) won comfortably from the fast finishing duo **Mojo (James Billson- Nick Maddison**) ahead of **Debonnaire (Phillip Gomez**), just call me Phil please. **First Light (Mike Coulter) and Soulmate (David Keyes Tilley**) dead heated for 4th allegedly, but further scrutiny of the sheets showed **Soulmate** as fourth and **First Light** fifth.

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Race 5 (15/06/2025) PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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PurHC results Start : 09:30

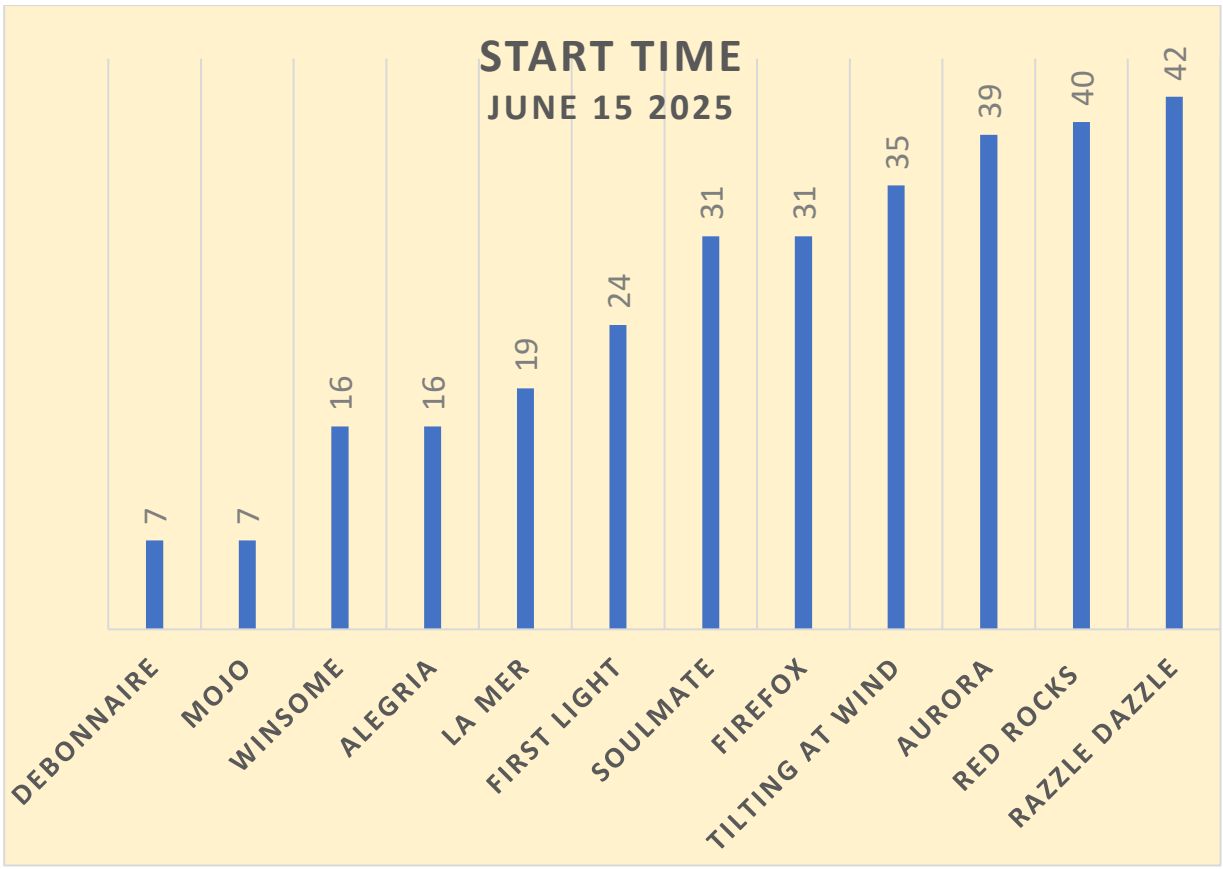
Place	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Fin Tim	Score
1	SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	11:47:23	1.0
2	SM499	MOJO	James Billson Nick Maddison	11:49:29	2.0
3	SM451	DEBONNAIRE	Philip Gomez	11:50:06	3.0
4	SM4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-Tilley	11:51:47	4.0
5	YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	11:52:15	5.0
6	SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	11:52:56	6.0
7	SM351	FIRST PASSION	Simon Lipman	11:53:13	7.0
8	SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	11:53:55	8.0
9	SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	11:54:04	9.0
10	AUS117	TILTING AT WINDMILLS	Sarah Gunnersen-Dempsey	11:58:25	10.0
11	SM309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	12:00:59	11.0
12	SM342	AMICUS II	Warwick Stenford	12:01:46	12.0
13	M010	AURORA	Paul Challis	12:13:04	13.0

La Mer with a great win today and equal series leader (photo from another day)

Mojo with great speed today, last to second- well done. Equal start of the day.

<u>Start of the Day</u>

Port tack favoured start with a clubhouse end favoured in moderate winds makes for a difficult start. And it showed in the numbers. The average start time was 36 seconds with only 2 boats under 10 seconds. Not great starting I am afraid. Seven seconds won it with both **Mojo and Debonnaire** registering 7 second starts.



SERIES Starts of the Day

What a prestigious award this. A bit like " the best player never to win a Brownlow" or the "best Actor never to win an Oscar", this surely has to be the "most prestigious award not to have a trophy" ?? (I thought I would repeat my intro from last time as I liked it so much).

Well actually the top 5 are exactly the same as two races ago. The **Skulls (Garry McLartin**) lead even though they missed the last race. **Winsome and La Mer** failed to capitalise on the absence of the Duggeries…

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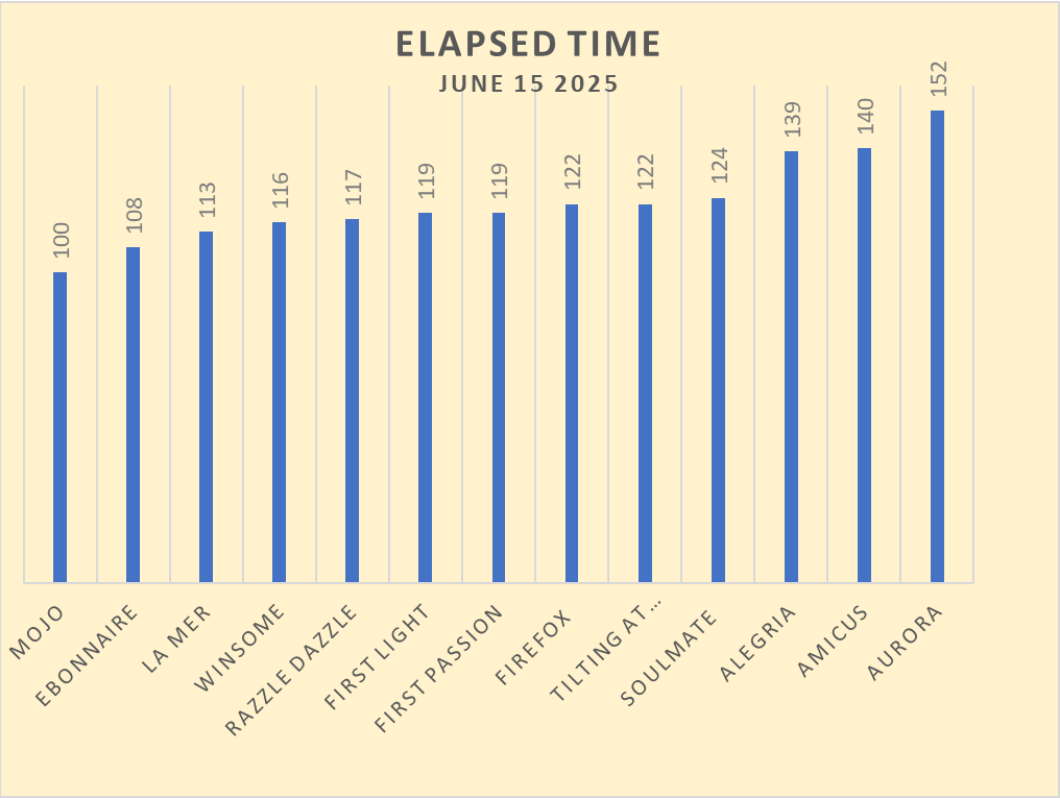
Best 4 starts		
Skulls		15
Winsome		18
La mer		32
First Light		43
Firefox		61
Soulmate		77

Mojo and Debonnaire equal start of the day, and here they are shadowing each other at the end of the second leg. Photo: **Aldermann Action Shots**

Debonnaire – third today, second fastest elapsed time, equal start of the day. Wow!!

Elapsed Times

Well **Mojo** was very quick on 100 minutes followed by **Debonnaire** on 108. **La Mer** was next fastest on 113 and it was these three boats that filled the top 3 positions. **Winsome** on 116 and **Razzle dazzle** on 117 rounded out the top 5.

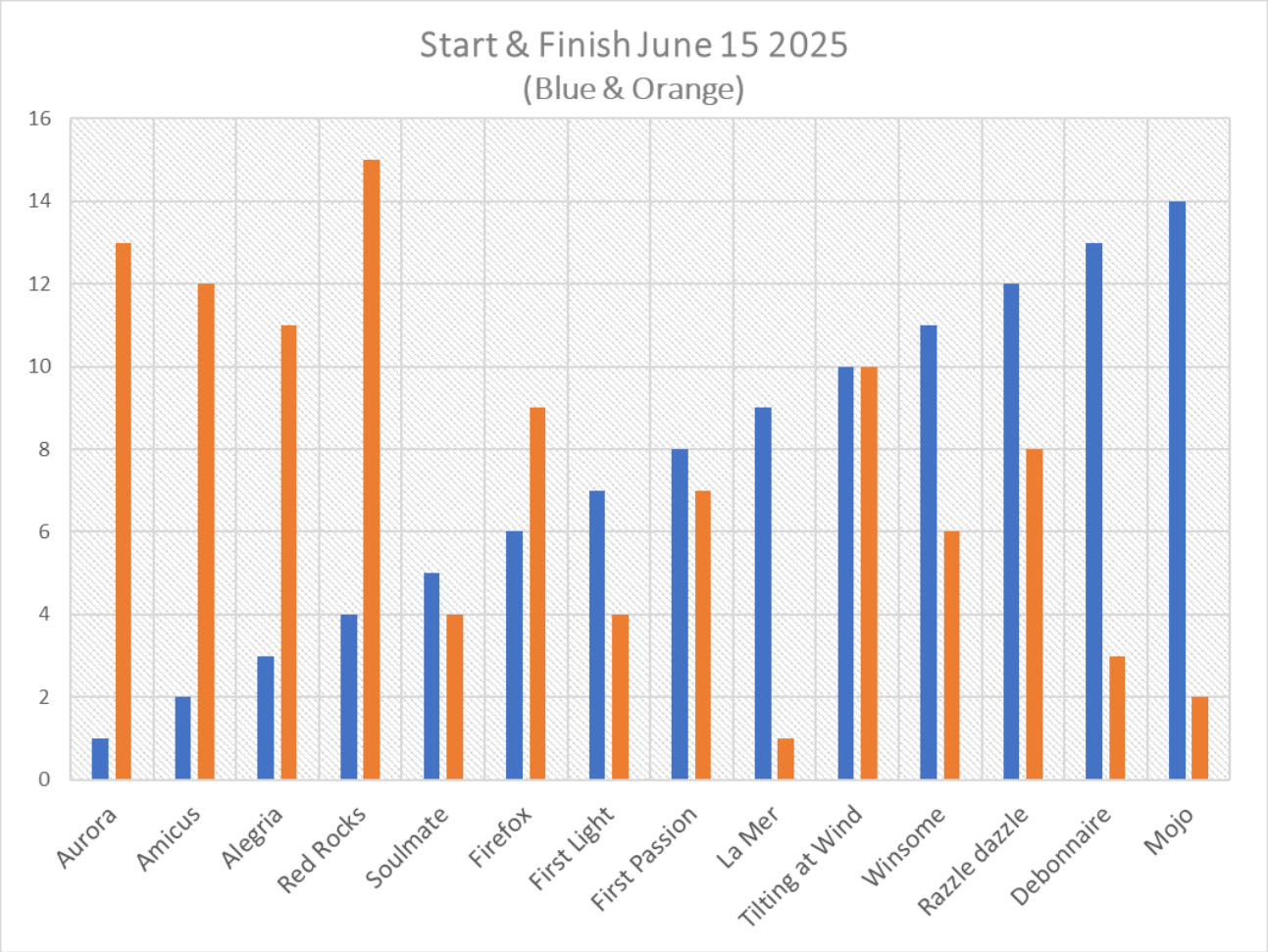


With an average wind strength of about 14 knots (less inshore) the average VMG was 4.68 knots. This was a bit on the slow side but perhaps explained by the shifting and somewhat fluky conditions in shore. It certainly is no reflection on the skill levels of the intrepid mariners that were sailing

Equal Series Leader: **Amicus (Warick Stenford**)

START AND FINISH POSITIONS

The larger boats (sorry faster boats) benefited from the slow start of the early vessels and so came through to claim the major placings. **Mojo** picked up 12 places (couldn't quite complete a last to first triumph) and **Debonnaire** picked up 10 spots. **La mer** won the race after gaining 8 places. Well done those teams!!!!



SERIES LEAD

Well **Amicus 2 (Warwick Stenford)** leads the series (courtesy of 2 wins and a second), shared **with La Mer** (one win and two fourths). Not too far away is **First Passion (Simon Lipman**) consistently sailed with 3rd, 5th, 6th and a seventh. Four boats are within 15 points of the joint leaders so the field is well open.

Amicus 2 are also leading the two handed series with 4 victories and a DNS.

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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Series Results [PurHC] up to Race 5 (Drops = 1)

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	1.0S	SM342	AMICUS II	Warwick Stenford	16.0	12.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	[29.0C
2		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	16.0	1.0	4.0	7.0	[8.0]	4.0
3		SM351	FIRST PASSION	Simon Lipman	21.0	7.0	6.0	3.0	5.0	[12.0]
4		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	24.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	[7.0]
5		SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	28.0	[37.0C]	9.0	10.0	3.0	6.0
6		YC447	FIRST LIGHT	Mike Coulter	32.0	5.0	10.0	[12.0]	9.0	8.0
7		SM309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	37.0	11.0	21.0R	2.0	[32.0C]	3.0
8		SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	39.0	8.0	11.0	9.0	11.0	[13.0]
9		SM4535	PANACHE IV	Egils Stokans	42.0	[37.0C]	1.0	8.0	32.0C	1.0
10		SM4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-Tilley	44.0	4.0	21.0R	4.0	[32.0C]	15.0

Very Important Information (Formerly known as "Gossip")

Luffing Lance sent his agent provocateurs into the bar on Sunday, and after initial slim pickings , managed to unearth some useful information with the help of some imagination…

- **Razzle Dazzle** started with Winsome and nearly had a port/starboard on the line. **Razzle Dazzle** was in the right.
- **Skulldrudgery,** was absent in the yard getting new rigging and other secret go fast gear. on
- **Soulmate** had a very good 5th and as **Ian Hetherington** confided, nothing broke and we had a good crew. He was referring, partly, to himself.
- **First Light (Mike Coulter)** at the start of the second leg had **La Mer** below her as **La Mer** were putting up their spinnaker. There was great debate on **First Light** whether to shadow **La Mer** and collapse the spinnaker. **Mike Coulter** won the debate and the aggressive line was taken although there were dissenting voices and some talk of mutiny. On **La Mer**, after 5 minutes of trying to get past they gybed on to port and headed for Black Rock and the rest was history, as they went on to glory and the win.
- Speaking of **La Mer** there was some conjecture about the big win. Some thought it was because **Rosa** was back but there were also comments that **Michael Ebeling** was away…… not that your correspondant wants to start anything.
- **Debonnaire** also performed well. Some said the return of **Laurie** was vital but the consensus was they had found a packet of scotchfinger biscuits that had been open for 6 months and ate them with great relish.
- **Firefox** looked good today and some nice photos were taken. Up the last leg she was trying to cover **Winsome** and throw dirty air but was a bit slow on one tack and **Winsome** broke through. Heart stopping stuff.
- **Alegria** advised that their reefing worked well, and had an encounter with **Tilting at Windmills.** But all was well that ended well.

- **Amicus (Warwick Stenford)** had two on board today- luxury. **Amicus** of course won the two handed division. They remain series leaders, albeit shared with **La Mer**.
- **Stop Press** a check of the input sheets revealed that First Light (5th) crossed the line behindf Soulmate (4th) – not a tie as shown. This will have no affect on anything except the pride of the two skippers!!! (Editors note- this has since been corrected).
- **Handicaps** I could comment on, but **Leeward Larry** (what a silly name) claims handicaps as his/her exclusive province to comment on. Two skippers in the bar said the finishing was fairly close today, I think that was support for **Stuart Morrison Jack**: our handicapper.

Many thanks to our tower volunteers. There would be no race without their efforts – many thanks.

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.

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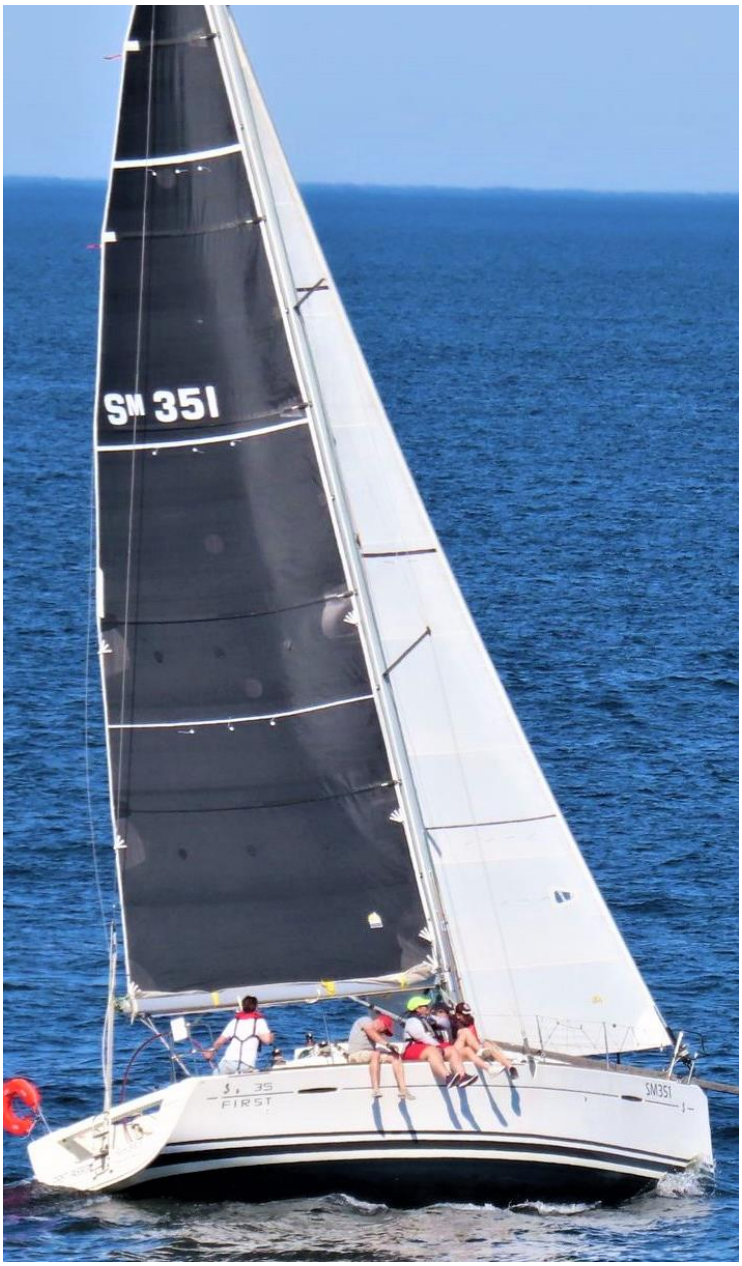
<u>Luffing Lance</u>

Firefox messing around…

Soulmate on her way to Fourth



First Passion (7th today) and First Light (5th today)