

SFS Race Report Sat 29th January 2022

by Bob Chapman, 31 Jan 2022.

Race 12 of the 2021-22 Season and Race Three of the Australian Championship. Hot and humid conditions in the boat park as nine skiffs prepared for the final and deciding race of the H18 Australian Championship. A gradient breeze from the NE was in by midday and expected to build during the afternoon but just how much was uncertain. The majority of skiffs decided on no.3 rig configuration while Yendys and The Mistake opted for no.2 mainsail and no.3 jib.



Pre-start action onboard Scot.

Photo courtesy Bruce Kerridge.

The race got underway from a scratch start off Double Bay on the no.1 NE Course, into a 14-18kt NE breeze and the early stage of a run-in tide. In addition, there was plenty of dinghy, keelboat and yacht racing underway on the harbour along with recreational users making for some bumpy water and congestion in some areas. The Mistake was best away off a short start line from the start boat end with Aberdare and Tangalooma also well positioned off the line, while Yendys adopted a conservative approach and started well back from the line.



Well contested start from the boat-end.

Photo courtesy Bruce Kerridge.

The skiffs enjoyed a solid work into a mostly fresh breeze albeit with the occasional patch of soft air and bumpy water on the beat down harbour. The Mistake was first to round the Beashel Buoy for the square run to Shark Island followed by Yendys, then Australia IV, Top Weight, Britannia, Tangalooma and Myra Too. Unfortunately Aberdare suffered a terminal fill-up during a tack off Chowder Bay while Scot retired towards the later stages of the beat.

The Mistake was first to gybe at Shark Island for the run to Clark Island followed by Yendys, Australia IV, Top Weight, Britannia, Myra too and Tangalooma. The Mistake enjoyed a fast run down to Clark

Island under peak-head spinnaker to extend their lead to round first for the beat up to Chowder Bay, with no change in positions apart from Tangalooma moving back into 6th place ahead of Myra Too.



Britannia on the run to Clark Island.

Photo courtesy Bruce Kerridge.

No change in conditions for the last beat with the two lead skiffs comfortable under no.2 mainsail. The Mistake was first to round at Chowder to set a peak-head spinnaker for the run to Shark Island followed by Yendys, Australia IV, Top Weight, Britannia, Tangalooma and Myra Too. The Mistake went on to gybe first at Shark Island and set a ringtail for the final run to the finish to cross first about 3 mins ahead of Yendys (ringtail), then Australia IV (ringtail), Top Weight (ringtail), Tanagalooma, Britannia (2nd ringtail for the day) and Myra Too.

The handicap was won by The Mistake from Britannia, with Top Weight 3rd to ensure their overall handicap win for the Raw Meat Trophy from Yendys and Britannia. Yendys 2nd place on AHSSA Rating ensured their first overall position for the Galloping Ghost Trophy from The Mistake and Top Weight. Well done all crews, race officials and supporters.



Yendys crew, L-R: Lawson Abbott, Matt Coleman, Don Buckley, Andrew Buckland, Grant Wakefield, Pierre Joubien and Russell Debney. Photo courtesy Team Yendys.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Anne, Tom, Chuck, Michael, Bob, Bruce, Linda and Christophe, COVID Marshall Nicki, crew sign-in by Tomoko, Fiona on the raffle, with Brendan and George from Aberdare on the B-B-Q. We look forward to seeing you down at the Squaddie next week.

Results for Sat 29th January 2022.

Race 12	29-Jan-22		Scp Start	NE Course	NE	14-18 kts					
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap	Ring tail	AHSSA Rating	Rating C'Time	Rating Place
The Mistake	J. Winning	0:03	14:30:00	16:03:52	1:33:52	1:30:52	1	1	0:01:30	1:32:22	1
Yendys	G. Wakefield	0:00	14:30:00	16:07:07	1:37:07	1:37:07	0	1	0:01:30	1:35:37	2
Australia IV	T. Stewart	0:10	14:30:00	16:16:46	1:46:46	1:36:46	10	1	0:01:30	1:45:16	4
Top Weight	A. Robertson	0:15	14:30:00	16:20:24	1:50:24	1:35:24	15	1	0:06:30	1:43:54	3
Tangalooma	N. Turbit	0:15	14:30:00	16:23:05	1:53:05	1:38:05	15		0:05:00	1:48:05	6
Britannia	I. Smith	0:19	14:30:00	16:23:58	1:53:58	1:34:58	18	2	0:08:30	1:45:28	5
Myra Too	M. Carter	0:10	14:30:00	16:26:04	1:56:04	1:46:04	10		0:02:00	1:54:04	7
Scot	J. Watt	0:10	14:30:00	RTD			10				
Aberdare	J. Tickner	0:16	14:30:00	DNF			16				
Alruth		0:15	DNC				15				
Australia		0:06	DNC				6				

Skiff	Aust C'ship Final Points	Aust Cship H'cap Final Points	Ringtail Point Score
Aberdare	26	25	
Alruth			
Australia			
Australia IV	18	16	4
Britannia	14	9	4
Myra Too	19	20	
Scot	30	30	
Tangalooma	22	22	
The Mistake	5	10	3
Top Weight	9	7	2
Yendys	4	8	5

Galloping Ghost Trophy – AHSSA Rating

Overall	Skiff	H1, 15/1	H2, 22/1	H3, 29/1	Points
1	Yendys	1	1	2	4
2	The Mistake	2	2	1	5
3	Top Weight	3	3	3	9
4	Britannia	4	5	5	14
5	Australia IV	10	4	4	18
6	Myra Too	5	7	7	19
7	Tangalooma	10	6	6	22
8	Aberdare	6	10	10	26
9	Scot	10	10	10	30
	Alruth	12	12	12	36
	Australia	12	12	12	36

Raw Meat Trophy – Regatta Handicap.

Overall	Skiff	H1, 15/1	H2, 22/1	H3, 29/1	Points
1	Top Weight	1	3	3	7
2	Yendys	2	1	5	8
3	Britannia	3	4	2	9
4	The Mistake	4	5	1	10
5	Australia IV	10	2	4	16

6	Myra Too	6	7	7	20
7	Tangalooma	10	6	6	22
8	Aberdare	5	10	10	25
9	Scot	10	10	10	30
	Alruth	12	12	12	36
	Australia	12	12	12	36
