

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 11/07/2020

COVID-19 Club Management Plan

This is an important newsletter, which outlines the management plan of the club in relation to being allowed to operate for the sailing season. Please read this newsletter carefully!

Overall aim for this year

First and foremost, the focus of this year is to keep members engaged with the club and enabling them to engage in the sport of sailing, while safeguarding the safety and wellbeing of the club members and their families.

The aim is to start the season as normal on 12 September, and this means the AGM will take place on Sunday 2 August, partly virtual and partly in person (see below).

COVID-19 Management Plan

To adhere to state legislation and based on the [Australian Sailing guidelines](#), and to be able to open the club for sailing, the management committee has approved a COVID-19 Management Plan. This newsletter outlines the main rules in place at the club under this management plan. **Please adhere to these rules as the alternative is to close the club!** Phil Marsh has offered to act as Club COVID Officer, he is the main point of contact for questions about COVID management at the club.

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

1. Club access rules

- a. General club rule: you use it, you clean it. We don't have cleaning personnel
- b. Main recommendation: do not enter the club, just use the park! Briefings will be held in the park. Please come dressed for sailing and take minimal
- c. **Everybody** to sign in and sign out on the provided sheet when entering and leaving the club and the boathouse. **No exceptions!**
- d. The "mezzanine level" of the club can only be accessed by people who are absolutely necessary: starter and race officer, other people with official duties
- e. Limit of 3 people in the boat shed, please wait for each other to get boats out.
- f. Limit of 2 crew in the support boats, no exceptions!
- g. Toilets are accessible in the club, change rooms can be used with a maximum of 3 people and showers cannot be used.

These rules will be reviewed by the management committee on an on-going basis and any changes will be communicated to all members.

2. Non-compliance

- a. The constitution has an option to discipline members who don't follow directions of the management committee (rule 54 of the constitution), such as this COVID-19 management plan.

3. Club equipment

- a. PFDs are only available for learn to sail (morning LtS) and support boat crews, no PFDs for members. All PFDs from support crews to be washed after use.
- b. Social sailing cancelled until later notice
- c. Clean all club equipment with soap and water when you use it: Runabouts, Mast lowering pole, dollies. Or use gloves when using equipment.

4. Food and Beverage

- a. We hope to organise an open air BBQ/sausage sizzle for lunch, but we are still developing a plan
- b. Bar and canteen closed until further notice

How can you help?

Please adhere to the above rules and if you are unsure, please ask!

The club is also 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/>:



We also still need a few supplies to help the club operate:

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).

Other items

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** 3 August 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.

AGM

We are currently still planning to have the AGM on 2 August and part of the AGM will be via video conference as we can only have 12 people in the club. 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.

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

2 August	AGM 12 persons at the club and further attendance via video conference
3 August	Club meeting 8:00 pm

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