

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 12/05/2020

A warming winter newsletter

Summer is now really over and we have got the heater on in the evening. But that also means that is time to update you on the club. At the moment (when I am writing this newsletter) there has been some relaxation of the rules and this hopefully means that we have a chance to start sailing again later in the year. But it might still involve some rules around how we handle things, and possibly use the change rooms at the club.

As I stated in the last newsletter, COVID-19 situation has created some new challenges for the club, and I will try to keep you up to date as much as possible.

Committee meetings

The next club meeting will be on **Monday** 1 June at 8:00 pm and will take place via video conference. All members are welcome to attend, please e-mail willemvervoort@gmail.com if you are not on the committee mailing list and would like to attend.

As a “not-for-profit” organisation, I have managed to sign the club up for a free Google Suite, I am still trying to understand how it all works, but we might run our next meeting via Google Meets. Tom B is also investigating if we can use this platform to run our mailing lists, which means it will be slightly easier to manage (but it will take some time to convert everything over).

Annual report

Those of us who have to write a report for the club annual report, the Secretary Phil M request that you supply these reports to him by the end of May. This includes the class coordinators and all club officials.

Working bees

With the increase in the number of people that can attend a gathering, we can start looking at some opportunities to do some maintenance. The club captain Chris D will inform you when activities will be planned.

We would like all the members to expect at least one working bee weekend if the sailing season starts again.

Juniors and transitioning for next season

The current situation also makes it difficult for the club to encourage and help our juniors find boats or transition to different classes for next season. The club is keen to help you make decisions for next season and find the best options for the young sailors to continue to develop your sailing at the club.

If the restrictions are changed we will try to organise another “try another boat” day to try out Lasers and Cherubs. Please feel free to contact any of the committee for advice or help over the winter in terms of boats, gear or different options. There will be quite a few boats for sale on different facebook and webpages and we can help you find the boat that is best suited for you, both in price and in quality. We would of course love to see all of you back next season.

On-line courses at Sailing Australia

Sailing Australia is offering several of their course on-line, so if you are interested, for example to be accredited as a race-officer for the club, you can do a course on-line: <https://www.sailing.org.au/clubraceofficer/>

Working on boats in the off-season

The club also will allow working on boats for next season in the club. However, this needs to be coordinated through the club captain, and again has to be done with two people. This to adhere to the restrictions, but also to provide safety in and around the club work areas.

AGM and start of next season

We are currently still planning to have the AGM in August, but possibly later in August and part of the AGM would also be via videoconference. If someone has a good microphone that we can use to manage speakers video conferencing? However, as things keep changing at the moment (and into the foreseeable future), we will keep you up to date when decisions will be made. If you are interested in nominating for a position next year, please let me know, we are always keen to find new people for positions on the committee. Even I am happy to stand aside if someone is keen to be President!

The true start of next season is at the moment totally uncertain. Again, we will keep you informed on our plans with the developing situation around the COVID-19 restrictions. However, if we are allowed back on the water, we definitely would like to start off with the presentation of the prizes from last season and some festivities.

Have a lovely winter period and I will aim to send out monthly newsletters to keep you informed

Willem Vervoort
President A12SC

Our Junior sailing is proudly supported by:



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.

Fundraising:

Looking for a tax break this year? Here is your chance!



Please support our projects via the Australian Sports Foundation:

It is tax deductible! <https://asf.org.au/projects/abbotsford-12ft-sailing-club/>

Social sailing: Social sailing is also postponed until further notice.

Please e-mail abbotsfordsailing@gmail.com if you would like to assist with the training, or if you are a potential learner and would like to join! Costs will be \$30/per person to cover boat lease.

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.

Boats and equipment for sale

Advertise your boat or equipment here

Coming Events

30 August **tentative date for AGM via video conference**

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