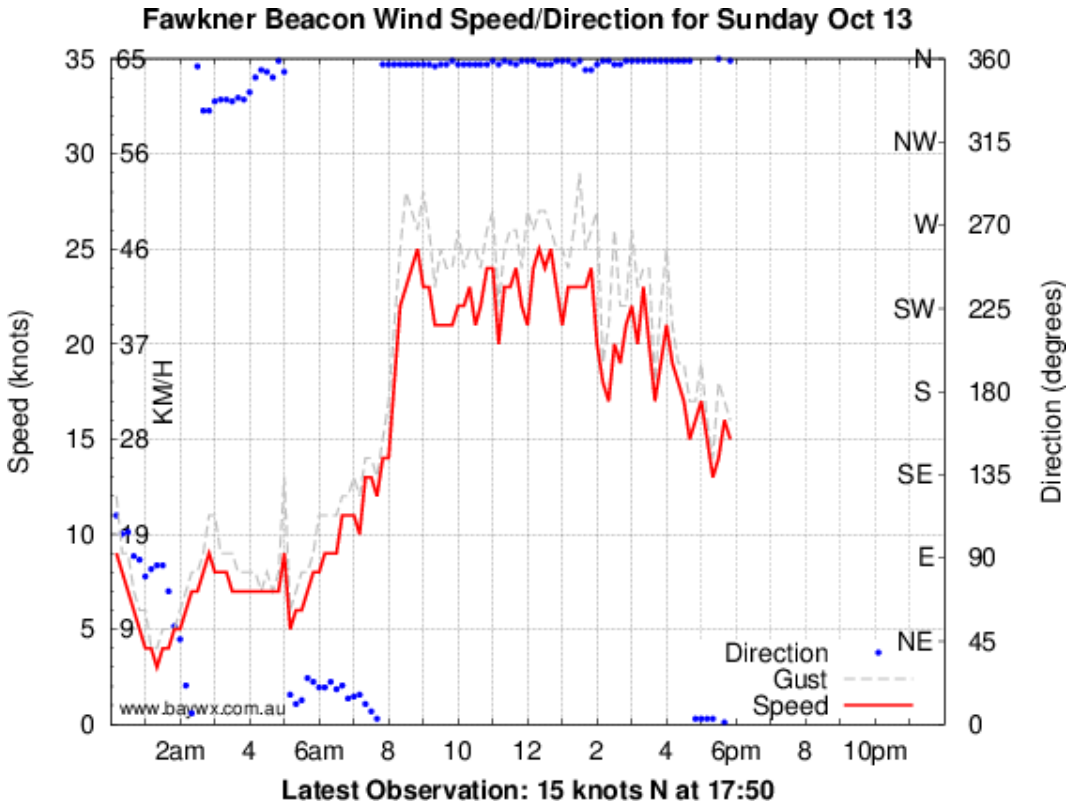
SUNDAY SAILORS REPORT OCTOBER 13 2024- SUMMER SERIES RACE 1

Intro

Sunday was initially forecast 10-12 knots, but then strengthened to 15-17 knots, and then a midday spike was added to the forecast, for 20-21 knots, from the North. Anyway we got 10 knots till about 7.30 AM and then it spiked to 20-25 knots with gusts to 27/28 at Fawkner Beacon. Further inshore nearer to SYC we saw spells of 16-18 knots but bullets of 30-34 knots were reported by some skippers. A steady Northerly direction was seen. The weather was fine and sunny, a little cool initially but warmed up rapidly.

12 boats toed the line with, eventually, 3 retirements. This is in contrast to the last 2 Wednesday Wonders where fleets of 40 plus boats have competed.



RESULTS

Skullduggery (Gary McFlintock) had a great day out, a 3 glasser. He seized the lead from **Isa Lei (Andrew Chapman)** part way into the second lap, and held off the fast finishing **La Mer (Michael Ebeling) 2nd, Hot Chipps (John Chipp) 3rd** and **Winsome (Simon Hemingway) 4th**. The course sailed was no 12, 9.29 nM, sailed as start, 5, 2, 3, 4, 1, 3, finish – all marks to starboard, downwind southerly start.

Upbeat (Peter Dunne) retired soon after the start with a mainsail issue (?), **Panache 4 (Egils Stokans)** also retired halfway round the course, and **Sheba (Michael Pisani)** retired after rounding no 4 the second time, and then rounding up with some violence.

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Race 1 (13/10/2024) PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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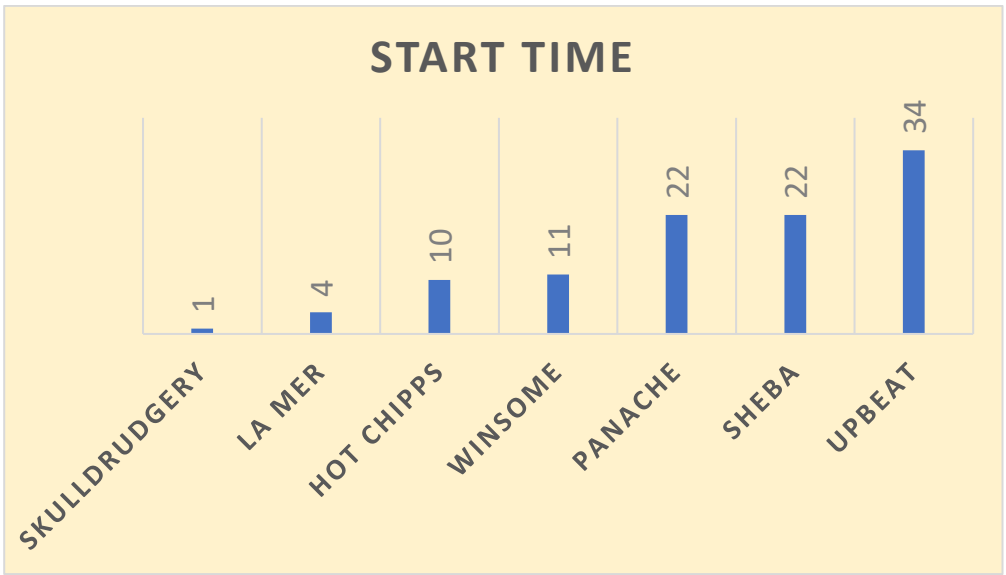
Place	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	T ahc	Fin Tim	Elapsd	Score
1	SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	23.0	11:36:05	01:43:05	1.0
2	SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	32.0	11:37:55	01:35:55	2.0
3	SM46	HOT CHIPPS	John Chipp	42.0	11:38:33	01:26:33	3.0
4	SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	35.0	11:38:40	01:33:40	4.0
5	SM82	ISA LEI	Andrew Chapman	-3.0	11:42:07	02:15:07	5.0
6	SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	18.0	11:42:40	01:54:40	6.0
7	SM4646	ALLIANCE	Alex H Simon F Paul S	25.0	11:46:01	01:51:01	7.0
8	SM194	ANTARES	G Stewart D Pearce	-4.0	11:53:56	02:27:56	8.0
9	SM116	ATMOSPHERIC	Mike Ferguson	16.0	12:03:15	02:17:15	9.0
RET	SM86	SHEBA	Michael Pisani	23.0			13.0
RET	SM88	UPBEAT	Peter Dunne	39.0			13.0
RET	SM4535	PANACHE IV	Egils Stokans	-15.0			13.0

A big day for Garry McCartley and Skullduggerie: Start of the Day and a WIn

A great picture of **Firefox (Anthony Cline)** and **La Mer** – second today

<u>Start of the Day</u>

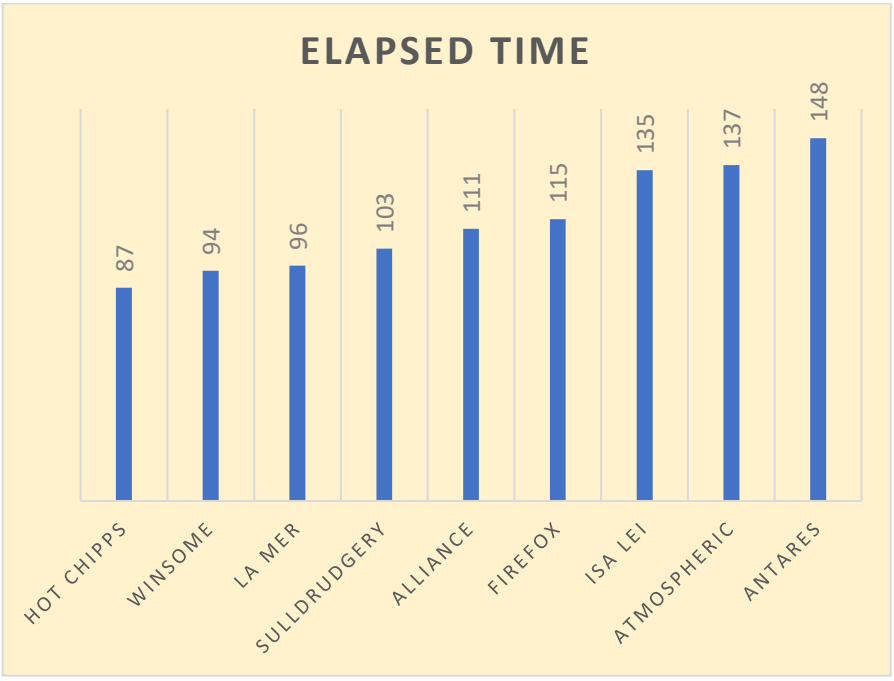
Unfortunately **Skullduggery** had a 3 glasser, Start of the Day and a win… Well done **Skullduggery** on a 1 second start downwind in strong winds. **La Mer** did great with 4 seconds followed by **Fish and Chipps** on 10 seconds and **Winsome** on 11 seconds. Four boats were more than 60 seconds late and **Alliance** were robbed off Start of the Day by a bees **** (censored by the Boating Office). One second early. Their 5 minute penalty made no difference to their finish position.



Hot Chipps getting through on the inside. Good third today

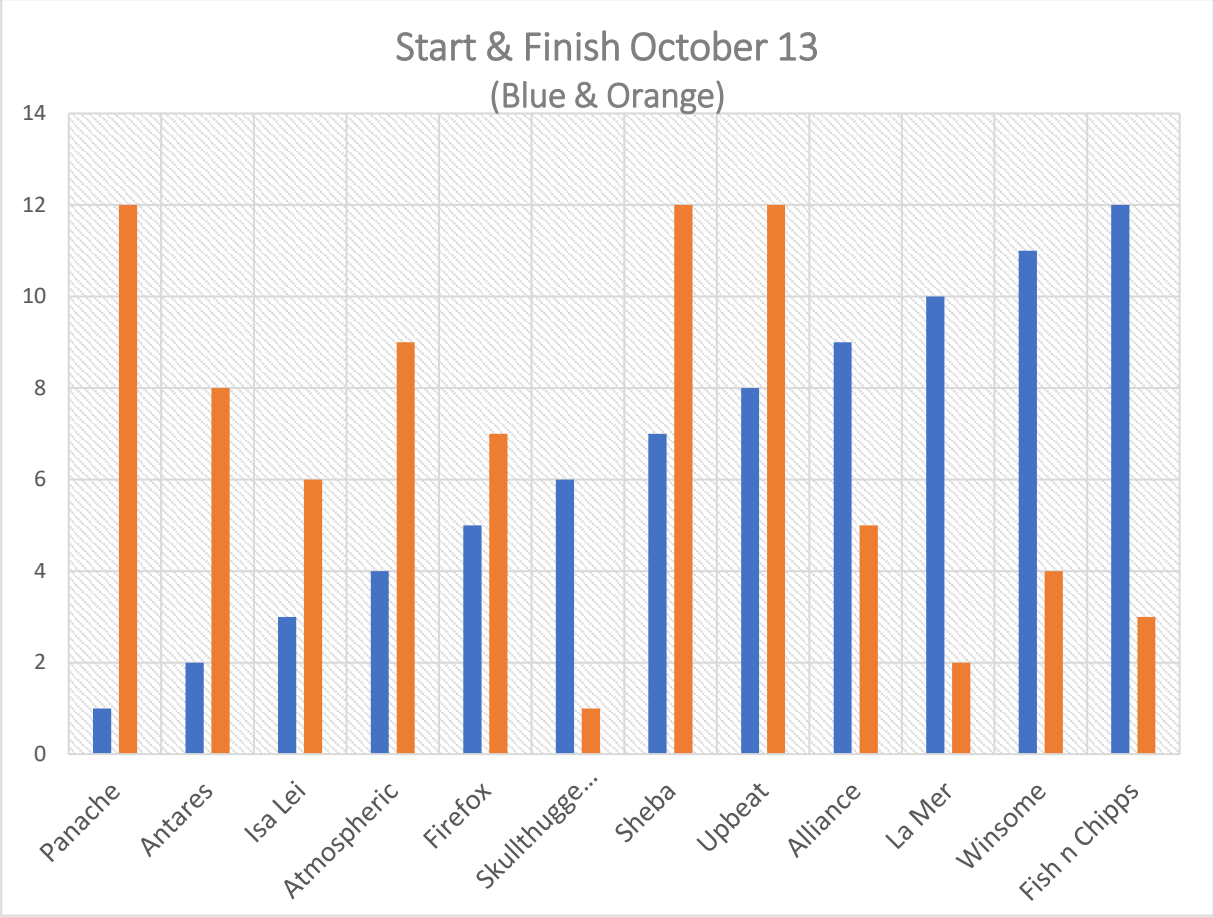
Elapsed Times

Hot Chipps (John Chipp) 87 minutes, was quickest around the course, with **Winsome** on 94 minutes and **La Mer** on 96 minutes. The seas were a bit rougher, out towards no 1 and no 5, than expected. This allowed for some surfing as the fleet approached the marks and also resulted in wet crews from spray, instantly blown back and sideways in the strong winds.



START AND FINISH POSITIONS

The biggest mover was **Fish n Chipps** (9 places – from the back of the fleet to 3rd). She snatched a podium off **Winsome** (7 place improvement) on the line. **La Mer** improved 8 places and **Skulldrudgery** 5 places, to win. **The Skulls** (as we in the know call them) snatched the lead off **Isa Lei ((Andrew Chapman** – who also crews on the **Skulls**) just after halfway, and just fended off the fast finishing boats. I was going to say the fast finishing bigger boats, but **La Mer and Winsome**, are much smaller.



SERIES LEAD

Skulldugerie lead after the first race.

Winter Series Results

Well the Winter Series was hard fought with **La Mer** holding off **Emerald (Tony Tanner**) for a deserved win. It was a great victory well celebrated.

Start of the Day Winter Series

The tally of the best 8 starts was made and , drum roll, the winner was **Winsome**: 40 seconds, from **La Mer** 69 seconds, with **Emerald** and **First Light** also figuring in the results. Well done **Winsome**. This important aspect of the results was neglected by Leeward Larry in his report.

Gossip and other matters

- Start of the day was quite contentious. **Alliance** were close to start of the day. Were they over or not? A bit like VAR in professional soccer or 4 umpires in the AFL. After some debate (and banked up wine bribes from the **Skulls**), the start was given to **The Skulls** , with **Alliance** judged 1 second over. Wow!!
- **Skullduggery** had the ultimate triumph today a 3 glasser. Start of the Day and a win. The last boat to do that was **Alegria (Simon May),** towards the end of the winter series. Your correspondent had cause to ring **Garry McCarten** about 5PM on Sunday and he was, well, painful to say, well into his celebratory drinks. Well done **Skulls**. I hope the honorable **Mr Morrison-Jack** takes note. Of the result (not the celebrations)
- **Speaking of Skullduggery,** their last 4 results in the Weds Wonders have been 3rd, 2nd, 14th and 5th; and on Sundays they have scored 1st, 2nd, 14th and 5th. They are on a run. Drug testing please and Mr Handicapper; **Stuart Morrison Jack**, please note.
- On the subject of handicaps, I hope a more critical and consistent line is taken this season and **La Mer** and **Winsome** get the handicaps that they deserve, just saying
- Speaking of **La Mer** , their upwind performance in 20 knots plus appeared to be much improved on Sunday, pointing better with good speed. Have they imported and installed their secret go fast French mainsheet system??
- Good to see **Atmospheric (Mike Ferguson**) out on the water in trying conditions. **Mike Ferguson** is the newly crowned **Captain Recreational Boating,** and he was piped aboard by his crew.
- Many thanks to our tower volunteers and Mercedes Benz Brighton for sponsoring us!!

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