

# Abbotsford Sailing Club News 01/03/2017

## A squally southerly race

We went from hot to cold, with rainy, drizzly and sometimes squally southerly weather for the race. We were all late to the start this week, but the ROs got us off to Exile. Chris Dey arrived in time for the start, Fast Forward re-positioned the top mark twice, Phil Marsh snagged Cabarita Marina trying to dock his Laser, Chris Wilkins broke his rudder, and the breeze varied between nothing to hiking out full. So an interesting day.

**For the diary:** The next championship is 11 March, and there will be nibbles after racing. However, more importantly, **8 April** is the final club championship and after racing will be the **End Of Season Dinner**. All members, including LtS (and their parents) and Scout members are welcome. A sign-up list will be in the club from about half March. Costs will be as usual.

**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 this Saturday, Alan and Glenn will run the support.

Any news to be included in the next newsletter should be sent to [willevervoort@gmail.com](mailto:willevervoort@gmail.com). Newsletters will come out every week during the racing season.

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## Learn to Sail

There was plenty of breeze in the morning, so it seemed better to give the Pacers a run and have a limited number of Optimists on the water. Nathan managed to capsize a Pacer, which is quite an achievement, but Ben and Orlando quickly helped him get the boat back up and bail out the water. Everybody had a go at steering the Pacers and feeling the difference with the Optimists. Charlie, Finn, Orlando and Jamieson also sailed the Optimists and managed quite well in the breeze. It suddenly becomes very important how you switch hands and step across on the tack! We all had a good time on the water and learned some new skills.

We will try to make some photos next week, to show the progress that the young sailors have made.

## Junior Fleet

Five boats turned up this week for Junior fleet and again it was a tight tussle and with the stronger breeze (at times) you needed all your skills to keep the boats moving.

Again Anna in Pippi Ripple managed a first, with Evan in Boatzilla second, this time a little

over a minute behind, with Evie Munday coming in a strong 3rd. Charlie and India took a little longer. In the handicap, Evie came first, followed by Evan and Anna.

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



Anna in Pippi Ripple and the other juniors getting ready for the start

More photos in this album: <https://goo.gl/photos/V1g2toMghbPfDDeE76>

## Race Report

The breeze, promised to be strong, turned out to be quite variable, with some really light and some quite strong patches.

In the Lasers, Chris Dey in SinKing finally managed to reach the start in time and eventually won the race, even having a capsize on the way. Lee in Vibe came second and Garry in Bad third. Garry is considering taking back the new sail he gave Chris. In the handicap Greg in Purple Haze came first, followed by Tom in Certifiable and Bad in third. Chris W broke his rudder, but luckily the support crew managed to bring him home (see photo). In other news there was some argy-bargy at the France Bay mark but after some penalty turns we believe all (or at least most) has been forgiven.

In the 420/Open class Conditions Apply with Liam and Coop once again got the chocolates, but the Tasar 1768 from the Scouts is getting close and came second. Brendan and Jane in Keep It Real fought with their spinnaker and came third. The Scouts should hang around after racing so they can collect their chocolates!

In the skiffs, the McNamara brothers in Block Party again won the race and Fast Forward, after doing several penalty turns at the top mark also finished. A Grand Day Out's day was anything but grand after having to replace her crew (with kind thanks to the crew's uncle Steve Hill) and then her spinnaker letting go.

Thanks to Mary-Lou and Annette for starting, Gai for finishing and Anne B and Paul Mac for laying the marks and running support. You were needed this week to help out Chris W!



Chris W being helped back to the club, being up the creek without a rudder



Block Party on their way to another win.

More photos in this album: <https://goo.gl/photos/V1g2toMghbPfDDeE7>

# 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 5 March. Please contact Graeme on [socialsailing@abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au](mailto: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, 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 March. **This is your club!**

There will be a special scoring discussion meeting on the 15th of May. If you'd like to understand what the current scoring systems actually measure & why some would like them changed, come along.

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](mailto: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](mailto:kevin.john.jones@gmail.com)

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# Dates for your diary

- 4 March Autumn racing
- 5 March Social Sailing
- 6 March Club meeting, 8 pm
- 11 March Heat 6 Club Championship, nibbles after racing
- 15 May Scoring system discussion