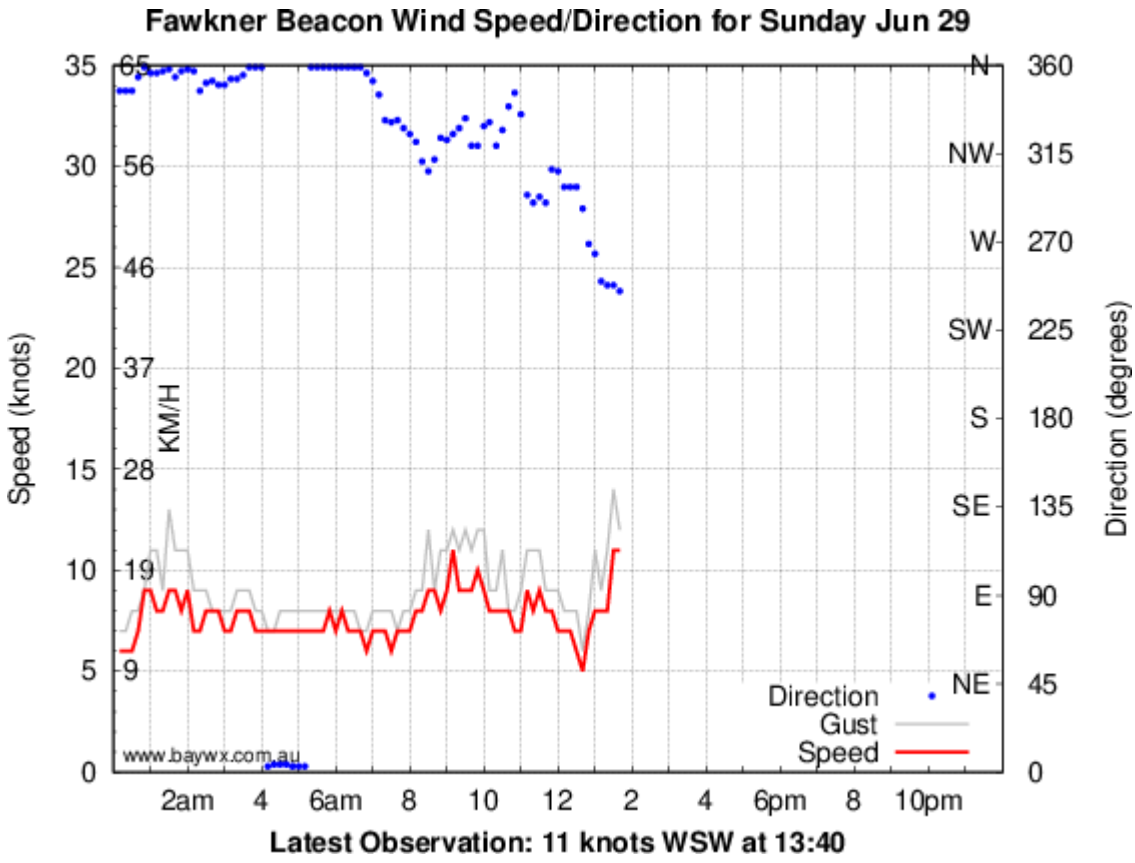
**SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT** ***June 29 2025 RACE 6 WINTER SERIES***

**Intro**

The forecast was for a very cold start with occasional showers coming through with moderate NNW turning a bit NW. In the end it wasn't quite so cold (10 degrees at the start- although it was chilly upwind), and we had about 8 knots from the NNW which turned WNW about 11. It was a bit lighter inshore. A shower at 8.30 was then the end of the wet weather.

We had course 13 (9.4 nM) which was start, 5 (broad reach), 7, 4 1, 3 and then finish. Mostly upwind (with some tacking) and broad reaches. The early starters seemed to suffer in the conditions, perhaps the moderate chop upsetting their sails more than for the larger boats, when going down wind.

17 boats started with 16 finishing. One boat had to deliver a crew person to shore.




**RESULTS**

The broad reaches played into the hands of the boats with asymetric kites, or flatter reaching kites. **La Mer (Michael Ebeling???)** won their second race in a row, with their blue assy gobbling up the conditions. There was a small tussle late on with **First Passion (Simon Lipman**) who came second. Third place in a great result, went to **Sheba (Michael Pisani)**. **Wavelength (Alex Elliot**) was a very close fourth and then there was **Mojo (James Billson Nick Madison**) and **Soulmate (David Keyes-Tilley**).

## Tile Importer Sunday Sailors

**Hosted By Sandringham Yacht Club**

Race 6 (29/06/2025) 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 | 11:43:05 | 1.0 |
| 2 | SM351 | FIRST PASSION | Simon Lipman | 11:44:36 | 2.0 |
| 3 | SM86 | SHEBA | Michael Pisani | 11:45:15 | 3.0 |
| 4 | SM220 | WAVELENGTH | Alex Elliott | 11:45:48 | 4.0 |
| 5 | SM499 | MOJO | James Billson Nick Maddison | 11:48:29 | 5.0 |
| 6 | SM6915 | EMERALD | Anthony Tanner | 11:48:40 | 6.0 |
| 7 | SM4379 | SOUL MATE | David Keyes-Tilley | 11:50:40 | 7.0 |
| 8 | YC447 | FIRST LIGHT | Mike Coulter | 11:51:02 | 8.0 |
| 9 | SM2627 | RAZZLE DAZZLE | Grahame Jones | 11:52:23 | 9.0 |
| 10 | SM451 | DEBONNAIRE | Philip Gomez | 11:53:34 | 10.0 |
| 11 | SM385 | FIREFOX | Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne | 11:53:51 | 11.0 |
| 12 | SM190 | WINSOME | Simon Hemingway | 11:54:17 | 12.0 |
| 13 | SM4646 | ALLIANCE | Alex H Simon F Paul S | 11:55:48 | 13.0 |
| 14 | SM321 | LAWLESS | Boyd Coulson | 11:56:08 | 14.0 |
| 15 | SM309 | ALEGRIA | Simon May | 12:00:05 | 15.0 |
| 16 | SM4535 | PANACHE IV | Egils Stokans | 12:03:52 | 16.0 |
| RET | 7513 | RED ROCKS | Serge Sardo | | 18.0 |

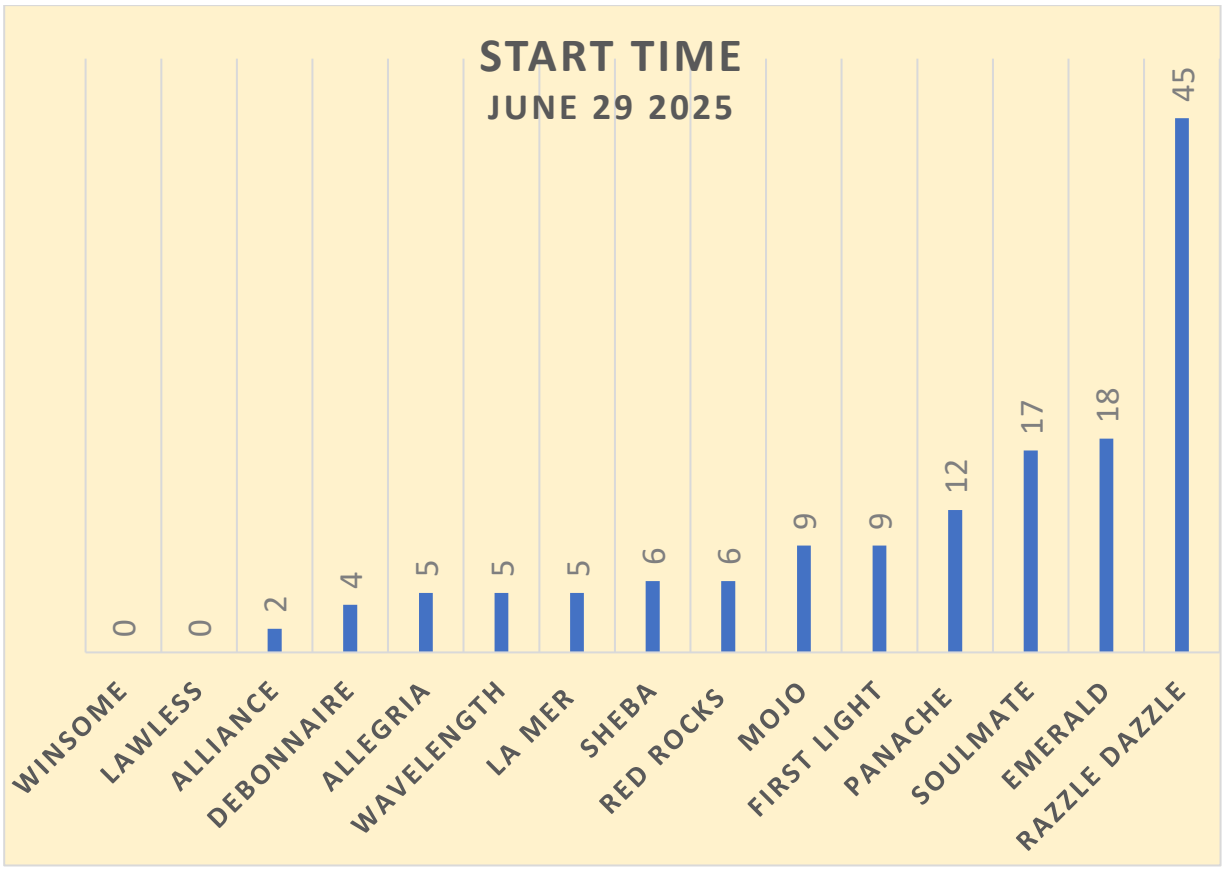
**La Mer** on her way to victory – but not before a scare from **First Passion. La Mer** is also series leader**.**

**First Passion** second today and second in the series. A great result today

**<u>Start of the Day</u>**

The start was a downwind pin end favoured on starboard tack (heading for 5). A slightly tricky start that saw two 00 starters. **Lawless (Boyd Coulsen)** and **Winsome (Simon Hemingway**) congrats. I don't think I have ever seen two lots of 00 starts on the same day!! Great starts also came from **Alliance (Alex Hall)** 2 seconds, **Debonnaire (just call me Phil, Gomez)** with 5 seconds from **Alegria (Simon May), Wavelength (Alex Elliot) and La Mer (not Michael Ebeling).** On a different day any of these could have won start of the day. **Red Rocks (Serge Sardio**) was 6 seconds, a great effort from a new boat.

On a slightly tricky day the standard of starts was very good with a fleet average of 16 seconds (pulled right out by a couple of 62's – you know who you are) and 65% of boats starting less than 10 seconds from their allotted start time. Very good numbers by Sunday Sailors standards. Once again anything over 60 seconds is excluded from the graph to save the blushes of embarrassed skippers!!




## SERIES Starts of the Day

I have used 2 drops to increase the boats in contention. Best 5 starts looks similar except **the Skulls (Garry McLarten)** disappear. **Winsome** lead from the **Skulls (who have missed 2 races) with La Mer in** a close third. Special mention to **Mojo James and Nick)** and **First Light (Mike Coulter)** also**.**

| SUNDAY SAILORS WINTER 2025 | | |
|---|---|---|
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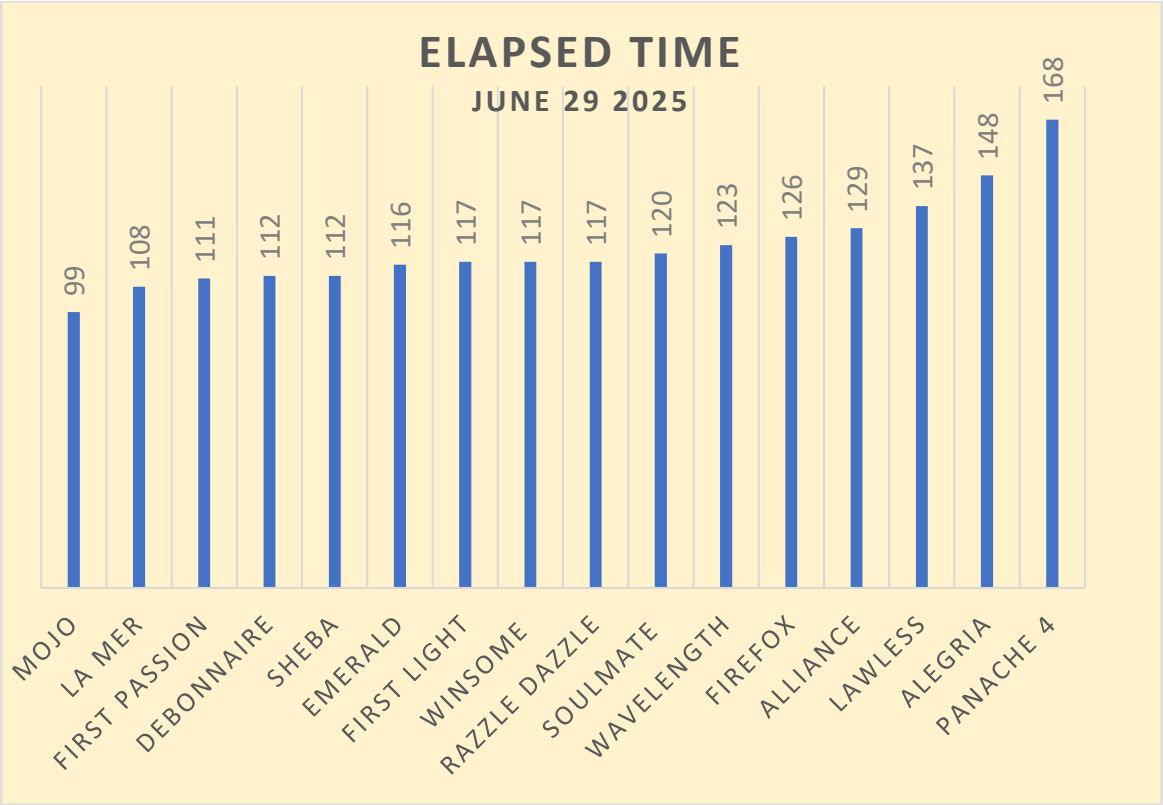
| Best 4 starts | | |
| Winsome | | 5 |
| Skulls | | 15 |
| La mer | | 21 |
| Mojo | | 26 |
| First Light | | 34 |
| Sheba | | 40 |

**Winsome:** start of the day (equal) and series leader Start of the Day, third in the series.

**Lawless:** equal start of the day with 00 (wow).

**Elapsed Times**

Surprise surprise, **Mojo** was quickest in 99 minutes followd by a great effort from **La Mer (108**). Third was **First Passion (111 – Simon Lipman)** and then **Debonnaire and Sheba (112**). Given Sheba is a 26 footer that was a great effort…

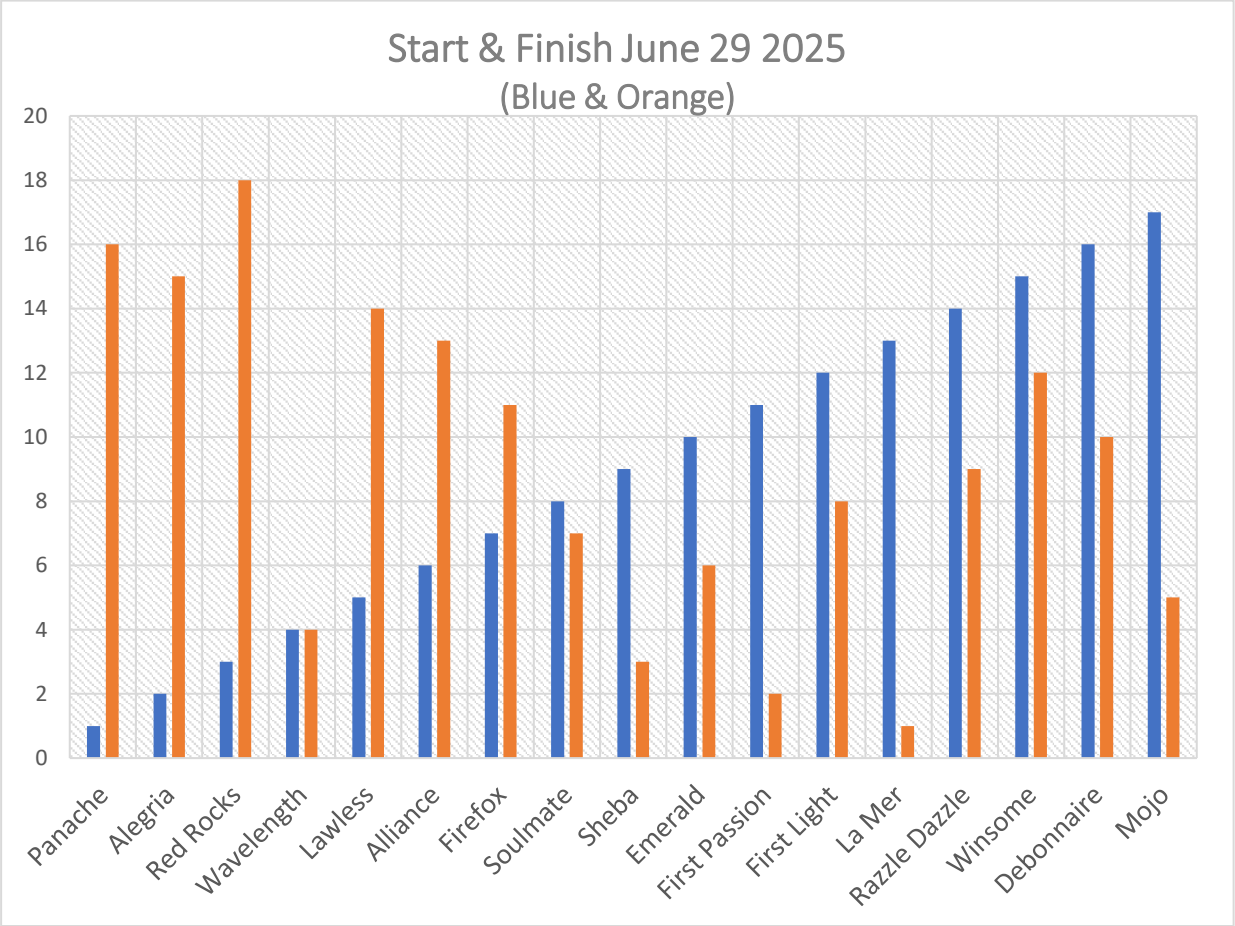



With an average wind strength of about 8 knots (less inshore) the average VMG was 4.67 knots. This pretty quick and is explained by the course being mostly broad reaches and close hauled (with a small amount of tacking only). The wind shifted to the West on the second last leg which meant people that tacked out on starboard from number 1 found they ended up over laying 3 and giving away minutes of time.

View from the back of the fleet today….

**START AND FINISH POSITIONS**

**La Mer** picked 12 spots in a great display as did **Mojo. First Passion** (9 places) was next best… The first boats mostly got hauled in which was a little surprising but having watched a couple of them down wind when it was lighter, I think the waves were knocking their sails around which would have slowed them down … just a theory.




**SERIES LEAD**

**La Mer** has won the last 2 races to grab the series lead. With two fourths also La Mer is in a very strong position. **First Passion** has sailed very consistently and her latest second has given her second place as **Amicus** didn't sail so was penalised. **First Passion's** placings are 2, 3,5,6,7. Almost a long straight!!Third is **Winsome** after dropping today's 12th. Her highest placing is only a 5th!! **First light** is also sailing very consistently in 4th.

**Amicus 2** are still leading the double handed series, even with two drops.

## Tile Importer Sunday Sailors

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PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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*Series Results [PurHC] up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)*

| Place | Ties | Sail Num | Boat Name | Skipper | Sers Score | Race 6 | Race 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | SM6002 | LA MER | Michael Ebeling | 17.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 2 | | SM351 | FIRST PASSION | Simon Lipman | 23.0 | 2.0 | 7.0 |
| 3 | | SM190 | WINSOME | Simon Hemingway | 31.0 | [12.0] | 6.0 |
| 4 | | YC447 | FIRST LIGHT | Mike Coulter | 40.0 | 8.0 | 5.0 |
| 5 | | SM342 | AMICUS II | Warwick Stenford | 45.0 | [37.0C] | 12.0 |
| 6 | | SM2627 | RAZZLE DAZZLE | Grahame Jones | 48.0 | 9.0 | 8.0 |
| 7 | | SM4379 | SOUL MATE | David Keyes-Tilley | 51.0 | 7.0 | 4.0 |
| 8 | | SM309 | ALEGRIA | Simon May | 52.0 | 15.0 | 11.0 |
| 9 | | SM385 | FIREFOX | Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne | 57.0 | 11.0 | 9.0 |
| 10 | | SM4535 | PANACHE IV | Egils Stokans | 58.0 | 16.0 | [37.0C] |
| 11 | | SM440 | SKULLDUGGERY | Garry McCarten | 65.0 | 37.0C | [37.0C] |

# Red Rocks (Serge Sardo and Don Smith)

Serge and Don bought the boat from a Brighton owner about a year ago. It has sailed mainly in the Bay and was previously at Blairgowrie as well. Red Rocks is a much loved 2008 Oceanis 43, comfortable below and has been lightly used. Serge is retiring soon from a career in Executive Roles in the Not for Profit sector.

They have been to Queenscliff in a Cruise In Company and last summer sailed in the Thursday Twilights for three wins and an eight overall. Given his retirement more cruising and racing is planned. He is a little short of crew so a bit of help could be given. He is next door neighbours to Call me Phil Gomez. Welcome to Sunday Sailors and we hope you climb up the leaderboard soon…

**Very Important Information (Formerly known as "Gossip")**

- **Razzle Dazzle** had another tussle with **Winsome** with the boats swapping places about 5 times as **razzle'**s spinnaker was quicker than **Winsome** downwind. **Razzle Dazzle** have recently returned from the yard and were sporting new finery including the boat name on the rear transom. You go good thing. They had gluten free biscoti to celebrate.
- **Skulldrudgery,** was still absent in the yard getting new rigging and other secret go fast gear. I believe she will be back this coming Wednesday. Starting was easier in her absence, no-one charging up and down madly "pinging the line". Having said that there must be method to the madness as she is just about the best boat at starting!!
- **La Mer** got a shock on the second last leg. Sitting pretty for a win up came **First Passion** who caught her, but **La Mer** got away around the mark and downwind to clinch the deal.
- **For La Mer** that is two races in a row with the win. Is it because **Michael Ebeling** has been away or because **Rosa Coy** has returned to the foredeck. There was great debate in Sunday with the crew evenly divided. Scandal!! Some talk of a special committee being formed to receive his application for reinstatement on the crew!!
- **Debonnaire** suffered slightly because they had no stale scotchfinger biscuits left. Apparently sausage rolls and sauce (Tomato?) was no substitute.
- A protest was lodged against **Firefox's** new sails. It took some persuasion for the tower people to get the protest withdrawn, on two grounds
    - We don't protest on Sunday Sailors
    - The grounds were incorrect, jealousy is a crime of the mind, not in law.
- **First Passion** had a very full crew today so the returning **Trenham Waetherhead** ended up on **Winsome**. Would he have given **First Passion** the victory today??
- **Handicaps** some general comments of approval given the closer finishing**.** Your correspondent wonders if an official inquiry should be launched into the handicap for **La Mer**?? I am sure **Leeward Larry** (what a silly name) will have lots to say next time…
- **Firefox** sailed with 3 up today so struggled a bit. Apparently a source on the boat told me that **Emily** did everything!!
- **Mojo** were upset they didn't finish higher, not their customary last to second. They were apparently sailing four up. My sympathy levels for them were extreme….
- **Red Rocks (Serge Sardio)** only sailed three up with family members new to sailing but seemed to be going well before he retired from the race.

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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***Luffing Lance***

**Sheba** finished third, smallest boat in the field!!!

**Alegria** having a great time going downwind.

**Red Rocks** showing style upwind….