



Abbotsford Sailing Club News 05/04/2017

Breeze, too little, too late

We desperately waited for the Easterly to come in, but at 2:35 pm the RO pair decided it was not going to happen and cancelled racing for the day. Some of the sailors hung around and had a lovely sail when the Easterly finally blew in at 3:15 pm.

We had a well attended Special General Meeting on Monday night. The current status of the RMS plans for Abbotsford Wharf were discussed in preparation of a the formal release of these plans in May-June. While the latest information lessens the future impact on the club's activities relative to the original plans, the meeting still decided that the club faces increased risk in the future. The meeting therefore passed a motion which empowers the management committee to look for opportunities to move the club to a different location nearby with a preference for Battersea or Quarantine Park in Abbotsford. Full details of the discussion and minutes available from the minutes secretary (Tom Biskupic), or from the management committee. This will be a "stay tuned" story for the next couple of years.

This Saturday is the ultimate race and Championship heat. Club champions will be known at the end of the racing. Presentation night is 13 May!

After racing will be the **End Of Season Dinner**. All members, including LtS (and their parents) and scouting/venturer members (and their parents) are welcome. Please urgently contact Annette on aa.vervoort@gmail.com or on 0435 044 767 before Thursday if you would still like to attend. Costs will be as usual, \$15/adult, \$10/child, \$50 for a family of 4 or more.

Support boats: Please check on [the google calendar](#) or on the Club notice board when you are supposed to be on, and organise replacements if needed. For this final Saturday, Chris D and Stephen R will run support. Thank you also to those parents always stepping in to follow the Junior fleet. This is very much appreciated.

Any news to be included in the next newsletter should be sent to willemvervoort@gmail.com. Newsletters will come out every week during the racing season.

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Learn to Sail

The penultimate week of Learn to Sail! I can't believe the season flew by so fast. Please talk to Judy, Willem or Chris about opportunities next year if you haven't yet thought about this. We are happy to help you make decisions and give some advice.

At least we had a weak westerly blowing in the morning, so the stand-in crew of Robin, Nathan, Liam and Willem decided that sending all of the LtS group out to Quarantine Park, with a zig-zag via Looking Glass, Battersea Park and France. It was a nice day on the water, with enough breeze to bring us quickly to Quarantine

beach. We all pulled up at Quarantine beach and had a few snacks and some fun games. For one of the games we stole someone's boot and made them swim out to get it. Overall it was a really worthwhile day even though the wind died off while we were at the beach, meaning we had to tow everyone back to the club. Just one more week left to go, let's hope for some breeze.

You can check the wind predictions for next week on [willyweather](#) or on [seabreeze](#). Both of these are never exactly what we get at Abbotsford, but it will give some indication.

Junior Fleet

Plenty of juniors showed up to race, but it was handball and swimming rather than sailing. Did we really see Anna jump for joy when it was called off? That must be almost a nomination for big Sook?

Race Report

There were also plenty of seniors for the racing and we even had some Venturers organised as crew, but after postponement the dreaded chequered flag came out to call off the racing. Willem was mr. Grumpy because racing was called off, but there was plenty of time to go to weddings and other parties. Let's hope for more breeze on the last race of the season.

Robin and Nathan attempted one-up sailing in the Cherubs where all went well until the Easterly strengthened. Getting the boat up on your own is the challenging. Shane, Tom and Garry got in some secret Laser training, so better watch out next race.

Thanks to Mary-Lou and Annette for trying to get the race started, Stephen Rixon for volunteering to finish the fleet, and Luis and Nick for showing up for support duty.

General News

Starting and Finishing: If non-sailing members or Junior Fleet parents are interested in learning about starting and finishing races, please see Mary-Lou and Annette. We can always use more help (and it's not hard!).

Social Sailing: The next Social Sailing day is possibly on Sunday 16 April (but then again, this is Easter Sunday). Please contact Graeme on socialsailing@abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au

80th Birthday glasses for sale!

We still have some commemorative glasses for sale. They are great for serving ice-cold drinks to your friends. Only \$5 each!

And there are still beautiful club jerseys at \$65 each. Sizes Y, XS, S, XL and XXL are left. Payment can be brought to club and given to Gai, or you can pay directly into the Club Account No. 03591 9893, BSB 082 330, but note that the account name is: Abbotsford 12ft Flying Squadron.

Club shirts and rash vests are also available. Cost is \$35 each.

Club meetings

If you'd like to understand what the current scoring systems actually measure & why some would like them changed, talk to Graeme or Tom who will be more than happy to explain this.

All members are welcome at the club committee meetings which are held on the first and third Monday night of each month at 8 pm at the clubhouse during the season.

Even if you cannot be there for every meeting, we value your input and would welcome you to the club meeting table. More people means more ideas! We don't send out the minutes to everybody, but if you would like to receive this riveting material, please contact Tom.Biskupic@gmail.com

Boats for sale

In this section members can advertise their boats, please e-mail willemvervoort@gmail.com to get a listing in the newsletter or to have a listing removed.

Dates for your diary

- 8 April Heat 7 Club Championship and **End of Season Dinner**
- 13 May Annual Presentation Night for all classes