

# Abbotsford Sailing Club News 10/08/2020

## The start of a new year!

The new sailing year has started, thanks to all of you who attended the AGM and put their hand up to take on the important roles to keep the club moving. It is important that new people keep volunteering for positions, to keep new ideas flowing in the club. I am more than happy to take on a different role if there are other candidates to take up the presidency, and I am sure most of my fellow committee members feel the same.

This also means that registrations for this season are now open, you will receive an e-mail shortly and we will have updated membership forms on the website very soon. Please note that the AGM agreed to a small increase in the membership fees.

### Parents and carers of our Junior Sailors

We would like to reiterate that the club requires a parent or carer of a junior sailor to be present at all times while your junior is attending the club. The club cannot take the responsibility for your junior in case something happens before, during or after racing. During racing, they will be given on-water support, but if they have to leave the water, or an emergency happens, you as a carer need to be present.

We have made an adjustment in our COVID-19 management plan to allow one carer or parent per family with juniors to enter and stay at the club during racing, including entering the mezzanine level.

### Race Officer needed!

One important role we have failed to fill and which will really impact our racing is the role of race officer, starter and judge. I thank Gai and Judy for doing these roles last year (and in Gai's case for many years) and I appreciate that Judy would like to get back to sailing, and Gai, after many years, would like to step back a bit given her other activities.

### Is anyone interested in taking on this role for the season?

It is not difficult, it just needs a bit of practice, but you can learn on the job, and we have plenty of people to give advice and guidance.

If we fail to fill the position, we will have to develop a rostering system, similar to the support boats to make sure we can get races started and finished. I have asked Judy to lead the efforts to find a solution for the new season.

### Scout Slipping

We need assistance for the slipping of our trusty start and finish boat (even though we have not used this much last year). This will happen on 3 - 7 September at Half Moon Bay Yacht Club (on Iron Cove). Please contact Neil on 0419 418 971.

### COVID-19 Management Plan

First and foremost, the focus of this year is to keep members engaged with the club and enabling them to engage in the sport of sailing, while safeguarding the safety and wellbeing of the club members and their families.

I would like to remind the members to adhere to the club's COVID-19 management plan, of [which a summary can be found on the website](#). Please ask questions if anything is unclear!

**Please remember to sign in and sign out when you enter the club and adhere to the limits to the club access!**

Phil Marsh is our Club COVID Officer, he is the main point of contact for questions about COVID management at the club.

[Australian sailing encourages all sailors to download the COVIDsafe app.](#)

### **How can you help?**

Please adhere to the above rules and if you are unsure, please ask!

The club is also likely to face a significant financial loss this year. However we have decided not to increase our fees by a large amount. However, if you are able to afford it, we would like you to contribute \$100 to **the ClubKeeper fund** this year.

You can do this by transferring directly to the treasurer with your fee payment, or you can use our Australian Sport Foundation option and get a tax deduction

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



### **Other items**

**Trophy money:** I hope those of you who were good enough to win a few races last season that you received your trophy money. This year we don't (yet) have our normal presentation day. If you did buy something for your trophy money, maybe you can post a photo of the item on [the club's facebook page](#)? Alternatively, you always have the option to donate the trophy money back to the club. This year, that will also be very much appreciated, but this is entirely voluntary.

**Working with Children Check:** This is a reminder that anyone over 18 who is likely to work with our juniors (for example as a coach) and does not have children at the club themselves needs to complete a working with children check:

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

Please complete this as soon as possible. Once you have your WWCC number, please send this to our secretary Phil Marsh ([philmarsh@bigpond.com](mailto:philmarsh@bigpond.com)).

### **Committee meetings**

The next club meeting will be on **Monday** 17 August at 8:00 pm and will most likely still take place via video conference. All members are welcome to attend, please e-mail [willevervoort@gmail.com](mailto:willevervoort@gmail.com) if you are not on the committee mailing list and would like to attend.

### **Working bees**

With the increase in the number of people that can attend a gathering, we can start looking at some opportunities to do some maintenance. The club captain Chris D will inform you when activities will be planned.

I look forward to seeing you all back "around" the club for racing. Please feel free to e-mail

me with any concerns about the club management.

Willem Vervoort  
President A12SC

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.

**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](mailto:willemvervoort@gmail.com). Newsletters will hopefully come out every week during the racing season.

## Boats and equipment for sale

Advertise your boat or equipment here

### Coming Events

<b>17 August</b>	<b>Sailing Committee meeting 8pm</b>
<b>30 August</b>	<b>Membership renewals due</b>
<b>12 September</b>	<b>First race</b>

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