

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 15/02/2017

Hot, hot, hot!

It was horribly hot on Saturday for the Birthday championships, with only a weak NE breeze pushing the boats around the course. Despite the heat a considerable fleet with showed up for the start and managed to complete the course. However, everybody was fairly well cooked at the end.

Support boats: Thank you to those who have volunteered to fill in some of the gaps in the support boat schedule. We need one more licensed driver on April 1 (and this is not a joke :-)). 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, Owen and Luca will run the support.

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

Regrettably, there wasn't much more breeze this week, frustrating, but that comes with sailing! The group went out nevertheless and under Miki's watchful eye tried to negotiate the weak Westerlies and shifting to Easterlies, and the ripping outgoing tides. Ben and his father tried the Pacer and had a little bit more luck as they stayed out longer, but the rest of the fleet needed to be towed back in. Let's hope for better breezes next week.

Junior Fleet

Only three juniors braced to heat to compete in the championship race. It was a tight tussle, and Boatzilla with Evan managed to pull in first, followed by Charlie Dey and Marco, with the same results on handicap. Well done to all in the light breezes and the heat!

A thank you to Alan for following the Juniors around.

Here is a photo of the junior fleet with Charlie in the lead battling it out.



More photos in this album: <https://goo.gl/photos/sg1o2LBGuE33S9is8>

Race Report

First an apology to Shane, he won the handicap in the first race last week, rather than Chris W.

This week a club start was required as all our formal start crews were away. Thank you to Gai, Glenn and Adrian with helping out.

There was a good fleet at the start with 10 Lasers, 2 Cherubs and a Skiff, and 2 420's and a Tasar as well as the Junior fleet appearing despite the heat.

In the Lasers, Lee in Vibe won the Bday championship, followed by Chris D in SinKing and David in Manooga. The handicap was won by Phil in Unshackled 2, followed by Vibe and Chris W in Purple jelly Bean. It was a good example of light wind racing and having a bit of luck maybe on the gusts.

In the 420's, the race was won by Liam and Coop in Conditions Apply, followed by the scout's Tasar and Keep it Real. Overall it was a tight tussle with lots of spinnaker work on the 420's.

In the skiff, the Arrogant Frog had to pull out after one lap, which meant A Grand Day Out with Robin and a replacement scout crew won the race followed by Willem and Stephen in Fast Forward, with handicaps in the same order.

Thanks to Gai for finishing and Noel and Rolf for laying the marks and running support. Without these activities we cannot run the racing!



The Lasers showing off their downwind skills



Tight tussle in the 420/Open class.

More wonderful photos in this album: <https://goo.gl/photos/sg1o2LBGuE33S9is8>

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 day is Sunday 19 February. Please contact Graeme on socialsailing@abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au

80th Birthday glasses for sale!

We still have some commemorative glasses for sale. 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 20 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

- 18 February Race
- 19 February Social Sailing
- 20 February Club meeting 8:00 pm
- 5 March Social Sailing