

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 18/01/2017

A quiet short course to start the 2nd half

We start on a different note:

VALE – Jack Hubbard

Our club Patron, Jack Hubbard passed away last week after a long battle with illness.

Jack had been a stalwart of the club since 1942 and was elected a Life Member in 1951. Jack supported the Club tirelessly throughout his decades of involvement and provided huge support and guidance through his association with the Maritime Services Board (now RMS).

Jack accepted the role of Club Patron in 1982 and is the longest serving Patron in the Club's history.

Jack and his late wife Kath retired to Tweed Heads many years ago but continued to support our Club and travel to as many racing and social events as possible. His dedication to our Club and the sport of sailing has served us well.

Jack was a true gentleman and his smiling face, good humour and enduring friendship will be sadly missed.

Rest in safe harbours, Jack.

The second part of the season has officially started with the short course last Saturday. There was plenty of fun, on which we report later. This Saturday is a long course race, and Social Sailing on Sunday 22 January. Learn to Sail will restart on 28 January.

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 21 January 2017, Luis and Graeme are listed on the calendar. Please also respond to Judy's query for volunteers for the second part of the season.

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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Race report (thanks to Judy)

A small but enthusiastic fleet welcomed the new year last Saturday and competed in the fourth round of the short course series.

A light SE breeze saw Mary-Lou and her crew (including Paige and Holly - thanks girls)

set the start line in Bedlam Bay. In Race 1, the Laser fleet were first off the mark with close racing in the strong tide with Garry in Bad taking the honours, closely followed by Phil in Unshackled 2 and Tom in Certifiable. Handicap results went to Paul in Hot Stuff Too with a clear win ahead of Unshackled 2 and Certifiable. In Race 2 the breeze lightened but the racing remained close. Bad again took the line honours, followed by Certifiable and Unshackled 2, while Hot Stuff Too again won the handicap, this time followed by Certifiable and Bad.

For the 12s and Cherubs, Peter arranged a "skipper swap" for the racing which both Robin and Nathan jumped at to have the chance to steer "The Frog". There were a few spills and thrills throughout the afternoon but everyone had a good time. Who knows..... this may be the start of a great career in 12' skiffs for the boys?? while it is thought that Peter may stay in the 12s where he can stretch out his legs and stand up!

Class swapping opportunities may become more frequent now that the boys have a "taste".

In the juniors, Luke sailed "Lightning Flash" and the McCluney boys ventured out in their sabot "Blown Away". Finn and Charlie were well-supported by the runabout crew (Lee and jetsetting Greg) and put the skills they are learning in the LTS program to good use, including tacking, gybing and bailing. Luke won both races and is looking forward to returning to the 420's.

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 this Sunday 22 January, followed by 4 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

- 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.
- 11 February Heat 5 of the Club Championships.