

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 25/08/2016

We are almost back in action!

The weather shows signs of warming up, dolphins have been sighted in the river, and Scout is going up the slipway. It must be almost the start of the new season and I am hoping I can put your attention back onto sailing! You are probably still excited about the medals at the Olympics, time to get into shape!

Registration: Registration day is this Saturday (and you will have received Gai's e-mails), which is also "clean-up the boatshed day" for those people that have boats stored in the boat shed. Please note that a **\$50 late fee** applies for registrations after 10 September 12:00 noon.

A big Thank you to all the winter working bee workers: Many people helped with different tasks and the club is, as ever, very grateful. Without the help and time invested by volunteers in the club, the club cannot exist. If you missed the working bees, I am sure those who were there are very thirsty, or would like bigger trophies!.

First race day is on 10 September, better check your wetsuit for mould and dust of your life jacket. Sailing instructions for the new season are on the [website](#)

Social Sailing: Social sailing will restart on the first and third weekend of October. Willem and Graeme are too chicken to go out with the cold water. If you want to help out, or participate, email Graeme on socialsailing@abbotfordsailingclub.org.au.

Support boat roster: Similar to other years we will once again run a support boat roster. Please make sure you check your assigned dates when the calendar is published and make sure you swap when needed and inform Judy, Willem or Chris.

Upcoming decisions in the club meeting: We are talking about the organisation of Learn to Sail, the redevelopment of the men's change room 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. **This is your club!**

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

Learn to Sail

Learn to Sail will start again on 15 October and it looks like we will have a full complement. We are lucky to have Nathan and Connor McNamara taking on the coaching duties!

Junior fleet

This year we will run the Sabots and the Optimists as a Junior fleet, with limited coaching. We only have one or two juniors moving through from Learn to Sail, so most of the Junior fleet are now “old hands” and should know what to do.

However, we have shortened the Junior fleet courses to make it easier for the Juniors to finish the races. If the race are too short towards the end of the season, we will run more than one race in the afternoon.

In addition, we will have one of the support boats focusing on the Junior Fleet. We would like to invite all Junior fleet parents to take turns as support person (with an experienced club member) on the Junior Fleet support boat.

Racing starts on time (check the sailing instructions), so make sure you arrive around noon to rig your boat and be ready.

Main fleet

Everybody make sure you are registered in time! The sailing calendar will be available shortly on the website.

General News

Club management

Ask not what the club can do for you, but what you can do for the club! Now is the time to start thinking about getting more active in club management next year, attending meetings and sticking your hand up for roles in the Committee. We can always use more voices at our table. **This is your club!**

80th Birthday glasses for sale!

Good looking glasses with the club logo. Wouldn't they look wonderful for serving ice-cold lemonade to your friends? And 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 are also available. Cost is \$35 each.

Club meetings

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. The next meeting is Monday 5 September.

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

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

- 27 August Registration day
- 10 September Start of the season