

SFS Race Report Sat 26th March 2022

by Bob Chapman, 28 March 2022.

Race 20 of the 2021-22 Season and Race Five of the Autumn Point Score. Six skiffs were on hand for today's race, with some crew from the non-sailing skiffs filling-in on others as a shortage of available crew continues to be an issue. The boat park is still in a sorry and soggy state but at least the grass has been cut. The breeze was from the south east, moderate and variable with numerous rain cells rolling-in along the coast, affecting the wind speed and direction. Sail selections appeared to be a mix of big sails or full size no.2 rigs.

The race got underway from a handicap start off Robinson's Point on the No.3 SE Course into a moderate ESE breeze and small run-in tide. Top Weight on port tack from the pin-end was first skiff away off 13 mins, then Scot and Tangalooma (12), Britannia (11), Australia IV (9) and Yendys off scratch. The breeze was in the east on this leg with the skiffs laying-up to Clark Island on port tack for most of the leg, with all skiffs enjoying good breeze albeit with yacht racing traffic to negotiate.



Limit boats prepare to start.

Courtesy Wayne & Michael.

Top Weight was first to round at Clark Island for the tight reach to Taylor Bay followed by Scot, Australia IV, Tangalooma, Britannia and Yendys. All skiffs sailed this leg under main & jib with no change in positions while the skiffs under bigger sails making some gains. Top Weight was first to round at Taylor Bay for the beat up to Shark Island with a useful lead from Scot, then Australia IV, Tangalooma, Britannia and Yendys. The breeze was back in the south east at this stage with Top Weight making good time up to Rose Bay and keeping a loose over on Scot. After rounding at Taylor Bay Yendys was able to capitalise on and easterly shift in the breeze and sail a more direct leg on port tack up to Rose Bay.



Top Weight crosses ahead of Scot on beat from Taylor Bay.

Courtesy Wayne & Michael.



Tangalooma snugly rigged on beat up to Rose Bay. Courtesy Wayne & Michael.

Top Weight was first to round at Shark Island for the square run back to Kurraba, followed by Scot, Australia IV, Tangalooma, Yendys and Britannia. With the breeze moving back towards the east this run became very square and with the run-in tide the lead skiffs on port gybe could not sail deep enough to hold course directly to the mark at Kurraba. The lead skiffs sailed a course towards Fort Denison before dropping their spinnaker, gybing over and reaching into the bottom mark under main & jib. Meanwhile, Yendys sailed towards Clark Island and gybed their spinnaker to approach the bottom mark on an ideal angle under spinnaker and make up considerable time on the lead group, while Britannia set a ringtail.



Scot and Top Weight after rounding Shark Island. Courtesy Wayne & Michael.



Scot after rounding, Australia IV and Yendys on approach to Kurraba. Courtesy Wayne & Michael.

Top Weight was first to round at Kurraba for the beat up to Clark Island with a good lead from Scot, Australia IV, Yendys, Tangalooma and Britannia. The skiffs enjoyed good sailing conditions and little harbour traffic up the final beat with Yendys moving into the podium positions. Top Weight continued to hold a good lead to round first at Clark Island for the run to the finish followed by Yendys, Scot, Australia IV, Tangalooma and Britannia. The skiffs enjoyed a fast run to the finish under starboard pole spinnaker with Top Weight first to finish 2 mins clear of Yendys (ringtail), Scot, Australia IV (ringtail), Tangalooma and Britannia (ringtail).



Britannia with plenty of sail up on last run.

Courtesy Stewart.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Stewart, FM Rob, Woody, Bob, Bill, Chuck, Robert, Tomoko and Michael, crew sign-in by Tomoko and Fiona, Fiona on the raffle, Kerrie and Terry from Australia IV on the B-B-Q with assistance from Ross. We look forward to seeing you down at the Squaddie next week. Just 2 more races till the end of the season.

Results for Sat 26th March 2022.

Race 20	26-Mar-22		Hcp Start	SE Course	ESE	12-15 kts		
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap	Ring tail
Top Weight	A. Robertson	0:13	14:17:00	15:56:46	1:39:46	1:26:46	12	
Yendys	I. McCrossin	0:00	14:30:00	15:59:00	1:29:00	1:29:00	0	1
Scot	M. Flanagan	0:12	14:18:00	16:00:04	1:42:04	1:30:04	13	
Australia IV	T. Stewart	0:09	14:21:00	16:02:38	1:41:38	1:32:38	10	1
Tangalooma	J. Lewis	0:12	14:18:00	16:06:00	1:48:00	1:36:00	13	
Britannia	I. Smith	0:11	14:19:00	16:07:41	1:48:41	1:37:41	12	2
The Mistake		0:00	DNC				0	
Aberdare		0:14	DNC				14	
Alruth		0:15	DNC				15	
Australia		0:06	DNC				6	
Myra Too		0:07	DNC				7	

Skiff	Season Point Score	Autumn Point Score	Ringtail Point Score
Aberdare	39	13	1
Alruth	0	0	
Australia	0	0	
Australia IV	55	16	10
Britannia	36	15	12
Myra Too	0	0	
Scot	50	13	
Tangalooma	36	10	
The Mistake	47	6	5
Top Weight	19	12	2
Yendys	38	18	7
