

The Boathouse

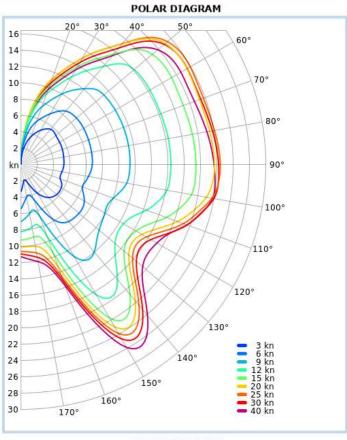


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18ft Skiff



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SOL RACE RECORD

The 'unrestricted' 18ft skiff has come a long way since in 1892 retail magnate Mark Foy founded the Sydney Flying Squadron, offering spectacular racing in over-canvassed open boats to a bet-ready audience following the excitement from ferry boats and launches. Initially, handicaps were applied by starting time, but, within a few years, the 18-footer rule reigned: 18 foot and start at quarter to three.

Over the more than 100 years since then, crews of 14 including bailer hands have reduced to three trapezing off racks, ringtails and water sails have gone, and spinnakers replaced by asymmetrics, and hull shape and material costs in recent years frozen by adopting one-designs. Arguably the most enervating racing on planet Earth, you can now also race 18s on planet SOL.

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