

SFS Race Report Sat 29th October 2022

by Bob Chapman, 31 Oct 2022.

Race 3 of the 2022-23 Season and Heat Three of the Spring Point Score. Pleasant warm and sunny conditions prevailed in the boat park with the breeze from the west, following from the previous day's fresh and gusty westerly. There were 8 skiffs preparing to race and 2 skiffs sitting idle without crew. Rigs were a mix between full-size intermediate and the smaller no.3 configuration; while the breeze appeared to be variable and somewhat inconsistent.

After a 15 minute delay, the race got underway from a handicap start off Athol Bight on the no.5, West course into a variable 10-15 kt westerly, run-out tide and a busy waterway in lieu of the pleasant on-water conditions. Tangalooma was first skiff away off 16 mins, followed by Alruth and Britannia (15), Scot and Australia IV (12), Australia (8), The Mistake (1) and Yendys on scratch. Conditions up the first beat to Kurraba Point were testing, working against the tide with the wind-strength up and down and changing direction, whilst sharing the wind/water resources with the yacht fleet using marks in close proximity.

Alruth was first to round at Kurraba for the square run to Point Piper, followed by Australia IV, Britannia, Scot, Tangalooma, Yendys, The Mistake and Australia. The run to Point Piper was very square with some skiffs unable to hold course directly to the mark.



Scot and Tangalooma on approach to Kurraba mark on first beat.

Courtesy Adrienne Jackson.

After rounding the Point Piper mark, Alruth and Australia IV continued their tussle on the beat back up to Kurraba Point. This was a testing leg in the variable breeze, yacht traffic and strong run-out tide, with a variety of strategies deployed, wherein Britannia and Yendys passed to the south of Clark Island before tacking onto port off Garden Island to cross the harbour. Meanwhile, The Mistake was making good progress upwind until caught in a maelstrom of pleasure craft, charter boats and ferry traffic off Fort Denison, slowing their progress considerably.



Scot, Australia and Tangalooma on final run to Clark Island.

Courtesy Adrienne Jackson.

Alruth was first to round at Kurraba for the run to Clark Island followed by Australia IV, Britannia, Yendys, The Mistake, Scot, Australia and Tangalooma. The skiffs enjoyed a good spinnaker ride across to Clark Island, but no change in positions. The skiffs turned at Clark Island for final leg back

to Kurraba and after negotiating the lee behind the island settled in for another challenging beat to the finish.

Alruth maintained their lead to finish a minute ahead of Australia IV, with Yendys sailing an impressive last beat making up time to finish third, then Britannia, The Mistake and a close finish for Tangalooma, Scot and Australia.



Alruth finishes just ahead of Australia IV. Courtesy Adrienne Jackson.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Christian, Stewart, Bridgette, Ellie, Bob, Bill and Tomoko, with crew sign-on by Tomoko, the B-B-Q team and Fiona on the raffle. We look forward to seeing you down at the Squaddie next week.

Results for Sat 29th October 2022.

Race 3	29-Oct-22		Hcp Start	West Course	West	10 -18 kts		
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap	Ring tail
Alruth	A. Robertson	0:15	14:30:00	16:15:59	1:45:59	1:30:59	13	
Australia IV	T. Stewart	0:12	14:33:00	16:16:55	1:43:55	1:31:55	11	1
Yendys	J. Brownbill	0:00	14:45:00	16:23:22	1:38:22	1:38:22	0	
Britannia	I. Smith	0:15	14:30:00	16:28:06	1:58:06	1:43:06	15	1
The Mistake	J. Winning	0:01	14:44:00	16:32:35	1:48:35	1:47:35	1	
Tangalooma	N. Turbit	0:16	14:29:00	16:38:21	2:09:21	1:53:21	16	
Scot	J. Watt	0:12	14:33:00	16:39:10	2:06:10	1:54:10	12	
Australia	M. Flanagan	0:08	14:37:00	16:41:46	2:04:46	1:56:46	8	
Aberdare		0:14	DNC					
Top Weight		0:11	DNC					
Myra Too		0:07	DNC					

Skiff	Spring Point Score	Ringtail Point Score
Aberdare	0	
Alruth	6	
Australia	5	
Australia IV	14	2

Britannia	5	2
Myra Too	0	
Scot	9	
Tangalooma	6	
The Mistake	12	
Top Weight	0	
Yendys	10	
