

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 16/09/2020

A beautiful day for the first race!

After the wind teased us for a while it finally swung NE in time for the start, and at times was strong enough to actually keep us busy. It was a fantastic roll-up for the first short course with 8 Lasers, 2 12ft skiffs, 3 Cherubs and a range of vessels from the open class, mainly filled with enthusiastic Sea Scouts.

I also wanted to specifically thank Kirrie Biskupic for stepping in to help with the support boat during racing.

I wanted to thank all participants for following [our latest COVID management plan](#), which means the sailing was all possible. I also wanted to thank all the members who registered and paid their membership in time and welcome them all to the Abbotsford 12 Ft Sailing Club for another year.

The rule is still **Get In, Sail, Get out**. Please remember that there is in principle no access to the club, except for those on official duty and one parent per junior family. There are no showers and limited access to the change rooms and toilets. Please arrive dressed for sailing as much as possible.

Sign in at the club using the Service NSW QR code or sign in manually.

There will sadly be no canteen. Please bring your own lunch for the day. Even though we would like to have the additional income, the additional organisation to do this in a COVID safe manner is too hard for the small number of volunteers at the club.

If you have not yet registered as a member, [the registration forms are on the website](#). **With the COVID restrictions: no membership means no sailing!**

Assistance for the Race Officer and race support (tinnies) still needed!

Thank you to Alan Gaha who has offered to take on as much as possible of the Race Officer role. **But YOU are not off the hook!** We still need assistance for days that Alan is not available and to help Alan. We also need support during the racing and all sailors will have to take turns. We will try and work out a roster once the season is settled a bit and we know how many members are available.

Thank you Paige and Gai for assisting Alan on Saturday.

Please contact Judy or myself to help if you are going to be at the club or want to help!

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.

How can you help?

The club is 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

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).

Sailing Committee meetings

The next club meeting will be on **Monday** 21 September at 8:00 pm and will most likely still take place via video conference. All members are welcome to attend, please e-mail willemvervoort@gmail.com if you are not on the sailing committee meeting mailing list and would like to attend.

Working bees

This years' maintenance will focus on maintaining the main functions of the club and performing any necessary repairs for unsafe situations. 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. Newsletters will hopefully come out every week during the racing season.

Race report

With brilliant sunshine and a large fleet we set off for short course racing, starting from the club. We carefully negotiated the crowd at Bedlam (with the short leg to the first mark starting from the club) and the fluctuating breezes, especially in the first race. The yachts from the Parramatta River club also crossed our courses regularly, so there was a bit of arguing and “starboard”, but we all managed to race without incidents.

The big sook award goes to the two Seascout NS's, who couldn't find the finish line in the first race and therefore got beaten by a Laser 2-up.

Here are the scratch results, the handicap results can be found [on the website](#)

Lasers: Race 1 SinKing (Chris D), Juz (Garry), Vibe (Lee), Problem Child (Hannah)

Race 2 Vibe, SinKing, Juz, Problem Child

Skiffs: Race 1 Arrogant Frog (Peter and Steven), Lick This (Huon and Simon), Fast Forward (Willem and Stephen), Snorkel (Louie and James)

Race 2 Arrogant Frog, Lick This, Fast Forward, Engineered to Fail (Robin and Luke)

Open class: Race 1 Laser 2-up 167035, NS 1710 and NS 1964,

Race 2: NS 1710, Laser 2-up 167035, NS 1964

A special thank you to Allan, Paige and Gai for all the assistance with starting and finishing and to Kirri B and Stephen N for support on the water. Without their help we could not have sailed the races.

Boats and equipment for sale

Advertise your boat or equipment here

Coming Events (we will get the racing calendar on the website calendar as soon as possible)

19 September Second race day- long course race

21 September Sailing committee meeting 8:00 pm at the club

26 September Heat 3 & 4 of the short course series

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