

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 19/11/2020

Small personal victories make great sailing!

After all the hubbub last weekend, the short course racing on Saturday was fairly quiet. We got quite a nice Easterly to play with, and this led to some small personal victories. It just shows that sailing can deliver enjoyment at all levels, whether you are finishing your first race, or managing a new class of boat, all helps with building confidence and improving sailing.

A big thank you to Hannah who took on the job as starter and finisher at short notice, ably assisted by Paige.

The support boat roster is now on the Club Calendar on the website:

<http://abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au/index.php/social-sailing-calendar>

Next week Robin and Luke will be on support with the championship for all classes except for the skiff class.

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

The bar and canteen are open for lunch and after racing:

- Only packaged food: sausage rolls, cheese and spinach rolls, noodles and pies available from 12:00 - 2:00 pm and 4:30 - 6:00 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](#) (which is also attached to this newsletter):

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

We are now allowed to have more people on the balcony, but still be considerate and leave room for each other.

Cleaning

We still have had nobody volunteering to help out with cleaning the male change rooms. Willem and Chris have been cleaning the toilets every week, but we need some other male volunteers to regularly (at least once a month) clean the male change rooms: we don't have any cleaners, so please volunteer.

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

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!**

Thank you all who have volunteered (or have been volunteered) for the support boat roster!

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 **Monday** 7 December at 8:00 pm and will 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.

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.

Race report

This week was a lot more quiet than the week before, but it offered some nice tight racing in a good North-easterly breeze. In the skiffs there were a few crew swaps, which resulted in some interesting results. But, as I pointed out, some personal achievements. Stephen F. had his first experience in crewing on the Frog, and in the second race Simon showed that he has a bit more experience as a crew. Robin and Luke finished both races in Engineered for Failure.

In the end the results in the skiffs were: Race 1: Lick This (Simon and Huon), Arrogant Frog (Pete and Stephen F), Snorkel (James and Louie), and Engineered for Failure (Robin and Luke). Race 2: Arrogant Frog (Pete and Simon), Snorkel (James and Louie), Engineered for Failure (Robin and Luke), Lick This (Stephen F and Huon). Handicaps [on the results page of the website](#)

In the lasers with the absence of Garry, Lee and Chris D, there was a fierce battle and some close racing. Willem in Super wins a Big Sook nomination for not paying attention to the course number in Race 1. In the end the results were, Race 1: 1. Unshackled 2 (Phil), 2. Certifiable (Tom), 3. Super (Willem), with the handicap going to Unshackled 2, Purple Jelly Bean (Chris W) and Certifiable. In Race 2: 1. Because I Can (Judy), 2. Super, and 3. Unshackled 2 and the handicap going again to Unshackled 2, Purple Jelly Bean and Kaboom (Mark).

There was again a big fleet of Opens which resulted in the following finishers. Race 1: Intergalactic Seamen, Queen Scout, Cost Ya and Race 2: Cost Ya and Gone Rogue. More results [on the website](#)

Boats and equipment for sale

Advertise your boat or equipment here

Coming Events (The racing calendar is now [on the website](#))

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| 21 November | Heat 2 Club Championships (Jack Hubbard Memorial Trophy) |
| except for the skiff class | |
| 28 November | Heat 9 & 10 of the Short course series |
| 5 December | Long course racing |

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