

SFS Race Report Saturday 27th January 2018

by Bob Chapman, 29 Jan 2018.

Race 15 of the 2017-18 Season and Heat 3 of the H18 Australian Championship. Another hot and humid day with the prospect of an afternoon sea breeze. For the first time this season we had all 10 skiffs available to race, with most opting for their no.2 rig, Yendys and Australia carried big rigs while Myra Too used a big sail with 1 reef.



The race got underway from a scratch start off Double Bay on the no.1 NE Course into a moderate NE breeze that was variable in strength and direction. Aberdare with stand-in skipper Michael Chapman claimed the pin-end and got off the line to a good start in clear air with Yendys also away well about 2/3rds way down the line, with Myra Too a bit further to windward. Aberdare and Yendys sailed a long starboard tack in close company across to Bradley's Head with the breeze lightening and bending to the right as they approached Bradley's where Yendys sailed down to and over Aberdare to claim the covering position before the two skiffs had to tack.



With light wind phases and the breeze switching back to the ENE Yendys took control of the first beat down to the Beashel Buoy where they rounded with a substantial lead for the run back to Shark

Island, followed by Aberdare, Myra Too, Australia, Scot, The Mistake, Australia IV, Britannia and Tangalooma.

The ENE breeze provided a tight spinnaker run into the mark at Shark Island where Yendys gybed well ahead for the square run down to Clark Island, then came Aberdare, Myra Too, The Mistake, Australia, Australia IV, Scot, Alruth, Britannia and Tangalooma – the skiffs in the mid-group were having a very close race.



Yendys rounded first at Clark Island for the beat up to Chowder Bay taking 2 long tacks on starboard to lay the mark in Chowder where they set a short footed peak-head reaching spinnaker for the tight shy run across to Shark Island. Aberdare continued to chase in 2nd place and Myra Too was well positioned in 3rd ahead of the following group where positions continued to rotate.



Yendys went on to score a well-deserved win finishing 2 mins ahead of Aberdare, then Myra Too, Australia IV, Scot, The Mistake, Alruth, Britannia, Australia, and Tangalooma. Scot was the winner of a very closely contested handicap result from Myra Too and Yendys.

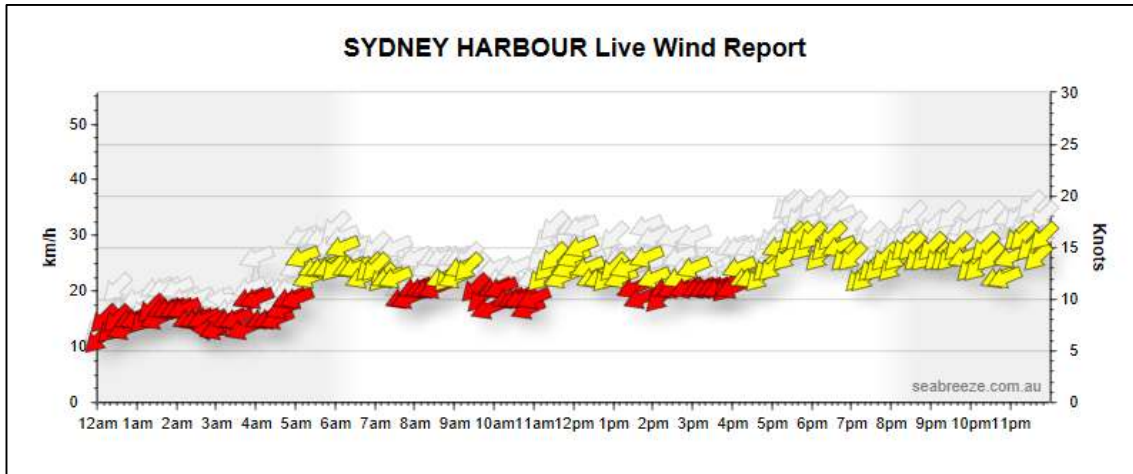
Winning the final race sealed the series for Yendys, winning the event by 1 point ahead of Aberdare then Britannia. After many years of supporting this event and finishing runner-up on many occasions, Harold Cudmore has finally completed his quest to win an Historic 18 Foot Skiff Australian Championship. Well done to Harold and his crew: John Kersey, Don Buckley, Pierre Jubien, Grant Wakefield, Andrew Buckland, Barry Watson and Michael Van Stom. In addition, Yendys won the overall handicap on a count-back after a tied score with Aberdare, with The Mistake 3rd.



With thanks to our on-water support team of Russell, Roy, Barley, Peter, Adrienne, Dave, Tajima-san (from Japan), Chuck, Louise, Rob, Bill, Dave, Bill and Janis, Coral, Margot and Angove Wines. We look forward to seeing you down at the Squaddie next race.

**Results for Saturday 27th January 2018.
Heat 3 of the Australian Championship**

Race 15	27-Jan-18		Scr Start	#1 Course	ENE	10-15kts				
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap	AHSSA Rating	Rating C'Time	Rating Place
Yendys	H. Cudmore	0:00	14:30:00	15:58:20	1:28:20	1:28:20	0	0:02:30	1:25:50	1
Aberdare	M. Chapman	0:02	14:30:00	16:00:41	1:30:41	1:28:41	2	0:01:30	1:29:11	2
Myra Too	P. Barnett	0:10	14:30:00	16:06:13	1:36:13	1:26:13	9	0:03:30	1:32:43	3
Australia IV	D. Swales	0:11	14:30:00	16:09:56	1:39:56	1:28:56	11	0:01:30	1:38:26	6
Scot	J. Watt	0:15	14:30:00	16:11:03	1:41:03	1:26:03	13	0:05:00	1:36:03	5
The Mistake	T. Stewart	0:09	14:30:00	16:11:29	1:41:29	1:32:29	9	0:02:30	1:38:59	8
Alruth	R. Tickner	0:13	14:30:00	16:12:24	1:42:24	1:29:24	13	0:03:30	1:38:54	7
Britannia	I. Smith	0:15	14:30:00	16:13:58	1:43:58	1:28:58	15	0:08:30	1:35:28	4
Australia	I. Pretty	0:06	14:30:00	16:14:11	1:44:11	1:38:11	6	0:03:00	1:41:11	9
Tangalooma	N. Turbit	0:11	14:30:00	16:22:28	1:52:28	1:41:28	11	0:05:00	1:47:28	10



Final Results

Galloping Ghost Trophy - on AHSSA Rating

Skiff	H1, 20/1	H2, 25/1	H3, 27/1	Points	Overall
Yendys	2	1	1	4	1
Aberdare	1	2	2	5	2
Britannia	4	4	4	12	3
The Mistake	3	3	8	14	4
Myra Too	5	6	3	14	5
Alruth	6	7	7	20	6
Australia IV	11	5	6	22	7
Scot	11	8	5	24	8
Tangalooma	7	11	10	28	9
Australia	11	11	9	31	10

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Raw Meat Trophy – on Regatta Handicap

Skiff	H1, 20/1	H2, 25/1	H3, 27/1	Points	Overall
Yendys	5	1	3	9	1
Aberdare	1	4	4	9	2
The Mistake	2	2	8	12	3
Myra Too	6	6	2	14	4
Alruth	3	5	7	15	5
Britannia	4	7	6	17	6
Australia IV	11	3	5	19	7
Scot	11	8	1	20	8
Tangalooma	7	11	10	28	9
Australia	11	11	9	31	10
