



SFS NEWSLETTER FOR 29 MARCH 2017

Saturday was the last race in the 2016-17 season for the Historical 18-footers. It had a little of everything - exhilarating contests, tactics, gear failure, a capsize, ringtail setting in all its permutations, and picturesque Sydney Harbour enhanced, once again, by the beautiful Historic 18-footers. How quickly this season has come and gone. The 12 footers also sailed their last race from the SFS on Sunday, though they will be holding their Australian Titles at Lane Cove over Easter.

And what a race for The Mistake, seen here while still in company - before taking off in spectacular fashion, half way through the race, and winning by a good three minutes. Well done, Terry and crew. A great group on the ferry too enjoying all the spectacle.



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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.



The Race Report, by Bob Chapman, describes all the action and atmosphere, and wraps up another season of sailing for the Historics at the Sydney Flying Squadron.

The end of the season takes three of our sailing stalwarts to their "retirement" . See the Around the Club section, with details as well about the presentation dinner in May, a further grant for the Club, and some basic information on the Sandbaggers' trip to Annapolis in September. Images from the last race are included in the newsletter with more shots posted on the SFS's Facebook page.

This is the last weekly E-newsletter for now with the end of the sailing season. Over the winter, the E-news will be sent out as required. Have a great winter break and then join the sailors, volunteers and ferry crew for more great times when the 2017-18 sailing season gets underway.

And of course, see you at the Club!

Adrienne Jackson - Editor

SFS Race Report Sat 25th March 2017

by Bob Chapman, 27 Mar 2017.

Race 24 of the 2016-17 Season, Heat Seven of the Autumn Point Score and the final and deciding race of the season. Once again, great to see 9 skiffs in the boat park preparing for the day's racing and the weather co-operating, delivering warm and humid conditions with a light east / nor'east gradient breeze for the day's racing, and no rain.



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\$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)

Most skiffs rigged with their no.1 big sail configurations; with the race getting underway from a handicap start off Clark Island on the no.1 NE course. For the early stages of the race the breeze was puffy and fluctuating, flicking around between ENE to NNE until settling down into the ENE.

Britannia was first away followed by Scot and Alruth, then Tangalooma, The Mistake, Australia IV, a gap to Australia, then Aberdare and Yendys off scratch. There was plenty of boating activity to negotiate on the harbour and the beat down to the Beashel Buoy provided a number of options with some skiffs working the eastern side, others to the west and some up the middle.

Scot managed the conditions best to round the Beashel Buoy with a good lead while Britannia edged around ahead of Tangalooma, then The Mistake, Alruth, Australia IV, Australia, Aberdare and Yendys. Britannia, Aberdare and Yendys set ringtails down the run to Shark Island. Scot was first to gybe at Shark Island but took down their spinnaker to do so, then Tangalooma, Britannia also without spinnakers, while The Mistake and the skiffs that followed gybed their spinnaker and made up ground in the process.

Scot continued to lead the way down to Clark Island, now a free angle run, with spinnakers reset with Britannia setting their ringtail for the 2nd time. Unfortunately, Australia had a lee-cloth malfunction during the gybe and succumbed to a fatal fill-up; but upon their tow to Lady Martin's Beach were fortunate to enjoy the legendary hospitality of the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club's "rum de jour" to lift their spirits and extinguish some of the pain.

Scot was first to round the mark at Clark Island for the beat to Chowder Bay, but disaster struck off Bradley's Head when their jib halyard carried away, forcing them to sail into the lee to effect repairs and giving up the race lead in the process. Tangalooma, Britannia and The Mistake rounded the Clark Island mark in close company, then Australia IV, Alruth and Aberdare together, then Yendys.

Half way up the beat to Chowder Bay, The Mistake moved into the lead from Tangalooma, with a gap back to Aberdare now in 3rd place just ahead of Britannia, Scot, Alruth Australia IV and Yendys now close at hand. The Mistake was first to round at Chowder for the run to Shark Island and with smart crew work soon had the extra up and setting, Tangalooma was next but without an extra, then Aberdare, Scot, Britannia, Yendys, Australia IV and Alruth. The Mistake extended their lead on the run to Shark Island and Yendys moved up to 4th place.

The Mistake was first to gybe for the final run where they went on to win by over 3 mins from Tangalooma, then another 2 mins to Aberdare (with ringtail) in 3rd and Yendys (with ringtail) 4th, then another 5 mins to Scot and Britannia (after setting their ringtail for the 3rd time), another 2 mins to Alruth and Australia IV both with ringtails set after various exhibitions of duress and danger, with the A4 team trying hard to catch some prawns to accompany their post-race rum & coke.

That was the final race of the SFS 125th season. The Mistake finished up winning the trifecta - the final race, the Autumn Point Score and the Season Point Score. Well done to Terry and crew. Britannia took out the Ringtail Point Score - well done to Dave and fellow crew members for setting it 3 times in one race, an achievement in itself.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Tanya, Russell, Peter, Adrienne, Dave, Yogi, Chuck, Bill, Nick 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 next season.

Results for Sat 25th March 2017.



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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Race 24	25-Mar-17		Hcp Start	#1 Course	NE	10-12kts	
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap
The Mistake	T. Stewart	0:11	14:19:00	16:03:09	1:44:09	1:33:09	9
Tangalooma	P. Legrove	0:12	14:18:00	16:06:27	1:48:27	1:36:27	11
Aberdare	J. Winning	0:03	14:27:00	16:08:48	1:41:48	1:38:48	3
Yendys	H. Cudmore	0:00	14:30:00	16:09:32	1:39:32	1:39:32	0
Scot	G. Kaye	0:13	14:17:00	16:14:51	1:57:51	1:44:51	13
Britannia	I. Smith	0:15	14:15:00	16:15:07	2:00:07	1:45:07	15
Alruth	R. Tickner	0:13	14:17:00	16:17:15	2:00:15	1:47:15	13
Australia IV	D. Swales	0:11	14:19:00	16:17:55	1:58:55	1:47:55	11
Australia	J. Conde	0:07	14:23:00	DNF			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	49	17	15	17
Alruth	56	16	2	3
Australia	6	3	0	0
Australia IV	55	20	4	5
Britannia	38	10	17	20
Myra Too	0	0	0	1
Scot	43	21	0	0
Tangalooma	62	21	0	0
The Mistake	69	28	6	8
Yendys	31	12	10	13

AROUND THE CLUB

For three of our stalwart sailors, last Saturday marked their retirement from weekly campaigns on the Historic 18-footers. To Bob (Killo) Killick, Ric (Biggles) Priestly and Steve (Kav) Kavanagh, you have given so much to the sport, been such good company and you will be much missed both on the water and on the sailing deck afterwards.



Bob Killick said he had been a sportman all his life and now at 70 with less nimble knees, he is not enjoying it quite as much. But he still loves the "mighty red anchor", Yendys, to which he has given so much as skipper. His legacy at the SFS, with his creative ideas, and his work at the Australian Open Skiff Trust also mark him out as a special. We'll miss you, Killo, and hope to see you back for more than just cameo appearances. Biggles and Steve Kav are part of the reliable top team on Aberdare, and have sailing legacies to be proud of. Indeed, all three sailors have contributed far more than we can list here, going right back. We wish them all the

very best and look forward to with them at the Sydney Flying Squadron.

Presentation Night

Mark in your calendars/diaries Saturday, 13 May for the annual Presentation Night and dinner at the Sydney Flying Squadron. It will be a two course meal - main course and dessert with alternative servings as occurred at the Australian Champs dinner, with plenty of dipping bread to fill the hollow legs of our hungry, calorie-burning sailors. It will help to make this a great event (as it always is) if you would book early and specify any special requirements at the time of booking.

Toyota Grant

Many thanks to Jack Tang, who sails on Scot and Australia, and recently secured another grant of \$1,000 for the Sydney Flying Squadron from Toyota Financial Services. Jack successfully applied for a Toyota grant in 2015 which contributed to the publishing of "Setting Sail for the Great War", the book on the sailors on the World War I Honor Roll. The new grant will contribute to paying for the floating dock, being installed at the Club this week. Two RIBs (reinforced inflatable boats) can be stored on it, with easier access to the water thus enabling out-of-season training to take place. The floating dock is largely funded by a grant which Peter Jackson (Club Captain and Treasurer) obtained from the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership in late 2015. The Toyota grant will help in making up the cost difference. Great news!

The open boat ringtail video

Congratulations to Ian Smith for producing a great little video on "What's a Ringtail?" It can be viewed on The Open Boat blog under videos or follow the link:

<http://openboat.com.au/videos.html>

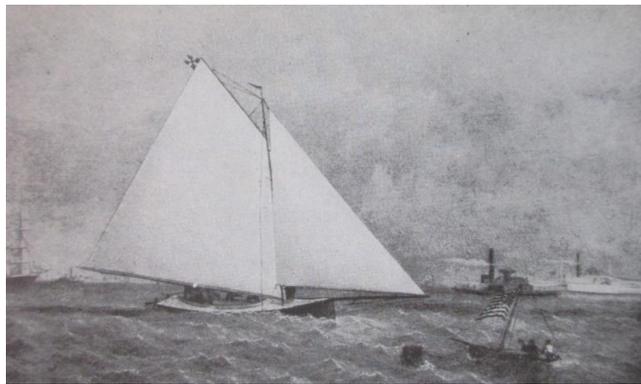
Last Saturday's race was an excellent lesson in ringtail setting, with Britannia setting three during the race!

Sandbaggers' Trip

It is time to be serious about participating in the Sandbaggers' Trip to Annapolis, Maryland, in September and to book flights and accommodation. The dates are: 12 September (unpacking the Historic 18 footers - likely to be Alruth, Aberdare and Australia IV- from the shipping container), then racing on the 13th, 14th and 15th, displaying them on Saturday 16th and participating in the Classic Rendezvous on the Sunday. The Presentation night is Monday 18 September. It is intended that everyone going will get a sail on either "Bull" or "Bear", the "sandbaggers" that sail from the National Sailing Hall of Fame in Annapolis.

For more information, contact Ian Smith and do check out the video about sailing these lovely craft:

http://nshof.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=441&Itemid=271





Aberdare and Britannia before the start.



Yendys, The Mistake, Scot, Aberdare and Australia IV waiting to race...



Scot on the way to the first mark.



Tangalooma



The run to Shark Island



Australia IV and Alruth keeping each other company.



Aberdare and Australia



To the finish line with The Mistake well in the lead.



Ringtails - Aberdare and Yendys



Britannia set three ringtails during the race.



Alruth living dangerously



And Australia IV tried a little trawling before successfully hoisting their ringtail....



And over the line in the last race for the 2016-17 season. A great group on the ferry and much to see in a race that had everything!

(from the ferry) Judith Gardner. Formatted by Nick

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.