

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 30/09/2020

Blown off the water in the Westerly

Actually, most of us never even got onto the water... Racing was wisely cancelled, with the westerly blowing around 20 knots and gusting into the 30s. It is important to keep sailing safe, there will always be another Saturday to sail.

We have relaxed some of our COVID rules.

Everybody still needs to sign in at the club using the Service NSW QR code or sign in manually.

The bar and canteen are now open:

- Only packaged food: sausage rolls and pies available from 12:00 - 2:00 pm and 4:30 - 6:00 pm
- Bar will be open from 12:00 - 2:00 and 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Please adhere to other rules under [our latest COVID management plan](#):

- Please **don't crowd** into the club and around the bar area
- Please **be seated** when eating or drinking
- Please **clean** your table and seat after use!

Access to the club is limited to about 20 people. Please be considerate and give priority to those on official duty and one parent per junior family.

The rule is still **Get In, Sail, Get out**. Access to showers and change rooms is still limited, again because you will have to clean the area and shower if you use the area. Please arrive dressed for sailing as much as possible.

Unless we get a number of volunteers to regularly clean the club, it will be difficult to relax the rules under the current NSW regulations.

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.

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.

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 **Tuesday** 6 October at 8:00 pm and will still also be accessible via video conference. All members are welcome to attend, please e-mail willemvervoort@gmail.com if you are not on the minutes mailing list and would like to attend.

Working bees

This year's 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.

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

There is no race report

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)

3 October	Long course race
6 October	Sailing committee meeting 8:00 pm at the club
10 October	Long course race
17 October	Long course racing for club fleets and Round 1 of Cherub States at Abbotsford

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