

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 01/02/2017

Block Party wins the skiff race

OK, they were given a head start by the Arrogant Frog, but in the end their winning margin was greater, meaning they also sailed fast! It was also good to see the Learn to Sail group back in the morning and to see a big showing of the Junior fleet. This Saturday, 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 81st Birthday Championship with a club dinner after the racing. Everyone is welcome!

Social Dinner after racing on 11th of February. A sign up list is at the club or e-mail Annette on aa.vervoort@gmail.com or text in 0435 044 767.

Support boats: We desperately need more licensed drivers for a few of the races. Please check the notice board and Judy's e-mail. 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 this Saturday, Paul and Luca 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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Learn to Sail

Learn to Sail was back in force! Everybody was rested and ready to tell Judy, Chris, Nathan and Connor their holiday adventures. After reviewing the "no go zone" and where your sail should be on each wind direction, the group set out in a light Northerly. After a range of exercises in Hen and Chicken bay, everybody sailed back in the increasing NE breeze and showed off their handling skills landing back at the club. It looks like everybody did not lose all their skills in the holiday and it was great to see the smiling faces back at the club. Well done to all.

Junior Fleet

There was a large turnout for the Junior fleet and Michael had his first go after recovering from his broken arm. Starting procedures might need a bit of a review. The fleet was lucky that the RO was in a good mood and did not issue a general recall (as most of the fleet were over the line!). Some study during the week of starting procedures and course directions might be useful for the Juniors! All apart from Evie and Anna are actually nominated for the Big Sook Award! In the good ENE breeze Anna in Pippi Ripple once again won the race, but the overall results were very close, with less than 3 minutes before the next two boats crossed the line. Between second place Evie in Opti C and third place Charlie in Opti F was only a 5 second difference. And there was only 7 minutes

between the first and last finishing boat, with Marco and India following the first three. Marco won the handicap, followed by Evie and India. Michael and Nick found the conditions a bit too challenging and had to bow out.

A thank you to Judy and Jason for following the Juniors around.

Here is a photo from Evie chasing down Charlie.



More photos in this album: <https://goo.gl/photos/2CWm3xUA6yCvSyoY8>

Race Report

There were 5 Lasers, 1 420, an NS, a Tasar and 3 Cherubs at the start, with 1 Laser (Sinking) and 1 12ft skiff both earning nominations for the Big Sook award for arriving far too late at the start and thinking that they could still catch the fleet. The breeze was good ENE, but also dropping away at some points. After a clubhouse start, and negotiating the busy summer day traffic, we set off to Five Dock. In the Lasers, Lee in Vibe came first followed by Garry in Bad, who again pipped Neil in SeaCure by a half a minute this time. The handicap saw the return of the back of the bus, with Chris W in Purple Jelly Bean coming first, followed by Neil and Lee. It was great to see Chris D in Sin King going around the course, even if he gave himself too much of a handicap and finished last.

Liam and Cooper in Conditions Apply broke a forestay or keeper stay or otherwise managed to lose their mast.....As a result the Scouts in the NS and the Tasar won the race. The photo shows the boys in the Tasar negotiating the traffic.

In the skiffs, Block Party won the race and the handicap followed by the fast finishing (but not fast enough) Arrogant Frog. Robin and stand-in crew Stephen in A Grand Day Out came third, while Willem and Phil M (doing very well on his first outing on the Cherub) in Fast Forward regrettably had to pull out due to injury.

A big thank you to Annette and Elena for starting, Gai for finishing, and Brendan and Tom for laying the marks and running support. Without these activities we cannot run the racing!

Block Party on their way to win the skiff race:



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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 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 6 February. **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

- 4 February Short Course series. Jack Dempsey Memorial Sprints for 12s.
- 5 February Social Sailing
- 6 February Club meeting 8 pm club house
- 11 February Heat 5 of the Club Championships and social dinner.