



It was another good day out on Sydney Harbour last Saturday, with the first heat of the Club championship - a picturesque scratch start. Aberdare led from the front and finished the race with a Ringtail, winning both line honours and on handicap. Bob Chapman's excellent race report details all the action, with the Ringtail point score a new addition to the results' table.



It was great to have our dedicated ferry, Regal II, back in action. Next Saturday we have the large ferry, Proclaim - see details in the newsletter - and so please get the word around to ensure good attendances.

Three of our Historic 18-footers sailed in the Balmain Regatta on Sunday, 30 October. The winds were lighter than forecast, but it was a really good day, and we thank the Balmain Sailing Club again for another well run event, enjoyed by all who participated. Some images from the Regatta illustrate our short report. The 12 footers also sailed from the Club on Sunday. This newsletter includes the usual images from last Saturday's Historic 18s race, from out on the water.

Finally a reminder that the Club's Annual General Meeting will be held at 10.30 am on Sunday, 13 November, 2016, in the Clubhouse. Notices to those eligible to vote have been posted out to members' mailing addresses as required under the Articles of Association of the Club. The Annual Report for the Sydney Flying Squadron for 2015-16 is available to view on the Club's website: www.sydneyflying squadron.com.au. Hard copies are available at the Club during office hours. Come along and have your say. The Club is proud of its continuous history of 125 years and it is the richer for the participation of its membership.

See you at the Club!
Adrienne Jackson - Editor.



SFS Race Report Sat 29nd

SPECTATOR FERRY

BALMAIN REGATTA

IMAGES FROM RACE 4, HEAT 1

SPECTATOR FERRY - FOLLOW THE FLEET!



The Rosman Ferry Regal departs the SFS wharf at 2pm

Saturdays during the sailing season.

Tickets from the Sydney Flying Squadron
76 McDougall Street, Kirribilli.

\$20 members

\$25 non members

Commentary and a race program provided.

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.

SFS Race Report Sat 29th October 2016.

Race 4 of the 2016-17 Season, Heat 4 of the Spring Point Score and Heat 1 of the Club Championship. Overnight and morning rain cleared for an overcast sky with a gradient breeze from the NE that looked set to build for a good afternoon of racing. The Rosman

Ferry "Regal II" was back in action this week for another delightful 2 hour cruise to take in the activity on Sydney Harbour with the added prospect of viewing the historical 18ft skiff action up close, albeit in need of some additional patronage.

Seven skiffs were on hand with most rigged conservatively in expectation of the breeze freshening. The race got underway off Double Bay on the No.1 NE Course from a well contested scratch start (with the class flag being flown upside down on the Killara II). The tide was almost at the end of its run making for relatively flat water, allowing the skiffs to make good progress on the beat down to the Beashel Buoy. The breeze on the eastern shore favoured the starboard tack while over on the western shore the port tack was favoured, with a mixed bag of conditions in the middle.



Aberdare, under a reefed no2 mainsail made good progress on the beat to round the Beashel Buoy with a comfortable lead, followed by Australia IV, then Alruth and Tangalooma together, then The Mistake, Britannia and Scot.

Aberdare extended her lead on the downwind legs, while Australia IV, Alruth and The Mistake were engaged in a good tussle for the remaining podium places. Aberdare was unchallenged on the final beat, while Alruth lost time due to a broken lee cloth, allowing The Mistake to move up to 3rd place.

Aberdare went on to set a ringtail to the finish and score a comfortable win, taking a win on both handicap and AHSSA Rating in the process. Australia IV sailed to a well-deserved 2nd place followed by The Mistake, Alruth, then Tangalooma, Britannia (under ringtail) and Scot.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Chuck, Stu, Roy, Russell, Peter, Adrienne, 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 29th October 2016.

Race 4	29-Oct-16	Scr Start	#1 Course	NE	15-20kts					
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap	AHSSA Rating	Rating C'Time	Rating Place
Aberdare	J. Winning	0:00	14:30:00	15:58:41	1:28:41	1:28:41	0	0:01:30	1:27:11	1
Australia IV	D. Swales	0:07	14:30:00	16:08:07	1:38:07	1:31:07	9	0:00:00	1:38:07	3
The Mistake	T. Stewart	0:10	14:30:00	16:09:36	1:39:36	1:29:36	12	0:02:00	1:37:36	2
Alruth	R. Tickner	0:12	14:30:00	16:11:33	1:41:33	1:29:33	13	0:03:00	1:38:33	5
Tangalooma	P. Legrove	0:13	14:30:00	16:13:26	1:43:26	1:30:26	15	0:05:00	1:38:26	4
Britannia	I. Smith	0:14	14:30:00	16:17:06	1:47:06	1:33:06	15	0:08:30	1:38:36	6
Scot	J. Watt	0:10	14:30:00	16:20:40	1:50:40	1:40:40	12	0:05:00	1:45:40	7
Myra Too	P. Barnett	0:08	DNC				8			
Australia	I. Pretty	0:06	DNC				6			
Yendys	R. Killick	0:02	DNC				2			

Skiff	Season Point Score	Spring Point Score	Ringtail Point Score
Aberdare	8	8	1
Alruth	12	12	0
Australia	3	3	0
Australia IV	7	7	0
Britannia	5	5	1
Myra Too	0	0	0
Scot	10	10	0



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Buy your copy for \$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/SALE

There are still some T-shirts available from the Australian

Tangalooma	12	12	0
The Mistake	12	12	0
Yendys	4	4	0

SPECTATOR FERRY

After the absence of a spectator ferry for the 125th Anniversary Regatta on 22 October, the number of patrons on the ferry last Saturday was very disappointing - only 16 on a ferry that takes 80 and for which the SFS pays a fixed rate each week. The dedicated ferry to follow the race is so much part of our Club's traditions with Mark Foy's vision of sailing as a thrilling spectator sport. The Club would hate to have to enforce "use it or lose it".

This coming Saturday, we will have the big ferry, Proclaim, which can take up to 220 people. Please encourage your family and friends to come for one of the best days out - watching the Historic 18-footers race on Sydney Harbour, while having a good look at all the other sailing on the Harbour as well.



Please note that the ferry will leave from High Street wharf at 2 pm.



As we have often stated without fear of contradiction, it is the best value scenic cruise on Sydney Harbour!

BALMAIN REGATTA

On Sunday, 30 October, three Historic 18-footers sailed in the Balmain Regatta: Britannia, Scot and Australia IV.

Championships. These highly desirable T-

shirts are exclusive - only 100 produced. So pounce and get yours before it is too late.

There are also smart AHSSA polos available.

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

PRICE LIST

LADIES POLO \$35

MENS POLO \$40

T - SHIRT \$25



The Australian Historical Sailing Skiff Association (AHSSA)



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



Off to Balmain under tow from the Gemini. Thank you Russell Debney for the photo.
Rigging from the pontoon at Balmain.



The Australia IV crew wore their "Top Weight" dress uniforms.



Britannia with Ringtail took line honours. Scot was second and Australia IV third.

sailing enthusiasts together whilst promoting host sailing clubs and their endeavours.

Annual membership is \$20 which includes a monthly newsletter delivered electronically or by post. To become a member download the application form from the

Association's

website <http://ahssa.weebly.com> or by email contact to

ahssa@y7mail.com or write to P.O. Box 48 Drummoyne, NSW, 2047.

Also view

website nswtens.weebly.com for the latest news on replica historic skiffs.

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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Many thanks to the Balmain Sailing Club.

IMAGES FROM RACE 4, HEAT 1 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (SPRING SERIES, HEAT 4)



Felix keeps his beard under control before his race management duties on Killara II.



The closest we got to Aberdare was on the way out to the start line - thereafter the "Galloping Ghost" sprinted away to lead the race all the way to the finish line.



The background buildings show the scene dates from 2016!



The Mistake taking the breeze.



Britannia and Scot kept each other company behind Shark Island.



Australia IV had a good race.



Alruth travelling but was this the fragile lee cloth?



Tangalooma crosses the line.



Britannia sailing majestically to the finish with Ringtail deployed.

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

Contributions sought and welcomed. Email your news, photos, opinions to: sfsnewslettersite@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.