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THE RINGTALE

MYRA TOO UPDATE MESSING ABOUT IN BOATS...

The water rat said to the mole:

"Believe me my young friend, there is nothing—absolutely nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats ..."

(Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame)



With New Year celebrations done and dusted, an elite group of sailors and volunteers gathered at the Squaddie on Saturday morning to begin the job of bringing the lovely little Myra Too back into the H18 fleet. Years of drying out and gathering dust and detritus of all sorts required willing volunteers and the eyes of some of our expert sailors and professional boatmen to sort things out.

Once out of the shed and with sails, spars and stuff of all sorts out of the boat and laid out for inspection, Myra was stripped bare of all of her fittings, vacuumed out and wheeled to the ramp for a good wash down. At the same time the sails and spars were inspected and notes taken where sails, sheets and other bits and pieces were missing or damaged. Within a few days, we shall have compiled a job list and a budget for review by the Open Skiff Trust and the SFS Board.

The good news is that the skiff is in reasonably good shape from a structural point of view. There will be some hard work to play catch-up on, such as sanding and varnishing, while the rest of the equipment is repaired and restored.

Back in the shed, around a dozen of the willing volunteers retired to the Board Room and celebrated a really worthwhile morning with a couple of cooling ales followed by tales tall and true including from Andrew "Bucko" Buckland, back safely after serious damage to his Sydney-Hobart contender "Unicoi" that resulted in a forced retirement to Bermagui where Jamie Watt (The Scot) assisted with the restorative balm at the Bermagui Pub.

So a great day messing about in boats ... and lots more of that to come. You would be mad to miss it!



Myra Too replica. Pic – Thierry Martinez/Sea&Co

2026 SAILING

Don't forget that the 2026 sailing calendar will see the competition begin with the Australian Titles on 17 January.

17-Jan	Sat	Australian Champ Ht1 + Summer Series Ht 4
24-Jan	Sat	Australian Champ Ht2 + Summer Series Ht 5
26-Jan	Mon	Australia Day Regatta

Before then on the 10th, we are conducting a training session in the Historic 18 Pathways Program and all sailors are invited to contribute to this. The day starts at 0930 on Saturday 10 January. More details can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/782760278182977>



Sat, 10 Jan at 09:30

Learn to sail back in time - one day transition course.

Kirribilli, Sydney

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Your Club is (really) busy

Summer is a great time to enjoy the waterfront activity at the Squaddie. The increase in member numbers has resulted in a busy venue throughout the day from Breakfast until dinner. It is very pleasing to see that the local community is joining the Club and using the facilities. With improvements in member amenities planned for 2026, we would like to see more of our sailing fraternity and their families making use of one of the best waterfront venues on Sydney Harbour.

See you at the Squaddie!

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