



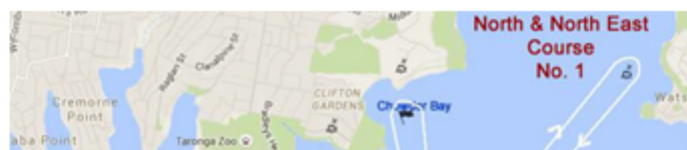
RACE REPORT - 22nd February 2025

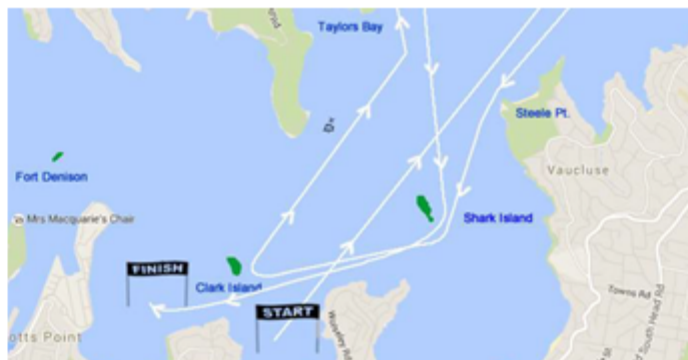
TANGLES SHOWS HER CLASS



All photos in this report with thanks to Mike Kidd - Gemini crew

We haven't been back into the records for this season, but the advent of a nor'easter for a change was a bit of a surprise to us all. After so many light easterlies, the prospect of a testing 15 knots on the No.1 Course was something to look forward to. The back-markers were probably confident that their off' superior crew work on this course would have them in the money.





Only six boats greeted the starter at the head of Double Bay for the handicap start in around 12 knots of breeze. With Britannia and Alruth remaining on the beach with crewing issues, Mistake (Jerry Tickner) led off the fleet in the traditional Mark Foy handicap start. She was followed by Tangalooma, then Top Weight and Australia with Aberdare (Michael "Flipper" Carter) and Yendys (with guest steerer, Adrian Dunphy aboard) last away. All boats crossed the line within seconds of their number being dropped as they all headed off to Bradleys and up to the Sow and Pigs to round the Beashel Buoy.





Tangalooma did well on the work as a sign of things to come. She was being sailed conservatively as the breeze increased and rounded the top mark having overhauled Mistake. Coming past Steel Point, and having chosen to not set a kite on the run, Tangalooma seemed to wander in a little too close to the lee of Steel Point but recovered well enough to hold off Mistake and Top Weight and round Shark Island first after successfully completing a granny to avoid the sometimes treacherous gybe. Top Weight (Commodore Terry Stewart) also grannied after dropping her kite and conceded time to Mistake who gybed without a spinnaker well inside Top Weight. An early gybe at Shark Island in a nor'easter can prove very beneficial even with the small lee of the Island taken into account.

On the shy run to the bottom mark at Clark Island, spinnakers were in short supply until Tangalooma finally hoisted, enabling her to increase the gap to the following pack. Yendys and Aberdare meanwhile, carried spinnakers down from the top mark and successfully gybed (with a little holding of breath) at the Island to carry them at speed to the bottom mark.



Meanwhile, Tangalooma was well on the way to the Chowder Bay mark and was sailing well above her handicap rating up the western shore. Top Weight and Mistake were in her wake, but making little impression on her. Australia meanwhile, with Vice Commodore Marshall Flanagan at the helm, seemed

uncharacteristically slow and had headed out into the middle of the channel hoping to make the mark in one tack. It turned out that the rig was unbalanced with a lot of lee helm. Something to be adjusted for next race.



Yendys and Aberdare were well out of it at this stage, hoping perhaps for mistakes from the front runners to get them back in the hunt. It is worth saying at this point that the performances of all skiffs, measured against the back markers, was really quite pleasing to onlookers. The No.1 course usually seeks out weaknesses in less experienced crews and it was very pleasing to see, even in a 15 knot no'easter with choppy sea conditions, that the long markers were all doing well despite a serious shortage of testing conditions so far this season to sharpen crew skills.



Around the Chowder Bay mark and the shy run to Shark Island it was a case of follow the leader with Tangalooma two-sail reaching to the mark where she rounded safely and headed for home well ahead of the pack. Further back and still chasing hard were Yendys and Aberdare with Yendys setting her white shy spinnaker that took her past Mistake into third place, but not close enough to Top Weight in the final run to the finish.

So it was Tangalooma by a mile – by nearly 6 minutes from Top Weight with Yendys a further minute behind in third place. Mistake held off the struggling Australia for fourth with Aberdare coming in sixth with her enthusiastic and improving new crew celebrating third fastest time around the course. Very encouraging!

Results for Saturday 22 February 2025

Autumn Series Heat 1

Start Time:	2:31PM	Start	Course	Breeze	Strength	Tide
Fastest Time:	Tangalooma 1:42:17	Handicap	1	NE	15 kts	flood

Skiff	Skipper	Handicap (Mins)	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Place	Ringtail
Tangalooma	John Lewis	15	2:16:00 PM	3:58:17 PM	1:42:17	2	
Top Weight	Terry Stewart	12	2:19:00 PM	4:03:44 PM	1:44:44	4	
Yendys	Adrian Dunphy	0	2:31:00 PM	4:06:24 PM	1:35:24	1	
The Mistake	Jerry Tickner	18	2:13:00 PM	4:07:23 PM	1:54:23	6	
Australia	Marshall Flanagan	12	2:19:00 PM	4:09:04 PM	1:50:04	5	
Aberdare	Michael Carter	2	2:29:00 PM	4:12:05 PM	1:43:05	3	
Alruth	Scott Spackman	8		DNC			
Britannia	David Paget	20		DNC			
Scot	Jamie Watt	19		DNC			
Australia IV				DNC			
Myra Too				DNC			

Thanks, as always to the volunteers who had an easy day following the fleet with no mishaps. It's on

again next week. See you at the Squaddie.

SAILING CALENDAR

SYDNEY FLYING SQUADRON 2024 – 2025 SAILING CALENDAR

DATE	H18'	12'	SOCIAL/Location
February 2025			
Sat 1 Feb	Harbour Marathon	No Racing	BBQ
Sun 2 Feb	No Racing	Point Score "Sprint"	SFS
Sat 8 Feb	No Racing	No Racing	GP Racing
Sun 9 Feb	No Racing	No Racing	GP Racing
Sat 15 Feb	Queen of the Harbour Summer Series H7	No Racing	BBQ
Sun 16 Feb	No Racing	Club Championship Ht 3	SFS
Sat 22 Feb	Autumn Series H1		
March 2025			
Sat 1 March	Sydney Harbour Regatta Autumn Series H2	No Racing	BBQ
Sun 2 Mar	No Racing	Port Jackson Championship	SFS
Sat 8 Mar	Autumn Series H3	No Racing	BBQ
Sun 9 Mar	No Racing	Club Championship Ht 4	SFS
Sat 15 Mar	Matthew Flinders Cup Autumn Series H4	No Racing	BBQ
Sun 16 Mar	No Racing	NSW Sprint Series Champ	SFS
Sat 22 Mar	Port Jackson Champ Autumn Series H5	No Racing	BBQ
Sun 23 Mar	No Racing	Point Score "Sprint"	SFS
Sat 29 Mar	Aust Championship H2 Club Championship H3 Autumn Series H6	No Racing	BBQ
Sun 30 Mar	No Racing	Club Championship Ht 5	SFS
April 2025			
Fri 4 April	No Racing	Australian Championships	TBA
Sat 5 April	Autumn Series H7	Australian Championships	TBA
Sun 6 April	No Racing	Australian Championships	TBA
Mon 7 April	No Racing	Australian Championships	TBA
May 2025			
	Presentation Night TBA		

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