

SFS Race Report Sat 19th January 2019

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Photographs by Adrienne Jackson.

Race 12 of the 2018-19 Season, Heat 1 of the Australian Championship and first race for 2019. After a week of extreme hot weather an early morning southerly change provided a welcome respite for the crews and supporters on hand for the first race of the Australian Championship. By midday the southerly was well established with 9 skiffs in the boat park where no.3 rigs were the popular choice with a few skiffs deciding on no.2 mainsail in anticipation of the breeze abating during the afternoon. Defending champion Harold Cudmore was back in town to take over the helm of Yendys while Michael Carter put together a crew to get The Mistake on the water for its first race this season.

The race got underway from a scratch start in Athol Bay on the no.4 South course into a gusty southerly at the beginning of the run-in tide. The skiffs made a great spectacle as they came off the line together with Yendys best away from the pin-end with Aberdare next boat to windward then Scot and Australia IV.



Yendys established a clear lead on the beat up to Clark Island and was first to round for the free run to Chowder Bay followed by Aberdare, Alruth, Australia IV, Scot, Britannia, The Mistake, Top Weight and Tangalooma. Alruth experienced an unusual problem down this run when a kicker fitting failed causing the spinnaker to sky and launch the spinnaker pole into the air where the pole sections separated and landed in the water – quite a bit of time lost in the recovery and retrieval process. Tangalooma also had an issue when setting their spinnaker in the fresh conditions that resulted in a terminal fill-up.

Aberdare sailing a low course moved into the lead down the run to Chowder to round ahead of Yendys for the beat to Shark Island, then Australia IV, The Mistake, Britannia, Scot, Alruth and Top Weight. Yendys gained on Aberdare in the fresh upwind conditions to take over the lead halfway up the beat to be first around Shark Island for the run back to Kurraba followed by Aberdare, The Mistake, Australia IV, Britannia, Scot, Alruth and Top Weight. The two lead skiffs set peak-head spinnakers for this run with Aberdare moving into the lead early as both skiffs were hard pressed at various times in the gusty conditions.



Yendys struck trouble halfway down the run when the backstay failed resulting in a broken mast and ending their race.

Aberdare was first to round at Kurraba with a significant lead for the final beat up to Clark Island, while The Mistake and Australia IV enjoyed a close contest down the run to Kurraba, followed by another close contest between Britannia, Scot and Alruth. Aberdare rounded Clark Island with a substantial lead to enjoy a fast run to the finish back at Kurraba, followed by close finish between The Mistake and Australia IV, then Scot, Britannia, Alruth and Top Weight.





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

Results for Sat 19th January.

| A/Cship R1 | 19-Jan-19 | Scr Start | #4 Course | Sth | 15-20kts | | | | | | |
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| Skiff | Skipper | Race Hcap | Start Time | Finish Time | Race Time | H'cap Time | New Hcap | Ring tail | AHSSA Rating | Rating C'Time | Rating Place |
| Aberdare | J. Winning | 0:00 | 14:30:00 | 15:55:16 | 1:25:16 | 1:25:16 | 0 | 1 | 0:01:30 | 1:23:46 | 1 |
| The Mistake | M. Carter | 0:07 | 14:30:00 | 16:08:16 | 1:38:16 | 1:31:16 | 9 | | 0:02:00 | 1:36:16 | 2 |
| Australia IV | T. Stewart | 0:08 | 14:30:00 | 16:08:40 | 1:38:40 | 1:30:40 | 10 | | 0:00:30 | 1:38:10 | 4 |
| Scot | J. Watt | 0:15 | 14:30:00 | 16:14:21 | 1:44:21 | 1:29:21 | 15 | | 0:05:30 | 1:38:51 | 5 |
| Britannia | I. Smith | 0:15 | 14:30:00 | 16:15:47 | 1:45:47 | 1:30:47 | 15 | 1 | 0:08:30 | 1:37:17 | 3 |
| Alruth | J. Tickner | 0:15 | 14:30:00 | 16:16:52 | 1:46:52 | 1:31:52 | 15 | | 0:03:30 | 1:43:22 | 6 |
| Top Weight | A. Robertson | 0:15 | 14:30:00 | 16:21:16 | 1:51:16 | 1:36:16 | 15 | | 0:05:30 | 1:45:46 | 7 |
| Tangalooma | N. Turbitt | 0:15 | 14:30:00 | DNF | | | 15 | | | | |
| Yendys | H. Cudmore | 0:00 | 14:30:00 | DNF | | | 0 | | | | |
| Myra Too | | 0:07 | DNC | | | | 7 | | | | |
| Australia | | 0:06 | DNC | | | | 6 | | | | |

| Skiff | Galloping Ghost Trophy Pts | Raw Meat Trophy Points | Ringtail Point Score |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Aberdare | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Alruth | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Australia | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| Australia IV | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Britannia | 3 | 4 | 10 |
| Myra Too | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| Scot | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Tangalooma | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| The Mistake | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Top Weight | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| Yendys | 10 | 10 | 1 |
