

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 17/05/2021

First winter newsletter

A cold westerly is blowing while I write this first winter newsletter and I am rugged up behind my computer, thinking of summer sailing. I wanted to communicate a few matters, even though we are currently in the off-season. In particular, this newsletter covers

- Presentation night
- Big Sook award nominations
- Working Bee (maintenance) weekends this winter
- Try Sailing places open
- Cherub training weekend

Presentation night

As announced earlier, presentation night will be on 22 May from 4 pm. Please come to celebrate the wonderful achievements from all our sailors this year! Please RSVP to Gai and send payment by 18 May (gai_dewane@hotmail.com). Please see attached flyer.

Big Sook Award nominations

The big sook award goes to a sailor who managed to do something silly or embarrass themselves a bit, during the season. It is meant to be light hearted and fun, and all members on the night are the judges. In the past newsletters we listed a few nominees, but we can always use a few more nominations. In the newsletters we have mentioned:

- Willem and Stephen 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 during racing.
- Two Sea Scout NS's, who couldn't find the finish line in the first race and therefore got beaten by a Laser 2-up
- Chris D gets a big Sook nomination for including Bedlam into the NE course, and backing up to actually go around the mark, only because Neil suggested to him it was in the course. Smart tactics from Neil, who was behind Chris.
- All of the Sea Scout open fleet for managing to regularly miss the start, despite knowing exactly when the start time is??

I am sure there are some more worthy nominees for this prestigious award! Please e-mail your nomination to willemvervoort@gmail.com or tell me on the night!

Working Bee (Maintenance) weekends this winter

The club captain and assistant club captain, with help from Phil, have been busy compiling a list of jobs to be done this winter to keep our more than 60 year old wooden building in tip-top shape. Please reserve at least parts of **two** of the following weekends in your calendar to help out with maintenance, the club cannot continue without everybody chipping in.

5th and 6th June

19th and 20th June

10th and 11th July

24th and 25th July

7th and 8th August

4th and 5th September

Try Sailing places for next season

We are now seeking expressions of interest for our Junior Try Sailing program for next season. Next season we will be offering an 8 week course before Xmas for new juniors and

an 8 week course after Xmas. Please register on our website:

<http://abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au/index.php/learn-to-sail/learn-to-sail-register>

Please advertise this to all your friends and family. We really need a big push to attract new members and be able to fill our Junior Try sailing slots.

Adult Start sailing will also continue in 4 week blocks. Please contact

abbotsfordsailing@gmail.com

Cherub Training Weekend

Willem and Stephen are organising a Cherub training weekend for all sailors interested in starting on a Cherub next season. We are currently planning for 24/25 July with 7 and 8 August as an alternative weekend. We hope to bring in an official coach via the NSW Cherub Association, which will mean there is a cost to the weekend. And of course BYOC (Bring your own Cherub) for the best experience, but we will give you a run if you don't have a boat. Please e-mail willem (willemvervoort@gmail.com) if you are interested, either in one of the days, or both days.

FOA

The "Friends of Abbotsford" (FOA) are meeting at the club every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 10:30 am. Taking a break over Easter, so Tuesday 4 May is your next opportunity to join their activities.

Covid management

PLEASE CHECK IN WHEN YOU ENTER THE CLUB. It is easy to forget, but remains important for the club to follow COVID-19 regulations. It might seem things are moving back to normal, but we still have a requirement to register everybody entering the premises. Our COVID marshall will spot check this and remind you if you forget to sign in. If you do not have a smartphone, please ask someone else to sign you in.

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

How can you help?

Cleaning We really can use the help of some volunteers to regularly (at least once a month) clean the change rooms and the toilets during the season.

Volunteering: We always need volunteers for odd jobs, for working bees, for events, or to support FOA. If you would like to volunteer, please speak with anyone from the committee or with Judy about FOA. This club only works because of volunteers, we don't have any paid staff.

Advertise and promote: Please advertise and promote 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.

Donations are always welcome! You can use our Australian Sport Foundation option to donate some money to the club 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 does not have children at the club themselves, and will work with children (for example by helping out with junior sailing or coaching juniors) 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 sailing committee meeting will be on **Monday** 7 June 2021 at 8:00 pm and will also be accessible via video conference via <https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/j/84983967959>. 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 directly with any concerns about the club management.

Willem Vervoort
President A12SC

Boats and gear for sale: 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

Boats and equipment for sale

Advertise your boat or equipment here, e-mail Willem to add an item.

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

22 May **Presentation night at the club from 4:00 pm!**

Expect at least two working bee weekends over winter!

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