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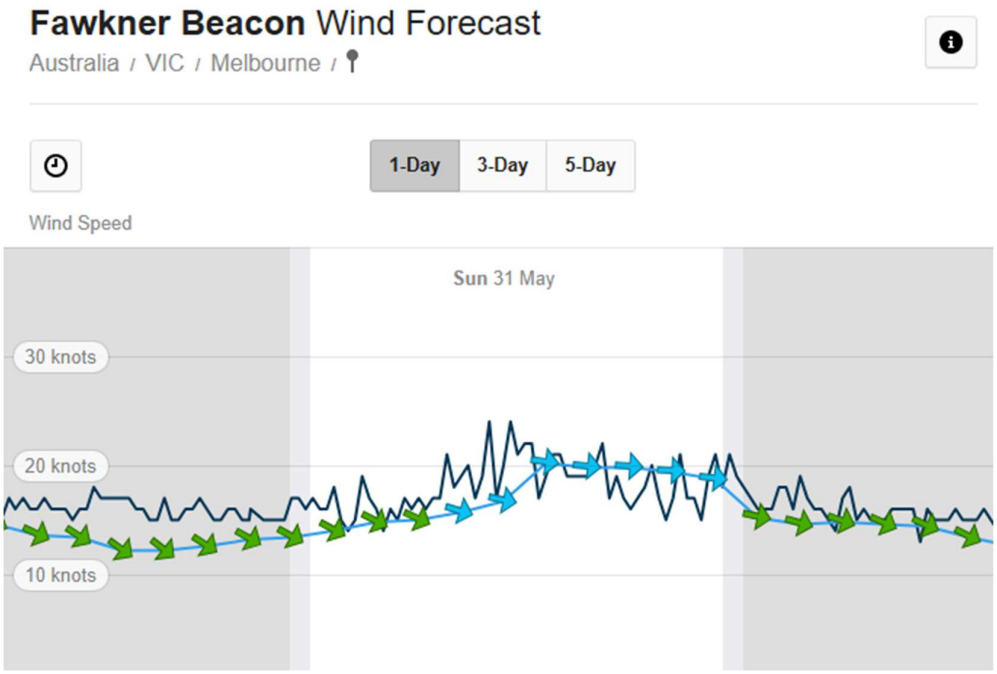
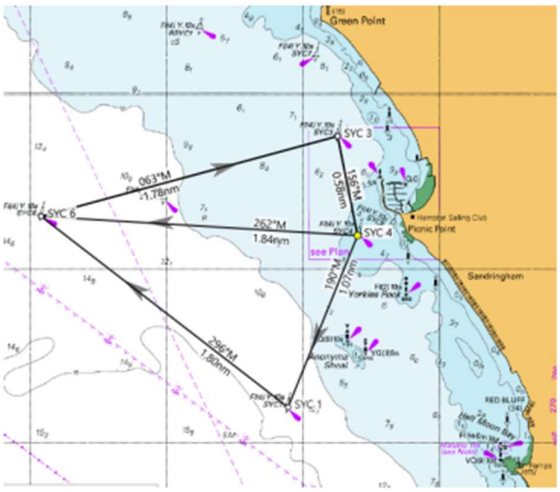
The Race

Race-4 kicked off with winds forecast to be around 15 knots NW, but with early morning gusts touching near 20 knots, well above forecast.

Course 29 was selected with a Southerly start in a NNW wind. Go figure.



COURSE 29



MARK	BEARING (Magnetic)	DISTANCE
All marks to Stbd		
SYC 1	190	1.07
SYC 6	296	1.80
SYC 3	063	1.78
SYC 4	157	0.58
SUB-TOTAL		**5.23**
SYC 6	262	1.84
SYC 3	063	1.78
FINISH	157	0.58
TOTAL		**9.43**

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Boats Entered and Results

With a smaller fleet of 11 boats, two boats (FIREFOX and SHEBA) courageously elected to fly a spinnaker.

But with the wind whipping up they chose not to use it, each coping a 3-minute penalty that resulted in their coming last and second last on the day (See Handicap News).

Score	Number	Name	Type	Skipper	Spin	H'cap (Spin adjusted)	Finish Time		
							Hrs	Mins	Secs
1	SM42	HITCHHIKER	Beneteau Oceanis 41.1	David Goodman		9	11	18	27
2	G3851	GRUMPY	Dufour 385	Andrew Stoop		4	11	18	57
3	SM6915	EMERALD	Beneteau Oceanis 40	Tony Tanner		14	11	21	44
4	SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Jeanneau 44 Ds	Garry McCarten		17	11	22	18
5	SM82	ISA LEI	Serendipity 28	Andrew Chapman		-9	11	24	37
6	SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	Simon Hemingway		26	11	28	33
7	SM1400	ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	Jones/Hart 14	Jock Macadie		42	11	28	33
8	SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	Michael Ebeling		28	11	29	19
9	SM351	FIRST PASSION	Beneteau First 35	Simon Lipman		20	11	29	43
10	SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	Anthony Clyne	Y	18	11	35	2
11	SM86	SHEBA	Elliot 780	Michael Pisani	Y	27	11	43	18

The Winners

Congratulations to the winning boat **HITCHHIKER** (David Goodman, Beneteau Oceanis 41.1, non-spinnaker handicap of 9) with a winning crew of David Goodman, Emma Dalton, Penny Goodman, Ian Mitchaell, Donna Parker, Matthew Pylyp and Charly Savory.

HITCHHIKER was fresh from competing in their first Apollo Bay race the previous weekend.

Just 30 seconds behind and in second place was **GRUMPY** (Andrew Stoop, Dufour 385 off a non-spinnaker handicap of 4).

Completing the podium and in third place was **EMERALD** (Tony Tanner, Beneteau Oceanis 40, non-spinnaker handicap of 22).

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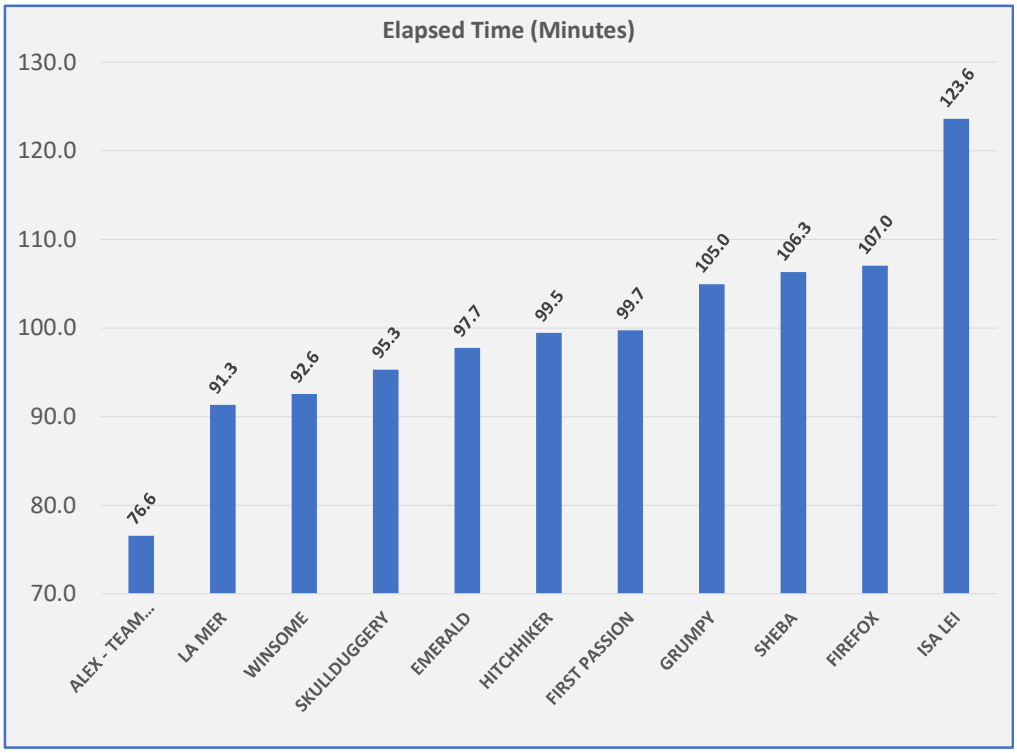
Boat Speed

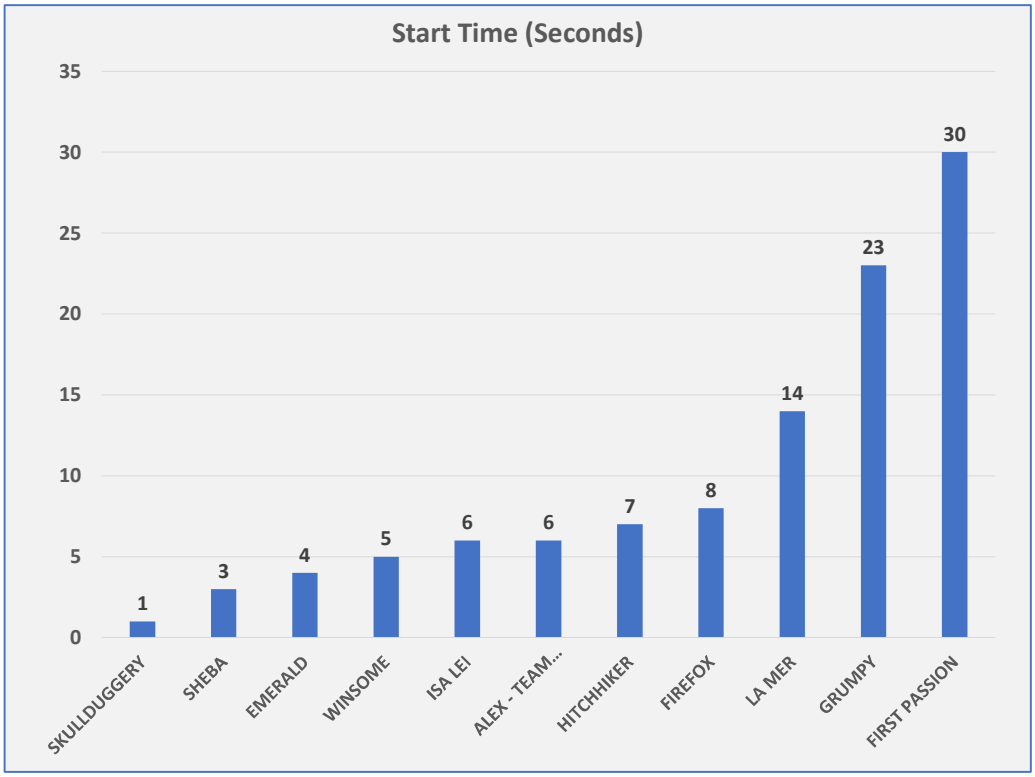
As expected, the fastest boat around the courses was **ALEX TEAM MACADIE** (Jock Macadie, Jones/Hart 14, non-spinnaker handicap of 42).

LA MER and **WINSOME** were the second and third fastest in the fleet.



The Start

With most of the fleet starting in less than 10 seconds, congratulation to **SKULLDUGGERY** (Garry McCarten, Jeanneau 44DS, non-spinnaker handicap of 17) for winning start of the day with an impressive 1 second start.



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Series Results

Congratulations to the current series winner **FIREFOX** (Anthony Cline, Beneteau 38.5 with a spinnaker handicap of 18), and in second place is **SHEBA** (Michael Pisani, Elliot 780, off a Spinnaker Handicap of 27).

Place	Ties	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		SM385	FIREFOX	Kim Beveridge/ Anthony Clyne	15.0	10.0	3.0	ABN	2.0
2		SM86	SHEBA	Michael Pisani	16.0	11.0	1.0	ABN	4.0
3		SM351	FIRST PASSION	Simon Lipman	18.0	9.0	2.0	ABN	7.0
4		SM82	ISA LEI	Andrew Chapman	19.0	5.0	8.0	ABN	6.0
5		SM6002	LA MER	Michael Ebeling	21.0	8.0	4.0	ABN	9.0
6		SM190	WINSOME	Simon Hemingway	24.0	6.0	6.0	ABN	12.0
7		SM42	HITCHHIKER	David Goodman	41.0	1.0	5.0	ABN	35.0C
8		SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Garry McCarten	46.0	4.0	7.0	ABN	35.0C
9		SM6915	EMERALD	Anthony Tanner	52.0	3.0	35.0C	ABN	14.0
10		M010	AURORA	Paul Challis	66.0	35.0C	14.0N	ABN	17.0
11		SM321	LAWLESS	Boyd Coulson	71.0	35.0C	35.0C	ABN	1.0
12		G3851	GRUMPY	Andrew Stopp	72.0	2.0	35.0C	ABN	35.0R
13		SM309	ALEGRIA	Simon May	73.0	35.0C	35.0C	ABN	3.0
14		AUS117	TILTING AT WINDMILLS	Andrew Roberts	75.0	35.0C	35.0C	ABN	5.0

Handicap News

SKULLDUGGERY, ISA LEI and **WINSOME** all had some handicap relief for this race. Conversely, **FIRST PASSION, FIREFOX** and **SHEBA** all had some minutes added to their handicaps.

Sunday Sailors Winter 26 Series - Handicap Tracking

Boat			Handicaps (Base)				
Sail	Name	Type	End of last season	Change (Race No)			Latest
				1	3	4	
SM42	HITCHHIKER	Beneteau Oceanis 41.1	9				9
G3851	GRUMPY	Dufour 385	4				4
SM6915	EMERALD	Beneteau Oceanis 40	14				14
SM440	SKULLDUGGERY	Jeanneau 44 Ds	19			-2	17
SM82	ISA LEI	Serendipity 28	-7			-2	-9
SM190	WINSOME	Jeanneau Sunfast 40	27			-1	26
SM1400	ALEX - TEAM MACADIE	Jones/Hart 14	42				42
SM6002	LA MER	Dufour 36e Performance	28				28
SM351	FIRST PASSION	Beneteau First 35	17			3	20
SM385	FIREFOX	Beneteau 38.5	7	3	3	2	15
SM86	SHEBA	Elliot 780	18	2		4	24

The question has to be asked - were the current series winners **FIREFOX** and **SHEBA** seeking some strategic handicap relief for the next race by calling in the spinnaker penalty, then not using it, thus ensuring their place at the back of the fleet without any obvious sandbagging performance. Just saying!!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

A special thank you to those that enabled this Sunday Sailors race: Tower volunteers (Bruce Reidy (RO), Barb Watson and Peter Graham), our Handicapper Stuart Morrison-Jack and the Boating Office.

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Photos are not from this race)

First Place

HITCHHIKER (David Goodman, Beneteau Oceanis 41.1, non-spinnaker handicap of 9)

Second Place Prize

GRUMPY (Andrew Stoop, Dufour 385 off a non-spinnaker handicap of 4).

Third Place Prize

EMERALD (Tony Tanner, Beneteau Oceanis 40, non-spinnaker handicap of 22).

Start of the Day

SKULLDUGGERY (Garry McCarten, Jeanneau 44DS, non-spinnaker handicap of 17)

Leeward Larry