

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 25/01/2017

Lasers lead the way in a testing SE breeze

A good showing of the Laser fleet led the way in the sailing on a tricky SE course. The breeze seemed to swing 90 degrees at some points of the course. This Saturday is another long course race and Learn to Sail will restart. On 4 February we have the Jack Dempsey Memorial trophy for the skiffs and we hope some of the other clubs will bring their skiffs for a visit. The week after, on the 11th of February is the Birthday Championship with a club dinner after the racing.

Social Dinner after racing on 11th of February. A sign up list will be at the club or e-mail Annette on aa.vervoort@gmail.com.

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. For 28 January 2017, Brendan and Hannah 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 willevervoort@gmail.com. Newsletters will come out every week during the racing season.

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Junior Fleet

The Junior Fleet was small but enthusiastic and set out on the SE course in the tricky and shifty breeze. Anna in Pippi Ripple showed her superior skills to win the race before her brother Charlie in Opti F. Anna is getting so comfortable in the boat that she was observed practising dance routines on the runs. Next was Charlie McCluney, doing a great job in his first one-up Opti race, with Evan in Boatzilla coming fourth. Charlie D. won the handicap, followed by Anna and Evan.

A thank you once again to Chris and Alan for following the Juniors around.

We look forward to seeing more of the usual suspects back for the next race.



Charlie Mc showing off his skills, sailing tightly upwind.

Race Report

There were 9 Lasers, 2 420's, an NS, a Tasar and 2 Cherubs at the start. The breeze was tricky, nominally SE, but shifting between SW and E at some parts of the course. After a clubhouse start, and negotiating the tide and the ferries, we set off to Abbotsford Bay. In the Lasers, David in Manooga showed that he still can beat the field, but reasonably closely followed by Garry in Bad, who pipped Neil in SeaCure by a few seconds. In the handicap Phil in Unshackled 2 was first, followed by SeaCure and Manooga. The photo shows a tight tussle between Greg and Phil downwind.

Liam and Cooper in Conditions Apply finished first in the 420/Open class followed by the scouts in the NS and the Tasar. The photo below shows that Coop and Liam can actually run the spinnaker, even though they like to hide it (maybe tricky tactics?).

In the Cherubs, Jack and Robin in A Grand Day Out had just that and beat Willem and Stephen in Fast Forward.

A big thank you to Annette and Anne B for starting, Gai for finishing, and Graeme and Luis for laying the marks and running support. Without these activities we cannot run the racing!



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: We had a fantastic social sailing day on 22 January with sunny weather and a great 15 knot NE breeze. The next Social Sailing is on Sunday 5 February, followed by 19 February. Please contact Graeme on socialsailing@abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au

80th Birthday glasses for sale!

We have some good looking glasses with the club logo. They are great for serving ice-cold drinks to your friends. 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 and rash vests 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

- 28 January Race and Learn to Sail recommences
- 4 February Short Course series. Jack Dempsey Memorial Sprints for 12s.
- 5 February Social Sailing
- 11 February Heat 5 of the Club Championships.