



Abbotsford Sailing Club News 12/10/2016

If it isn't Westerly, then it is Southerly

The breeze turned SSE and slacked off a few knots, so the "stand-in" PRO decide we could race. Besides Nathan told he just capsized the Elliots at CYC in 40 knots, so 20 knots must be a light breeze. It also was a club championship for all classes apart from the skiffs. However, the PRO did decide it was too much for the Juniors, so the club championship for that class will be rescheduled.

I want to again 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! You can register at <http://discoversailing.org.au/program-finder/>

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, and organise replacements if needed. We will load this on [the google calendar](#) as well. This Saturday, Jack Hill and Robin B are rostered to 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 started on 9 October with 6 enthusiastic sailors, 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@abbotsfordsailingclub.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. All members: please be extra welcoming to the new kids and parents who will start at the club on Saturday.

Junior fleet

The Junior fleet did not sail as their race was cancelled. They will need to stick their heads together to decide which Saturday they want to resail the championship heat.

Nick Bell came on Sunday again with the Social Sailing and had a ball out in the Opti in 15 knot NE breezes. Secret training and well sailed!

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

The main race was definitely a challenge. The SE breeze was around 15 knots average, but with some long 20 - 22 knot gusts. The Lasers had the difficult decision whether to choose full rig or radial as this carries over in the rest of the championships. In the end we had 8 starting Lasers, 4 radials and 4 full rigs, and Lee in Vibe won before Neil in Seacure (who also won the handicap) with Tom in Certifiable coming third and also finishing third in the handicap. All other Lasers retired, with Paul ending up with a broken mast after a valiant effort. Donations in beer, lower mast pieces or gold coins can be directed to Paul.

In the 420s only Conditions Apply... started and the boys did a great job sailing one lap, after which the PRO decided that with one competitor left in the race, the course could be shortened. So Conditions Apply... got the chocolates and the championship points!

In the Cherubs, two boats started but none finished due to equipment failure, but here is a great shot of Block Party and the McNamara brothers in full flight coming back from the Abbotsford mark



And this one from Liam and Coop learning the ropes on the 420



More photos in [this album on google drive](#), including some good ones of the Lasers
A thank you to Gai for finishing and to Jacqueline (Willem's friend) who flew in from the Netherlands to be on the support boat.

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

Royal Brighton Yacht Club are selling a number of 4yo Martin Sly Sabots for about \$1000 each. If interested contact Graeme 0417285531, graeme@fenwick.id.au

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

- 15 October Race and Learn to Sail Begins
- 17 October Club meeting
- 22 October Race
- 23 October Discover Sailing Day and Parramatta River Championship