

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 21/10/2020

A lively Cherub States round

We had a fantastic day at Abbotsford for the Cherub States with 16 boats from other clubs in the race. I would like to thank everybody in the club who made an additional effort to help out on the day, there is quite a list:

- Judy, Phil, Chris, Nick S and Seb V for helping out on support
- Gai and Val for keeping the canteen running smoothly and Judy for BBQ a stack of sausages and onions for sausage sandwiches which proved to be very popular.
- Alan and Gai for running the normal race, while the Cherubs were running their course.
- Anyone else who helped with odd jobs such as pumping up Cherub marks or showing people around the club

These are fun days to attend as a club member, even if you are just a spectator. It is a good chance to see some top sailing.

Next week we are back to short course racing, but 31 October is the first heat of the Club Championship and 7 November we are hosting another event: The annual Parramatta River Championships for the 12ft Skiffs, with the Arrogant Frog and Engineered for Failure sure to compete.

Everybody still needs to sign in at the club using the Service NSW QR code or sign in manually.

The bar and canteen are now open:

- Only packaged food: sausage rolls, cheese and spinach rolls, noodles and pies available from 12:00 - 2:00 pm and 4:30 - 6:00 pm
- Bar will be open from 12:00 - 2:00 and 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Please adhere to other rules under [our latest COVID management plan](#):

- Please **don't crowd** into the club and around the bar area
- Please **be seated** when eating or drinking
- Please **clean** your table and seat after use!

Access to the club is limited to about 30 people. Please be considerate and give priority to those on official duty and two parents per junior family.

The rule is still **Get In, Sail, Get out**. Access to showers and change rooms is still limited, again because you will have to clean the area and shower if you use the area. Please arrive dressed for sailing as much as possible.

Unless we get a number of volunteers to regularly clean the club, it will be difficult to further relax the rules. Willem and Chris have been cleaning the male toilets every week, we could use some other male volunteers to regularly clean the male change rooms: we don't have any cleaners, so please volunteer.

If you have not yet registered as a member, [the registration forms are on the website](#). **With the COVID restrictions: no membership means no sailing!**

Assistance for the Race Officer and race support (tinnies) still 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. We also need support during the racing and all sailors will have to take turns.

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.

How can you help?

The club is 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

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** 2 November at 8:00 pm and will still also be accessible via video conference. All members are welcome to attend, please e-mail willemvervoort@gmail.com if you are not on the minutes mailing list and would like to attend.

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.

Race report

The day produced an interesting NNE swinging ENE, so off we went on course 1 for the club race. Top news this week is the large group of Scout Open Class boats finishing the race. All of you are becoming better sailors, so keep trying to finish those races!

In the Cherub State Championships the best Abbotsford result is currently Lick This with Huon and Simon, running 14th in the overall scratch. Simon and Huon also went down to Georges River on Sunday and competed well.

Thanks to Seb V, some photos from the racing are [in this google album](#)

In the end the following results were obtained.

In the Lasers, Garry and Lee seem to swap places every week, clearly a good battle up front! But the back of the fleet is also going well, great result for Ben this week, winning the handicap! Laser results, battling for the Sea Cure trophy: 1. Juz (Garry) 2. Vibe (Lee) 3. SeaCure (Neil) 4. Certifiable (Tom). And in the handicap: 1. Shore Thing (Ben) 2. Certifiable, and 3. SeaCure.

A video of the Laser race courtesy of Mark: <https://youtu.be/MFH4wlvro9o>

With the cherubs in the State Championships, the two skiffs battled it out 1. Arrogant Frog (Peter and Steve), 2. Engineered for Failure (Robin and Luke).

In the Opens: 1. Cost Ya 2. Scout NS Gone Rogue 3. Attitude and 4. Queen Scout

A big thank you to Alan and Gai for starting and finishing.



Neil on his way to a third place

Boats and equipment for sale

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Coming Events (we will get the racing calendar on the website calendar as soon as possible)

24 October	Short course race
31 October	Heat 1 Club Championship - Commodore's trophy
2 November	Sailing committee meeting 8:00 pm at the club
7 November	Long race and 12ft Skiff Parramatta River Championships

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