



SFS NEWSLETTER FOR 1 FEBRUARY 2017

Congratulations to Team Aberdare for their triumph in securing the Galloping Ghost Trophy again, after their two-heat victory in the Australian Championship. Yendys ran a good campaign winning Heat 2. This made the deciding heat more exciting for the ferry spectators as well. And well done to The Mistake for winning, on handicap, the Raw Meat Trophy. Thank you to Bob Chapman for tabulating all the results and preparing the race reports (plural) this week. It has been a busy week for sailing at the Club. It was great to have so many sailors at the Club, and rigging in the park for a competitive and well fought Championship.



Ten Historical 18-footers rigged to sail the final heat in the 2017 Australian Championships - photograph by Bruce Kerridge.



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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.

\$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



After it was all over, we enjoyed a convivial presentation dinner. Here John Winning speaks as the victorious skipper, with his team alongside. Everyone who sailed gave it their all, and it was a good event.

On Australia Day, the Sydney Flying Squadron had seven skiffs sailing in the Australia Day Regatta. Well done Australia IV, who flew the Australian flag spinnaker to good effect.

One of the Sydney Flying Squadron's great heros, Len Heffernan, passed away on Monday. His contribution to sailing and also to designing and building skiffs is remarkable. A short tribute is included in the newsletter. His funeral will be held on Friday.

Bibs and Bobs, and a few images from the past week's races, round out this newsletter.

The Summer Series Heat 5 takes place this coming Saturday. Whether sailing or supporting or taking a box seat on the ferry, we'll see you at the Club!

Adrienne Jackson - Editor

AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA

Seven Historical 18-footers sailed in the Australia Day Regatta.



Congratulations to Australia IV (or the Top Weighters defending last year's result). The Mistake came second over the line, followed by Britannia, Tangalooma, Australia (first race with the new centreboard), Alruth and Scot. Barley, Peter and Adrienne were the

skiffs or become part of our race management team on the safety and start boats.



We provide all needed training.

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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!

safety boat crew on Gemini.

Those on board the ferry on Australia Day report they had a wonderful cruise, with Ferry Master Robert positioning the ferry for the best views of the festivities.

SFS Race Report Thursday 26th January 2017 by Bob Chapman, 29 Jan 2017.

(Race 14 of the 2016-17 Season, the Australia Day Regatta.)

Results for Thursday 26th January 2017.

Aust. Day	26-Jan-17		Scr Start	Std Course	Sth	12-16 kts
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time
Australia IV	D. Swales	0:08	14:05:00	15:23:56	1:18:56	1:10:56
The Mistake	T. Stewart	0:08	14:05:00	15:24:01	1:19:01	1:11:01
Britannia	I. Smith	0:10	14:05:00	15:28:10	1:23:10	1:13:10
Tangalooma	P. Legrove	0:10	14:05:00	15:28:41	1:23:41	1:13:41
Australia	I. Pretty	0:04	14:05:00	15:29:07	1:24:07	1:20:07
Alruth	J. Tickner	0:08	14:05:00	15:30:44	1:25:44	1:17:44
Scot	G. Kaye	0:09	14:05:00	15:31:05	1:26:05	1:17:05
Aberdare		0:00	DNC			
Yendys		0:02	DNC			
Myra Too		0:08	DNC			

Note, usual club handicaps adjusted by 2/3rds for shorter / standard regatta course.

SFS Race Report Friday 27th January 2017

by Bob Chapman, 29 Jan 2017.

Race 15 of the 2016-17 Season and Race 2 of the Historic 18 Footer Australian Championship. A great sight to have all 10 skiffs on the water together, albeit with a mixed bag of rig selections as some decided not to change up from the gear carried the previous day in the Australia Day Regatta. Being a week day the race started at 4.00 pm and without the usual Rosman Ferry to follow the action.

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.

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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The race got underway from a scratch start off Kurraba Point on the no.2 East course into a light easterly breeze and the beginning of a small run-in tide. The start line favoured the boat end with Myra Too off the line in prime position for the beat to Shark Island with Yendys and Aberdare to leeward. Yendys negotiated the light conditions best and worked their way into the lead to round Shark Island ahead of Aberdare and Myra Too, with all skiffs setting a port pole spinnaker for the long run back to Kirribilli. However, with 2 large cruise ships exiting the port, the skiffs were forced to sail a high course on port before gybing on to starboard to complete the run to Kirribilli. Alruth suffered a mishap in their gybe that resulted in the mast heel chock being dislodged and their mast coming down, fortunately no serious damage to crew or boat.

Yendys rounded the bottom mark with a clear lead over Aberdare for the beat to Clark Island. The tail-end skiffs were making slow progress in the fading breeze and the "shortened course" signal was applied when they rounded Clark Island indicating the next and final leg would be a run back to the finish at Kurraba Point. Yendys went on to win by 2 mins from Aberdare, then Myra Too, Australia IV, The Mistake, Tangalooma, Britannia, Scot and Australia.

The AHSSA Rating result for the "Gallopig Ghost" trophy went to Yendys, Aberdare, Myra Too, Tangalooma, The Mistake, Britannia, Australia IV, Scot and Australia. While the handicap result, for the "Raw Meat" trophy went to Yendys, Tangalooma, Myra Too, Australia IV, The Mistake, Aberdare, Britannia, Scot and Australia.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Anna, Russel, Rob, Peter, Adrienne, JB, Bruce, Louise, Al, Eva, Chuck, and Bill.

The other highlight for the day was the post-race launch of Ian Smith's book "The Open Boat - the Australian 18-Footer Origin, Evolution and Construction".

Results for Fri 27th January 2017.

AC/Ship R2	27-Jan-17	Scr Start	#2 Course	East	5-8kts	AHSSA Rating Result				
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap	AHSSA Rating	Rating C'Time	Rating Place
Yendys	H. Cudmore	0:02	14:30:00	15:53:12	1:23:12	1:21:12	0	0:02:30	1:20:42	1
Aberdare	J. Winning	0:00	14:30:00	15:55:01	1:25:01	1:25:01	0	0:01:30	1:23:31	2
Myra Too	P. Barnett	0:08	14:30:00	16:01:32	1:31:32	1:23:32	8	0:03:30	1:28:02	3
Australia IV	D. Swales	0:13	14:30:00	16:06:46	1:36:46	1:23:46	13	0:01:30	1:35:16	7
The Mistake	T. Stewart	0:13	14:30:00	16:07:08	1:37:08	1:24:08	13	0:03:30	1:33:38	5
Tangalooma	P. Legrove	0:15	14:30:00	16:08:27	1:38:27	1:23:27	14	0:05:00	1:33:27	4
Britannia	I. Smith	0:15	14:30:00	16:13:31	1:43:31	1:28:31	15	0:08:30	1:35:01	6
Scot	G. Kaye	0:14	14:30:00	16:17:39	1:47:39	1:33:39	14	0:05:00	1:42:39	8
Australia	I. Pretty	0:06	14:30:00	16:18:44	1:48:44	1:42:44	6	0:03:00	1:45:44	9
Alruth	R. Tickner	0:13	14:30:00	DNF			13			

SFS Race Report Sat 28th January 2017

by Bob Chapman, 30 Jan 2017.

Race 16 of the 2016-17 Season and Race 3 (and final race) of the Historic 18 Footer Australian Championship. Whilst conditions in the boat park were decidedly hot, the prospect of a developing NE seabreeze was most welcome as 10 skiffs prepared for the days racing, with most opting to carry no.2. mainsail with no.3 jib.

The race got underway off Clark Island on the no.1 NE course, into a fresh nor'easter and the end of the run-out tide, making for some bumpy water for the early part of the race. The start line favoured the flag-end, and the first attempt to start resulted in a general recall. The second start was successful with Australia leading the way after claiming the pin-end, under the lee bow of Yendys.



Australia was lead boat for the first half of the beat down to the Beashel Buoy, from Yendys, Aberdare and Myra Too, until the lack of maintenance on the bilge pumps and the loss of their bailing bucket began to take its toll. After splitting to sail opposite sides of the harbour for the final approach, Yendys rounded the top mark ahead of Aberdare followed by Australia, Myra Too, Scot, The Mistake, Britannia, Australia IV, Alruth and Tangalooma.

Yendys led down the first run to Shark Island but on the approach to the mark Aberdare drew level to claim the inside run when the skiffs gybed, each with various sail handling issues to deal with, with Aberdare moving ahead but on a low course for the bottom mark and Yendys ending up on a more direct course to the mark. Aberdare rounded the bottom mark first with Yendys not far behind into a freshening breeze, then a gap back to Australia, Myra Too, The Mistake and Scot, all racing in close company, then Britannia, Australia IV, Tangalooma, and then Alruth after making a forced detour into Rose Bay. Unfortunately for Tangalooma they suffered a terminal fill-up going to windward after a bad tack off Bradley's Head.

Aberdare maintained their lead on the beat up to Chowder Bay where they rounded and set a peak-head no.3 spinnaker for the run to Shark Island making some gains in the process. Yendys opted for a no.4 peak-head spinnaker. Aberdare gybed cleanly at Shark Island for the run to the finish, setting a ringtail late in the run to consolidate their time on rating to take the gun just a bit over 3 mins ahead of Yendys also with a ringtail. Myra Too made up ground on the run from Chowder to move into 3rd place at the finish, less than a minute ahead of The Mistake, then Australia and Scot close together, then Britannia, Australia IV and Alruth.

The AHSSA Rating result for the "Gallopng Ghost" trophy went to Aberdare, Yendys, Myra Too, The Mistake, Scot, Britannia, Australia, Australia IV and Alruth. While the handicap result, for the "Raw Meat" trophy went to The Mistake, Scot, Aberdare, Myra Too, Britannia, Yendys, Australia, Australia IV and Alruth.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Brian, Russell, Rob, Peter, Adrienne, Bruce, Andy, Chuck, Louise, Eva, Nancy, Bill, Nick (on the ferry) 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.

Note, handicaps for next week (next club point score race) will revert back to handicaps derived from last point score race - Race 12.

Results for Sat 28th January 2017.

AC'Ship R3	28-Jan-17		Scr Start	#1 Course	NE	16-20kts		AHSSA Rating Result		
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	14:38:00	16:01:06	1:23:06	1:23:06	0	0:01:30	1:21:36	1
Yendys	H. Cudmore	0:00	14:38:00	16:04:25	1:26:25	1:26:25	0	0:02:30	1:23:55	2
Myra Too	P. Barnett	0:08	14:38:00	16:10:25	1:32:25	1:24:25	8	0:02:30	1:29:55	3
The Mistake	T. Stewart	0:13	14:38:00	16:11:10	1:33:10	1:20:10	11	0:02:30	1:30:40	4
Australia	I. Pretty	0:06	14:38:00	16:13:56	1:35:56	1:29:56	6	0:03:00	1:32:56	7
Scot	G. Kaye	0:14	14:38:00	16:14:44	1:36:44	1:22:44	13	0:05:00	1:31:44	5
Britannia	I. Smith	0:15	14:38:00	16:19:03	1:41:03	1:26:03	15	0:08:30	1:32:33	6
Australia IV	D. Swales	0:13	14:38:00	16:23:56	1:45:56	1:32:56	13	0:00:30	1:45:26	8
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Galloping Ghost Trophy, Final Points

Skiff	H1, 21/1	H2, 27/1	H3, 28/1	Points	Overall
Aberdare	1	2	1	4	1
Yendys	2	1	2	5	2
The Mistake	4	5	4	13	3
Myra Too	11	3	3	17	4
Britannia	5	6	6	17	5
Australia IV	7	7	8	22	6
Tangalooma	6	4	11	21	7
Alruth	3	11	9	23	8
Scot	11	8	5	24	9
Australia	11	9	7	27	10

Raw Meat Trophy, Final Points

Skiff	H1, 21/1	H2, 27/1	H3, 28/1	Points	Overall
The Mistake	2	5	1	8	1
Aberdare	1	6	3	10	2
Yendys	7	1	6	14	3
Tangalooma	4	2	11	17	4
Britannia	5	7	5	17	5
Myra Too	11	3	4	18	6
Australia IV	6	4	8	18	7
Scot	11	8	2	21	8
Alruth	3	11	9	23	9
Australia	11	9	7	27	10

VALE LEN HEFFERNAN

Len Heffernan, one of the true greats of 18-footer racing and boat building died on 30 January. The Sydney Flying Squadron pays tribute to this fine champion and is proud of his legacy at the Club and more widely. In the 1950s and 1960s, Len Heffernan and

Bill Barnett pitted themselves against each other on the water and in designing and building 18-footers. They had a respectful rivalry and friendship which only enhanced the sport.

Len Heffernan was a champion skipper, winning the Australian Championships five

times in Janzen Girl (IV and V), in Crystal Lad and in Aberdare III. He was the second SFS winner of the JJ Giltinan World Trophy in Janzen Girl III in 1958. In the photograph below, he is in the middle with his victorious crew, quenching a well-earned thirst at the Australian Championships in Cairns in 1962.



(Photo from the John Stanley collection)

Len, an engineer by trade, designed and made all his own fittings. He built 10 footers and probably thirty 18-footers. A great sailor and sportsman, it was said that if you couldn't beat him on the water, he did not use the sailing rules to try to win on the land.

Len is one of the boat builders featured in Ian Smith's book, "The Open Boat", which was launched at the Sydney Flying Squadron last Friday. You can also read more about him in Robin Elliott's "Galloping Ghosts". He and Reg Barrington built Scot and Tangalooma, which sail in the current fleet of Historic 18-footers.

Len Heffernan's funeral will be held this Friday, 3 February 2017 at 1pm in the Magnolia Chapel at the Macquarie Park Crematorium, to be followed afterwards by a wake at the Drummoyne Sailing Club.

BIBS AND BOBS

Buy your Australian Champs T-shirt while you can. Not many sizes in this exclusive design left. Here it is as modelled by Bruce and Peter on Rippleside last Saturday.



And one will be "sailing solo" around the world. The Editor gave one to Polish solo-around-the-world sailor, Gregor Wegrzyn, as a souvenir of his stay in Careening Cove. Gregor, 64, left Poland on 6 June 2015 in his 10.5 metre yacht, Regina R, to circumnavigate the globe. He sailed through 16 storms in the Indian Ocean on his way to our shores. He sails for Auckland next week.



IMAGES FROM THE PAST WEEK'S SAILING



The Australia Day Regatta.



The Mistake ringtailing it during Heat 2.



Yendys on the way to the start for Heat 3 with the cruise ship in the background



Myra Too and Aberdare



Australia IV wearing their Top Weight dress uniforms - no dry Aussie IV ones?



The Mistake



Britannia under ringtail power on the chase to Shark Island



Australia looking good.





And three great images from Bruce Kerridge: Myra Too, Scot and Tangalooma....

This newsletter was written by Bob Chapman and Adrienne Jackson. 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.