

# Abbotsford Sailing Club News 08/03/2017

## ANOTHER squally southerly race

Well, clearly we are now in for a couple of weeks of southerlies. It was very wet, cold and foggy as the photos will show so we all went off on the southerly course. There were some interesting signals at the fleet start, and we might all have to check our watches and flag signals in the future. There were a couple of damaged people and boats, but hopefully nothing serious apart from diminished egos perhaps.

A special general members meeting is planned for Monday 3rd April at 20:00 to discuss the impact of the proposed expansion of the Abbotsford ferry wharf on the club operation. The proposal and the envisioned increase in ferry movements in the future has prompted the management committee to consider various options to assure the long term future of the club. Please come along to hear about and discuss this very important issue for the club. An official invitation for this meeting and accompanying information will be sent out shortly to all members

Next week, on 11 March, is the penultimate club championship race and there will be nibbles after racing. Looking at the results: <http://abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au/index.php/race-results-pointscore/championships> and barring any absences, it looks like Vibe is well in control in Lasers, and so is Conditions Apply in the 420/Open class, but the rest of the races are still open. Charlie Dey is currently leading the Junior Fleet.

**For the diary: 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, but you can already contact Annette on [aa.vervoort@gmail.com](mailto:aa.vervoort@gmail.com) if you would like to attend. 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 Adrian B will run the support.

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

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## Learn to Sail

There was again a good breeze in the morning, with a few squalls coming through with rain showers. Ben and Merry got the Pacer flying across the water and really did not want to come in. Ben is really getting the hang of the steering in the Pacer. Charlie, Cam, Orlando and Jamieson sailed the Optimists and managed quite well in the breeze and Fin sailed his Sabot (and managed to capsize a few times, but still came up smiling (and has

learnt about the usefulness of hiking straps!)). It was great to see how well everybody managed, it was definitely showing that you have learned a lot over the season as you were able to keep the boat moving in the breeze and sail to the marks (mostly....). Onwards and upwards. Remember to keep working on your fitness: crab races, wheelbarrow races, push-ups etc.

## Junior Fleet

Six juniors showed up at the start, but a few of them found the blustery conditions at the early part of the race too difficult, so in the end only three boats persisted and finished the race. The weather calmed down considerably in the second part of the race, so full points to those who stuck it out.

In the end, Charlie finished first, edging out Evie in second and Evan in third, with handicaps in the same order. It was a well sailed race for all three, as the early part of the race was definitely not easy.

A thank you to Adrian and Jason for following the Juniors around in the horrible weather.



Charlie Dey on his way to a win



Evan in Boatzilla plodding along early in the race in the squally rain.

More photos in this album: <https://goo.gl/photos/QjbhUnxkGX7VBMBJ6>

## Race Report

The start of the race had horrible weather with rain, strong gusts and everything being thrown at us. But in the end, we all set off on the southerly course. Chris Dey broke a bracket on his boom, so had to jury rig his main sheet, the Arrogant Frog ripped their vang out of the bottom of the boat, Paul Mac struggled with a big sail and a thin sheet and hit his shoulder, and Fast Forward lost the pin holding the top of the sail so also had to retire. But for the rest it was quite a normal race...

In the Lasers, Lee in Vibe finished first, followed by Garry in Bad and Greg in Purple Haze. In the handicap Chris W in Purple Jelly Bean came first from the back of the fleet, followed by Phil in Unshackled 2 and Purple Haze in third.

In the 420/Open class no one managed to finish, as the NS 1710 from the scouts found themselves on the wrong side of the start line and Conditions Apply pulled out after trying to strangle the boat with the spinnaker

In the skiffs, with the McNamara boys up the coast for the State championships and the Frog breaking a vang, Robin and Jack in A Grand Day Out finished first (just!), followed by the fast finishing Hill brothers in the Arrogant Frog with handicaps in the same order.

Thanks to Mary-Lou and Annette for starting, Gai for finishing and Alan, Luke and Glenn for laying the marks and running support. The support was very much needed again!



The wild conditions at the start



Conditions Apply before they capsized.



Chris D in Sinking running from Exile.

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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 day is Sunday 21 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!**

The special scoring discussion meeting planned for the 15th of May has been cancelled in light of the special general meeting. If you'd like to understand what the current scoring systems actually measure & why some would like them changed, talk to Graeme or Tom who will be more than happy to explain this.

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)

In this section members can advertise their boats, please e-mail [willemvervoort@gmail.com](mailto:willemvervoort@gmail.com) to get a listing in the newsletter or to have a listing removed.

## Dates for your diary

- 11 March Heat 6 Club Championship, nibbles after racing
- 18 March Short Course Series Heats 11 and 12
- 25 March Club racing
- 1 April Club racing
- 3 Apr Special General Meeting and Monthly Meeting
- 8 April Heat 7 Club Championship and End of Season Dinner
- 13 May Annual Presentation Night for all classes