



SFS NEWSLETTER FOR 22 MARCH 2017

This weekend will be the last in the 2016-17 sailing season for the Historic 18-footers and for the 12 footers at the Club. How quickly the season has gone! There has been some great sailing, and associated camaraderie, but also we recall some pretty "ordinary" weather over the season. Fingers crossed for some blue skies for our last races next weekend. Last Saturday was another in the grey-and-rainy skies category and, although the photographs look rather dull, spectators enjoyed some good competitive sailing. Congratulations to Tangalooma - for the second week in a row, they set out steadily and safely to notch up another win. Well done to Peter Legrove and crew.



The Race Report, containing everything you need to know about the race and the conditions, and written by Bob Chapman (who sees and remembers it all while sailing competitively himself) provides the all-important results' tables.

Some excellent news to brighten the week is the announcement of a grant for \$4,600 from the NSW Government towards the repair and resurfacing of the boatroom floor. It will be great to get this project done over the winter, making it safer for all our sailors and volunteers. Read about it in the Around the Club section.

The 12 footers competed in the Port Jackson Championship from the Sydney Flying Squadron last Sunday, and the results are listed in this newsletter. Testing conditions



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

for them as well, though from the photographs there was some sunlight with the breezy conditions.

Alas, the ferry numbers were disappointing, like the weather, last Saturday. Do get your last ferry fix until October by coming out this Saturday to support your Club and its sailors and the volunteers who make it so entertaining on the ferry. Above all, you'll have a great time with friends, family and visitors. Then we all have to wait patiently for the spectacle and fun to start again for the 2017-18 season in October.

See you at the Club,

Adrienne Jackson - Editor

SFS Race Report Sat 18th March 2017

by Bob Chapman, 20 Mar 2017.

Race 23 of the 2016-17 Season and Heat Six of the Autumn Point Score. The severe southerly wind and rain storms from the previous day / night had given way to overcast and rainy conditions as 9 skiffs prepared for the penultimate race of the 2016-17 season. The breeze had moved around to the south-east with the wind strength up and down, very fresh at times when pushed along under an in-coming rain cloud. Most skiffs rigged conservatively for the conditions, some more so than others.

The race got underway from a handicap start off Robertson's Point on the no.3 SE course with the breeze showing early signs of going further to the east - just like last week only fresher, gustier with rain showers. Britannia missed their start by a bit over 2 mins due to a late rig change. Tangalooma was first to cross the start line off 13 mins and looked comfortable and in control from the outset. Scot and Alruth were next away, followed soon after by The Mistake and Australia IV (under a very small spread of sail). Australia missed their start by some minutes, but good to see them out on the water again, at last. Aberdare under reefed no.2 mainsail started off 2 mins with Yendys carrying no.2 mainsail off scratch.

Tangalooma rounded Clark Island for the reach to Taylor Bay with a clear lead from Britannia, Scot, Alruth, The Mistake, Australia IV, Aberdare, Australia and Yendys. The lead group of skiffs reached under main and jib, while Aberdare and Yendys carried peak-head reaching spinnakers and made up some time. Tangalooma headed up the beat from Taylor Bay to Shark Island with a comfortable lead while Scot, Britannia and The Mistake battled for the minor places, then Alruth, Australia IV, Aberdare, Yendys and Australia. The breeze lightened off and became quite variable up this leg with losses and gains to be made along the way.



Tangalooma maintained their lead as they rounded Shark Island for the long square run back to Kirribilli followed by Scot, The Mistake, Britannia, Alruth Australia IV, Aberdare, Yendys and Australia. The back markers made up some ground on this run with Yendys under larger sails catching then passing Aberdare just before the bottom mark. Meanwhile, Tangalooma continued to lead for the beat up to Clark Island with the main interest turning towards the makeup of the minor places.



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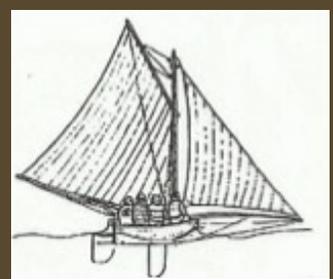


*STORIES OF THE SAILORS LISTED
ON THE WWI HONOR ROLL OF THE
SYDNEY FLYING SQUADRON AND
SYDNEY SAILING CLUB*

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!

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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Tangalooma was first to round Clark Island for the final square run to the finish, followed by Scot, then Yendys and The Mistake in close company, then Aberdare, Alruth, Britannia, Australia IV and Australia. Tangalooma went on to win by 1 min, with Yendys sliding through to leeward of Scot to take 2nd place, then The Mistake after a long slow spinnaker set in 4th, then Aberdare, Alruth, Britannia, Australia IV and Australia. Great to see 9 skiffs out racing.

Only 1 more race to go for this season. With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Russell, Judith, Peter, Adrienne, Yogi, Chuck, Bill, Dick 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 18th March 2017.

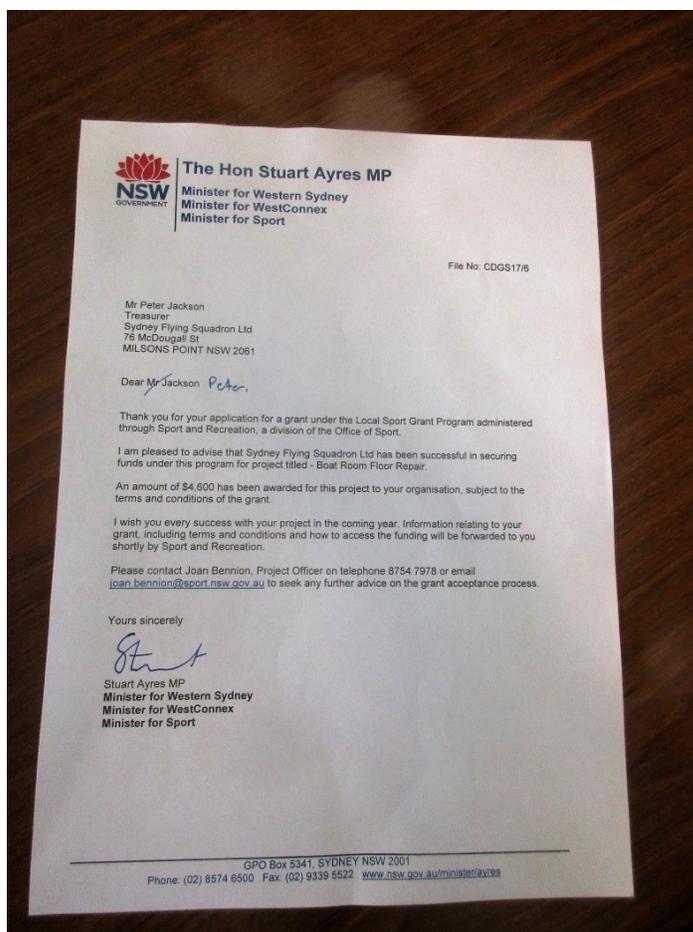
Race 23	18-Mar-17	Hcp	Start	#3 Course	E/SE	10-20kts	
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap
Tangalooma	P. Legrove	0:13	14:17:00	15:50:55	1:33:55	1:20:55	12
Yendys	H. Cudmore	0:00	14:30:00	15:51:53	1:21:53	1:21:53	0
Scot	G. Kaye	0:12	14:18:00	15:52:54	1:34:54	1:22:54	13
The Mistake	T. Stewart	0:10	14:20:00	15:53:19	1:33:19	1:23:19	11
Aberdare	J. Winning	0:02	14:28:00	15:53:32	1:25:32	1:23:32	3
Alruth	J. Tickner	0:12	14:18:00	15:55:40	1:37:40	1:25:40	13
Britannia	I. Smith	0:15	14:15:00	15:58:24	1:43:24	1:28:24	15
Australia IV	D. Swales	0:10	14:20:00	15:58:46	1:38:46	1:28:46	11
Australia	I. Pretty	0:06	14:24:00	16:03:00	1:39:00	1:33:00	7
Myra Too	P. Barnett	0:08	DNC				8

Skiff	Season Point Score	Autumn Point Score	Ringtail P/Score Club Races	Ringtail P/Score All Races ?
Aberdare	54	13	13	15
Alruth	52	14	1	2
Australia	5	0	0	0
Australia IV	53	18	3	4
Britannia	36	8	14	17
Myra Too	0	0	0	1
Scot	41	19	0	0
Tangalooma	57	16	0	0
The Mistake	63	22	6	8
Yendys	28	9	8	11

AROUND THE CLUB



Great news! The boatroom floor is on the way to being repaired and resurfaced and hence made much safer, thanks to financial assistance from the NSW Government's Local Sport Grant Program. Club Captain and Treasurer, Peter Jackson, applied for the grant of \$4600 on behalf of the Club. Peter attended a ceremony at the Mosman Croquet Club to receive the letter of commitment from the Minister for Sport, The Hon. Stuart Ayres.



And don't forget to purchase your 2017 Australian Champs T-shirt before the season is over. Only \$25. You can see the design on these Australia IV sailors. Don't they look good?



IMAGES FROM RACE 23, 18 MARCH 2017



Powering through - making it happen for the Britannia



The yellow jumpers of the Scot brighten the scene.



The Mistake passing a yacht from the Sydney Amateurs under tow with a broken mast.



Australia IV chasing Britannia, Scot and Alruth on the reach to Shark Island



Yendys and Aberdare - white showing up in the grey.



Good to have Australia back racing.



Alruth



Yendys and Scot on the beat to Clark Island - and some blue sky!



Yendys, Alruth and Aberdare



The Mistake and Yendys at Clark Island - they changed places behind the island.



Aberdare on the final run in choppy conditions.



And here come Britannia, Australia IV and Australia for the final run home.





And Australia.

12 FOOTERS' PORT JACKSON CHAMPIONSHIP - Sunday 19 March - RESULTS

Scratch

Place	Hull #	Skiff Name	Club	Skipper	Crew
1	43	Sydney Sailmakers	LC	Nicholas Press	Andrew Hay
2	23	Geotherm	SFS	Brett Hobson	Billy Lusty
3	9	Terms and Conditions	LC	Brad Phillips	Tim Barraclough
4	25	Lincoln Crowne	SFS	Jonathon Temple	Richard Jones
5	31	The Bird	LC	Jamie McCrudden	Glen Farquar
6	61	Arrogant Frog	A	Peter Hill	Steven Hill
7	19	Citadel Magnus "Hemple"	SFS	Martin DeBelle	Ian Terley
DNF	3	Chapman High Performance	LC	Jack Winning	Brett Phillips
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Handicap

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Sydney Sailmakers, the winner.



Geotherm, second off scratch.

This newsletter was written by Bob Chapman and Adrienne Jackson, photographs by Adrienne Jackson and 12 Footers' Photographs By Wayne Goodfellow. 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.