

## SFS Race Report Sat 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023

by Bob Chapman, 16 Jan 2023.

Race 10 of the 2022-23 Season, Race One of the Australian Championship and Heat Three of the Summer Point Score. Seven skiffs were on hand to prepare for the first race of the year to be sailed in ideal summer conditions with the prospect of a fresh seabreeze. Most skiffs opted for no.3 rig configuration while Australia IV opted for a heavily reefed mainsail. The race got underway from a scratch start off Double Bay on the no.1 NE course into a fresh nor'easter with an easterly influence and the beginning of the run-out tide.

The start was well contested with Alruth getting away well from the boat end with The Mistake and Yendys further down the line. The Mistake suffered a setback soon after the start with a broken jib sheet block but was soon back up to speed after the crew made a quick fix. Meanwhile Alruth was setting the pace up the middle of the beat with Yendys in close contact. The skiffs enjoyed some champagne sailing in the steady conditions with the benefit of little on-water traffic and just a few yachts racing at this early stage of the New Year.

At the end of the long beat to the Beashel Buoy, Yendys was first to round for the run to Shark Island followed by The Mistake, Alruth, Britannia, Tangalooma, Australia IV and Australia. The skiffs enjoyed a fast ride downwind with the three-quarter wind angle, with Yendys first to gybe at Shark Island followed by The Mistake, Alruth, Australia IV, Tangalooma, Britannia and Australia for another fast run down to Clark Island.



*Australia I, Britannia and Tangalooma down the first run. Courtesy Wayne.*



*Tangalooma and Britannia prepare to gybe at Shark Island. Courtesy of Wayne.*

Yendys lead the way down to the bottom mark but unfortunately had some issues with the spinnaker drop allowing The Mistake to round first at Clark Island for the beat up to Chowder Bay, followed by Yendys, Alruth, with Tangalooma, Australia IV and Britannia enjoying a close tussle, then Australia. The breeze had filled-in at this stage, quite steady but with more chop as the tide began to run harder.

The Mistake was first to round at Chowder to set a small spinnaker for the shy run to Shak Island, with Yendys also setting a small reaching spinnaker for this leg. The Mistake was first to gybe at Shark Island for a free angled run to the finish, setting a ringtail to go on to enjoy a comfortable win from Yendys, Alruth, Tangalooma, Australia IV, Britannia and Australia. Alruth's efforts were rewarded with a win on handicap from The Mistake and Tangalooma.



Last run, The Mistake, Yendys and WB 379. Courtesy Wayne.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Wendy, Terry, Bob, Chuck and Tomoko, Rob and Shane on WB 379, with crew sign-on by Tomoko and Ross on the Bar-B-Q. Also, a big thank you to Leigh, Carol and Renata for their efforts in cleaning up the boatshed during the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you down at the Squaddie next week.

#### Results for Sat 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Race 10	14-Jan-23		Scr Start	NE Course	NE	17-20 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	0:02	14:30:00	15:55:27	1:25:27	1:23:27	1	1	0:01:30	1:23:57	1
Yendys	B. Watson	0:00	14:30:00	15:58:38	1:28:38	1:28:38	0		0:00:00	1:28:38	2
Alruth	A. Robertson	0:12	14:30:00	16:03:49	1:33:49	1:21:49	10		0:03:00	1:30:49	3
Tangalooma	N. Turbit	0:15	14:30:00	16:09:19	1:39:19	1:24:19	15		0:05:00	1:34:19	4
Australia IV	M. Carter	0:07	14:30:00	16:09:37	1:39:37	1:32:37	7		0:00:00	1:39:37	6
Britannia	I. Smith	0:17	14:30:00	16:11:43	1:41:43	1:24:43	17		0:07:00	1:34:43	5
Australia	M. Flanagan	0:09	14:30:00	16:20:32	1:50:32	1:41:32	9		0:03:00	1:47:32	7
Scot		0:15	DNC				15				
Aberdare		0:14	DNC				14				
Top Weight		0:11	DNC				11				
Myra Too		0:07	DNC				7				

Skiff	Season Point Score	Summer Point Score	Ringtail Point Score	Galloping Ghost Trophy	Rawmeat Hcap Trophy
Aberdare	0	0	0	0	0
Alruth	23	11	0	3	1
Australia	17	3	0	7	7
Australia IV	43	9	6	6	6
Britannia	24	8	7	5	4
Myra Too	0	0	0	0	0
Scot	18	4	0	0	0
Tangalooma	30	10	0	4	3
The Mistake	34	9	3	1	2
Top Weight	0	0	0	0	0
Yendys	30	13	3	2	5

Note, for this season, Club point scores continue and run in conjunction with the Aust. C'ship event. Also, the Galloping Ghost and Rawmeat Trophies use the low point score system for the 3 race Aust. C'ship event.

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