

RACE 6 – HEAT 1 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



*Photo courtesy of Kirsty Chase*

A scratch start is always a great sight as the fleet lines up in the hope of securing a clear lane. The first heat of the Club Championship was no exception as all the skiffs got away with a good start.



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*Photo courtesy of Renata Zanetti*

Unfortunately, Britannia was a late withdrawal with a structural issue causing her skipper, David Paget, to signal her retirement from the race as she was leaving the beach.



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Yendys was first away on the No 1 NE course, choosing the pin end of the line as she is often inclined to do. The fleet then strung out on the long work up to the Beashel Buoy with the 14 knot nor'easter matched by a confused seaway. Neither side of the course seemed to provide an advantage and rounding the top mark, Yendys led Alruth by 2 minutes with Australia a further 2 minutes behind. Alruth looked a treat after her time out of the water and was sailing well under her snug rig. The rest of the fleet was in predictable order led by Top Weight, Tangalooma and Mistake.



With the breeze increasing a little, spinnakers were set for the run down to Shark Island. On this run, with plenty of east in the breeze, it pays to keep well away from the lee to the south of Steele Point. Heading for the lighthouse instead and enjoying the challenge of a tighter shy run to the rounding mark is usually the best call. Not all of the skiffs chose this option and the fleet closed up by the gybe mark. Yendys had increased her lead and now led by over 3 minutes from Alruth, Australia and Top Weight.



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At the Clark Island mark it was Yendys leading from Alruth, Australia, Top Weight and Tangalooma with Mistake bringing up the rear. The shorter work up to Chowder Bay and the run to Shark and then to the finish did not change the order. Alruth kept up her good form in the race and increased her lead over the following fleet to finish 7 minutes behind Yendys and 5 minutes ahead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Australia. Top Weight was a further 40 seconds behind Australia with Tangalooma showing excellent form to finish just over a minute behind the consistent Top Weight. Mistake had trailed the fleet all race but is showing signs that its new crew can survive a tough nor'easter and look forward to improved performances as the season progresses.



*Yendys crossing the finish line. Photo courtesy of Kirsty Chase*

Back at the Squaddy, as unrigging was underway in the park, the start boat entertained the crowd on the wharf when her mooring pile collapsed and in the confusion, she ran over some old mooring lines with a wrap around the prop.

A call for assistance resulted in new Club Captain, Eloise Clarke, utilising her diving skills to free Killo from the wrap and ease her into a temporary spot. Club Captain comes with a range of responsibilities, but this is probably a new one. Well done Eloise.



**Photo from Barley Stewart from the safety of the clubhouse deck!**

Thanks to all our volunteers without whom we could not get out there every week!  
See you next week.

**Results for Saturday 16 November 2024**

**Club Championship Heat 1**

Start Time:	2:30PM		<b>Start</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Breeze</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Tide</b>
Fastest Time:	Yendys 1:29:23		Scratch	1	NE	14-18 kts	Ebb

Skiff	Skipper	Handicap (Mins)	Finish Time	Race Time	Corrected Time	H'cap Place	Ringtail
Yendys	Michael van Stom	0	3:59:23 PM	1:29:23	1:29:23	6	
Alruth	Scott Spackman	9	4:06:15 PM	1:36:15	1:27:15	3	
Australia	Marshall Flanagan	16	4:11:00 PM	1:41:00	1:25:00	2	
Top Weight	Terry Stewart	14	4:11:38 PM	1:41:38	1:27:38	4	
Tangalooma	Neville Turbit	19	4:12:42 PM	1:42:42	1:23:42	1	
The Mistake	Jerry Tickner	19	4:17:35 PM	1:47:35	1:28:35	5	
Britannia	David Paget	20	DNF				
Aberdare	Woody Winning	0	DNC				
Scot	Jamie Watt	17	DNC				
Australia IV			DNC				
Myra Too			DNC				



*Is this the first female fore'd hand on the historic?? Legend sailor Anna at the front of the boat on Australia. Photo with courtesy of Barley Stewart.*



*Winner on handicap – Tangalooma. Photo courtesy of Kirsty Chase*



*Legends. Photo courtesy of Kirsty Chase*



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