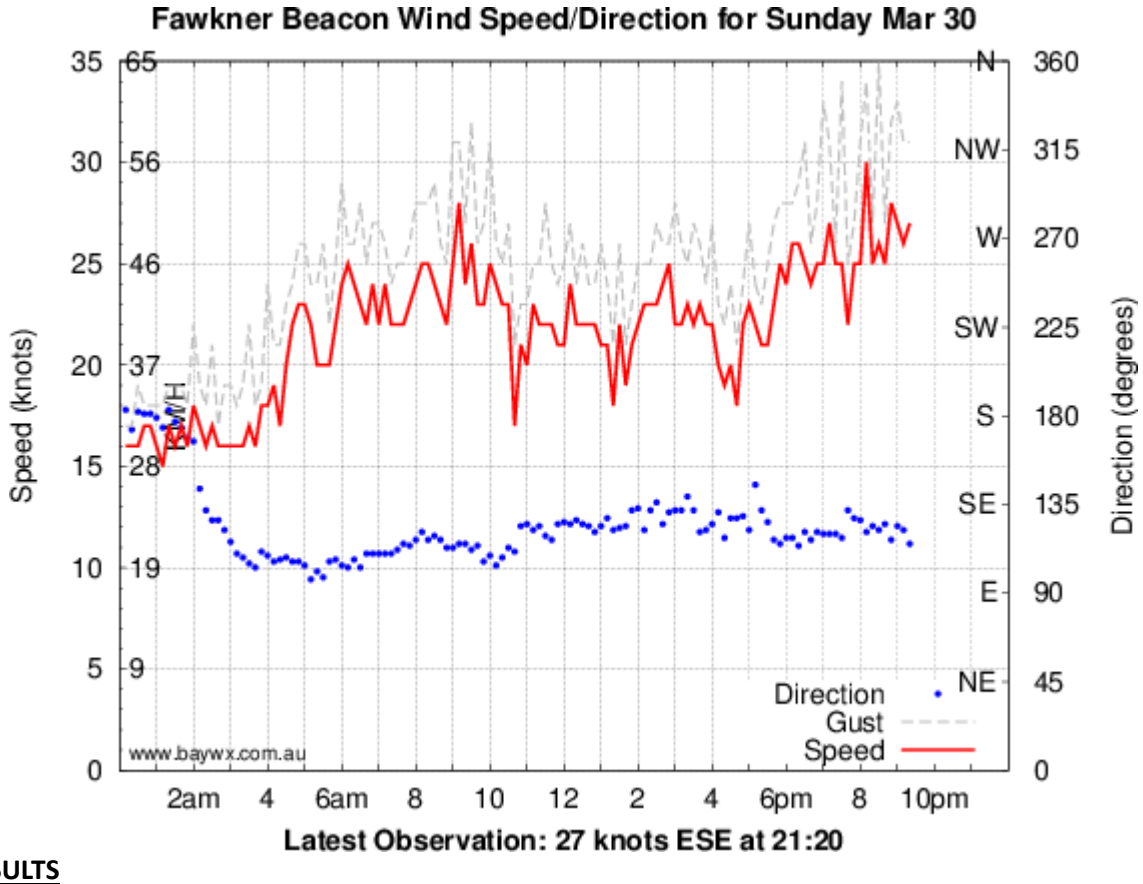
SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT March 30 2025 RACE 13 SUMMER SERIES

Intro

Sunday forecast windy and a little bleak and it was, although the wind was more slightly more Easterly than the SE forecast. This meant less wave action and slightly less breeze inshore at SYC. Fawkner Beacon showed 20-25 knots over the race period, with gusts to 30 knots. This would explain the thin numbers toeing the start line. Only the leading series boats turned up with the rest electing for the comfort of bed. As far as I am aware no boats flew spinnakers – but your correspondent could be wrong. Course 29 was sailed.. 5, 2, 7, 4, 1, 7, 4 (finish). Or as we say in the game: outer, inner, outer, 4, inner, outer, finish.



RESULTS

First over the line was **La Mer (Michael Ebeling**) who came from second last (admittedly 5th) to win in a display of ,masterly strong wind sailing. The winning crew was **John Goetz, Michael Ebeling, Philip Sander, Richard Kasperczyk, Simon Buckley & Tim Forbes.** Well sailed!!! Second was those experienced veterans, those masters of the waves **Razzle Dazzle (Grahame Jones**) who finished 2 minutes behind **La Mer**. The wind whisperer was on board and they reefed their main. Great effort. Third in tricky conditions was **First Passion (Simon Lipman)** only a minute off **Razzle Dazzle**. There was a bit of a tussle on the second lap. **Firefox (Kim Beveridge/Anthony Cline)** and **Hot Chipps (John Chipp)** rounded out the finishers. **Soulmate (David Keyes-Tilley)** started well but retired.

La Mer. Comfortable winners today – well done

La Mer- helmsman and tactician – job done?? Photos **John Goetz**

La Mer- on the other tack!!

Razzle Dazzle – second today and very worthy series winners

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Race 13 (30/03/2025) PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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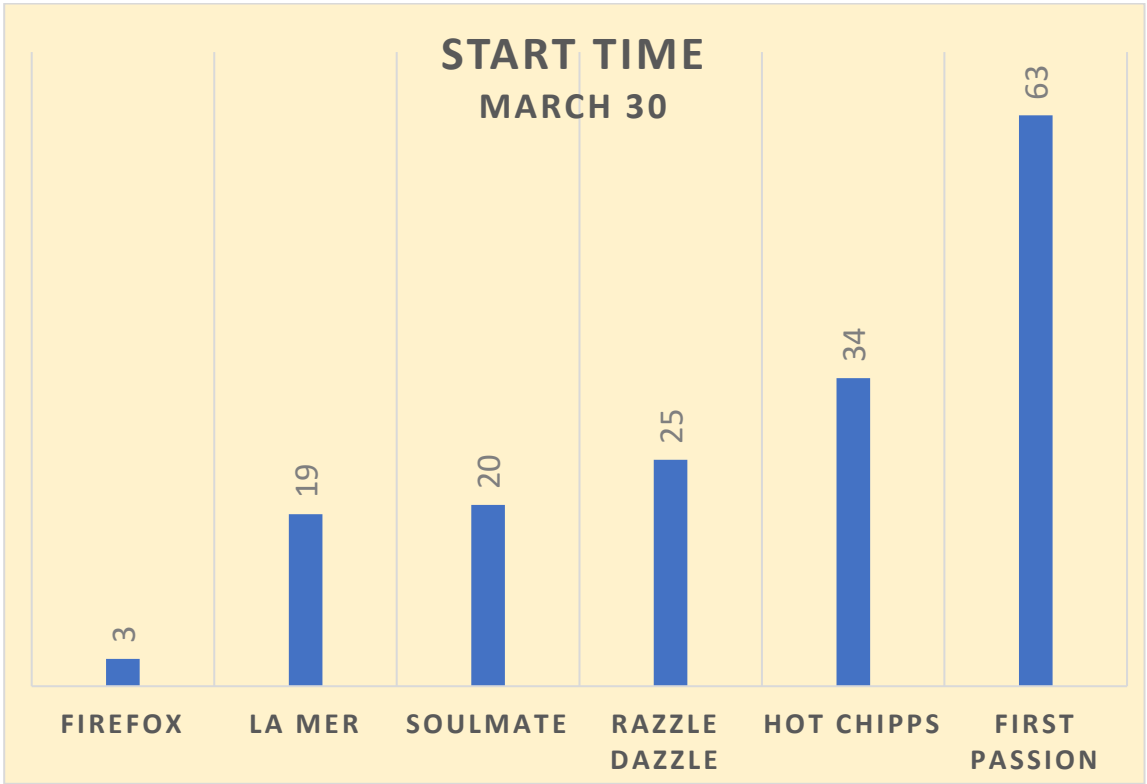
PurHC results Start : 09:30

Place	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Fin Tim	Scor
1	SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	11:18:35	1.0
2	SM2627	RAZZLE DAZZLE	Grahame Jones	11:20:34	2.0
3	SM351	FIRST PASSION	Simon Lipman	11:21:37	3.0
4	SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	11:25:16	4.0
5	SM46	HOT CHIPPS	John Chipp	11:29:57	5.0
RET	SM4379	SOUL MATE	David Keyes-Tilley		7.0

Using the latest technology available (to me), the results of the Sunday Sailors Race 13

<u>Start of the Day</u>

In diifficult conditions to judge, an outstanding start by **Firefox**, 3 seconds. Just how good that start was is shown that the next best start was **La Mer** on 19 seconds, followed by **Soulmate** on 20 seconds. Average start time was 25 seconds, good going in trying conditions.



First Passion – Third Today

SERIES Starts of the Day

Best 7 starts from 10 Races

Winsome	43
Hot Chipps	70
La Mer	71
Razzle Dazzle	142

Only 10 boats finished 7 or more races. **Winsome** has led this category through most of the season. Well done to **Simon Hemingway** and crew. **Hot Chipps and La Mer** have battled out second and third all year. I am sure they were keen to finish on the podium for this weighty accolade. In the end Hot Chipps got there by one second!!!! **Skullduggery (Garry MacCanteen**) would have placed well but only finished 6 races this season, between gear failures, repairs, and sailing in blue water classics!!

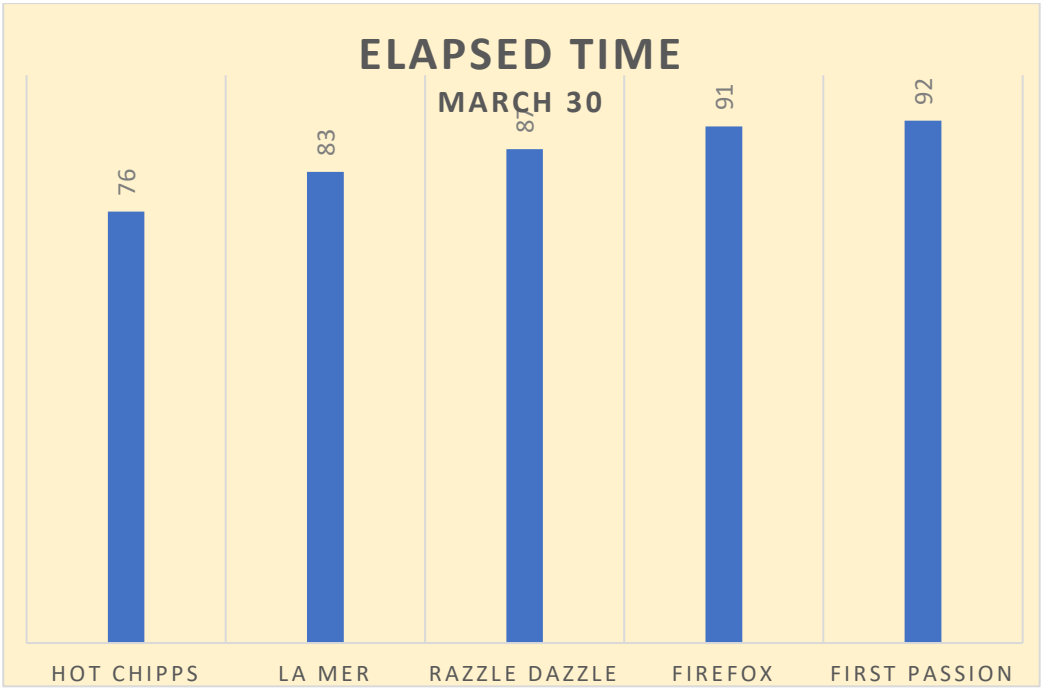
Firefox Start of the Day

Series Winner: Start of the Day **Winsome**

Elapsed Times

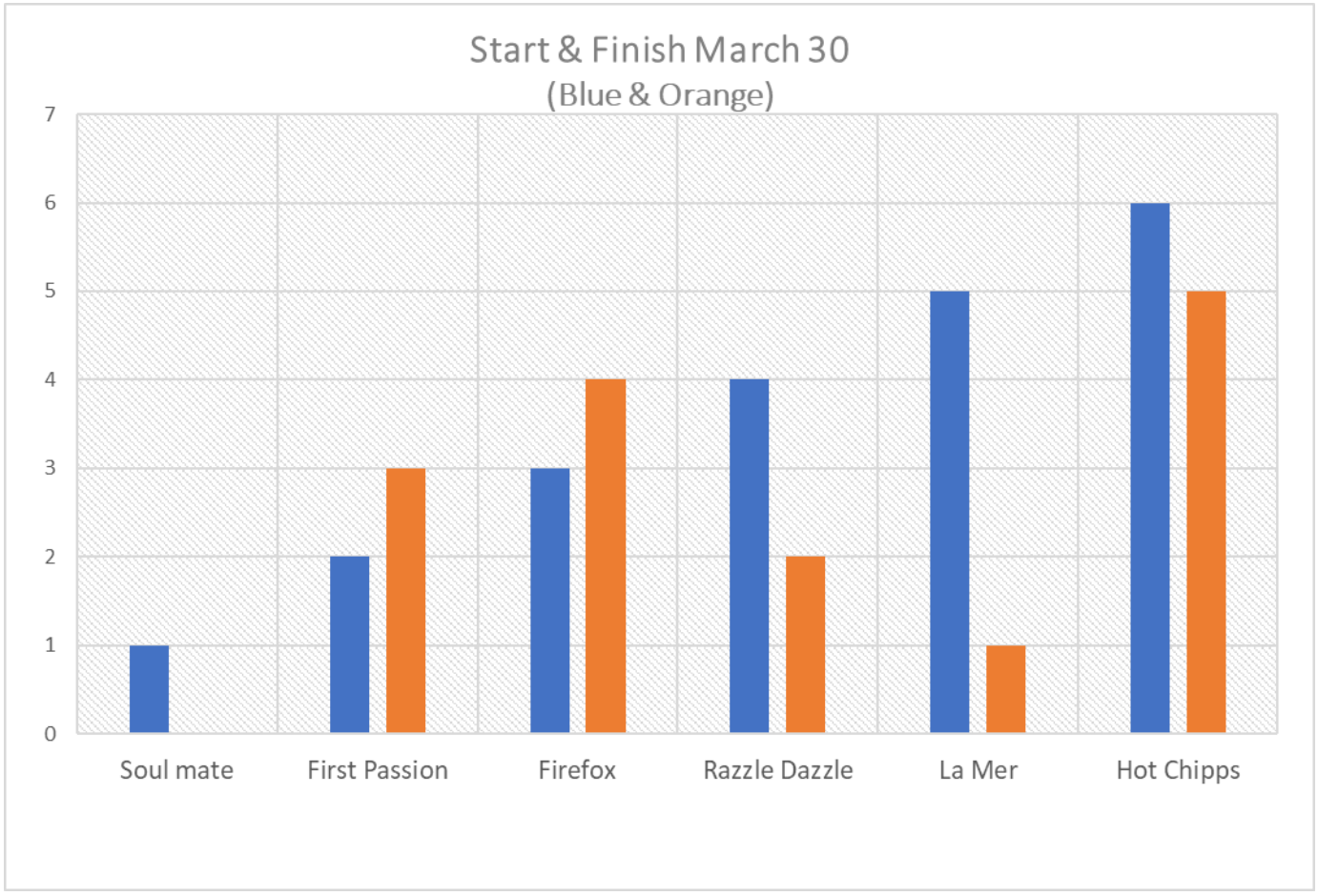
Hot Chipps might have finished last, but also started last. She had the fastest elapsed time by 7 minutes with 76 minutes. The course was 29- 9.43 nM so her average VMG was 7.4 knots. La Mer was second fastest on 83 minutes (6.8 knots av VMG). The average time was 86 minutes (av VMG= 6.6 knots)..

Hot Chipps Fastest Elapsed Time.



START AND FINISH POSITIONS

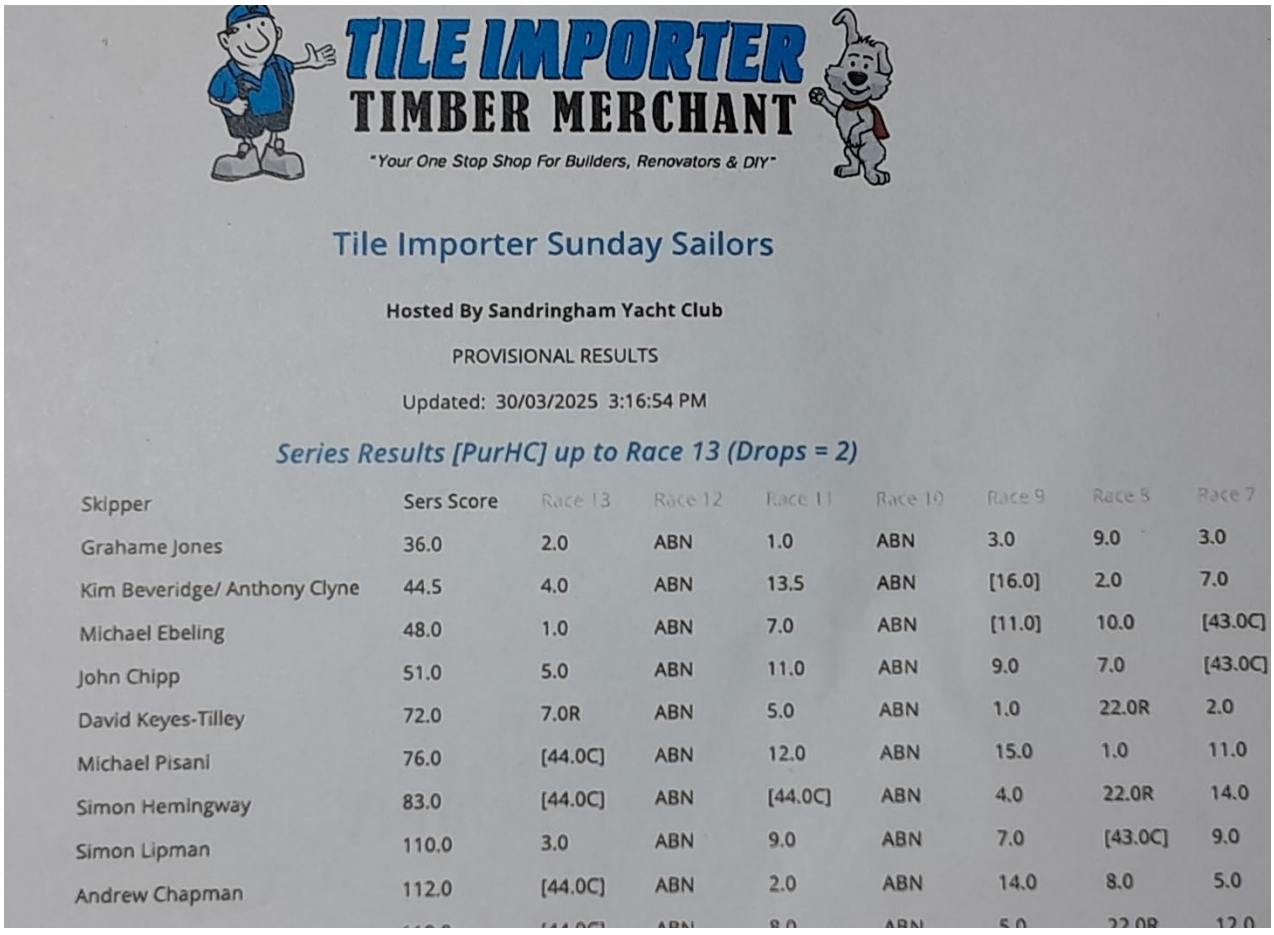
La Mer moved from 5th to first and so gained the most places in a small fleet.



SERIES LEAD

After Race 11, **Razzle Dazzle** was on 34 points with a next drop of 36. Second was **Firefox** with 40.5 points with a next drop of 16. So **Firefox** needed to beat **Razzle dazzle** by 7 places, or have the race sailed but **Razzle Dazzle** didn't turn up. Trying to build the excitement!!. Perhaps failing.

Interviewing **Grahame Jones** after the race he had this to say.
" I was very conscious of **Firefox** and we made every effort to get close to her, as she started with us but got a better start. Once we got past **Anthony** and his crew we covered her every move. We paid no attention to **La Mer** as she passed us, focusing on keeping **Firefox** to leeward. I wish to pay a tribute to a great crew and also the wind whisper **Bob Reeves**.".
Well done **Razzle Dazzle** and congrats to **Firefox** who finished second. A close third was **La Mer**, courtesy of her win today, whilst **Hot Chipps** dropped from third to fourth in the final standings.



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PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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Series Results [PurHC] up to Race 13 (Drops = 2)

Skipper	Sers Score	Race 13	Race 12	Race 11	Race 10	Race 9	Race 8	Race 7
Grahame Jones	36.0	2.0	ABN	1.0	ABN	3.0	9.0	3.0
Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	44.5	4.0	ABN	13.5	ABN	[16.0]	2.0	7.0
Michael Ebeling	48.0	1.0	ABN	7.0	ABN	[11.0]	10.0	[43.0C]
John Chipp	51.0	5.0	ABN	11.0	ABN	9.0	7.0	[43.0C]
David Keyes-Tilley	72.0	7.0R	ABN	5.0	ABN	1.0	22.0R	2.0
Michael Pisani	76.0	[44.0C]	ABN	12.0	ABN	15.0	1.0	11.0
Simon Hemingway	83.0	[44.0C]	ABN	[44.0C]	ABN	4.0	22.0R	14.0
Simon Lipman	110.0	3.0	ABN	9.0	ABN	7.0	[43.0C]	9.0
Andrew Chapman	112.0	[44.0C]	ABN	2.0	ABN	14.0	8.0	5.0

Razzle Dazzle's win was even more meritous as she didn't enter the first two races due to maintenance issues. She then had a 13th to be well outside the top 10 after 3 races. This was followed by a 4, 1, 3, 9, 3, 1, 2 to end up comfortable winners. In that run her handicap only moved out from 22 to 24 minutes!!

Gossip and other matters

I was a bit light on this regard so I thought I would trawl through the handicaps:

- As mentioned, **Razzle Dazzle** have been on a fine run for most of the season with only a two minute handicap adjustment. They even received relief in Race 8. What is going on there umpire?
- **First Light** has gone from 30 to 26??
- The only boats that have gone out are **Debonnaire and Hot Chipps** (and **Razzle Dazzle**).
- Wiser persons than I are controlling the computer. Maybe AI has taken control??

Amicus 2 was spotted in the yard getting go fast paint and prop speed. What's next? A winged keel?

Many thanks to our tower volunteers **Christine Walsh, Barb Watson, Stewart Simmonds, Bruce Reidy, Peter Graham, Cathy Higgins, Wanda Warren, Don Cullen, Dell Lamont, and Eryl Harris**. 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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Soulmate- Out today in strong conditions before retiring. Well done.