

## SFS Race Report Sat 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018

by Bob Chapman, 17 Dec 2018.

Photographs by Adrienne Jackson.

Race 10 of the 2018-19 Season and Heat 3 of the Summer Point Score. Hot and humid conditions following two days of unsettled Sydney weather with the forecast for more thunderstorm activity and fresh onshore winds from the NE. For the 8 skiffs preparing for the day's race it was much the same story as last week, with most electing to use their no.3 rig configurations with a couple dropping down to their no.4 setup.

The race got underway from a handicap start off Double Bay on the no.1 NE course into a moderate ENE breeze, and coincided with high tide. Britannia was best away of the 2 limit boats off 15 mins, followed Tangalooma, then Top Weight (14), Scot and Alruth (13), Australia IV (7) with Yendys and Aberdare both off scratch. At this stage of the race the skiffs were sailing at the bottom end of the wind range for their rigs, with the wind variable in both pressure and direction moving between ENE and NE along with plenty of traffic on the waterway to negotiate.



Yendys' upwind prowess came into its own on the first beat making up a lot of time on the lead group. Top Weight was first to round the Beashel Buoy for the square run to Shark Island followed by Britannia, Scot, Yendys, Tangalooma, Alruth, Australia IV and Aberdare.



The breeze had begun to settle-in at this stage for the skiffs to enjoy a fast run down to the gybe mark at Shark Island where Top Weight continued to lead from Britannia (ringtail set), Scot, Yendys, Aberdare, Tangalooma, Australia IV and Alruth.



In rounding the mark, Alruth gave an interesting example of what can happen when you try to gybe with a spinnaker that is way oversize for the rig on which it is set.



Yendys moved up to 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the run to the bottom mark off Clark Island, where Top Weight rounded first for the beat up to Chowder Bay into a solid NE breeze, followed by Britannia, Yendys, Scot, Aberdare, Australia IV, Tangalooma and Alruth. The skiffs were enjoying great sailing conditions at this stage into a fresh nor'easter without too much traffic to contend with. Top weight was first to round at Chowder for the run to Shark Island, followed by Yendys, Britannia, Aberdare, Scot, Australia IV, Tangalooma and Alruth.



Yendys enjoyed a fast run under peak-head spinnaker to move into the lead before gybing at the mark for the final run to the finish, followed by Top Weight. Aberdare also enjoyed a very fast run to Shark to make up a lot of time on the two leaders, but a post-gybe spinnaker issue ended any chance of challenging for a better place.



Britannia was next to gybe and set their ringtail, followed by Scot, Australia IV, Tangalooma and Alruth.

Yendys went on to score a well-earned win from Top Weight, Aberdare, Britannia, Scot, Australia IV, with Alruth coming from behind to nudge out Tangalooma at the final section. The forecast storm and freshening winds then made their presence felt as the skiffs battled their way back to Careening Cove with all returning safely before conditions deteriorated completely.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Russell, Roy, Leigh, Peter, Adrienne, John, Chuck and Bill, with Ross on the b-b-q, Rob and Bentley on the Rosman ferry, along with support from Angove Wines. We look forward to seeing you down at the Squaddie next week.

**Results for Sat 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

| Race 10      | 15-Dec-18    |           | Hcp Start  | #1 Course   | NE        | 12-20ts    |          |           |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Skiff        | Skipper      | Race Hcap | Start Time | Finish Time | Race Time | H'cap Time | New Hcap | Ring tail |
| Yendys       | M. Chapman   | 0:00      | 14:30:00   | 15:58:04    | 1:28:04   | 1:28:04    | 0        |           |
| Top Weight   | A. Robertson | 0:14      | 14:16:00   | 15:59:07    | 1:43:07   | 1:29:07    | 15       |           |
| Aberdare     | J. Winning   | 0:00      | 14:30:00   | 15:59:25    | 1:29:25   | 1:29:25    | 2        |           |
| Britannia    | I. Smith     | 0:15      | 14:15:00   | 16:03:21    | 1:48:21   | 1:33:21    | 15       | 2         |
| Scot         | G. Kay       | 0:13      | 14:17:00   | 16:05:48    | 1:48:48   | 1:35:48    | 15       |           |
| Australia IV | T. Stewart   | 0:07      | 14:23:00   | 16:07:06    | 1:44:06   | 1:37:06    | 9        |           |
| Alruth       | J. Tickner   | 0:13      | 14:17:00   | 16:11:51    | 1:54:51   | 1:41:51    | 15       |           |
| Tangalooma   | J. Lewis     | 0:15      | 14:15:00   | 16:12:04    | 1:57:04   | 1:42:04    | 15       |           |
| Myra Too     |              | 0:07      | DNC        |             |           |            | 7        |           |
| The Mistake  |              | 0:07      | DNC        |             |           |            | 7        |           |
| Australia    |              | 0:06      | DNC        |             |           |            | 6        |           |

| Skiff        | Season Point Score | Summer Point Score | Ringtail Point Score |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Aberdare     | 44                 | 10                 | 4                    |
| Alruth       | 24                 | 9                  | 0                    |
| Australia    | 0                  | 0                  | 0                    |
| Australia IV | 35                 | 9                  | 1                    |
| Britannia    | 27                 | 9                  | 9                    |
| Myra Too     | 0                  | 0                  | 0                    |
| Scot         | 28                 | 9                  | 0                    |
| Tangalooma   | 20                 | 6                  | 0                    |
| The Mistake  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                    |
| Top Weight   | 34                 | 13                 | 0                    |
| Yendys       | 21                 | 8                  | 1                    |

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