

# Abbotsford Sailing Club News 14/09/2016

## Blown of the water in the first race

Wow, it was a bit of a big blustery westerly on the first day back. So we didn't get much racing done. Only 4 boats tried to race in the breeze, 3 Lasers and a lonely Cherub. The juniors had a good play on the Pacer with Chris. And we had to rescue a few capsized scout boats.

This Saturday is the first short course race day.

**Support boats:** Judy has sent around the first version of the support boat roster. Please check when you are supposed to be on. We will load this on the google calendar as well. This Saturday Judy and Phil will be on support (again!).

**Canteen:** Gai will be overseas on the first 3 weeks of the season and this means Val would really appreciate some assistance in the canteen for the busy lunch period between 12 noon and 2 pm. Thank you Sarah for doing this last Saturday. Helpers are also required to serve in the bar at lunchtime too.

**Starting and Finishing:** If non-sailing members or parents are interested in learning about starting and finishing races, please see Mary-Lou and Annette. We can always use more help (and it's not hard!).

**Social Sailing:** There is a change to our initial plans as the first weekend in October is the long weekend. So Social Sailing will start on 9 October, followed by the (National) Discover Sailing Day on 23 October, then SS on 6 and 20 November, 4 and 18 December. We will put this on the calendar and on the website too. Please contact Graeme on [socialsailing@abbotfordsailingclub.org.au](mailto:socialsailing@abbotfordsailingclub.org.au)

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

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## Learn to Sail

Learn to Sail will start again on 15 October and it looks like we will have a full complement for the class. Nathan and Connor McNamara will take on the coaching duties with Judy and Chris over-seeing activities.

## Junior fleet

Chris and Connor took out the juniors on the duck and on the Pacer, just to get a taste of the westerly and to show how to be in control in sailing boats in decent breezes. Evie,

Anna, Michael, Nick and Charlie all had time on the water. It was great to see them all watching for the signs of the breeze on the water and calling gusts and lulls before they arrived. Charlie got an unceremonious full dunking as he was climbing across from the duck to the Pacer on one of the changeovers. Evie and Michael didn't seem to feel the (mildly) cold conditions and Nick took everything in his stride as usual. Anna thought her father functions best as a human spray shield. Parents, so as to keep your kids comfortable on the water in these early stages of the season, please think about a wetsuit and/or spray jacket with a fleece or other polypropylene garment (eg. tight thermal top) underneath. Looking forward to seeing you next week.

Racing starts on time (check the sailing instructions), so make sure you arrive around 12:30 to rig your boat, attend the briefing and theory sessions, and then be ready to get on the water with plenty of time.

## Main fleet

Only 4 boats started the race, 3 Lasers and a Cherub, with one of the Lasers being a "two-up". The Cherub and two-up Laser only completed one leg before retiring. Lee in Vibe won the race hands down after the other Laser also retired. Hopefully the weather is a bit easier on us next week.

## General News

### 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

**Upcoming decisions in the club meeting:** We are talking about the organisation of Learn to Sail, the redevelopment of the men's shower/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. The next meeting is on 19 September.

### **This is your club!**

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 19 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](mailto:Tom.Biskupic@gmail.com)

### Boats for sale

In this section members can advertise their boats, please e-mail [willemvervoort@gmail.com](mailto:willemvervoort@gmail.com) to get a listing in the newsletter or to have a listing removed.

## Dates for your diary

- 17 September 1st heat of Short Course series
- 8 October 1st heat of the Club Championship
- 9 October Social Sailing restarts
- 23 October Discover Sailing Day and Parramatta River Championship