

SFS Race Report Sat 28th January 2023

by Bob Chapman, 30 Jan 2023.

Race 12 of the 2022-23 Season and Heat Five of the Summer Point Score. Five skiffs were on hand for today's race with some absentees due to other sailing commitments. The weather was typically very hot for peak summer with the prospect of a fresh Nor'easter. All skiffs elected to use their no.3 rig in anticipation of a lively day of sailing on the harbour. For today's race the H18s would be sharing the waterway with the modern 18s running their Australian C'ship along with the usual harbour yacht club racing now back in full swing.

The race got underway from a handicap start off Double Bay on the no.1 NE course into a solid 16-18 knot NE'er with an easterly influence and the beginning of the run-out tide. Britannia was first skiff away off 17 mins, followed by Tangalooma (15), Australia (9), Australia IV (6) and Yendys off scratch. All skiffs were well-rigged and setup for the conditions but faced some challenges in navigating the harbour chop and additional traffic on the long beat down to the Beashel Buoy.



Britannia leads the way from Tangalooma on first run. Courtesy Wayne.

Britannia was first to round the Beashel Buoy for the free run to Shark Island, followed by Tangalooma, Australia IV, Australia and Yendys. The skiffs enjoyed a fast ride down this run. Britannia was first to round at Shark Island where they dropped the spinnaker for a granny turn then re-set the spinnaker for the run to Clark Island while Tangalooma also grannied and ran under main & jib. Meanwhile, Australia IV followed, dropped their spinnaker to granny at the mark while Yendys gybed their spinnaker to sail inside Australia IV and move into 3rd place.



All good on the Yendys negotiating the harbour wash. Courtesy Sailmedia.

Britannia was first to round at Clark Island for the beat up to Chowder Bay with Tangalooma now close at hand, then a gap to Yendys, Australia IV and Australia. The breeze had freshened at this stage with the run-out tide well underway making for some bouncy upwind sailing. Tangalooma

moved into the lead on this beat to round first at Chowder for the shy run to Shark Island followed closely by Britannia, then a gap to Yendys, Australia IV and Australia.



Australia crosses ahead of Rag & Famish. Courtesy Sailmedia.

Tangalooma was first to Shark Island under main & jib, and after rounding the mark set a spinnaker to enjoy a fast run to the finish followed by Britannia, then a 6 min gap to Yendys, Australia IV and a further gap to Australia. Well done all skiffs and crews for managing the conditions on the day.



Tangalooma approaches the finish. Courtesy Wayne.



Britannia approaches the finish. Courtesy Wayne.

With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Wendy, Jerry, Russell, Bob, Chuck and Robbo, with crew sign-on by Tomoko and Team Britannia on the B-B-Q. We look forward to seeing you down at the Squaddie next week.

Results for Sat 28th January 2023.

Race 12	28-Jan-23		Hcp Start	NE Course	NE	16-22 kts		
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap	Ring tail
Tangalooma	N. Turbit	0:15	14:15:00	15:56:24	1:41:24	1:26:24	13	
Britannia	I. Smith	0:17	14:13:00	15:58:49	1:45:49	1:28:49	16	
Yendys	G. Kay	0:00	14:30:00	16:04:26	1:34:26	1:34:26	0	
Australia IV	T. Stewart	0:06	14:24:00	16:05:26	1:41:26	1:35:26	6	
Australia	M. Flanagan	0:09	14:21:00	16:10:51	1:49:51	1:40:51	9	
Alruth		0:08	DNC				8	
The Mistake		0:01	DNC				1	
Top Weight		0:11	DNC				11	
Scot		0:15	DNC				15	
Aberdare		0:14	DNC				14	
Myra Too		0:07	DNC				7	

Skiff	Season Point Score	Summer Point Score	Ringtail Point Score
Aberdare	0	0	0
Alruth	29	17	0
Australia	21	7	0
Australia IV	51	17	6
Britannia	31	15	8
Myra Too	0	0	0
Scot	18	4	0
Tangalooma	38	18	0
The Mistake	37	12	4
Top Weight	1	1	0
Yendys	38	21	4
