

SFS Race Report Sat 9th March 2019

by Bob Chapman, 11 Mar 2019, with photographs by Adrienne Jackson.

Race 18 of the 2018-19 Season, Heat 2 of the Autumn Point Score and Port Jackson Championship. Weather conditions were humid and overcast with a moderate southerly breeze and the chance of rain showers. Eight skiffs were on hand to contest today's race with most opting for full size no.2 rigs, Yendys with no.1 rig.

The race got underway from a handicap start off Athol Bay on the no.4 Sth course and a run-out tide, amidst preparations nearby for the start of the penultimate race for the J.J. Giltinan Series at 2.45pm (it would appear this start time is locked-in due to the requirements of their very successful global live-feed tv coverage). The breeze at start time was erratic, shifting between SE and SSW, with wind strength up and down. 5 skiffs started off the 15 min mark, Britannia, Alruth, Scot, Top Weight and Tangalooma, then Australia IV off 9 mins, Aberdare off 2 and Yendys off scratch.

Britannia was first to round Clark Island for the square run to Chowder Bay followed by Top Weight, Tangalooma, Alruth, Scot, then Australia IV, Yendys and Aberdare. The skiffs carried square spinnakers on a starboard pole down this run with 3 skiffs setting ringtails. Britannia was first to round at Chowder for the beat up to Shark Island, closely followed by Top Weight, Alruth and Tangalooma, then Scot, Australia IV, Yendys and Aberdare.



The variable wind conditions on the beat up to Shark Island were challenging for skippers and crews with Tangalooma emerging as the new leader at the top mark for the shy run back to Kurraba followed by Top Weight, Scot, Britannia, Australia IV, Yendys and Aberdare.



A number of positional changes down this long run against the tide with some skiffs carrying shy spinnakers better than others, with Yendys picking a couple of places just before the mark. Tangalooma was first to round at Kurraba for the beat up to Clark Island followed by Top Weight, Alruth, Australia IV, Yendys, Scot, Britannia and Aberdare.



The skiffs were fairly closely bunched at this stage with more challenging conditions in store for the final beat. Tangalooma chose to work the right side while Top Weight and Alruth went left. Initially the breeze appeared to be in the SE and favour the left side but then moved back the SSW where Tangalooma was able to consolidate their lead with Yendys, Scot and Aberdare making big gains. Tangalooma was first to round Clark Island for the final run followed by Yendys, Scot, Aberdare, Australia IV, Alruth, Top Weight and Britannia.



Yendys moved into the lead halfway down the run to take the gun by a minute from Tangalooma, Aberdare, Scot, Alruth, Australia IV, Britannia and Top Weight.



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

Results for Saturday 9th March.

Race 18	9-Mar-19		Hcp Start	#4 Course	S/SSW	8 - 14kts		
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	16:15:52	1:45:52	1:45:52	0	1
Tangalooma	J. Lewis	0:15	14:15:00	16:17:17	2:02:17	1:47:17	15	
Aberdare	M. Chapman	0:02	14:28:00	16:17:43	1:49:43	1:47:43	4	
Scot	J. Watt	0:15	14:15:00	16:19:09	2:04:09	1:49:09	15	
Alruth	J. Tickner	0:15	14:15:00	16:21:48	2:06:48	1:51:48	15	
Australia IV	T. Stewart	0:09	14:21:00	16:22:17	2:01:17	1:52:17	11	2
Britannia	I. Smith	0:15	14:15:00	16:23:36	2:08:36	1:53:36	15	1
Top Weight	A. Robertson	0:15	14:15:00	16:23:50	2:08:50	1:53:50	15	
The Mistake		0:09	DNC				9	
Myra Too		0:07	DNC				7	
Australia		0:06	DNC				6	

Skiff	Season Point Score	Autumn Point Score	Ringtail Point Score
Aberdare	58	6	7
Alruth	35	4	1
Australia	0	0	0
Australia IV	48	7	6
Britannia	39	6	13
Myra Too	0	0	0
Scot	40	5	0
Tangalooma	32	8	0
The Mistake	2	2	1
Top Weight	44	4	1
Yendys	37	12	6
