

## Abbotsford Sailing Club News 23/11/2016

### A change to a soft SE for the Championship

Finally we had a milder day with a soft SE blowing in the afternoon. For some it was a bit too soft, and they would have liked a bit more. In the morning it was a bit more challenging for the Learn to Sail group. However, it was good experience for them to see what happens if the breeze picked up.

This next Saturday is normal spring race for all classes and the Rolf Ballin trophy for the Lasers. New chance for everybody!

Our annual Yuletide dinner is rapidly approaching and will be held after racing on the 17 December. Please note this in your calendar. All are welcome and a sign-up list is at the club, or e-mail Annette on [aa.vervoort@gmail.com](mailto:aa.vervoort@gmail.com)

We are also looking for donations for the Xmas hamper as raffle prizes on the night. You can drop these off at the club.

**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, Glenn C and Kevin S are rostered on.

Any news to be included in the next newsletter should be sent to [willemvervoort@gmail.com](mailto:willemvervoort@gmail.com). Newsletters will come out every week during the racing season.

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### Learn to Sail

It was a gusty Southerly that proved challenging for the LtS group. Most managed to sail out from the club confidently and get to the first mark. Going down wind to the bottom moark posed a few challenges (and they were going very fast!), but that also went mostly OK. Going back up wind was however quite challenging. And when things go fast and the sail and water seem to be less calm it is easy to lose your calm and forget what you had to do.

All returned safely to the shore, some with some help from the support boats. All in all a great sailing effort, with clearly some challenges for all of you. Two things were clear: You need to get your weight onto the side of the boat (on the gunwhale) and not sit in the bottom of the boat, when there is more breeze; and you need to always hold on to your tiller and your main sheet, especially during tacking! Just as you practised on shore.

After the on-water session we had a de-brief and Judy, Connor and Nathan invited everybody to share how they felt and talked about how dealing with this type of breezes will improve over time. Overall everybody did well in managing and smiling again afterwards.

## Junior fleet

The Junior fleet had a great day, with 6 starters for the championship and perfect breezes to demonstrate their skill. Under Mikki's watchful eye all the starters also finished, so well done to everybody. In absence of big Sis, Charlie came first over the line, followed by Evan in Boatzilla, with Marco coming a solid third. Evie just missed out on 4th with Nick and India the last two finishers. But there was little time in it, so the race was pretty tight.

Sorry, the photos for this week have gone missing. Next week again.

Racing starts on time (check the sailing instructions), so make sure you arrive around 12:30pm 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 a fairly uneventful afternoon on the dying southerly moving East. Due to several commitments in the Laser fleet, we only had 4 starters, but there were 4 boats in the skiffs and 2 420s. In the Lasers, Garry in Bad was first over the line, followed by Tom in Certifiable, who is now looking very pretty in the championships, and Neil as only radial starter in SeaCure coming third. In the handicap, Tom was first followed by Garry and Chris W in Purple Jelly Bean. who sailed only for the pointscore.

In the skiffs, Pete with stand-in crew Graeme on the Arrogant Frog was first over the line, followed by a Grand Day Out and Fast Forward in third. Block Party broke a tiller extension and had to pull out. In the handicap, A Grand Day Out finished before the Arrogant Frog.

In the 420s, Kevin S and Mick in Equaliser finished first followed by Conditions Apply with Liam and Cooper. The might be because Coop decided leave the boat without permission and to go for a swim coming back from Glades and Liam had to make several turns to get him back in the boat (without capsizing!) Another Big Sook? (maybe for Coop, but credit to Liam to get him back without capsizing). Or did Liam push Coop overboard? We will never know....

As mentioned before, a major thank you to Judy, Mikki, and Luke for support and Annette, Dennis and Adrian for starting. Thanks to Gai for finishing.

## General News

**Yuletide dinner:** It is only a month away so start planning for this wonderful traditional dinner to be held at the club after Heat 4 of the Club Championship on **17 December**. Who would want to miss the visit from Santa? A sign-up list for the dinner will be up soon.

All members and family and friends are welcome.

We again plan to have a Christmas hamper raffle. Donations of goods can be left at the canteen.

**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 on 4 December. Please contact Graeme on [socialsailing@abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au](mailto:socialsailing@abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au)

## 80th Birthday glasses for sale!

Good looking glasses as Xmas presents 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 5 December. **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](mailto:Tom.Biskupic@gmail.com)

## Boats for sale

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](mailto:kevin.john.jones@gmail.com)

In this section members can advertise their boats, please e-mail [willemvervoort@gmail.com](mailto:willemvervoort@gmail.com) to get a listing in the newsletter or to have a listing removed.

## Dates for your diary

- 26 November Race
- 4 December Social Sailing
- 17 December Heat 4 Club Championship and Yuletide Dinner
- 18 December Social Sailing
- 22 January Social Sailing