

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 24/08/2020

Memberships renewals are now due

The planned start of the season on 12 September is drawing near. However there are still many uncertainties in relation to the start of the season, and the management committee is currently digesting the latest advice from NSW Health. As highlighted in the last newsletter, the most important points [from our latest COVID management plan are on the website](#).

We would like you all to register before the 12th of September, you will have by now received an e-mail from our treasurer with the details, but I have also placed [the registration forms on the website](#). **Please make an effort to register. With the COVID restrictions: no membership no sailing!**

Scout Slipping

We still need assistance for the slipping of our trusty start and finish boat (even though we have not used this much last year). **Particularly on Saturday 5 September**. Anyone who can hold a paintbrush can help! Overall help is needed between 3 - 7 September at Half Moon Bay Yacht Club (on Iron Cove). Please contact Neil on 0419 418 971 if you are able to help.

Assistance for the Race Officer needed!

Thank you to Alan Gaha who has offered to take on as much as possible of the Race Officer role. **But YOU are not off the hook!** We still need assistance for days that Alan is not available and to help Alan.

Please contact Judy or myself to help if you are going to be at the club or want to help!

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.

We have made an adjustment in our COVID-19 management plan to allow one carer or parent per family with juniors to enter and stay at the club during racing, including entering the mezzanine level.

COVID-19 Management Plan

I would like to remind the members to adhere to the club's COVID-19 management plan, of [which a summary can be found on the website](#). Please ask questions if anything is unclear!

Please remember to sign in and sign out when you enter the club and adhere to the limits to the club access!

Phil Marsh is our 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.](#)

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/>:



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).

Sailing Committee meetings

The next club meeting will be on **Monday** 7 September 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 sailing committee meeting 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.

I look forward to seeing you all back "around" the club for racing. 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. 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

Membership renewals due

7 September

Sailing committee meeting 8:00 pm at the club

12 September

First race

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