

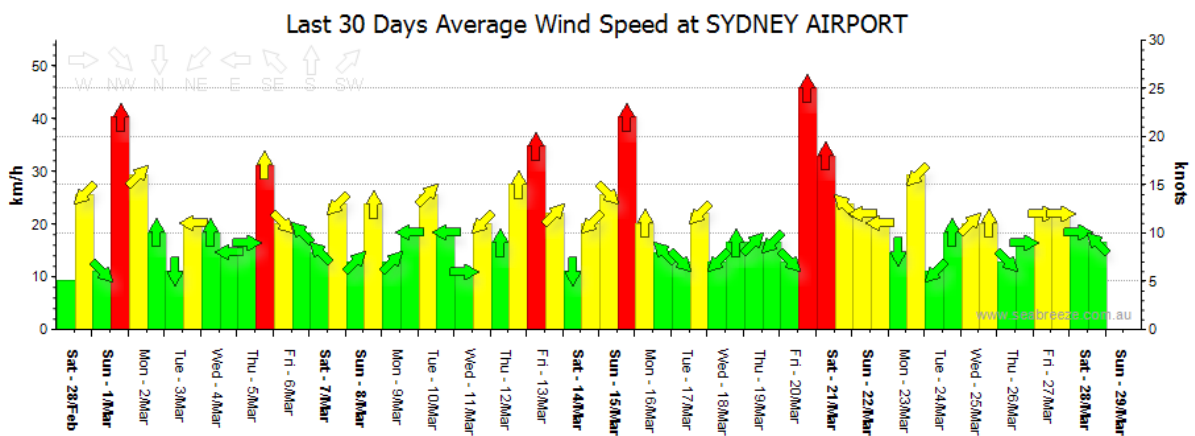
Saturday March 28 Autumn Race 5.

Course 17 tested competitors by providing different wind directions at different parts of the course. These ranged from SE to S to E (some even said NE). As well some areas had virtually no wind at all – Goat Buoy was a good example.

In Blue VP Teats made a great start but were soon caught by Solitude, GWhizz and Blue Chip. By Goat the windless conditions compressed the fleet. From here the fleet kept together on the run to Snapper. The next work to Goat stretched the fleet and Solitude extended its lead. Again some were caught in the lee at Goat. The third tilt to Goat in decreasing breeze allowed the Chippies to catch GeeWizz. VPT had a great run back and at the end GW, BC and VPT were very close. Starry Starry Night had left the building early after taking on Cockatoo under spinnaker. The Etchells were also very close and had managed to sneak away from Speedwell. The well-deserved handicap result went to VPT from Loneliness and Eggs.

In Green/White Flair got away at the start but was ultimately caught by the A team, Joka and Paca. Highland Ghost and Zig Zag kept each other company and in the light conditions were not able to keep up with the lighter boats. At the end Paca were hammered by their handicap after sailing an impressive race. Joka were worthy winners and Highland Ghost hung in in the adverse conditions for third.

If you are interested here is the wind summary from Seabreeze for the last 30 Days



Also, well done to Ray Entwistle. Although not representing GFS, Ray and crew won the J70 class in Jedi at the recent Sydney Regatta.