

# Abbotsford Sailing Club News 15/03/2017

## A very tight championship race

A lovely, slightly weak ESE breeze greeted us this week. It delivered perfect fun for the Learn to Sail group, after two weeks of more challenging breezes. For the afternoon races it delivered a very, very tight tussle at the top of the Laser fleet, with 5 boats finishing inside 1 min and 10 sec. It was highly entertaining with each of the first 5 boats leading the fleet at some point. The finishing order for the first six actually went in age order! The Scouts also had a good last practice run before their big Sirius cup race next week in Balmoral.

A reminder that 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. Further information will be sent out shortly to all members

Next week, is the last heat of the short course racing this season. The [results of the short course](#) are a bit ragged this year. Not everybody has sailed all races

**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 scouting/venturer members (and their parents) are welcome. A sign-up list is at the club, but you can also contact Annette on [aa.vervoort@gmail.com](mailto:aa.vervoort@gmail.com) if you would like to attend. Costs will be as usual, \$15/adult, \$10/child, \$50 for a family of 4 or more.

**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, Liam and Coop (assisted by Alan) will run support. Thank you also to those parents always stepping in to follow the Junior fleet. This is very much appreciated.

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

It was a perfect morning for Learn to Sail. After several weeks of either no breeze or quite a lot of breeze, a calmer day arrived for everybody to show off their skills.

The group did laps in Bedlam bay in the light breeze. In fact initially there was so little breeze and a strong outgoing tide that we saw Ben in the Pacer drift sideways quite rapidly. Luckily the breeze at the Bedlam/Abbotsford corner was better and good sailing soon became possible. Chris, Connor and Nathan hung back, and let all of the kids solve their own problems, which worked out fairly well. Everybody managed to tack towards the top mark and reach down to the bottom mark, even though there were a few false starts.

Further improvement over recent weeks too in that most marks were actually rounded (!), not just the case of sailing near them.

Onwards and upwards. Remember to keep working on your fitness: crab races, wheelbarrow races, push-ups etc.

Below are some photos that Connor and Nathan took, and more photos are in this album: <https://goo.gl/photos/Hhyn2eGYgpLUK8TA9>

## Junior Fleet

A big fleet of juniors turned out for the championships and the race was tight in the light breeze. Charlie led for a while, but in the end Evan in Boatzilla took first place. Charlie followed 12 seconds later and Evie was another 12 seconds back, so a very tight top three. It shows how good the racing is becoming and small mistakes start to count! Nick had a respectable 4th place followed by Marco and India. In the handicap Nick came first, followed by Evie and Evan.

A thank you to Jason for following the Juniors around.

India on her way to the finish



## Race Report

It was an interesting race all around.

Tom B applied for the Big Sook Award, figuring out that it helps to put the bung in the boat, because otherwise the water in the boat slows you down.

As highlighted above the Laser race was really tight, with the top 5 boats all finishing within 1 min 10 sec. In the end Lee in Vibe came first, followed by Chris D in SinKing and Greg in Purple Haze. In the handicap Paul in Hot Stuff Too came first, followed by Neil in

SeaCure and Chris W in Purple Jelly Bean.

In the 420/Open class the race was also very tight, with Liam and Coop in Conditions Apply staying in the boat this week and coming first, followed very closely by the Tasar 1768 from the Scouts (3 seconds) and the NS 1710 from the Scouts (following on another 16 seconds), with Luke and Bart in Equaliser finishing 4th. The handicaps were in the same order.

In the skiffs, the Arrogant Frog managed to outrun the Cherubs, so the Hill brothers in the green boat finished first, followed by Connor and Nathan in Block Party and Jack and Robin in A Grand Day Out. On handicap, A Grand Day Out came first, followed by the Arrogant Frog and Willem and Graeme in Fast Forward.

Thanks to Mary-Lou, Kelly and Annette for starting, Gai for finishing and Alan and Adrian for laying the marks and running support.



The top 5 Lasers chasing each other around the Cabarita Wharf



Tight racing as well in the 420/Open class

More photos in this album: <https://goo.gl/photos/3kUn2S1myhs8W4tLA>

## 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 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

- 18 March                      Short Course Series Heats 11 and 12

- 19 March Social Sailing
- 20 March Monthly meeting
- 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