

## Abbotsford Sailing Club News 09/12/2020

### Mark predicts 15 - 20 knot NE..

... and Mark is a perpetual optimist, which is one of his great strengths! But the 15 - 20 knot never eventuated, it was at best a 5 knot Northerly, swinging between NNW and NNE with lots of very big holes under cloudy skies. Luckily the heat stayed away and this made the sailing more pleasant. However, I want to reiterate the comments from Chris D last week, take care of yourself, consider your sailing abilities and be prepared before you go out.

As we are working up to the Xmas close-down, we have two more races to go. A short course series this next weekend and round 3 of the Club Championships on the 19th of December.

**YuleTide Social and Presentation Night for 2019/2020 Season.** The committee is pleased to announce that on 19 December after the 3rd round of the Club Championships we plan to organise a social dinner at the club from about 6 pm. This will be a chance for all of us to celebrate the achievements of last season, and have a social event together. However, **we need to know numbers**, as we still have restrictions under COVID regulations, so please fill in your name on the list at the club on Saturday, or e-mail [Gai Dewane](mailto:Gai.Dewane@abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au). We will send out a reminder later this week and the beginning of next week.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SIGN IN WHEN YOU ENTER THE CLUB.** It is easy to forget, but remains important for the club to follow COVID-19 regulations. It might seem things are moving back to normal, but we still have a requirement to register everybody entering the premises. Our COVID marshall will spot check this and remind you if you forget to sign in.

The **support boat roster** is now on the Club Calendar on the website:  
<http://abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au/index.php/social-sailing-calendar>

This week Mark will be on support and is looking for an off-sider.

Thank you all who have volunteered (or have been volunteered) for the support boat roster!

The **bar and canteen** are open for lunch and after racing:

- 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.

A reminder that everybody still needs to **sign-in** at the club using the Service NSW QR code or sign in manually.

Please adhere to other rules under [our latest COVID management plan](#) (which is also attached to this newsletter):

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

We are now allowed to have more people on the balcony, but still be considerate and leave room for each other.

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

### **Cleaning**

We still have had nobody volunteering to help out with cleaning the male change rooms. Willem and Chris have been cleaning the toilets regularly, but we need some other male volunteers to regularly (at least once a month) 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!**

### **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](mailto:philmarsh@bigpond.com)).

### **Sailing Committee meetings**

The next club meeting will be on **Monday** 18 January 2021 at 8:00 pm and will also be accessible via video conference. All members are welcome to attend, please e-mail [willemvervoort@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:willemvervoort@gmail.com)

## Race report

The best way to describe the race this week is “interesting”. As highlighted, the winds were fickle and light, sometimes pushing up to 5 knots, and there was a big run-out tide. All in all it made for some close and tactical racing, in which the lead changed many times. Some luck was involved (or is it tactics?), if you managed to catch a good gust, you could make up a lot of ground. Chris D gets a big Sook nomination for including Bedlam into the NE course, and backing up to actually go around the mark, only because Neil suggested to him it was in the course. Smart tactics from Neil, who was behind Chris. Checking the course sheet is worthwhile. Furthermore, Willem needs to check his port and starboard rules before shouting at the Scouts in a Pacer.

In the end, the race results were in the Lasers: 1. Vibe (Lee) 2. Seacure (Neil) 3. SinKing (Chris). The handicap results were: 1. Seacure, 2. Problem Child (Hannah), 3. Because I Can (Judy).

In the skiffs, with the Arrogant Frog away for the State Championships, Robin and Luke tested their no. 1 rig. The results were: 1. Engineered for Failure (Robin and Luke) 2. Lick This. The handicaps were in the same order.

Regrettably, even with the “shortened course”, none of the open fleet managed to finish.

Thank you to all our Sea Scout and Venturer members who provided support and Cooper C, who volunteered, laying the course and helped out with support. Thanks to Gai and Paige for running the start and finish.

## Boats and equipment for sale

Advertise your boat or equipment here.

### Coming Events (The racing calendar is now [on the website](#))

<b>12 December</b>	<b>Heat 11 &amp; 12 of the Short course series</b>
<b>19 December</b>	<b>Heat 3 Club Championships (J&amp;L Dempsey Memorial Trophy)</b>
<b>19 December</b>	<b>Social Dinner and 2019/2020 Presentation Night, 6 pm at the club</b>
<b>16 January</b>	<b>Race (Ron Morton Memorial Trophy)</b>

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