



Abbotsford Sailing Club News 22/03/2017

And back to rain and bluster

Another at times gusty SE breeze with rain squalls greeted us for the last races of the short course series. The Cherub 'Action' from Drummoyne came to join the races and encourage our Cherub fleet. Overall this meant a reasonable fleet turned out, despite several of the Lasers missing or in action elsewhere.

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 a normal long course race, and possibly a re-sail of the Skiff championship race from the beginning of the year.

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 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, David P. and Stephen F. 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 willevervoort@gmail.com. Newsletters will come out every week during the racing season.

If you no longer want to receive this newsletter: [Unsubscribe here](#)

Learn to Sail

It was quite breezy for Learn to Sail, so the decision was to give the Pacers a run again, which everybody seemed to enjoy. Nathan, Orlando and Ben headed out in Pacer 8 while Chris, Jamieson and Cam were in the older one. It was fairly on and off in the area of the river from the club up to the Gladesville Bridge, though there were a few hairy gybes up river from Abbotsford Bay. We then headed up to Hen and Chicken Bay. The gusts hit 20 knots up near Exile Bay, requiring a fair bit of sheet dumping to stay upright! But run back to the club was fantastic, with the two Pacers planing nicely and then duelling from Quarantine back to Bedlam. It was a good opportunity to show the kids the way the wools (tell-tales) on the sails indicate proper flow and maximum speed/angle for good sailing performance. Thanks to Connor for also following us around and Judy for overall tuition.

Junior Fleet

It was a challenging breeze for the juniors, but there was a strong showing from some of them. The girls seemed to best adapt to the weather. Anna in Pippi Ripple excelled in the breeze, taking out both races, but Evie managed a second in both races, being only a minute behind Pippi Ripple in the second race. Nick had a strong showing and came third by only 10 seconds in the first race, while Evan in Boatzilla came third in the second race. The handicaps in the first race were in the same order, but in the second race, Evie was first, Evan second and Anne third. Charlie was spooked by the second squall just before the start and pulled out (despite planing in on a run at top speed under perfect control).

A thank you to Judy, Chris and Adrian for following the Juniors around.



The juniors in the foreground after the start.

More photos in this album: <https://goo.gl/photos/v58Gf3s1JLKvs9Qh7>

Race Report

The gusty breeze made for some spectacular kite work on the skiffs. In the first race, Action beat all the local boats and was followed by the McNamara brothers in Block Party, the Arrogant Frog with the Hill brothers, and Robin and Jack in A Grand Day Out. The Cherub course might be getting too short for Block Party... In the handicap, Block Party came first, followed by Arrogant Frog and Fast Forward with Willem and Stephen. In the second race, Block Party won before Action, and all the other boats pulled out.

In the Lasers, Lee in Vibe won both races, in the first race followed by Garry in Bad and Tom B in Certifiable, who was enjoying the conditions. In the second race Chris steered

Because I can to a second place, followed by Bad. In the handicap in the first race, Judy in Because I Can was first, followed by Certifiable and Vibe. In the second race, Because I Can (this time with Chris) was again first, followed by Vibe and Bad.

Equaliser had the course for themselves, so Jane and Graeme won all the chocolates.

Thanks to Mary-Lou, Annette, Noel and Paige for starting, Gai for doing the calculations and Coop, Liam and Alan for laying the marks and running support.



Block Party leading the skiffs in the second race.



Tom B chasing Judy in the Lasers



Equaliser and Block Party Crossing

More photos in this album: <https://goo.gl/photos/v58Gf3s1JLKvs9Qh7>

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

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

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

Boats for sale

420 BobKat. 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

- 25 March Club racing
- 27 March NSW Cherub Association meeting, 7pm at Club
- 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