

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 19/01/2020

A Happy New Year to all!

We are back into racing in the second part of the season. I hope you all had a fantastic Xmas and New Year, and if you were caught up in the bush-fire crisis, we hope you are safe and well.

This second part of year promises plenty of excitement and a few more social events. Please come along and bring friends and family to support the club. The social events are really important fundraisers for the club and we hope you can help out with this.

The 12ft Skiff Nationals are approaching fast: the Easter weekend. There is lots still to organise. A roster will be put up for you to sign up for the bar, canteen and support duties. Please all plan to help out at this important club event!

The LtS group continues to progress with now some real sailing and tacking up and down the river. Our Junior sailing is proudly supported by:



Please advertise our club to all your friends and colleagues, we can always use new members and sailors. The [facebook page](#) and [the website](#) are all active and updated.

1. Please check the support roster for your turn, see next item if you need training. The Sea Scouts will be on support next week.
2. We will host the 12 ft Skiff National championships at Abbotsford over the Easter weekend in April 2020. We are looking for assistance, sponsorships, ideas, everything. Please talk to Peter Hill, our 12ft Skiff coordinator, if you would like to help out.

The next club meeting will be on **Monday** 3 February at 8:00 pm at the club house. All members are welcome to attend!

Fundraising:

Looking for a tax break this year? Here is your chance!



Please support our projects via the Australian Sports Foundation:

It is tax deductible!

<https://asf.org.au/projects/abbotsford-12ft-sailing-club/>

Social sailing: Social sailing now occurs weekly starting at 10 am. Please e-mail abbotsfordsailing@gmail.com if you would like to assist with the training, or if you are a potential learner and would like to join! Costs will be \$30/per person to cover boat lease.

Boats and gear for sale: Please check the bottom of the newsletter, or let me know if you would like to advertise.

Any news to be included in the next newsletter should be sent to willemvervoort@gmail.com. Newsletters will hopefully come out every week during the racing season.

Race report

A strong Southerly had been blowing, but by the time we left for course 3 there was only a little bit left. It took some tricky sailing to get from the club start line to the actual course in Hen and Chicken Bay and this allowed some boats to jump ahead. There were some good patches all afternoon. It was good to see quite a few boats on the water, including a large group of scout boats.

In the Lasers, Garry in Juz managed to stay ahead of Neil in Seacure and Lee in Vibe (who must have forgotten his racing socks). In the handicap, Seacure was followed by Tom in Certifiable and Lee in Vibe.

In the Skiffs, Luke and Pete got a good practice run with Arrogant Frog and easily came first, followed by Lick This and Fast Forward. The handicaps were in the same order. In the open class, Charlie and Evie in Pacer 8 stayed well ahead of the followers, Conditions Apply with Ben and Evan and Queen Scout.

A thank you to Anne and Judy for support, as well as to Stephen and the Scout support crew, and Gai for the finishing.

Social committee and events

This year we had no volunteers for the social committee, and we understand that this might be too much of a commitment at this point for members. However, we would like to organise some of the club dinners after the club championships.

We therefore would like to call on members and friends to volunteer to organise one of the championship dinners.

You can do this with a group of juniors, a group of parents, a boat class, whatever works best. You can set the theme, decide the menu and negotiate the price with the club! How good is that!

Please volunteer, after this Saturday we have **3** championships left and so would like 3 groups to volunteer.

Championship dates:

1 February (Bday championship)

22 February

4 April (Close of season)

Boats and equipment for sale

Coming Events

25 January

1 February

10 - 12 April

Short Course

Heat 5 of the Club Championships

12 Ft Skiff Nationals

Please note these dates in your diary. It would be great if all members could attend events.