

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 21/02/2017

Race shortened by thunderstorm

A large grey cloud rolled in pretty fast, and given the storms on Friday the RO made the decision that shortening the course would be best. In the end, the thunderstorm mostly passed the club, but safety is extremely important for the club, so the decision to shorten course was wise. It was a good day of sailing before the storm hit, with a strong showing of the junior fleet, some good breeze for LtS, and plenty of other boats.

Support boats: Thank you to all those who have volunteered to fill in the gaps in the support boat schedule. 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, Anne B and Paul Mac will run the support.

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Learn to Sail

Finally there was some good breeze for the LtS group, with a nice SE blowing. As a result, Chris, Connor and Nathan kept talking to a minimum and sent out everybody for a nice long sail. Ben had a go at steering the pacer with his Mum as crew and by the end really got the hang of it and was tacking and gybing quite nicely. Cam had a good go at sitting on the gunwhale, but might need to persist a bit longer next time. The others all struggled at times, but generally were able to sail between the upwind and downwind mark. Everybody seemed to enjoy the extra breeze after two weeks of very little.

We will try to make some photos next week, to show the progress that the young sailors have made.

Junior Fleet

This week seven boats turned up for the Junior fleet racing, and it meant there was a good competition going on in the front of the fleet.

However, while the progress of the Junior fleet is impressive, the whole Junior fleet (and possibly their parents) qualify for a BIG SOOK award for being late for the start!! And this while Scout was close to the club near Bedlam. Please remember, you have to be on the water near the start boat at 2:15 pm to be in time for the start after the Lasers and possibly the fleet!

The racing was tight. While Anna in Pippi Ripple still managed a first, Evan in Boatzilla

came second inside a minute after a battle with Charlie Dey in 3rd. The rest of the fleet followed within 5 minutes. This showed in the handicap, where Nick Bell came first, with Evan coming second and India Quayle third.

The juniors also all managed to finish before the storm hit.

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

Here is a photo of the junior fleet reaching in front of the club with the Arrogant Frog in the foreground.



More photos in this album: <https://goo.gl/photos/Y3VQmrJXxEhFadeW6>

Race Report

A good fleet showed up to take advantage of the nice SE breezes, which turned out to be quite variable. In the Lasers, Garry in Bad took out first, followed by Neil in Seacure, and Tom in Certifiable. In the handicap, Paul in Hot Stuff Too was indeed hot and took out first, followed by the other part of the back of the bus, Chris W in Purple Jelly Bean, with Certifiable getting a third.

In the 420's only Conditions Apply showed up this week, so Liam and Coop got the chocolates.

In the skiffs, the McNamara brothers in Block Party edged out the the Hill brothers in the Arrogant Frog, followed by Robin and Jack in a Grand Day Out. In the handicap, A Grand Day Out was followed by the Arrogant Frog and Block Party.

Thanks to Mary-Lou, Annette and Barrie for starting, Gai for finishing and Owen, Luca and Nick for laying the marks and running support. Without these activities we cannot run the racing!



Some of the lasers crossing in front of the club



Block Party on their way to another win.

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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 5 March. 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, 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 March. **This is your club!**

There will be a special scoring discussion meeting on the 15th of May. If you'd like to understand what the current scoring systems actually measure & why some would like them changed, come along.

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

- 25 February Autumn racing
- 4 March Autumn racing
- 5 March Social Sailing
- 6 March Club meeting, 8 pm
- 11 March Heat 6 Club Championship, nibbles after racing
- 15 May Scoring system discussion

