

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 04/11/2020

The first of the Club Championships done

The first club championship was sailed under threatening skies, but luckily the weather held off and we were all back in the clubhouse when the thunder started. Many thanks to Rolf, Noel, Gai, Alan and Paige for making the sailing possible! It was good to see a pretty good fleet on the water and some interesting tussles between different boats.

Next week we are hosting the annual Parramatta River Championship for the 12ft Skiffs, with the Arrogant Frog and Engineered for Failure sure to compete. We expect about a dozen 12ft skiffs to join the racing.

The support boat roster is now on the Club Calendar on the website:
<http://abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au/index.php/social-sailing-calendar>

Next week Noel and Scott have offered to help with support.

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, cheese and spinach rolls, noodles 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](#) (which is also attached to this newsletter):

- 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!

We are now allowed to have more people on the balcony, but still be considerate and leave room for each other.

Cleaning

It would be great if some people can volunteer to help clean the club, in particular the change rooms. Willem and Chris have been cleaning the toilets every week, but we could use some other male volunteers to regularly clean the male change rooms: we don't have any cleaners, so please volunteer.

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

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!**

Thank you all who have volunteered (or have been volunteered) for the support boat roster!

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 **Monday** 16 November 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.

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.

Race report

It was a gusty SSE breeze, which had plenty of challenges for all of us. And this made for some interesting races in different parts of the fleet. There was a mighty tussle in the Lasers between Chris and Lee, but there was also a battle around 4 - 8th placings, while Neil managed to recover from a nasty capsize and steadily work his way back up to 4th place. In the Skiffs, there was a fierce battle between 3rd and 4th, where Snorkel and Fast Forward were competing for the most capsizes. All in all some interesting racing, very much dependent on how well you were reading the gusts.

In the end the following results were obtained.

In the Lasers, for the Commodore's trophy: 1. SinKing (Chris D) 2. Vibe (Lee) 3. Juz (Garry) 4. SeaCure (Neil). And in the handicap: 1. Purple Jelly Bean (Chris W) 2. SinKing, and 3. Vibe.

A video of the Laser race courtesy of Mark: https://youtu.be/G7dQ_Nt_Mg

In the skiffs 1. Arrogant Frog (Peter and Steve), 2. Lick This (Huon and Simon) and 3. Snorkel (James and Louie). In the handicap: Lick This, Arrogant Frog, Snorkel.

A big thank you to Alan, Paige and Gai for starting and finishing, and to Noel and Rolf for providing support and the photos ([in this album](#)).





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Coming Events (The racing calendar is now [on the website](#))

7 November	Long race and 12ft Skiff Parramatta River Championships
14 November	Short course racing
21 November	Heat 2 Club Championships (Jack Hubbard Memorial Trophy)

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