

# Abbotsford Sailing Club News 09/06/2021

## Working bees!

This newsletter is mostly dedicated to club maintenance plans for the winter. There is some specialised maintenance that a small group is working on, in relation to the piles under the club.

### Final dates for working Bee (Maintenance) weekends this winter

As highlighted, we have a list of jobs to be done this winter to keep our more than 60 year old wooden building in tip-top shape. We would like to ask all members to find time for at least parts of the following weekends to help out with maintenance. This is down from the 6 weekends in the last newsletter. The weekends are (**drum roll!!!**):

**19th and 20th June  
AND  
24th and 25th July**

We will soon send out a doodle poll where you can indicate which parts of Saturday or Sunday (in 2 - 3 hour blocks) you would be available. We appreciate we all have other activities, but the club cannot be maintained without volunteers chipping in.

The list of jobs includes things such as:

- General cleaning of change rooms, kitchen and bath rooms
- Checking the first aid kit
- General Termite inspection
- Checking and maintaining the roof and fixing rust patches
- Cleaning the solar panels
- General inside painting where needed
- Checking and replacing parts on the club boats, including the Pacers
- Cleaning the BBQ's (for lunch :-))
- Etc, etc

This will be building on all the wonderful work that the FOAs have been doing during the season!

There is no experience required and I am sure that we can organise some morning and afternoon tea and lunch.

### Bigger maintenance list

As part of our ongoing maintenance, the management committee has identified a list of projects that we would like to complete over the next 5 - 10 years. Many of these projects will require funding, but we would like to have these projects scoped out, possibly with some quotes or names of suppliers.

For example, we have identified the following projects where we want to seek funding through the state government or other sources:

- Replacing the roof.
- Replacing or resurfacing the verandah deck, including upgrading or replacing the balustrade to bring it up to the safety code.

- Cladding for at least the western wall and the front wall; and all walls?
- Floating pontoons for easier support boat access and mooring.
- Improve water access/ramp redevelopment/ramp on Western side
- Marketing and maintenance of club boats – waiting for outcome of current application to Canada Bay Club

If there are any Friends of Abbotsford, Members or past members who have experience with any of these projects and can help with advice or contacts then this would be great!

## Other news

REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT ARE DUE NOW! If you are a class coordinator, or official, please send your report to Phil before the end of June.

## 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.

**COURSE 1 - October – 9, 16, 23, 30 + Nov – 6, 13, 20, 27**

**COURSE 2 - February – 5, 12, 19, 26 + March – 5, 12, 19, 26**

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.

## Adults – Try Sailing courses across the season

October – 9, 16, 23 and 30

November – 6, 13, 20, 27

February – 5, 12, 19, 26

March – 5, 12, 19, 26

Please contact [abbotsfordsailing@gmail.com](mailto: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. Because of the HSC of some of the participants we are moving this to late August. 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](mailto: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. Tuesday 15 June 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 marshal 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?

**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](mailto:philmarsh@bigpond.com)).

## Sailing Committee meetings

The next sailing committee meeting will be on **Monday** 5 July 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#))

19/20 June	Working Bee 1
24/25 July	Working Bee 2
1 August	AGM

**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.