

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 21/09/2016

A mild short course day

It started off as a nice sunny day, with the NE arriving just in time for the race to start on time. That didn't mean it was easy to sail, with the breeze shifting a couple of times. In the end it was a nice day. It was great to see the Junior fleet complete two races and have healthy competition.

Big news of the day were three nominations for the Big Sook Award. First the Hill brothers who forgot their spinnaker pole for the Arrogant Frog and couldn't sail. Second Willem and Stephen for losing a crew right in front of the club (Or Stephen alone, for leaving the boat without permission, as Phil pointed out). And thirdly Phil, who clearly wanted to go home and pulled out the marks while Fast Forward still had a lap to go!

This Saturday is a normal race day, let's hope for some nice breeze.

Urgent request for support boat crew for 1 October! We are looking for two volunteers to run the support boats on 1 October. You will be changed on the roster if you are rostered on later in the season.

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, Peter and Steven Hill will be on support.

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 Anne B for doing this last Saturday.

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!). We also need a finisher this week, and we need a starter and finisher on 8 October.

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](#). Please contact Graeme on socialsailing@abbotfordsailingclub.org.au

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.

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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

Judy took charge of the Junior fleet this week and it was great to welcome Marco back. Marco, Michael, Evan and Nick went out after final instructions from Judy. They completed two races in a nice competitive spirit. Michael won both races, while Evan and Marco both came second in one race. Nick did a great job to finish both races in his first go after completing LtS last year!

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.

This Saturday we are delighted to have a return guest appearance from Aiden Lancuba who many will know from Learn to Sail and Greenfleet. The Lancubas moved to Townsville late last year but Aiden will be down visiting Marco on the weekend. Aiden now has his own Sabot and is a very keen sailor.

Main fleet

Only a small fleet went out, as we have several injuries, busy parents, and some people forgetting the most important bits of the boat. However, two Cherubs, two 420s and two Lasers made it to the start. It was great to see Liam and Coop try out the 420 and show both some spinnaker work and some trapeze work! Keep going boys, it will get easier! Luis and Graeme manned the other 420. The McNamara boys showed that they are still the boat to chase in the Cherubs. It didn't help that Stephen "forgot" to hook on after a gybe, resulting in him going for a swim. Willem managed to bring down the kite, turn the boat around and pick up Stephen and continue the race [Subeditor: proving that Willem does not in fact need a crew? ...] All that in front of the club house of course. Garry was chasing Chris W and giving some pointers to make him go faster.

In the second race even fewer boats started, and this must be the reason that Phil decided it had been long enough and pulled up marks. There is a rule that the PRO can finish the race at any point if there is only one boat left, and I guess that was the rule that applied.

It would be good to see some more boats on the water for the next race. Stephen tested the water and said it wasn't cold.

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 redevelopment of the men's shower/change room, the RMS lease 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 4 October (as 3 October is Labour day). **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.

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

- 24 September Race
- 1 October Race and Club Championship heat for the 12ft skiffs
- 4 October Next club meeting (8 pm)
- 8 October 1st heat of the Club Championship
- 9 October Social Sailing restarts
- 23 October Discover Sailing Day and Parramatta River Championship