

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 23/12/2020

A merry Xmas and a safe holiday period to all

With the 3rd round of the Club Championship done and dusted, we close down for the Xmas period until 16 January. We had a quiet little get together for the Yuletide social, with people enjoying the evening out on the veranda. As President, I would like to thank all members for their support and time they put into the club so far this season.

I hope you all have a very good break and have the opportunity to see family and friends. And COVID restrictions willing, we will see you all back in 2021!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SIGN IN WHEN YOU ENTER THE CLUB. It is easy to forget, but remains important for the club to follow COVID-19 regulations. It might seem things are moving back to normal, but we still have a requirement to register everybody entering the premises. Our COVID marshall will spot check this and remind you if you forget to sign in.

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

On the 16th of January Liam and Coop are scheduled to be on support

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

The **bar and canteen** are open for lunch and after racing:

- 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.

After the Xmas break we will review the offerings in the Canteen as part of our review of the COVID management plan.

Please adhere to other rules under [our latest COVID management plan](#) (which is also attached to this newsletter):

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

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.

Cleaning

We still have had nobody volunteering to help out with cleaning the male change rooms. Willem and Chris have been cleaning the toilets regularly, but we need some other male volunteers to regularly (at least once a month) clean the male change rooms: we don't have any cleaners, so please volunteer.

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!**

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** 18 January 2021 at 8:00 pm and will 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

The light breeze was swinging from South to SSE, so number 3 course was decided. This led to some interesting scenes, with the skiff starting with spinnaker to try to gain the advantage off the line. It was very much a race where looking for pressure on the course and deciding how wind and tide could give you the most advantage. In other words a highly tactical race, even though it was slow at times. When the rain set in, the breeze died away. Due to the conditions the course for all classes was shortened to ensure all boats finished in time.

We welcomed back David Page in the Lasers, and Sam (Samantha) had her first race in the afternoon after starting in the "Adult start sailing" program.

The results for the Lasers: 1. Big Dipper (David), 2. Vibe (Lee) and 3. SinKing (Chris D). Handicap 1. Big Dipper, 2. Kaboom (Mark) and 3. Seacure (Neil).

A video of the Laser race is here https://youtu.be/hyQyPH_6p7U thanks Mark!

In the skiffs 1. Arrogant Frog (Pete and Steve) 2. Fast Forward (Willem and Stephen) 3. Lick This (Huon and Simon). Handicap 1. Fast Forward 2. Arrogant Frog and 3. Lick This.

In the Open Class all of the enthusiastic 2nd Abbotsford Sea Scouts completed the course. Well done, boys and girls! Results: 1. Cost Ya, 2. Twated 3. Indented Head. Handicap 1. Queen Scout 2. Cost Ya and 3. Indented Head.

Thank you to Nick S, Jackson Hill and Garry for providing support and thanks to Gai, Garry and Paige for running the start and finish.

Boats and equipment for sale

Advertise your boat or equipment here.

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

16 January	Race (Ron Morton Memorial Trophy)
23 January	Heat 13 & 14 Short course racing
30 January	Round 4 Club Championship Birthday Championships

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