

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 08/02/2017

Jack Dempsey Memorial skiff spectacle

Eight skiffs came to visit for the Jack Dempsey Memorial sprints, and after some delay a nice NE breeze pushed in. It was a busy day on the short course with plenty of boats to look out for. The Cherubs were out in Lane Cove for the State Championships, but the sea scouts brought out two boats. Sydney Sailmakers won the skiff sprints, with a full report below.

Social Dinner after racing of the 81st Birthday Championship and the D.B. Copley Memorial trophy on 11th of February will be a sausage sizzle and salad. If you would like to participate, email Gai at gai_dewane@hotmail.com.

Support boats: We desperately need more licensed drivers for a few of the races. Please check the notice board and Judy's e-mail. Please check on [the google calendar](#) or on the Club notice board when you are supposed to be on, and organise replacements if needed. For this Saturday, Noel and Rolf are listed on the calendar.

Any news to be included in the next newsletter should be sent to willemvervoort@gmail.com. Newsletters will come out every week during the racing season.

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Learn to Sail

No breeze! This was a major disappointment for the Learn to Sail group who were keen to go out after the positive experience the week before.

So the group worked on tacking on land and reviewed sailing directions on land. Let's hope for a nice breeze next weekend!

Junior Fleet

Four juniors competed in the short courses and again the results were tight. Anna in Pippi Ripple was first over the line, followed by Charlie and Evie in race 1 and Evie en Charlie in race 2, again with very little time between them, India came a close 4th in both races. This was also clear from the handicap results, with in race 1 Evie winnithelandicap followed by Charlie and India, while in race 2 Evie again won the handicap followed by India and Anna. Well sailed by all.

A thank you to Alan and Jason for following the Juniors around.

Here is a photo of Pippi Ripple powering down wind



Plenty more photos in this album: <https://goo.gl/photos/shkhbgZNaXmZZBKU9Y8>

Jack Dempsey Memorial Skiff Sprints

Overall eight 12ft skiffs came to visit the club. Regrettably our own Arrogant Frog did not manage to go out, but the rest of the fleet enjoyed the light breeze under the big no.1 rigs. The photos are wonderful, so be sure to check out the album, the phot below shows Sydney Sailmakers on their way to France.

Sydney Sailmakers won both the races, in race 1 followed by Geotherm and Lincoln Crowne in 3rd, while in race 2, Lincoln Crowne came 2nd and Geotherm in 3rd. The overall results also had Sydney Sailmakers in first and Geotherm and Lincoln Crown in a tie for 2nd/3rd.

For the handicap, in both race 1 and 2, Rip, Rack, Roar and Rumble came first, followed by Chapman High Performance Sails and Lincoln Crowne.

Overall a good time was had by all, and a thank you to the Dempsey clan for providing the prizes.

A big thank you to Mary-Lou, Annette and Vita for starting, Gai for finishing, and Paul and Steve for laying the marks and running support. Without these activities we cannot run the racing!



Check out all the wonderful photos from Vita in this album:

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Race Report

It was very busy on the water because of the 12ft skiffs, 8 Lasers, 3 420s and two scout Tasars joined the junior fleet at the start line. However, Mary-Lou, Annette and Vita worked efficiently to get us off on two short course races (photo 1). But it was definitely busy as photo 2 shows at the France mark. There even was a small collision at Bedlam between one of the Scout Tasars and Equaliser (Photo 3). The scouts will have to review their rules of racing, or risk getting the Big Sook Award!

In the Lasers, the race 1 was won by Lee in Vibe, followed by Garry in Bad and Chris D in SinKing. Race 2 was won by Bad, followed by Vibe and Greg in Purple Haze. In the first race handicap Chris W in Purple Jelly Bean came first, followed by Phil in Unshackled 2 and Purple Haze. In the second race Unshackled 2 won the handicap, followed by Purple Haze and Judy in Because I Can.

In the 420's, the first race was convincingly won by Liam and Cooper in Conditions Apply, followed by the Scout's Tasar 1768 and a fast finishing Willem and Sarah in Keep it Real. In race 2, it was a very tight tussle between Conditions Apply and Keep it Real, finally won by Conditions Apply with Tasar 1768 in third. Handicaps were in the same order.

A big thank you to Mary-Lou, Annette and Vita for starting and finishing on Scout, and Gai for finishing the 12ft skiffs, and Paul and Steven H. for laying the marks and running support. Without these activities we cannot run the racing!





More wonderful photos in this album: <https://goo.gl/photos/shkhbgZNaXmZZBKU9>

General News

Starting and Finishing: If non-sailing members or Junior Fleet parents are interested in learning about starting and finishing races, please see Mary-Lou and Annette. We can always use more help (and it's not hard!).

Social Sailing: The next Social Sailing day is Sunday 19 February. Please contact Graeme on socialsailing@abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au

80th Birthday glasses for sale!

We still have some commemorative glasses for sale. They are great for serving ice-cold drinks to your friends. Only \$5 each!

And there are still beautiful club jerseys at \$65 each. Sizes Y, XS, S, XL and XXL are left. Payment can be brought to club and given to Gai, or you can pay directly into the Club Account No. 03591 9893, BSB 082 330, but note that the account name is: Abbotsford 12ft Flying Squadron.

Club shirts and rash vests are also available. Cost is \$35 each.

Club meetings

Upcoming decisions in the club meeting: We are talking about the ferry wharf developments, the RMS lease and ongoing negotiations and planning for the ramp. Please come and attend the club meetings! Even if you can only make it only one Monday a month. The next meeting is on 6 February. **This is your club!**

All members are welcome at the club committee meetings which are held on the first and third Monday night of each month at 8 pm at the clubhouse during the season.

Even if you cannot be there for every meeting, we value your input and would welcome you to the club meeting table. More people means more ideas! We don't send out the

minutes to everybody, but if you would like to receive this riveting material, please contact Tom.Biskupic@gmail.com

Boats for sale

420 BobKat, stored at the club. Well equipped and has been sailed regularly over the years. \$1500 negotiable. Contact Kevin: kevin.john.jones@gmail.com

In this section members can advertise their boats, please e-mail willemvervoort@gmail.com to get a listing in the newsletter or to have a listing removed.

Dates for your diary

- 11 February Heat 5 Club Championship, DB Copley Memorial trophy and sausage sizzle.
- 18 February Race
- 19 February Social Sailing
- 20 February Club meeting 8:00 pm
- 5 March Social Sailing