

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 23/09/2020

Settling in to the new season

Another great Northeaster (with some holes) was available for racing. Alan is doing a great job as starter and finisher, expertly assisted by Gai, which is great for those of us sailing. There was again a good contingent of sailors from the Seascouts who found the conditions a bit challenging. However, I wanted to thank them for making wise decisions and pulling out of the racing before they had to be rescued!

A big thank you again to Kirri and Anita for volunteering and expertly running the support boat during racing.

Big news is that we will be able to relax some of our COVID rules.

This means the canteen and bar will be open from next Saturday:

- Only packaged food: sausage rolls and pies available from 12:00 - 2:00 pm
- Bar will be open from 12:00 - 2:00 and 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Please adhere to other rules under [our latest COVID management plan](#):

- Please **don't crowd** into the club and around the bar area
- Please **be seated** when eating or drinking
- Please **clean** your table and seat after use!

Access to the club is also relaxed, but the limit is about 20 people, so again, consider when you come in and how long you stay. Please give priority to those on official duty and one parent per junior family.

Everybody needs to sign in at the club using the Service NSW QR code or sign in manually.

The rule is still **Get In, Sail, Get out**. Access to showers and change rooms is still limited, again because you will have to clean the area and shower if you use the area. Please arrive dressed for sailing as much as possible.

Unless we get a number of volunteers to regularly clean the club, it will be difficult to relax the rules under the current NSW regulations.

If you have not yet registered as a member, [the registration forms are on the website](#). **With the COVID restrictions: no membership means no sailing!**

Assistance for the Race Officer and race support (tinnies) still needed!

Thank you to Alan Gaha who has offered to take on as much as possible of the Race Officer role. **But YOU are not off the hook!** We still need assistance for days that Alan is not available and to help Alan. We also need support during the racing and all sailors will have to take turns.

Please contact Judy or myself to help if you are going to be at the club or want to help!

Parents and carers of our Junior Sailors

We would like to reiterate that the club requires a parent or carer of a junior sailor to be present at all times while your junior is attending the club. The club cannot take the

responsibility for your junior in case something happens before, during or after racing. During racing, they will be given on-water support, but if they have to leave the water, or an emergency happens, you as a carer need to be present.

How can you help?

The club is likely to face a significant financial loss this year. However we have decided not to increase our fees by a large amount. However, if you are able to afford it, we would like you to contribute \$100 to **the ClubKeeper fund** this year.

You can do this by transferring directly to the treasurer with your fee payment, or you can use our Australian Sport Foundation option and get a tax deduction

<https://asf.org.au/projects/abbotsford-12ft-sailing-club/>:



Other items

Working with Children Check: This is a reminder that anyone over 18 who is likely to work with our juniors (for example as a coach) and does not have children at the club themselves needs to complete a working with children check:

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

Please complete this as soon as possible. Once you have your WWCC number, please send this to our secretary Phil Marsh (philmarsh@bigpond.com).

Sailing Committee meetings

The next club meeting will be on **Tuesday** 6 October at 8:00 pm and will still also be accessible via video conference. All members are welcome to attend, please e-mail willemvervoort@gmail.com if you are not on the minutes mailing list and would like to attend.

Working bees

This years' maintenance will focus on maintaining the main functions of the club and performing any necessary repairs for unsafe situations. The club captain Chris D will inform you when activities will be planned.

I look forward to seeing you all back "around" the club for racing. Please feel free to e-mail me with any concerns about the club management.

Willem Vervoort
President A12SC

Please advertise our club to all your friends and colleagues, we can always use new members and sailors. The [facebook page](#) and [the website](#) are all active and updated.

Boats and gear for sale: Please check the bottom of the newsletter, or let me know if you would like to advertise.

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

Race report

Another great day for racing with a nice NE breeze, which had some good gusts in it. We had a good fleet of lasers, which had some great internal battle (see photos below). Mark C has provided a video of the race from his boat: <https://youtu.be/fIIJpDBtAWo>. Robin had a great run on the Arrogant Frog with Peter, getting to know the work Luke is doing on his boat :-) (see photos below).

Stephen and I managed not to capsize Fast Forward in front of the club, but did capsize somewhere else and we are worthy recipients of a big Sook award for not tightening one of the caps in the boat and therefore having to make a pit stop at the club to borrow a new cap.

Here are the scratch results, the full results can be found [on the website](#)

Lasers: SinKing (Chris D.), Vibe (Lee), SeaCure (Neil) Handicap: Problem Child (Hannah), KaBoom (Mark), SinKing (Chris)

Skiffs: Arrogant Frog (Peter and Robin), Fast Forward (Willem and Stephen), Snorkel (Louie Roberts and James Ranford), with handicaps in the same order.

Open class: Cost Ya

A special thank you to Allan and Gai for all the assistance with starting and finishing and to Kirri B and Anita for support on the water. Without their help we could not have sailed the races.



Boats and equipment for sale

Advertise your boat or equipment here

Coming Events (we will get the racing calendar on the website calendar as soon as possible)

26 September	Heat 3 & 4 of the short course series
3 October	Long course race
6 October	Sailing committee meeting 8:00 pm at the club

Please note these dates in your diary. It would be great if all members could attend events.