

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 10/11/2016

And back to howling Westerly!

It was a 20 - 30 knot Westerly that greeted us for the short course. Not really an attractive proposition, so it was no wonder that only a small fleet tried the conditions. Of those only a few finished... In the morning, Chris took out the Learn to Sail group in the Pacer and they seem to have a great time!

A big thank you to Jenny Dey and Adrian Bell for stepping in to (wo)man the canteen at lunchtime. The sandwiches were great as usual!

This next Saturday is a normal long course racing day but it is also the rescheduled 1st Championship heat for the skiffs.

Support boats: 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 next Saturday, Robyn T and Barrie are rostered on.

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Learn to Sail

As the breeze was a bit big this week, there was no opportunity for the LtS group to go out in the optis by themselves. However, there was still plenty to do. Chris took out small groups in the Pacer to feel the breeze and understand more about the strength of the breeze and how you handle this. In the meantime the rest of the group practiced tacking again on land in an opti set up with a sail in the park. Back foot forward, push the tiller, cross-over, change hands (and do it again!). There were also some dolphins in the river who came to see what all the fuss was about.

Here is a photo from some of the group with Chris in the Pacer getting all wet. More photos in [this album on google drive](#).



Junior fleet

Junior fleet was cancelled because of the big breeze, even though some of the juniors were keen to go out and beat their big sister to the line. Maybe next week. However, it was great to see the Bell family and McCluney family show up at social sailing on Sunday (when the breeze had died off) and take out some boats to have a sail.

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 no surprise that only a few boats attempted the race. Three skiffs and two lasers presented at the start of the first short course. In the Cherubs, only Block Party finished the race, while the both Fast Forward and A Grand Day Out struggled with mechanical and human problems. In the Lasers Certifiable finished first on scratch and handicap and Hot Stuff Too finished second. Despite Tom being keen on a second race, all other boats decided they had had enough for the day.

A photo of the Block Party and Certifiable sailing in a lighter patch of the breeze.



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

A thank you to Judy, Mary Lou, Annette and Dennis Retton for starting and to Chris, Alan, Luke and Adrian on the support boat and the great photos!

Social Sailing

On Sunday we had a great Social Sailing day. The breeze had reduced enough to make the sailing fun. We had 6 newcomers, mostly because they had a lot of fun on the Discover Sailing day and wanted to try again. We took them out in the Pacers and gave them a bit more experience and hope to see them back the next social sailing. As mentioned great to see the Bell family and the McCluney family show up and take out some boats to have a sail. Adrian also joined the Pacer group for a sail.

Stephen and Jane took out a 420 and also had a good time, except that coming back in to the club is still tricky.

The next Social Sailing is on 20 November, and then 4 and 18 December. Please contact Graeme on socialsailing@abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au

A big thank you to Anne B, who, as always, is a great supporter of Social Sailing and is a great help for Graeme and Willem running the program.

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!).

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 ferry wharf developments, 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 21 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

420 BobKat, stored at the club. Well equipped and has been sailed regularly over the years. \$1500 negotiable. Contact Kevin: kevin.john.jones@gmail.com

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

- 12 November Heat 1 Club Championship for skiffs, race for other classes
- 19 November Heat 3 Club Championship for all classes
- 20 November Social Sailing
- 26 November Race