

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 12/06/2020

A glimmer of hope for a next season

The last couple of weeks has given us more positive news in terms of the possibility of sailing again in September. We are slowly emerging from the lockdown and we are currently working on a club management plan for reopening following the [Australian Sailing guidelines](#). We hope to have this in place as soon as possible. However, we would like to already highlight that this will mean that we have to change some of the ways we operate the club. Without trying to pre-empt some of the changes, I would like to highlight a few things for everybody to consider:

1. Australian Sailing recommends: get in, sail, get out. This means all the male sailors need to be prepared that we cannot use the change room facilities, and definitely the showers will not be on.
2. We will have to keep a detailed log of everybody who enters and leaves the club. Please be aware that this means we will have to ask you to sign in when you arrive and sign out when you leave at the entrance of the club and this includes the boatshed.
3. You will be asked to do extra cleaning of the public spaces of the club, we don't have paid cleaners, we will all have to chip in extra.

[Australian sailing encourages all sailors to download the COVIDsafe app.](#)

Because we have to change the operations of the club, there are a few things that we are looking for and if you happen to have any of the below list in your shed/house, and/or are willing to donate this, the club would be very grateful. The things we are currently seeking are:

1. A lightweight Gazebo 3x3 m so we can set up the BBQ canteen outside and provide some shade for the canteen committee;
2. An Eski on wheels to make it easier to bring soft-drinks and water outside to our "canteen";
3. Disposable gloves for cleaning surfaces;
4. Wipes to use with detergent and water or disposable wipes;
5. Normal size and small buckets, so we can put soapy water at strategic places to wipe down equipment (dollies, cleaning hoses, start flags, runabouts, tables, chairs, benches).

Any help with this is very much appreciated.

The good news is: **We are likely to be sailing in September!**

Trophy money: I hope those of you who were good enough to win a few races last season that you received your trophy money. This year we don't (yet) have our normal presentation day. If you did buy something for your trophy money, maybe you can post a photo of the item on [the club's facebook page](#)? Alternatively, you always have the option to donate the trophy money back to the club. This year, that will also be very much appreciated, but this is entirely voluntary.

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).

Committee meetings

The next club meeting will be on **Monday** 6 July at 8:00 pm and will most likely still 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.

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/clbraceofficer/>

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 could also be via videoconference. Does someone have a good microphone that we can use to manage speakers video conferencing? 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!

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.