

## Abbotsford Sailing Club News 03/02/2020

### Birthday Championships

It was a hot day with very little breeze for Heat 4 of the Club Championship, which is also the Birthday championship and D.B Copley Memorial trophy for all classes. This is the nature of sailing, you never know what it is going to throw at you. In this case it was a difficult race with changing breezes, and I think we were all happy to see the shortened course flag.

The inaugural get-together for the Friends of Abbotsford (FOA) took place this week. Phil, Ann, Jim and Judy enjoyed great conversation, delicious treats and put a "job list" together to be completed in a leisurely way over the next months.



They are all looking forward to their next get-together - Tuesday 16 February @ 10.30 - and are hoping to welcome other FOA's to the balcony. The "Friends of Abbotsford" are meeting at the club every 2nd Tuesday at 10:30 am.

**PLEASE CHECK 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 marshal will spot check this and remind you if you forget to sign in. If you do not have a smartphone, please ask someone else to sign you in.

The **support boat roster** is now on the Club Calendar on the website:

<http://abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au/index.php/social-sailing-calendar>

Next week Chris D and Lee are on support.

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, selling sandwiches, hot food and drinks:

- 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 keep your distance

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!

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

### **Cleaning**

We need some volunteers to regularly (at least once a month) clean the male change rooms and the toilets: we don't have any cleaners, so please volunteer.

### **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 sailing committee meeting will be on **Monday** 15 February 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

It was a difficult day, and some of us got lucky in finding exactly the right gust. The wind was swinging everything but southerly, and it was not strange to see two boats under spinnaker sailing in opposite directions! And with a big tide running out, it was definitely a difficult race, and even the best of us struggled. But this is sailing, and these things can of course happen. We are dependent on the breeze and we can only hope for the best. So the results were sometimes a bit surprising.

**The laser [results](#)** were: 1. Sinking (Chris), 2. Big Dipper (Dave) and 3. Juz (Garry) with the handicaps in the same order.

**The skiff [results](#)** were: 1. Lick This (Huon and Simon), 2. Fast Forward (Willem and Stephen), 3. Snorkel (James and Louie). The handicap went 1. Snorkel, 2. Fast Forward, 3. Lick This.

**The Open Class results** were: 1. Twated, 2. Cost Ya, 3. Queen Scout. The handicap went 1. Queen Scout, 2. Twated, 3. Indented Head.

Full results for the opens are [on the website](#)



Thank you to Nick, Rolf and Ed for providing support and thanks to Alan, 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>6 February</b>	<b>Heat 15 &amp; 16 Short course racing, Cherub States at Lane Cove</b>
<b>13 February and 12ft skiffs</b>	<b>Long Race and Round 2 of the Club Championship for Cherubs</b>
<b>20 February</b>	<b>Heat 17 &amp; 18 Short course racing</b>

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