



Abbotsford Sailing Club News 19/10/2016

A nice NE, once it arrived!

The promise was a nice NE breeze between 10 - 15 knots, but it stayed a promise for quite a while. The Nor'wester was not happy to give in and left us all floating through the start line. But once we reached Abbotsford, it kicked in resulting in some interesting race results. Liam and Cooper earned themselves a nomination for the Big Sook Award (read on for all the detail).

Next Sunday! is 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/>** Thank you to all those people who have volunteered, we now have plenty of helpers.

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. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help out on support boats and canteen.

Social Dinner at the club on 29 October after the Club Championships. E-mail Annette or talk to Mary-Lou if you can help out, or to RSVP. A sign-up list will also be at the club on Saturday.

Support boats: Judy has organised the support boat roster. Please check on [the google calendar](#) or on the Club notice board when you are supposed to be on, and organise replacements if needed. This Saturday, Luke H and Owen are rostered to be on support.

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 started enthusiastically on a beautiful sunny day with a light breeze. The participants were introduced to the club and their boats and learned the basics of capsizing and recovery in the Opti, which is always great fun if the weather is nice! Here is a photo of the attentive students listening to Connor explaining the finer points of the Opti. All students successfully completed the drills. Thanks to the supportive parents for helping everything get off to a good start.



Junior fleet

Two Sabots and four Optimists ventured out on Saturday. It was looking like a lottery until the sea-breeze finally became established more than 10 minutes after the start. The noreaster then built and for a time may have just reached 15 knots in the gusts. This was challenging for most of the fleet and it was great to see that all soldered on. There were no swims, but a few boats took on a fair bit of water, but all self-recovered. Anna looked very comfortable sailing one up, actually seeming to be surprised at her own competence. Evan quietly got on with the job of sailing the whole course without any problems. Marco also stepped up a level and easily got around. Michael, Nick and Charlie all completed one and half laps and then sailed in themselves after each getting a little bit tired and/or frustrated. Nick, not long out of LtS was particularly impressive but everyone showed great improvement. So at the end of the day it was decided to award 50 million points to each sailor.

Results: Anna in Pippi Ripple was first over the line and on handicap, followed by Evan in Boatzilla and Marco in Opti D.

See picture below of Evan in Boatzilla on his way to a second spot in the race.



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 fleet race was again a challenge, but it was great to see some more boats on the water. There were 8 Lasers, 2 420s and 2 Cherubs as well as a bunch of Scouts. The race started off a drifter, which was hard on the PRO, with little puffs going from NW to NE. Willem and Stephen even had their kite up at some point ("to windward!". However once we had drifted to Abbotsford Bay, the NE breeze kicked in and gave some good racing. Depending on how well you negotiated the drifting made a difference, with Garry in Bad taking out the honours, followed by Neil in Seacure and Lee in Vibe. Tom in Certifiable won the handicap, followed by Bad and Seacure. In the 420, only Equaliser finished. In the skiffs Block Party with the McNamara boys ruled (see below) and Fast Forward with Willem and Stephen also finished.

The nomination for the Big Sook award goes to Liam and Coop in Conditions Apply... They were doing a great job, until they got diverted behind some moored boats and when reappearing, forgot to keep a look out and bumped into the PRSC yacht League of Extraordinary Gentlemen. Conditions Apply... ended up with a hole in the bow and had to retire, while the League seemed OK and did not make a fuss (they are Extraordinary Gentlemen).

Another great shot of Block Party and the McNamara brothers in full flight coming back from the Five Dock mark. Lovely boat trim shown here! Spinnaker just curling, mainsail telltales flowing, boat flat and flying!



While Luis and Kevin in Equaliser seem to take it easy.



More photos in [this album on google drive](#).

A thank you to Gai for finishing, Mary Lou, Dennis Retton, Holly and Zac for starting and to Robin and Alan on the support boat and the great photos!

General News

Starting and Finishing: If non-sailing members or Junior Fleet 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 The next Social Sailing is 6 November after the (National) Discover Sailing Day on 23 October, then SS on 20 November, 4 and 18 December. Please contact Graeme on socialsailing@abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au

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 7 November. **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

- 22 October Race
- 23 October Discover Sailing Day and Parramatta River Championship
- 29 October 2nd Heat of the Club Championship
- 29 October Dinner at the club: Come and joins us for the evening!