



**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.

Life Members: - \$15

SFS Members: - \$25

Non-members: - \$30

Children under 16: - \$15

Commentary and a race program
provided.

Bookings recommended.



SFS NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2017

Our sailing season is now well underway and it is wonderful to be out on Sydney's picturesque harbour, whether sailing, on the support boats, or on our spectator ferry.

No better place to be!

Last Saturday's race was a close one, with the mighty Brit taking it from Scot in just 10 seconds. Just behind was Yendys, helmed for the first time by Woody, after a majestic sweep up to the finish line.

Congratulations, Britannia!



And well done to all H18s for a closely fought contest.

The Race Report, written by Bob Chapman, gives you all the information and atmosphere. His two earlier reports for 7 and 14 October are posted on the Club's website. There is no substitute for his expert recall and description. And it is pleasing to note we had nine 12-footers sailing from the SFS on Sunday as well, with a start off Kurraba Point.

From now on, the Club's newsletter will be sent out on a monthly basis but the weekly "feed" of the race report and the sailing photographs will still be available. The Race Report will be posted each week on the SFS website with illustrating photographs, and the SFS Facebook page will have a weekly compilation of the photographs from each H18 race.

If you have taken photographs from the ferry that you would like to share, please email to: sfsnewsletter@site@gmail.com.

**A reminder that the Club's AGM will be held on
Sunday, 19 November 2017 at the Club.**

**The meeting will commence at 10am sharp,
with doors opening at 9am.**

The patronage of the ferry has been disappointing this early in the season. A schedule of the new ticket prices is included in this newsletter. With the increases in hire costs and the need to make the ferry break even at minimum, please support this great SFS tradition. We don't want to lose our ferry.

Those fortunate enough to take part in the Sandbaggers' Challenge may like to see a few more images from that trip. Photos are also posted on the Club's Facebook page. We look forward to having our three skiffs back with us next month, but in the meantime if you haven't got a berth on your usual skiff, there are spaces available on other boats as the season gets underway. Sharpen your skills by sailing on another boat!

We say farewell to one of the names of skiff sailing from the 1960s with the death of Warwick "Rags" Goldsworthy. And Around the Club picks up on past and present glories....

Finally, as usual, images from Race 3 round out the October newsletter. Many thanks to Janis Hughes for stepping up to produce last month's edition. And a big welcome to Jessica Hayton who is the Club's new Office Manager and who is formatting this newsletter for the first time. Thank you, Jess, and it is great to have you on board!

See you all at the Club!

Adrienne Jackson - Editor

**SFS Race Report
Saturday, 21 October 2017
by Bob Chapman, 23 Oct 2017**

Race 3 of the 2017-18 Season and Heat Three of the Spring Point Score. After

THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN SKIFF TRUST



The AOST was established in 2007 to promote, build and maintain Historic 18-foot skiffs. It owns seven of the eleven replica Historic 18-foot skiffs that sail from the Sydney Flying Squadron. All funding is from donations and bequests. Donations to the Trust, through the Australian Sports Foundation, are tax deductible.

To donate go to www.asf.org.au and click "donate to sport". Enter Australian Open Skiff Trust in the "find a project" field, click "search" and scroll down and then click "donate" in the bottom left hand corner, then fill in the required information.

Email:
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if you require further information.

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.



We provide all needed training.

a cold and wet Friday, the first Sydney rain for well over 2 months, sailors and patrons were greeted in the boat park by clear skies and fresh southerly conditions. Six skiffs were on hand, with small rigs the unanimous choice for the day. A late decision was made to get Yendys on the water by topping up their depleted crew with some Aberdare crew, with John Winning having his first sail on Yendys.

The race got underway from a handicap start off Athol Bight on the no.4, Southerly course, into quite a fresh southerly that was expected to moderate during the afternoon, conditions were quite bumpy and the wind-chill factor very apparent. Britannia was first away off 15 mins for the beat up to Clark Island, sailing a course towards Rushcutters Bay. Tangalooma and Scot were next off 11 mins with Tangalooma heading up the left side towards Bradleys while Scot went right towards Garden Island. Next away was The Mistake off 8, Australia off 6 and Yendys off scratch.

Britannia was first around Clark Island with a comfortable lead for the free run to Chowder Bay, with Scot rounding ahead of Tangalooma, then The Mistake, Australia and Yendys. Britannia maintained a good lead at Chowder for the beat up to Shark Island, with Scot in second place, then Tangalooma, The Mistake, Australia and Yendys now in good touch after a fast run.



Britannia was first to round Shark Island for the long run against the tide back to Kurraba Point with the breeze now a bit lighter with the occasional fresh gust. Scot followed in 2nd place, then Tangalooma, The Mistake, Yendys and Australia. The skiffs experienced some light air patches towards the end of the run to Kurraba, allowing Yendys under a larger spread of sail to move into 3rd place at the rounding mark. Britannia continued to hold their lead, with Scot now in a position to challenge as they headed up the beat to Clark Island.

Britannia was first to round Clark Island closely followed by Scot, with both crews working hard to get spinnakers up and set for the square run to the finish. Yendys followed soon after then The Mistake, Tangalooma and Australia.

It's free, fun, active and exhilarating on the best harbour in the world!

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STORIES OF THE SAILORS LISTED
ON THE WW1 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)**



The ferry patrons were now on the edge of their seats. It was a close run all the way down to the finish with Britannia the winner by 10 secs from Scot just 9 secs ahead of Yendys, then a gap back to The Mistake, Australia and Tangalooma all finishing close together.



With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Carolyn, Russell, Peter, Adrienne, Chuck, Bill, Janis and Bill; post-race support from Ross, Coral and Margot 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 week.



Results for Sat 21st October 2017

Race 3	21-Oct-17	Hcp Start	#4 Course	Sth	10-2okts		
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap
Britannia	I. Smith	0:15	14:15:00	16:03:23	1:48:23	1:33:23	13
Scot	G. Kaye	0:11	14:19:00	16:03:33	1:44:33	1:33:33	10
Yendys	J. Winning	0:00	14:30:00	16:03:42	1:33:42	1:33:42	0
The Mistake	T. Stewart	0:08	14:22:00	16:08:15	1:46:15	1:38:15	8
Australia	D. Swales	0:06	14:24:00	16:08:52	1:44:52	1:38:52	6
Tangalooma	P. Legrove	0:11	14:19:00	16:09:04	1:50:04	1:39:04	11
Myra Too		0:06	DNC				6
Albany		0:10	DNC				10



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 Drummoyn, 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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Alruth	0:13	DNC	13
Aberdare	0:03	DNC	3
Australia IV	0:11	DNC	11

Skiff	Spring Point Score
Aberdare	0
Alruth	0
Australia	10
Australia IV	0
Britannia	6
Myra Too	6
Scot	12
Tangalooma	10
The Mistake	11
Yendys	6



INCREASED TICKET PRICES FOR THE SPECTATOR FERRY

After a recent price increase charged to the Sydney Flying Squadron for the spectator ferry on Saturdays, the Club needs to increase both prices and numbers if we are going to continue this wonderful tradition.

There has not been a ticket increase for many years, and the Club cannot afford the losses we are currently incurring.

For example, we lost \$1,750 on the one poorly subscribed trip on Saturday, 14 October 2017 alone.

Just to break even, we need 70 paying customers per trip. We cannot stress often enough that even with a price increase - which the Board has kept as small as possible - there is no better value afternoon out on Sydney Harbour.

To say nothing of the fun you will have following our wonderful Historical 18-footers and enjoying all the other harbour activities, with a drink and a nibble and good company.

So here is the price list which comes into effect on Saturday, 4 November 2017.

Life Members: - \$15

SFS Members: - \$25

Non-members: - \$30

Children under 16: - \$15

Please promote the ferry among your family and friends and make sure you support your spectator ferry. Use it or lose it!

See you there.

**SANDBAGGERS-HISTORICAL
18-FOOTERS REGATTA:
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND
SEPTEMBER 13-17 2017**

Those of us fortunate enough to be part of this wonderful event are still *buzzing* recalling the experience. Organised superbly by the National Sailing Hall of Fame, the friendship and hospitality extended to our teams was wonderful, and we came away with new friends, fabulous memories and to put the "icing on the cake", a series win, 2-1. Our American sailors were pretty amazed by our H18s. One of them mused that putting four spinnaker poles together from inside the boat was the origin of Australia's reputation for colourful (and profane) language.

A few images follow, with more posted up on the SFS Facebook page:







**VALE
WARWICK "RAGS" GOLDSWORTHY**



25 May 1940 - 14 October 2017

The Sydney Flying Squadron is sad to note the passing of Warwick "Rags" Goldworthy, a Kiwi who sailed in InterDominions and set his stamp on sailing on both sides of the Tasman. Living in Sydney for five years, he teamed with Dennis Lehany to sail the 12-footer, Fred Too. "Rags" is remembered at the SFS as one of the champion three-hander team, with Dennis Lehany and Bob Tearne, on Kaiser Bill, which was an instant success on its 1967 debut. (In case you are wondering about the skiff's name, it was named after a tune on the Top 40 at the time!) Our sympathy to Warwick's family.



Kaiser Bill

AROUND THE CLUB

Congratulations to John "Steamer" Stanley and Andrew "Bucko" Buckland for being integral to the winning team on the Couta Boat, tenacity, which was the first non- Victorian team to claim an Australian title on the Couta Boats on 15 October 2017. Well done!

Our Japanese sailing member, Mr Michihiro Tajima, has sent this special photo taken on his first visit to the Sydney Flying Squadron on 27 December 1986.



Here is a more recent photo taken in March this year. Play spot the difference!





IMAGES FROM
RACE 3, 21 OCTOBER 2017



Yendys, helmed by Woody and crewed by a blended crew from archrivals
Aberdare and Yendys...



Tangalooma and The Mistake crossing



Britannia and Scot close after setting spinnakers after rounding Clark Island



Yendys giving chase followed by The Mistake, Tangalooma and Australia.



Close finish. Britannia gets the siren!



And close at the back of the fleet as well..

This newsletter was written by Adrienne Jackson and Bob Chapman.

Photographs by Adrienne, with the ferry photograph courtesy of Bruce Kerridge.

Formatted by Jessica Hayton.

Contributions sought and welcomed.

Email your news, photos, opinions to: sfsnewsletterstite@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.