

# SFS NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2017



## Skiff sailing aplenty for the last weekend of November at the Sydney Flying Squadron!

Ferry patrons on Saturday had a close up view of all the action for the final race of the 2017 Spring Series for the Historic 18-Footers and for Heat One of the NSW State titles for the 12 footers.

Congratulations to Scot for their triumphant result



and to The Mistake for winning the Spring Series. Indeed, congratulations to all our sailors who made it such an absorbing contest.

Over 25 and 26 November, the Sydney Flying Squadron hosted the first three heats of the NSW State Titles for the 12 footer class. Well done to Sydney Sailmakers for winning all three heats so far and to Lincoln Crowne for topping the handicap scorecard.



### SPECTATOR FERRY - FOLLOW THE FLEET!



The Rosman Ferry Regal departs the SFS wharf at 2 pm

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.



### 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



### In this newsletter:

- The Race Report for Race 8 - the final of the Spring Series for the H18s - as expertly written by Bob Chapman, gives you all the information, atmosphere and conditions for the race. Please refer to Bob's report to remind yourselves of the handicaps for next week with the commencement of the Summer Series. The three boats that went to the USA for the Sandbaggers' Challenge are now released from fumigation to kill American bugs and, with a good washing down, should be ready to roar next Saturday. Welcome home Aberdare, Alruth and Australia IV!
- A short summary of the outcomes of the Club's AGM on 19 November is included.
- There are some photographs from the 12 footers state titles in a short summary piece.
- The images section records the winners from H18s since the October newsletter.

A reminder that the photos from each H18 race are now posted every Monday on the SFS Facebook page. This week there is a separate posting for the 12 footers as well.

Finally, all sailing members at the Club should register their details for Australian Sailing. Our Office Manager, Jess, includes instructions on how to do this.

We now swing into summer and into the festive season. Where better to celebrate summer, sailing and the coming holiday season than on the SFS spectator ferry on Saturdays. Make sure you book for the next three Saturdays - a handicap start, a scratch start and triangular sprint courses to provide variety all before the Christmas break. And see you at the Club!

Adrienne Jackson - Editor.

## Results for Sat 25th November 2017

by Bob Chapman, 27 Nov 2017.

Race 8 of the 2017-18 Season and Final Heat of the Spring Point Score. Warm sunny

Flying Squadron. All funding is from donations and requests. Donations to the Trust, through the Australian Sports Foundation, are tax deductible.

To donate go to [www.aof.org.au](http://www.aof.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: [australianopenskifftrust@gmail.com](mailto:australianopenskifftrust@gmail.com) 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.

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

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### SETTING SAIL FOR THE GREAT WAR



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.

weather with the prospect of a fresh NE breeze, ideal conditions for a big day of racing at the SFS. In addition to the Historic 18s the 12 Ft Skiffs were running their NSW Championship over the weekend at the Squaddie. There were seven H18s and approximately 18-20 12s rigging in the boat park, a great sight, and a great day to be out following the action on the Rosman Ferry.



The H18s race got underway from a handicap start off Double Bay on the No.1 NE course, with the 12s starting 30 mins later. Most skiffs rigged for fresh conditions; however, by start time the breeze still had a distinct easterly influence with a moderate ENE breeze prevailing. Britannia was first away off 13 mins, then Scot (10), Tangalooma, (9), Australia (6), The Mistake (4) then Myra Too and Yendys off scratch. The fine weather also meant that there were plenty of water craft out and about along with the many other sailing craft that race on Saturdays, making for plenty of joggle, boat wash and disturbed wind as the skiffs worked their way down to the Beashel Buoy.

Britannia was first to round the Beashel Buoy for the run to Shark Island, followed by Scot, Tangalooma, Australia, The Mistake, Yendys and Myra Too. No position changes on the run to Shark Island, plenty of traffic sharing the same course area and then on approach to the gybe mark the easterly effect made for a very tight angle to keep crews on their toes in attempting to make the mark.



Britannia led the way down to the Clark Island mark where they turned first for the beat up to Chowder Bay, while the order of skiffs that followed remained unchanged but now condensed.

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@v7mail.com](mailto:ahssa@v7mail.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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Scot moved into the lead on the beat up to Chowder to be first to round where they set a peak-head spinnaker for the tight run to Shark Island, followed by Britannia, Yendys, Tangalooma, The Mistake, Myra Too and Australia. Scot dropped their spinnaker at the Shark Island gybe mark, then reset their larger spinnaker for the run to the finish where they went on to take a comfortable win by 2 mins from Britannia (under ringtail), a 4 min gap back to Yendys, then Myra Too, Tangalooma, The Mistake and Australia.

The Spring Point Score has been run and won, congratulations to Terry Stewart and the crew of The Mistake.

The 3 skiffs that were shipped to the U.S. event are expected back in action next weekend. The next race is Heat One of the Summer Point Score and also Race One of the Season Point Score, with all skiff handicaps reverting back to the status quo as per the start of the season.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Stu, Russell, Roy, Peter, Adrienne, Chuck, Bill, Janis and Bill, post-race support from Bill, Angove Wines 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 25th November 2017

Race 8	25-Oct-17		Hcp Start	#1 Course	ENE	10-14kts	
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap
Scot	G.Kay	0:10	14:20:00	15:57:05	1:37:05	1:27:05	8
Britannia	I.Smith	0:13	14:17:00	15:59:05	1:42:05	1:29:05	12
Yendys	B.Watson	0:00	14:30:00	16:03:46	1:33:46	1:33:46	0
Myra Too	J.Winning	0:00	14:30:00	16:05:14	1:35:14	1:35:14	0
Tangalooma	P.Legrove	0:09	14:21:00	16:05:24	1:44:24	1:35:24	9
The Mistake	T.Stewart	0:04	14:26:00	16:05:54	1:39:54	1:35:54	4
Australia	D.Swales	0:06	14:24:00	16:08:32	1:44:32	1:38:32	6
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	19
Australia IV	0
Britannia	25
Myra Too	31

Scot	27
Tangalooma	27
The Mistake	33
Yendys	16

### **Start of Season Handicaps**

Aberdare	J.Winning	3
Alruth	R.Tickner	13
Australia		7
Australia IV	D.Swales	0
Britannia	I.Smith	15
Myra Too	P.Barnett	8
Scott	J.Watt/G.Kay	13
Tangalooma	P.Legrove	11
The Mistake	T.Stewart	9
Top Weight		15
Yendys	B.Watson	0

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2017**

The Sydney Flying Squadron held its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 19 November 2017, presided over by John Winning, President of the SFS.

Following the usual items for an AGM (apologies, confirmation of previous minutes and receiving and adopting the financial statements and reports), the Meeting bestowed Life Membership on Ian Smith for his significant contribution to Historical 18-Footers and to the Club.



Ian wrote the seminal book: "The Open Boat: The Australian 18-Footer, Origin, Evolution and Construction" , published this year, which records the evolution of this class as well as providing a detailed and illustrated look at how the 18-Footers were built, rigged and sailed. Ian is President of the Australian Historical Sailing Skiff Association and built and skippers Britannia, the most authentic replica in the H 18 fleet.

For the SFS Board of Directors, John Winning was confirmed as President for another two year term and Neville Turbit as Director. Alan Robertson re-joins the Board as Treasurer. Peter Jackson decided to stand down as Treasurer and from the Board.

The Sailing Board is as follows:

	Bill Loader	Commodore
	Terry Stewart	Vice
Commodore		
	Peter Jackson	Rear
Commodore		
	David Swales	Club Captain
	Jess Hayton	Sailing Secretary
Sailing reps:	Ian Smith	H 18s and AHSSA
	Brett Hobson	12 footers

Coral Taylor has stepped down from the role of Sailing Secretary. She was not present at the AGM to hear the warm appreciation for all her hard work. Thank you so much, Coral.

## **NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE 12 FOOTERS**

There was some great action out on the Harbour for the first three heats of the NSW State Titles over the afternoons 25 and 26 November.

It is not often that these fast and nimble craft have to circumnavigate the "silent service", crossing their path as happened early into heat 2 on Sunday when a submarine appeared!



Patrons on the ferry on Saturday got close start and finish line views and were able to follow much of the first race. Maersk, the sponsor for the event, had representatives on board the ferry.



The results from the first three races are on the 12 footers Facebook page and on their website: [skiff.org.au](http://skiff.org.au)

After three heats, Sydney Sailmakers are leading the scorecard, with Lincoln Crowne second and Geotherm third. On handicap Lincoln Crowne leads Skoll and Geotherm.

More photos of the 12 footers on the SFS Facebook page.

## **IMAGES FROM SPRING SERIES RACES 4 TO 8, 2017**



Overall winner, Spring series: The Mistake.  
Congratulations to Terry and crew!



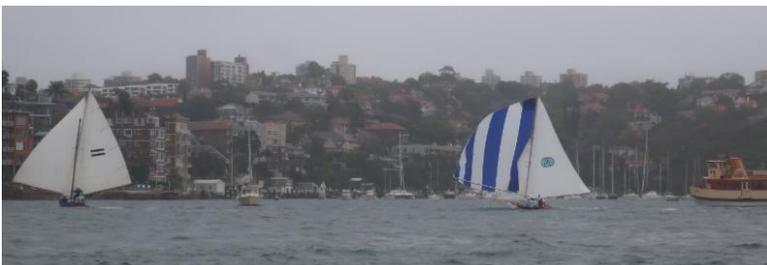
Scot: winner of Race 8, 25 November



Myra Too: winner of Race 7, 18 November



Myra Too: winner of Race 6, 11 November





The Mistake: winner of Race 4, 28 October

## Australian Sailing Registration

Dear all SFS Sailing Members,

As a requirement by Australian Sailing we require you to log onto their website and register yourself for this Sailing season 2017-2018.

Please go onto this link below to register as soon as possible, it only takes a few minutes and if you already have a My Sailor log in, it will be even faster.

[https://membership.sportstg.com/regofom.cgi?  
aID=21016&pKey=c6d6bb91fee478b306fb575acc1618fb&formID=41968](https://membership.sportstg.com/regofom.cgi?aID=21016&pKey=c6d6bb91fee478b306fb575acc1618fb&formID=41968)

Benefits of being registered with Australian Sailing:

- Being covered by the AS insurance
- Being eligible to race in regattas
- Having access to your mySailor online profile

Any questions or queries please contact the Club via email  
[info@sydneyflyingsquadron.com.au](mailto:info@sydneyflyingsquadron.com.au)  
or by phone 02 9955 8350

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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.