



Abbotsford Sailing Club News 05/10/2016

Westerly causes racing to be abandoned

It was blowing 22 knots and gusting to 33 on westerly right towards to the club so the PRO decided that because of safety it would be better to call off racing. With many people away (including all juniors!) for the holidays, this wasn't a major loss for the competition. However, as a result this newsletter highlights some of the other upcoming activities.

I want to specifically highlight the upcoming 12 foot skiff Parramatta River Championship and Discover sailing day:

Drag out all your friends and family to come to Discover Sailing Day on 23 October from 11 am!

If you know past Abbotsford sailors, invite them to come to the reunion later in the day with the PRC to meet up with old friends. We want this to be an annual event.

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 second 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, Willem and Stephen F will be on support.

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

All Junior sailors were on Holiday or not available it seems, and... your socks were being blown off. But this next weekend is the first club championship heat!

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

There was no formal racing, but Willem and Stephen had another go at heavy weather sailing. It was all going well (with a few swims), until they once again (the third time in two years) lost the shackle from their jib sheet. "Maybe a shackle tool is useful", remarked Graeme drily. Willem and Stephen also found out that landing at the club again was trickier on the westerly.

A big thank you to Nathan and Robin for following Stephen and Willem around and saving them from disaster when we lost our shackle.

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 17 October. **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

- 8 October 1st heat of the Club Championship
- 9 October Social Sailing restarts
- 15 October Race
- 17 October Club meeting
- 23 October Discover Sailing Day and Parramatta River Championship