



This June newsletter is devoted to the memory of Bob (Killo) Killick, who died suddenly last Saturday. News of his passing has sent shock waves around the skiff sailing community, and nowhere more so than at the Sydney Flying Squadron where he was a legend in our rich lineage of characters.

This photograph of Killo by Andrea Francolini encapsulates so much about the man.



You can almost hear his voice, the voice of so many commentaries from Camera Cat for races for both the Historic and modern 18-Footers: the Aussie blokeyness, the quick wit, the expertise, the skill in driving the boat while making every second live for his listeners. Plus we knew the larger-than-life sailor, skipper, the encourager, the ideas man, the good company over a beer; and so many of us have Killo stories as part of our involvement in sailing or volunteering at the Sydney Flying Squadron.

Vale Bob Killick - you are irreplaceable, memorable and we treasure everything you gave to us individually and to our sport. The Sydney Flying Squadron salutes you. Commodore Billy Loader's heartfelt tribute is the core of this newsletter.

The images section takes some of the photographs that have been posted up on the 18-Footers Facebook Club to share with the wider Squaddie family.

Other news is that the Club has a new General Manager. Adam Gole has now started in this position and we warmly welcome him to the Sydney Flying Squadron. We hope to catch up with him for next month's newsletter.

Vale Killo

Memories of Bob Killick

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

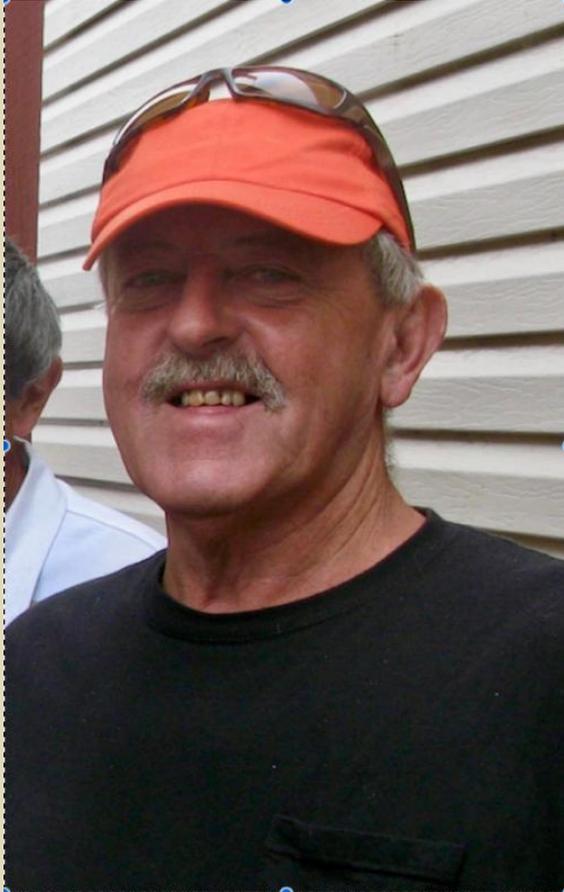
If you are over 18, come and join us to sail on one of our wonderful 18 foot skiffs or become part of our race management team on the safety and start boats.

Meanwhile stay warm, and keep the flame alive for Killo.

Adrienne Jackson - Editor

### Vale Killo

It is with great sadness that we see the sudden passing of one of Sydney Harbour's great sailing legends Robert "Killo" Killick who crossed his last finishing line on Saturday 24 June.



Killo was well known around Sydney Harbour, Port Hacking, Hervey Bay and numerous locations around the planet through his sailing, whale watching, charter vessel operations and pretty much any activity that involved having fun.

In recent years he was best known for his contribution to 18 ft skiff sailing whether it was Saturdays skippering the Historic 18 ft skiff "Yendys" out of the Sydney Flying Squadron or Sundays following the modern 18 footers out of the League at Double Bay around the track on Sydney Harbour in the Camera Cat.

Kilo was passionate about 18 footer sailing and played a pivotal role in developing and sustaining both classes.

At the Sydney Flying Squadron Killo was a key figure behind the building of a number of the replica skiffs including the most recent Myra Too being Billy Barnett's 1951 winning skiff, and his beloved "Yendys" that he cared for like a father.



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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)



Killo was a great man, he had a great heart and shared his love generously in bringing people together and providing encouragement towards helping us believe in ourselves.

For those of us who were fortunate enough to share his acquaintance he leaves a big hole in our heart, but always a smile on our face.

Never a dull moment Killo !

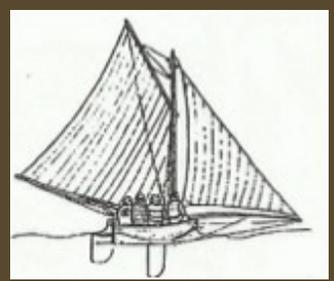
Heartfelt condolences to Sam, Mackenzie and Angus and his family.

Bon Voyage brother

#### MEMORIES OF BOB KILICK



Photograph: Bruce Kerridge 2009



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](mailto:ahssa@y7mail.com) or write to P.O. Box 48 Drummoyne, NSW, 2047.

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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Bill Barnett, Bob McCloud and Bob Killick - photograph courtesy Billy Loader



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