

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 10/01/2017

A Happy New Year to all of you

And may the breeze be always favourable,....and not a nasty westerly. Just a small newsletter to highlight that the next sailing day is Saturday 14 January 2017, which is a short course day for all classes. We look forward to seeing the senior and junior fleet back on the water.

Learn to Sail will restart on 28 January.

Men's change room: This is making some good progress and we hope to have this all finished when sailing restarts on 14 January 2017. A big thank you to Neil, Greg, Geoff, Gai and Lee who did a lot of the work! It is looking fantastic and your work and efforts in completing this work are highly appreciated. The shower after the first race will be so nice!

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. On 14 January 2017, Lee and Garry are listed on the calendar.

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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Cherub Nationals at Drummoyne

Three Abbotsford boats competed at the 54th Cherub Nationals in Drummoyne, The overall winners were Ali Chapman and Andrew Stephenson, followed by Nicole Barnes and Oliver Jones. There were many past Abbotsford members, which was great to catch up as well as enjoy the sailing

Nathan and Connor McNamara in Block Party, finished first on handicap and were second in the junior division and 21st overall, well done boys! Robin Biskupic and Jack Hill in a Grand Day Out finished 30th overall, and Fast Forward with Willem and Stephen got a solid hold on the wooden spoon! Overall it was a fun championship with plenty of thrills and spills with a good southerly for two days. It was great to sail against so many other boats and get a better understanding of how you can improve.

A big thank you to all the supporters and to Graeme for bringing out the Windy Spirit every day as a viewing platform!

There are some great photos of the racing on facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/AustralianCherubs/photos/>

But here is one from the boys accepting their award, which comes with a nice new jib.



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 in February. Please contact Graeme on 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 16 January. **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

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

- 14 January Short Course series
- 21 January Race
- 22 January Social Sailing
- 28 January Race and Learn to Sail recommences
- 4 February Short Course series. Jack Dempsey Memorial Sprints for 12s.