

## SFS Race Report Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

by Bob Chapman, 5 Feb 2018.

Race 16 of the 2017-18 Season and Heat 5 (final and deciding heat) of the Summer Point Score. Seven skiffs were on hand to compete in this race with overcast conditions and the breeze from the south-east, along with a very big run-out tide.

The race got underway on the club's no.3 south-east course from a handicap start off Robertson's Point. All skiffs were carrying no.2 intermediate rigs, with the breeze variable in direction and strength, making for some challenging racing. Scot and Britannia were first away off 13 mins for the beat up to Clark Island, then Alruth (11), The Mistake and Australia IV (9), then Aberdare (2) and finally Yendys off scratch.



Scot was first to round Clark Island with a good lead for the run to Taylor Bay, followed by Britannia, Alruth, Australia IV, The Mistake, Aberdare and Yendys. The crew on Scot had their spinnaker up and setting early and made fast time to Taylor Bay where they rounded with an extended lead with the next group of four skiffs close together then a gap back to Aberdare and Yendys holding their time on each other.



The variable and switching breeze on the beat up to Shark Island made for passing opportunities with Scot first to round for the long run back to Kurraba Point, followed by Australia IV, The Mistake, Britannia, Alruth, then Aberdare and Yendys.



Scot continued to hold a sizeable lead when they rounded at Kurraba Point for the beat up to Clark Island with the position of the following skiffs unchanged but with Aberdare and Yendys now in close touch. Scot was first to round Clark Island for the final run back to Kurraba Point, with a large gap to the following skiffs now closely bunched, with The Mistake next to round followed by Alruth, Aberdare, Australia IV, Yendys and Britannia.



Scot went on to win the race by 4 mins, followed by The Mistake with their spinnaker starting to fall apart, Aberdare seriously over-pressed for the final approach to the line, Alruth after manning the

pumps and dealing with some lee-cloth issues, Australia IV with broken gaff jaws, Yendys after sailing the longest course to the line and then Britannia.



With thanks to our on-water support team of Roy, Barley, Peter, Adrienne, Chuck, Bill, Dave, Ross, Coral and Angove Wines. We look forward to seeing you down at the Squaddie next race.

**Results for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018.**

Race 16	03-Feb-18		Hcp Start	#3 Course	SE	10-15kts		
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap	Ring tail
Scot	G. Kay	0:13	14:17:00	15:47:26	1:30:26	1:17:26	11	
The Mistake	T. Stewart	0:09	14:21:00	15:51:50	1:30:50	1:21:50	8	RT 1
Aberdare	J. Winning	0:02	14:28:00	15:53:31	1:25:31	1:23:31	2	RT 1
Alruth	R. Tickner	0:11	14:19:00	15:54:37	1:35:37	1:24:37	11	
Australia IV	D. Swales	0:09	14:21:00	15:55:47	1:34:47	1:25:47	9	RT 1
Yendys	H. Cudmore	0:00	14:30:00	15:56:07	1:26:07	1:26:07	0	RT 1
Britannia	I. Smith	0:13	14:17:00	15:57:04	1:40:04	1:27:04	13	RT 1
Myra Too	P. Barnett	0:08	DNC				8	
Australia	I. Pretty	0:06	DNC				6	
Tangalooma	N. Turbit	0:11	DNC				11	

Skiff	Season Point Score	Summer Point Score	Ringtail Point Score
Aberdare	16	16	2
Alruth	14	14	0
Australia	0	0	0
Australia IV	12	12	1
Britannia	14	14	4
Myra Too	0	0	0
Scot	16	16	0
Tangalooma	6	6	0
The Mistake	16	16	1
Yendys	7	7	1

Summer Point Score ended with 3 skiffs tied on 16 pts, won by Scot on countback from The Mistake and Aberdare - ie as per the following placings: Scot 5,1,6,1; The Mistake 3,3,4,2; Aberdare 2,4,3,3.

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