

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 28/09/2016

A good fleet on the water and all finished!

Everybody must have read the last newsletter, as there was a good fleet on the water this Saturday. A big thank you to Noel Hill for helping out with the finishing, otherwise we would have been in trouble! And to Adrian Bell who volunteer on Scout to help the starters. It was a lovely sunny day with a light NE breeze, perfect day for a sail. Everybody finished before the day light and the breeze was gone.

It was great to see everybody pitch in to bring the delivery of wood to the boat shed too!

This Saturday is the 1st heat of the club championship for the 12ft skiffs and a Spring Series race for the rest of the fleet. On 8 October the first heat of the Club Championships and the social committee will organise nibbles for a gold coin donation after the race.

PRC: Sunday 23 October will be the Parramatta River Championship for 12ft skiffs - a big day on our race calendar. We are inviting all former club members and friends to come to the club for a reunion and to enjoy the racing. We will need volunteers to help out with support boats and canteen.

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, Alan G and Chris W will be on support, thank you for volunteering to take this shift.

Canteen: A thank you to all volunteers helping out in the canteen while Gai was away, it all ran smoothly.

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 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. 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

Chris was back in charge of the junior fleet and Aiden Lancuba joined the racing sailing a Sabot with Marco. We had 5 boats starting with Pippi Ripple taking out line honours with Anna sailing two-up with Evie (so they could continue their discussions on the water). Charlie in an Opti was in the hunt the whole race, momentarily passing Pippi Ripple, but ended up second with Evan in Boatzilla finishing third. Marco and Aiden clearly had a good time and Nick did a great job finishing the long race as well (three from three Nick is a great effort!).



Some of the Junior fleet getting ready

Thanks to Adrian: more photos on [in this web album](#)

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

It was good to see a good fleet with 7 Lasers (including one with a fancy new sail), three 420s and three Cherubs contesting the main race. This time everybody behaved and we had no nominations for the Big Sook. In the Lasers, Lee in Vibe was first over the line followed by Garry in Bad and Neil in Seacure. However in the handicap, the man with new sail, Paul in Hot Stuff Too triumphed, followed by Judy in Because I Can and Phil in Unshackled 2. In the 420s, Nicola and Owen managed to take time out from Finnian to finish first in Keep it Real, followed by Liam and Cooper in Conditions Apply... with Liam staying in front of dad Alan and Graeme in Equaliser.

With the Arrogant Frog on support boat duty, the McNamara brothers in Block Party were first over the line, with A Grand Day Out coming second (and winning the Handicap), and Fast Forward a distant third, but still managing second on handicap.

Overall a lovely sailing day, even if the breeze was a bit soft in places.



A clean start from the Lasers

Thanks to Adrian: more photos on [in this web album](#)

A big thank you again to Mary-Lou, Annette and Adrian for running the starts and to Noel for finishing.

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

- 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