



SFS NEWSLETTER FOR 8 FEBRUARY 2017

After a full week of racing and excitement with the Aussie Championship and Australia Day, the Club has returned to a more normal pattern - though the excitement associated with skiff racing continues. It was a handicap or Mark Foy start on 4 February and, with the fickle conditions on the Harbour and good handicapping, it was a nail-biting finish for sailors and for the spectators on the ferry.



Yendys, with ringtail, won from The Mistake, with Scot not so far behind. Bob Chapman's Race Report provides the details, the atmosphere and the results. There are more photos from the race in the Images section of this newsletter.

One disappointment was the low numbers on the ferry last weekend. The Club is conscious that the uncertainty of whether the ferry will leave from the SFS wharf or from the High Street wharf is having an impact on ferry numbers. While the crane barge contracted to re-pile under the Ensemble Theatre is anchored just off our deck, it is very difficult or impossible to dock the ferry at our wharf at low tide. So that you can plan for this Saturday, the Ferry Master has advised that the tide makes it a High Street departure and return.

Discounted plumbing for members of the SFS - check out the offer by the Club's new neighbour, Laser Plumbing.

The Australian Wooden Boat Show is on in Hobart this weekend, and a number of our stalwarts will be there. The Historic 18-footers will be represented by Britannia on display for all to admire. The Mighty Brit is currently being towed south by her skipper and builder, Ian Smith. Though we'll miss the Brit on the Harbour this Saturday, the SFS is very proud of this beautiful boat, and wishes Ian every success with his talk and the Hobart book launch of his excellent book on the 18-footers, "The Open Boat".

See you at the Club.
Adrienne Jackson - Editor.



The Race Report

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 4th February 2017

by Bob Chapman, 6 Feb 2017.

Race 17 of the 2016-17 Season and Fifth (and final) Heat of the Summer Point Score.

Hot and humid conditions prevailed in the boat park where 8 skiffs prepared for the day's sailing, with the moist cloud cover showing signs of burning off by late morning and a light seabreeze developing. Most skiffs opted for no.1 big rigs, Aberdare short on crew decided on no.2 rig.

The start was held up for 10 mins by stand-in PRO Dave Longworth as the skiffs made a slow passage across the harbour to Shark Island in the light conditions, with the race getting underway on the no.1 NE course into a light ENE breeze. Scot and Britannia were first away, followed closely by Tangalooma, Australia IV and Alruth, with The Mistake missing their start by a few minutes. The back markers then had 11 mins to fill-in with Harold Cudmore warming up by applying some pre-start match racing maneuvers on Aberdare before they finally started the race. Meanwhile, all competitors were trying to figure out the best option to manage a decidedly difficult wind pattern - with the breeze coming and going from east to northeast, and a different breeze on each side of the harbour.



Scot "cracked the code" early and rounded the Beashel Buoy in first place with an impressive lead and a quick spinnaker set for the run to Shark Island, followed by Tangalooma, Australia IV and The Mistake, then a gap back to Britannia and Alruth, then Yendys well ahead of Aberdare.

As the skiffs converged on the gybe mark at Shark Island there was a distinct area of soft breeze to negotiate with the breeze moving to the east for the run down to Clark Island. Scot continued to hold a comfortable lead, while Tangalooma, The Mistake and Australia IV stayed locked together, with Yendys closing the gap and catching Britannia, then Alruth and Aberdare.

Scot was first to round at Clark Island for the beat into an ENE breeze up to Chowder Bay, and the positions behind remained much the same except that Yendys was now up to fifth place and gaining. Scot continued to hold a good lead when they rounded the Chowder Bay mark for the tight spinnaker run across to Shark Island, Tangalooma was next, then The Mistake, Yendys and Australia IV with a gap back to Britannia, then Alruth and Aberdare.



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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!

The Australian Historical Sailing Skiff Association (AHSSA)

Scot was first to round the mark at Shark Island, where the breeze had gone into the east/south-east for the run to the finish. Unfortunately for Scot they were also the first to sail into the wind void that followed, with the next four skiffs closing right up to Scot. When the breeze eventually filled-in it was Yendys that made the most of the situation to roll-on through to take the lead from The Mistake just before the finish, then Scot, Australia IV, Tangalooma all within 1 min of each other, then a gap back to Britannia, Alruth and Aberdare.

The Summer Point score was won by The Mistake from Tangalooma and Alruth.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Coral, Peter, Adrienne, Louise, Chuck, Eva, David 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.

Results for Sat 4th February 2017.

Race 17	04-Feb-17	Hcp Start	#1 Course	ENE	8-12kts		
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap
Yendys	H. Cudmore	0:00	14:40:00	16:26:34	1:46:34	1:46:34	0
The Mistake	T. Stewart	0:12	14:28:00	16:26:46	1:58:46	1:46:46	13
Scot	G. Kaye	0:14	14:26:00	16:27:04	2:01:04	1:47:04	15
Australia IV	D. Swales	0:11	14:29:00	16:27:22	1:58:22	1:47:22	13
Tangalooma	P. Legrove	0:13	14:27:00	16:27:48	2:00:48	1:47:48	15
Britannia	I. Smith	0:14	14:26:00	16:30:49	2:04:49	1:50:49	15
Alruth	R. Tickner	0:11	14:29:00	16:35:41	2:06:41	1:55:41	13
Aberdare	J. Winning	0:00	14:40:00	16:38:54	1:58:54	1:58:54	2
Myra Too	P. Barnett	0:08	DNC				8
Australia	I. Pretty	0:06	DNC				6

Skiff	Season Point Score	Summer Point Score	Ringtail Point Score
Aberdare	32	15	8
Alruth	40	17	0
Australia	3	0	0
Australia IV	35	15	0
Britannia	28	14	10
Myra Too	0	0	0
Scot	22	8	0
Tangalooma	41	18	0
The Mistake	41	19	4
Yendys	19	12	4

PLUMBING DISCOUNTS FOR SFS MEMBERS

Laser Plumbing North Sydney has recently moved in next door to the Sydney Flying Squadron.

Recently relocating from the Eastern Suburbs, Laser Plumbing offers a full range of plumbing, drainage, and gas solutions to residential and commercial customers all over Sydney.

Laser Plumbing approached the SFS Newsletter to advise their willingness to support the Club and the sailing community by offering discounted plumbing services to our sailing and social club members. Laser Plumbing offers a **half price call-out fee** for



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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IMAGES FROM RACE 17, 4 FEBRUARY 2017



Scot took a comfortable lead early.



Britannia, Tangalooma and Australia IV.



From the ferry, Dick Notley watches Scot's progress.



Britannia and Waitangi -the original Brit and Waitangi both built by Wee Georgie Robinson.



After rounding Shark Island - getting sorted.



Yendys catching up - candy stripes good for photographs!



Close company: Australia IV, The Mistake and Tangalooma.



To the island: the spinnaker run to Shark Island.



Scot runs out of puff after rounding the Shark Island mark.



All or nothing now, with the finish in sight: Yendys and The Mistake.



Scot comes in behind The Mistake after a valiant race.



Aberdare looking stately with ringtail, observed by Barley and Coral in the Gemini.

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