

## SFS Race Report Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

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Race 11 of the 2018-19 Season, Heat 4 of the Summer Point Score and last club race for 2018. Another day of fresh sailing conditions, this time blowing from the south, with 8 skiffs on hand and their crews electing to use the now familiar no.3 and/or no.4 rig configurations. In addition, none of the usual keelboat/yacht racing to contend with providing ideal conditions for skiff racing.

The race got underway from a handicap start in Athol Bight on the no.4 South course into a fresh and gusty S/SW breeze at the end of the run-out tide. 5 skiffs were scheduled to start off the 15 min limit with Top Weight the best away from Britannia, Scot and Tangalooma, with Alruth running late and missing their start, then Australia IV (9), Aberdare (2) and Yendys off scratch. Britannia tacked away early to sail a long port tack towards Garden Island while the other limit boats made a long starboard tack towards Point Piper. The skiffs experienced testing conditions on this beat with plenty of wind and some heavy gusts that at times swung to the SW.



When the lead skiffs converged at Clark Island it was Britannia that rounded first for the very square run to Chowder Bay followed by Scot, Top Weight, Tangalooma, Alruth, Australia IV, Aberdare and Yendys. Top Weight experienced a problem after rounding the island when they ran over-square resulting in an un-scheduled gybe and a terminal fill-up.



Meanwhile Britannia, Scot, Alruth and Tangalooma were unable to sail down to course in the fresh conditions and took the safer / sensible option to run towards Shark Island before executing a round-turn to make course to Chowder and then another round turn to negotiate the mark. Australia IV set a small spinnaker on this run to hold course for a fast ride down to the mark, as did Aberdare and Yendys. Yendys experienced some issues when fully pressured up with the bob-stay fitting working loose from the hull, and retired before the situation deteriorated further. Britannia was first to round at Chowder for the beat to Shark Island just ahead of Australia IV, then Alruth, Scot, Tangalooma and Aberdare.



The skiffs experienced very heavy conditions as they battled their way upwind to Rose Bay, with Australia IV moving into the lead from the early stages to then be overtaken by Aberdare towards the end of the beat.



Aberdare was first to round Shark Island for the tight reach to Kurraba followed by Australia IV, Britannia, Scot, Tangalooma and Alruth. No spinnakers on this leg, just a hard main & jib reach in gusty conditions with Alruth having an issue early on the run that ended with a terminal fill-up. No change in positions as the skiffs enjoyed a fast ride to Kurraba where they rounded for the final beat up to Clark Island. Similar story for the beat, no change in positions, where Aberdare was first to round Clark Island and set a small spinnaker for the final run back to the finish, followed by Australia IV, Britannia, Scot and Tangalooma, finishing in that order.



Well done to all crews – in both skiffs and support craft.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Russell, Roy, Peter, Adrienne, John, Chuck and Bill, with Rob and Peter on the Rosman ferry, along with support from Angove Wines. We look forward to seeing you down at the Squaddie when club racing resumes in the New Year.

**Results for Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> December.**

Race 11	22-Dec-18		Hcp Start	#4 Course	S/SW	15-25ts	
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap
Aberdare	J. Winning	0:02	14:28:00	15:51:39	1:23:39	1:21:39	0
Australia IV	T. Stewart	0:09	14:21:00	15:54:36	1:33:36	1:24:36	8
Britannia	I. Smith	0:15	14:15:00	16:02:16	1:47:16	1:32:16	15
Scot	J. Watt	0:15	14:15:00	16:03:32	1:48:32	1:33:32	15
Tangalooma	J. Lewis	0:15	14:15:00	16:07:06	1:52:06	1:37:06	15
Yendys	M. Chapman	0:00	14:30:00	DNF			0
Top Weight	A. Robertson	0:15	14:15:00	DNF			15
Alruth	J. Tickner	0:15	14:15:00	DNF			15
Myra Too		0:07	DNC				7
The Mistake		0:07	DNC				7
Australia		0:06	DNC				6

<b>Skiff</b>	<b>Season Point Score</b>	<b>Summer Point Score</b>	<b>Ringtail Point Score</b>
Aberdare	50	16	4
Alruth	25	10	0
Australia	0	0	0
Australia IV	40	14	1
Britannia	31	13	9
Myra Too	0	0	0
Scot	31	12	0
Tangalooma	22	8	0
The Mistake	0	0	0
Top Weight	35	14	0
Yendys	22	9	1

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