

## SFS Race Report Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

by Bob Chapman, 4 Mar 2019.

Race 17 of the 2018-19 Season, Heat 1 of the Autumn Point Score and Queen of the Harbour race. Ideal conditions for crews and spectators – warm and sunny with a moderate seabreeze developing during the afternoon. Nine skiffs were on hand to contest today's race with plenty of on-water activity expected with the annual MHYC's Sydney Harbour Regatta and Race 1 of the J.J. Giltinan expected to start in close proximity to our start time (a departure from the very practical option of previous years where they started at 4 pm?). Needless to say additional pleasure / spectator craft expected to be on the course area.

The race got underway from a handicap start off Double Bay on the no.1 NE course, amidst a lot of other start line and mark rounding activity in the same section of the harbour. The breeze was moderate from the ENE and somewhat un-settled, most skiffs elected to carry full size no.2 rig, with Alruth the only no.1 rig. Britannia was the best away of the limit skiffs off 15 mins, followed by Tangalooma and Scot, then Top Weight (14) and Alruth (13), Australia IV (8), The Mistake (7) missed their start by several minutes, finally Aberdare and Yendys off scratch.

Hard work for the skiffs in finding a clear path through the yacht and keelboat traffic for the beat down to the Beashel Buoy (another congestion point for multiple fleets), with the breeze moving around substantially between ENE and NE at times. Meanwhile, back at Double Bay, the start for the J.J. race was about to get underway – 25 x M18s under big rigs. Britannia was first to round the Beashel Buoy for the run to Shark Island followed by Tangalooma, Scot, Australia IV, Alruth, Yendys (just ahead of the leading M18s), then The Mistake (amongst the M18s) and Aberdare (at the back end of the fleet of M18s and badly affected by the lack of breeze and congestion).



Tangalooma was first to the gybe mark at Shark Island for the square run to Clark Island followed by Britannia (just ahead of the approaching M18s), then Top Weight, Scot, Australia IV, Alruth, Yendys (all fully involved with the congestion from the M18s), then a gap to Aberdare and The Mistake. Both H18s and M18s had their work cut-out attempting to “share” the common ground on this section of the course.





Britannia was first to round at Clark Island for the beat up to Chowder Bay, followed by Tangalooma, Top Weight, Australia IV, Scot, Alruth, Yendys, Aberdare and The Mistake. Yendys was making steady progress towards the lead group at this stage. Britannia continued to lead upwind and was first to round at Chowder for the shy run across to Shark Island, followed by Tangalooma, Australia IV, Yendys, Top Weight, Scot, Alruth, Aberdare and The Mistake. Australia IV and Yendys made good gains on this run to close on the leader. Britannia was first to round at Shark Island for the square run to the finish, but Australia IV and Yendys were able to gybe inside Britannia. Yendys executed a spinnaker peel to change up to a larger spinnaker and moved into the lead with Australia IV close at hand. Yendys went on to take the gun by 8 secs from Australia IV, then Britannia, Tangalooma, Top Weight, Scot, Alruth, Aberdare and The Mistake.



Well done to the respective skiff Queens: Tomoko (Yendys), Angelica (Australia IV), Suzie (Britannia), Coral (Tangalooma), Veronika (Top Weight), Betsy (Scot), Kirsty (Alruth), Ombeline (Aberdare) and Ella (The Mistake).



With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Mandy, Russell, Peter, Chuck and Bill, Alex on the Rosman ferry, with Ross on the BBQ, along with support from Angove Wines. We look forward to seeing you down at the Squaddie next week.

**Results for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

Race 17	02-Mar-19		Hcp Start	#1 Course	ENE	10-15kts		
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap	Ring tail
Yendys	H. Cudmore	0:00	14:30:00	16:01:53	1:31:53	1:31:53	0	2
Australia IV	T. Stewart	0:08	14:22:00	16:02:01	1:40:01	1:32:01	9	1
Britannia	I. Smith	0:15	14:15:00	16:02:18	1:47:18	1:32:18	15	
Tangalooma	N. Turbit	0:15	14:15:00	16:02:47	1:47:47	1:32:47	15	
Top Weight	A. Robertson	0:14	14:16:00	16:03:12	1:47:12	1:33:12	15	
Scot	J. Watt	0:15	14:15:00	16:05:28	1:50:28	1:35:28	15	
Alruth	J. Tickner	0:13	14:17:00	16:07:25	1:50:25	1:37:25	15	
Aberdare	F. Smith	0:00	14:30:00	16:07:30	1:37:30	1:37:30	2	1
The Mistake	M. Carter	0:07	14:23:00	16:11:35	1:48:35	1:41:35	9	
Myra Too		0:07	DNC				7	
Australia		0:06	DNC				6	

Skiff	Season Point Score	Autumn Point Score	Ringtail Point Score
Aberdare	54	2	7
Alruth	33	2	1
Australia	0	0	0
Australia IV	46	5	4
Britannia	37	4	12
Myra Too	0	0	0
Scot	37	2	0
Tangalooma	27	3	0
The Mistake	2	2	1
Top Weight	42	2	1
Yendys	31	6	5

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