



Greetings!

The sailing season is underway at last, with heat 2 of the spring series sailed last Saturday. Read Bob Chapman's incisive report in this newsletter and on the website. The results table contains a surprise. It was a day for conservative sailing. Tangalooma lead all the way, off handicap, to take the race. Well done to Peter Legrove and crew!



Heat 1, the opening race of the season on Mark Foy Day on 8 October, had to be abandoned due to the strong winds. It has certainly been a tempestuous spring so far.

A reminder that this coming Saturday is the 125th anniversary of Mark Foy's revolutionary rules (devised in 1891), and the foundation of our

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Bookings recommended.



SAIL WELL, STAY WELL

If you are over 18, come and join us to sail on one of our wonderful 18 foot skiffs or become part of our race management team on the safety and start boats.

Club. The course will be in the form of the original triangle, starting from near Clark Island - something a little different to mark the anniversary. From the ferry you will be up close to observe the skill and speed of our Historic 18-footers. Regrettably, we had to cancel the catered lunch packages as there were insufficient bookings made in time to meet the caterer's deadline. If you need a refund for your lunch, please see Club staff. Meanwhile sandwiches are, of course, available for purchase from the Flying Bear Café on the deck and there will be snacks on board. A special programme comes with your ticket and there will be expert commentary on the ferry. Don't forget the early start and have a fun day.

Afterwards back at the Club, the inaugural awarding of the Graeme Ferguson memorial "Ringtail" trophy will take place. A stalwart of our Club and fondly remembered, Fergie will be celebrated with the first rum and coke to be poured into the trophy and then consumed! Congratulations to skipper Ian Smith and the crew of the mighty Britannia - the first recipient.

Have you visited the new-look website for the SFS? There has been a lot of positive feedback. Director Neville Turbit has been the driver behind the project. He has an article in this edition, seeking feedback on the concept of a Sailors' Zone. Please get your views back to him so that the website can serve our sailors better.

Finally a few images from last Saturday's race. It is great to be out on the Harbour again. Good sailing to all!

See you at the Club.
Adrienne Jackson - Editor



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SFS Race Report Sat 15th October 2016.

Unfortunately, Race 1, set down for the previous Saturday was cancelled due to adverse weather - hence no report for last week.

Race 2 of the 2016-17 Season and Heat 2 of the Spring Point Score. Sailors and supporters were greeted to a warm spring day, clear skies and the prospect of a steady gradient breeze from the NE. Today would be the first outing this season for most skiffs - some with new (and untested) crew combinations, others after the completion of substantial maintenance work, and some possibly in need of more preparation? 8 skiffs were on hand, some rigged conservatively in expectation the breeze may freshen, while others were a bit more optimistic and carried full size no.2 rigs.

The race started off Double Bay on the No.1 NE Course with a handicap start and the tide running out. The breeze freshened substantially in the period from when the skiffs departed Careening Cove and the start of the race. Some skiffs were late for their start and some found they were now over canvassed for the conditions. Tangalooma was first away, comfortably rigged and well managed to sail away to a clear lead while Britannia was struggling under too much sail. Alruth was next skiff away, managing the conditions comfortably, and then Scot, followed by The Mistake under conservative rig, then Australia, Yendys and Australia IV.

The freshening breeze combined with the strong run-out tide made for a steep and difficult seaway for the long beat down to the Beashel Buoy. Britannia was struggling and then forced to retire early in the race before their situation became too perilous, she was soon followed by Australia and Australia IV with similar issues - all made it back to the club without further problems.

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\$35.00 for members of
the SFS or \$45 for non-
members.

Launched at the Sydney Flying Squadron by the Governor-General, Sir Peter Cosgrove, on 27 March 2016, the book sold out on the day. Now reprinted, the book has great photos and stories of amazing lives and times. Of the men on the Honor Roll, 27 died on active service, 49 were wounded and nine died of wounds or war-related illness. The book ensures the debt to all of them is recorded, and their contribution to our great sailing legacy acknowledged. Something to treasure!

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE/SAIL

There are still some T-shirts available from the Australian



Meanwhile Tangalooma sailed away to a clear lead that she held all the way to the finish. Alruth held on to 2nd place comfortably throughout the race. Yendys moved up to finish in 3rd place and take fastest time. The Mistake played it safe coming in 4th while Scot also sailed safe to complete the course in 5th place. Well done to all crews on a very testing day, apparently the wind chill was quite noticeable and the pumps were constantly in use.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Chuck, Stu, Ian, Brian, Peter, Adrienne, David, Naveen, Russell, Louise, Felix, Bill and the rest of our tireless volunteers on the support craft, along with the dedicated team at Rosman Ferries. We look forward to seeing you down at the Squaddie, next week.

Results for 15th October 2016.

| Race 2 | 15-Oct-16 | | Hcp Start | #1 Course | NE | 15-20 kts | |
|----------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Skiff | Skipper | Race Hcap | Start Time | Finish Time | Race Time | H'cap Time | New Hcap |
| Tangalooma | P. Legrove | 0:15 | 14:15:00 | 15:54:42 | 1:39:42 | 1:24:42 | 13 |
| Alruth | J. Tickner | 0:13 | 14:17:00 | 16:00:06 | 1:43:06 | 1:30:06 | 12 |
| Yendys | R. Killick | 0:02 | 14:28:00 | 16:03:09 | 1:35:09 | 1:33:09 | 2 |
| The Mistake | T. Stewart | 0:11 | 14:19:00 | 16:07:30 | 1:48:30 | 1:37:30 | 11 |
| Scot | J. Watt | 0:12 | 14:18:00 | 16:23:43 | 2:05:43 | 1:53:43 | 12 |
| Britannia | I. Smith | 0:14 | 14:16:00 | DNF | | | 14 |
| Australia | I. Pretty | 0:06 | 14:24:00 | DNF | | | 6 |
| Australia IV | D. Swales | 0:00 | 14:30:00 | DNF | | | 7* |
| Myra Too | P. Barnett | 0:08 | DNC | | | | 8 |
| Aberdare | J. Winning | 0:00 | DNC | | | | 0 |
| M. V. Regal II | F.M.R. | | 14:00:00 | DNF | | | |

Note: H'cap adjustment applied by Sailing Committee to Australia IV, now being campaigned by "Team Top Weight".

| Skiff | Season Point Score | Spring Point Score |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Aberdare | 0 | 0 |
| Alruth | 5 | 5 |
| Australia | 0 | 0 |
| Australia IV | 0 | 0 |
| Britannia | 0 | 0 |
| Myra Too | 0 | 0 |
| Scot | 2 | 2 |
| Tangalooma | 6 | 6 |
| The Mistake | 3 | 3 |
| Yendys | 4 | 4 |

Championships. These highly desirable T-

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See Coral Taylor or Adrienne Jackson at the Club after sailing.

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is the class association representing the replica historic 18 and 10 footers and the Taipan class. As such they keep the issues of the maritime heritage of Sydney Harbour in the public eye at events such as the Wooden Boat Festivals, intrastate, interstate and overseas regattas. It is a medium to keep heritage and

Website- Sailors Zone

We have been live with our new website for about six weeks. Traffic has increased from around 500 visits per month on the old site, to over 5,000 per month in September. This month we should crack 7,000. The extra visits help to get more people through the door to the bar and restaurant, and more people sailing/volunteering on Saturdays.

When building the website, we built a secure area for sailors and volunteers. We had a few ideas as to the sort of things we could put in this section, but saw it as "phase two" in setting up the website. There is no point however in making material available if it is not useful.

As a starting point, we thought we would make sign in sheets available for each boat. Whoever is responsible could create a sign in sheet for their boat with regular crew names. Using the sheet as a template each week, missing regular crew could be crossed out, and additional crew added. If the sheet is available on the website, and the person who normally fills it out is not available, someone else can download the sheet and complete it on the day.

If you would like to put up your regular crew list, download the sheet, complete the names and send it to me to upload.

Another document we could make available are the sailing instructions. We have a button but not included sailing instructions at this point.

One suggestion is that we publish a volunteer's roster each week. A dummy one is on the site.

We have also had ideas such as details of the Sailing Australia insurance policy, information for new sailors, marine radio guide for volunteers.

We would like your feedback to decide what would be useful to go on the site. In fact, if you have any suggestions as to what should go on the rest of the website, we would also like to hear from you. If you would like to access the secure area contact me and I will email you login details.

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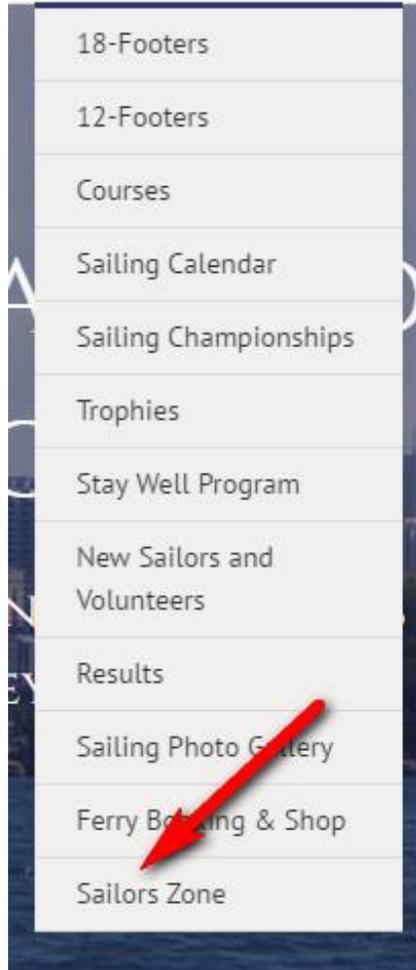
If you are visiting the Sydney Flying Squadron on a Saturday, please make yourself known to either of the following:

Ian Smith, President - owner/builder and skipper "Britannia"

Ian Graves, Honorary Secretary - crew member "Aberdare"

Coral Taylor, Honorary Treasurer - crew member "Tangalooma".

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Images from spring series, Heat 2



The Mistake gets away on handicap



Alruth grabs the breeze



Yendys in control



Alruth powering to Chowder Bay



Scot dwarfed by bunkering activity on the Harbour.





New volunteer Stu under Chuck's steady supervision



And Scot crosses the line to a thumbs up from Felix

This newsletter was written by volunteers Adrienne Jackson, Bob Chapman and Neville Turbit. Formatted by Nick Mulcahy.

Contributions sought and welcomed. Email your news, photos, opinions to: sfsnewsletter@site@gmail.com. Don't be reticent. Be part of the SFS community and share your stories. It is a Club rich in history and the richer for the participation of all its members.