



"A day of mixed fortunes and pending repairs" is how Bob Chapman describes last Saturday's Historic 18-footers race in his race report this week. And so it was. Tangalooma led from the handicap start and managed to see off some close challenges to maintain the lead all the way. Well done, Peter Legrove and team Tangalooma.



It was a splendid day to be on the Harbour, and the ferry patrons saw a lot of action with good racing as well as the drama of some mishaps and damage. The spectator ferry is the best way to watch the race - even close up and personal at times! This week, we are fortunate to have a selection from the wonderful photographs taken on board by Karen Hill making up the "Images from Race 9" section of this newsletter. Many thanks, Karen. She took some 350 shots and many more would have been included if we had the capacity in an emailed newsletter..... We hope Karen will come on the ferry again with her camera.

Next Saturday, there will be even more action and drama to be witnessed from the ferry as our H18s race will coincide with the Saturday race for the Extreme Sailing Series catamarans. They will be sailing in an exclusion zone off Kirribilli Point, and our skiffs and the ferry will have to transit close by to get out to race on the harbour. A map of the exclusion zone is included in this newsletter. And Bob Chapman explores the lineage of extreme catamarans from Mark Foy's vision for sailing as an exciting and cutting-edge spectator sport. The 12 footers will also have the Extremes for company for their racing on Sunday.

And congratulations to Sydney Sailmaker, sailed by Nicholas Press and Andrew Hay who took the 12 footers' NSW title last Sunday in a tight win over Geotherm (Brett Hobson and Billy Lusty). See the full race report on [www.skiff.org.au](http://www.skiff.org.au). The Press name is an illustrious one in the annals of the 18-footers. There were fourteen iterations of the famous "H C Press" 18-footer and the legendary Chris Webb skippered a couple of them. It all links up!



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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.

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Commentary and a race program provided.  
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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.

No better place to be than at the Sydney Flying Squadron. See you there!

Adrienne Jackson - Editor.

## SFS Race Report Sat 3rd December 2016.

Race 9 of the 2016-17 Season and first Heat of the Summer Point Score. A welcome early morning southerly provided some relief from the heat of the previous day, but by mid-morning the southerly was beginning to fade and move around to the south-east. The 7 skiffs in the boat park had no hesitation in setting up their no.1 big rigs for the day, first time this season for the big sails to come out to play.

The race got underway from a handicap start off Kurraba Point on the no.3 SE course, with a run-out tide and the wind showing early signs of going further around to the east. Limit boats Britannia and Tangalooma started together for the leg across to Clark Island, followed 1 min later by Scot and Alruth, then 2mins to the Mistake and another 2 mins to Australia IV, then a 10 min gap to Aberdare, who also had to deal with an incoming bulk carrier ship crossing their path, right on cue.

Tangalooma was first to round Clark Island for the tight main & jib reach to Taylor Bay with a good lead on Britannia followed closely by Alruth, then Scot, The Mistake, Australia IV and Aberdare well back. On the approach to Taylor Bay, Scot shaved the corner a bit too close and managed to wrap their leeward rigging around the Cardinal Mark to the east of Bradley's Head, which then required outside assistance from Barley's support RIB to un-ravel, following which Scot retired from the race.

Tangalooma continued to lead the way from Taylor Bay to Shark Island, with a minimal number of tacks required to make the windward mark. Alruth and The Mistake loomed up to challenge Britannia for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Tangalooma was first around the Shark Island mark for the long square run back to Kirribilli, setting their recently acquired (ex-Aberdare) single luff big spinnaker on a port pole. Britannia, Alruth and The Mistake rounded in close company and also set port poles, but then Britannia opted to gybe and reset their spinnaker on a starboard pole along with a ringtail as the breeze went further into the east. Australia IV followed, then Aberdare both with starboard pole spinnakers, and a ringtail on Aberdare. Towards the end of the run Tangalooma, Alruth and The Mistake were unable to make course to the mark and had to drop their spinnakers and gybe early in order to make the mark under main & jib, just ahead of Britannia.



Tangalooma's lead was now reduced with Alruth and The Mistake having closed up. Unfortunately, a minor issue at the end of the Alruth's bowsprit turned into a major disaster when, in the process of sorting it out, the bowsprit collapsed, ending their race. Tangalooma was first around Clark Island for the run to the finish with The Mistake in hot pursuit, then Britannia, Australia IV and Aberdare now closing in. Tangalooma and The Mistake engaged in a great tussle down the final run, with Britannia looking comfortable in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, until their spinnaker poles collapsed under load and broke into many pieces in spectacular fashion half way down the run. Tangalooma held on to win by just 3 secs from The Mistake, then a few minutes back to Britannia in 3<sup>rd</sup> closely followed by Aberdare and Australia IV. A day of mixed fortunes and pending repairs.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Stu, Russell, Judith, Peter, Adrienne, Felix, Chuck, Bluey, Bill, Jan and the rest of our tireless volunteers, along with the dedicated team at



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### SETTING SAIL FOR THE GREAT WAR



STORIES OF THE SAILORS LISTED ON THE WWI HONOR ROLL OF THE SYDNEY FLYING SQUADRON AND SYDNEY SAILING CLUB

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/SAIL

There are still some T-shirts available from the Australian

Championships. These highly desirable T-

Chuck, Brady, Bill, Ian and the rest of our tireless volunteers, along with the dedicated team at Rosman Ferries. We look forward to seeing you down at the Squaddie.

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## Results for Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016.

Race 9	03-Dec-16	Hcp Start	#3 Course	ESE	8-10kts		
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap
Tangalooma	P. Legrove	0:15	14:15:00	15:50:36	1:35:36	1:20:36	13
The Mistake	T. Stewart	0:12	14:18:00	15:50:39	1:32:39	1:20:39	11
Britannia	I. Smith	0:15	14:15:00	15:53:30	1:38:30	1:23:30	15
Aberdare	J. Winning	0:00	14:30:00	15:53:41	1:23:41	1:23:41	0
Australia IV	D. Swales	0:10	14:20:00	15:54:00	1:34:00	1:24:00	10
Alruth	R. Tickner	0:14	14:16:00	DNF			14
Scot	R. Teame	0:14	14:16:00	DNF			14
Yendys	R. Killick	0:02	DNF				2
Myra Too	P. Barnett	0:08	DNF				8
Australia	I. Pretty	0:06	DNF				6

Skiff	Season Point Score	Summer Point Score	Ringtail Point Score
Aberdare	20	3	4
Alruth	24	1	0
Australia	3	0	0
Australia IV	22	2	0
Britannia	18	4	5
Myra Too	0	0	0
Scot	15	1	0
Tangalooma	29	6	0
The Mistake	27	5	2
Yendys	7	0	1

## EXTREME SAILING SERIES - MARK FOY'S LEGACY CONTINUES

The Sydney Flying Squadron is currently celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> season of open skiff racing. Sailors, spectators and supporters of the SFS will no doubt be aware that over the coming days from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December, the Extreme Sailing Series (ESS) is in town and being run on a short course format off Kirribilli, with the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron as host club.

Some of the promotional material for the ESS, reads as follows:

After successfully hosting the spectacular grand finale to the 2015 season, Sydney will, once again, host the final Act of the 2016 Extreme Sailing Series™ where the season champions will be crowned. The award-winning and adrenaline fuelled global Series has given the sport of sailing a healthy dusting-off. Bringing the action to the public with Stadium Sailing, putting guests at the heart of the battle and dramatically increasing the pace on the water, the creators of the Extreme Sailing Series™ have set new standards, both in terms of high level competition and sporting entertainment.

Members and supporters of the SFS and skiff sailing in general may see this event as a further endorsement of Mark Foy's visionary entrepreneurship when he founded the Sydney Flying Squadron in 1891 with the very clear (and revolutionary back then) intention of promoting the sport of sailing by using the fastest and most exciting craft available at the time, carrying identifying sail insignias, on a course configuration that was accessible for spectators and that showcased the sport at its best.

Last year the ESS were using 40ft catamarans, this year they are using 32ft flying catamarans.

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

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Their endeavours.

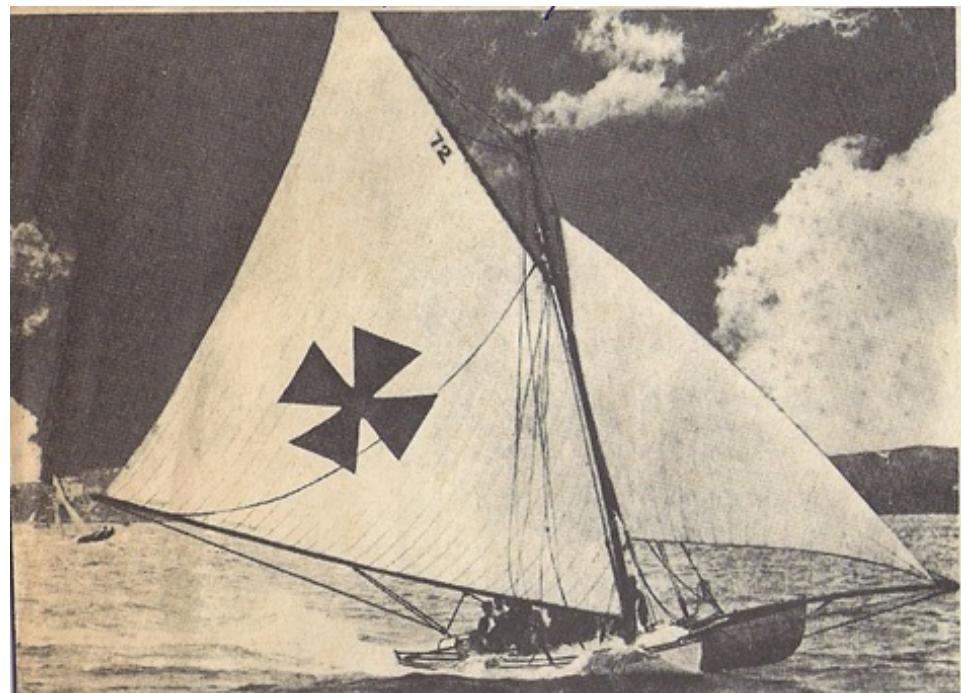
Mark Foy was way ahead of his time in that aspect also, as in 1894 he commissioned the build of a 24ft catamaran that he raced against the 24ft skiffs of the time.

The following newspaper item covers the launch of Mark Foy's "dual-hulled" boat in August 1894:

1. No title

*Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1889 - 1915) Tuesday 7 August 1894 p 8 Article*

**LAUNCH OF THE FLYING FISH.** - Messenger's shed, in Double Bay, was the scene of the launch of a novel sailing yacht, the little vessel having been designed by and built to the order of Mr. Mark Foy, who has succeeded in introducing to Port Jackson a 24ft. sailing craft which it is anticipated will attain a maximum racing speed of from 15 to 20 miles an hour. The Flying Fish, the name of the new racer, consists of two distinct hulls of boats, each 24ft. in length, 2ft. 3in. beam, and 2ft. 9in. extreme depth. These boats, of the most perfect design, on the whaleboat principle and carvel cedar planking, are bridged together with strong beams and stays, and give an extreme beam of 10ft. 6in. The draught of water is from 10in. to 12in., with sails, spars, crew and the two center board plates - one in each boat - on board. There are two rudders, worked by lines and tiller. She is perfectly safe, as she cannot capsize and cannot sink.



Mark Foy's "FLYING FISH"

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Also view website [nswtens.weebly.com](http://nswtens.weebly.com) for the latest news on replica historic skiffs.

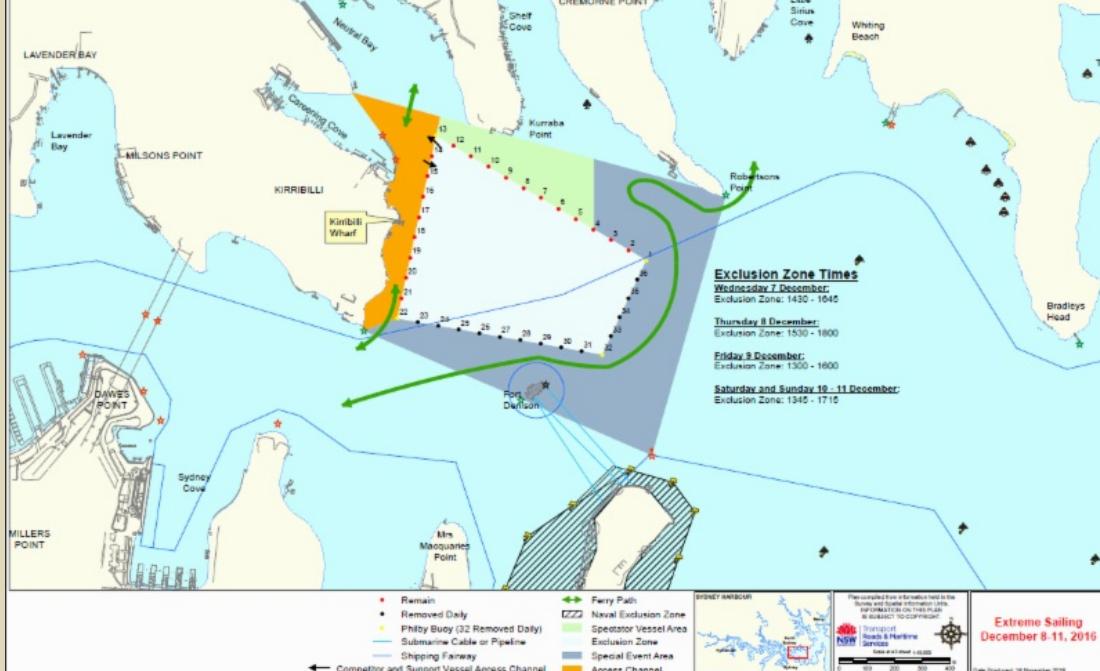
If you are visiting the Sydney Flying Squadron on a Saturday, please make yourself known to either of the following:

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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## Map of Extreme Sailing Series Exclusion Zone





## IMAGES FROM RACE 9: PHOTOS FROM THE FERRY BY KAREN HILL



Getting ready to go racing - Alruth





And Alruth chases Britannia



Scot "up the pole" - Pierre untangling the rigging from the cardinal mark....





Leaning out - Britannia



Alruth, The Mistake and Britannia stayed in close contact



Then blue skies on a changeable day - Alruth and The Mistake



Tangalooma giving it everything to stay ahead to win!

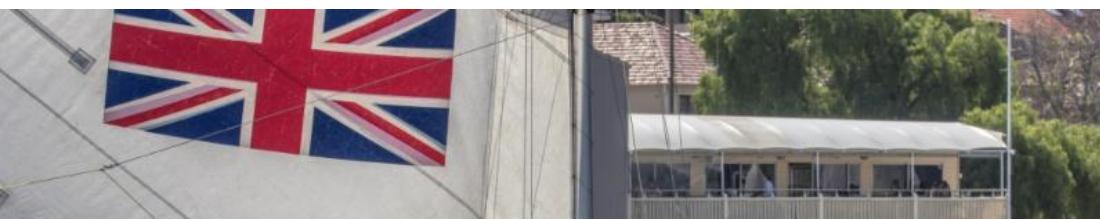




A broken bowsprit, the end of the race for Alruth and a bloody nose for Jerry



Fastest round the course, team Aberdare focussed.





Australia IV - nearly time for a shower and a beer.



The end of an afternoon's racing - The Mistake on the ramp, with Tangalooma, Aberdare and Australia IV.

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