

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 10/02/2021

Short course and Cherub States

Another sultry day on Saturday, very humid, some rain about and as a result light breezes, but a bit more consistent than the week before.

In the last club meeting we discussed how we can restart our longer term maintenance work, which due to COVID had been a bit delayed. The club captain and his assistant will be working with other club members to develop maintenance tasks for the next off-season. During the meeting it was also confirmed that we will organise a 12Ft Skiff regatta over 4 days at Easter. If all goes well with COVID, it will be the 12Ft Skiff Australian Championship. In any case, there will be plenty of sailing spectacle to watch over the Easter Long weekend. If club members can volunteer for this event would be great!

On Saturday morning we had three people in the Adult Start Sailing group. Jack, sailing a Laser and following Tom to the Five Dock mark location and back, managed to catch a BIG fish in the cockpit. Quite a skill! The fish was christened Fred and released back in the water at the club. Sofie and Ed worked with Hannah in the Pacer to improve their sailing skills, and Ed also had a go at the Laser.



Reminder that the "Friends of Abbotsford" are meeting at the club every 2nd Tuesday at 10:30 am. So next Tuesday 16th of Feb, will be the next meeting.

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 marshall 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 are on support. (Replacements for Peter and Steven)

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).

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 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

Cherub States at Lane Cove and Drummoyne

Last weekend, Lick This (Huon and Simon) and Fast Forward (Willem and Stephen) participated at the Cherub States at Lane Cove and Drummoyne. Like at Abbotsford, Saturday was a difficult slow day with very light breezes and it very much was a bit of luck where you ended up. Sunday was much better in terms of breeze, with SE breezes up to 15 knots. However on Sunday, the majority of the course was between Greenwich Point and Goat Island and the amount of traffic was quite a challenge. In the end, the boys in Lick This performed outstanding again, while Fast Forward managed not to be last.

Overall standing (after 9 races). 1. Schmickity Smootin (Fay and Drury B16SC) 2. Gold Digger (Barnes and Lancaster B16SC) 3. Squealer (Swadling and Glassock LC12ftSC). Lick This is 13th overall, while Fast Forward is 27th from 34 registrations. On handicap, Lick This is a very respectable 3rd and Fast Forward 20th.

Overall, some great racing, and the Cherub crews are, as always, very welcoming and full of support. Below some great photos of the action from the Cherub National Council.





Race report

It was a much quieter day for the starter than the last short course race day. Six Lasers started with some interesting extra sailors in the mix. Robin Biskupic sailed Super and destroyed Willem's handicap and almost caught Chris D, while Jack P. (from our Adult Start Sailing group) sailed Problem Child in the first race and finished the race. There were seven starters in the open class, plus Sam and Anne who finished both races, sailing one of the Pacers. All are gaining valuable experience. Snorkel was the only skiff starter in the first race.

The laser [results](#) were for Race 1: 1. Sinking (Chris), 2. Super (Robin), 3. Unshackled 2 (Phil) and the Handicap was 1. Super, 2. Unshackled, 3. Certifiable (Tom).
For Race 2: 1. Sinking, 2. Super, 3. Because I Can (Judy) and the handicap was 1. SinKing, 2. Because I Can, 3. Super.

The skiff [results](#) were: 1. Snorkel

The Open Class results were for Race 1: 1. Cost Ya, 2. Twated, 3. Queen Scout. The handicap went 1. Queen Scout, 2. Attitude, 3. Cost Ya.
For Race 2: 1. Cost Ya, 2. Twated, 3. Attitude and the handicap went 1. Attitude, 2. Cost Ya, 3. Indented Head.

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

Thank you to Lee and Garry for providing support and thanks to Alan and Gai 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](#))

13 February
12ft skiffs

Long Race and Heat 2 of the Club Championship for Cherubs and

20 February
27 February

Heat 17 & 18 Short course racing
Heat 5 of the Club Championships DB Copley Memorial

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