

Abbotsford Sailing Club News 17/02/2021

Valentine's race

What else would I wish from my sailing weather Valentine? It was cool, rainy and with plenty of South to SSE breeze. In fact it was so wet and miserable that no one took any photos, but I can assure you most of us had a blast going up and down to Exile. A big thank you to Jack, Paige and Noel Hill, who stepped in to help out with support as the skiffs were having a championship round. They had plenty of work to do, so great to have your help on the water.

On Sunday 15 February, the Arrogant Frog and Engineered for Failure competed in the 12ft skiff sprints at the Sydney Flying Squadron, and managed to keep the Abbotsford flag flying by completing most of the races.

We have a new item in the newsletter, we will try to introduce some of our members and supporters in a "[Who is who on the Balcony](#)" section. We have our first section in this newsletter, introducing Bob, one of the FOAs (Friends of Abbotsford).

Please read the news about [the 12ft Skiff Championships below](#). We need your help over Easter and come and enjoy some exciting sailing!

FoA: Reminder that the "Friends of Abbotsford" are meeting at the club every 2nd Tuesday at 10:30 am. So Tuesday 3 March, will be the next meeting.

Support

WE NEED SUPPORT FOR 6 MARCH. Can we please have some volunteers?

The **support boat roster** is now on [the Club Calendar on the website](#).

Next week (20 Feb) Willem and Seb are on support.

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

Covid management

We have updated our [COVID management plan](#).

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 **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 adhere to the rules under [our latest COVID management plan](#):

- 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.

How can you help?

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

Volunteering: We always need volunteers for odd jobs, for working bees, for events. If you would like to volunteer, please speak with anyone from the committee. This club only works because of volunteers, we don't have any paid staff!

Advertise and promote: Please advertise and promote 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.

Donations are always welcome! You can use our Australian Sport Foundation option to donate some money to the club 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** 1 March 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

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

85th 12ft Skiff Australian Championships

As you already know, we are hosting the 85th 12ft Skiff Australian Championship over the Easter weekend, 2nd to 5th April. We are organising regatta T-shirts for the sailors and anyone else who would like one can place an order. They are navy blue with white print. Cost is \$40 each.

If you would like to order one, please fill in the order form at the club on Saturday or let Gai know at gai_dewane@hotmail.com, no later than the **28th February**, as we need to place the order with the manufacturer by 1st March to ensure they are ready for Easter. (Covid has caused delays which mean orders have to be placed earlier than usual.)

During the four days we will be needing volunteers to assist in the canteen and bar at lunchtime and after racing. [Please use this link to indicate your availability](#) or fill in the sheet on the notice board.

'On water' assistance will be crucial for a successful running of the championships. In addition to the crew on Scout, at least 4 volunteers will be needed each day for the support boats.

[Please sign up via this sheet](#) or sign up at the club on the notice board

It would be great if everyone could help out at some time over the 4 days at Easter.

[We will also need some cleaning volunteers](#), particularly if COVID restrictions still apply, so we can regularly clean the showers, so they can be used.

Come and see some exciting racing!



Who is who on the Balcony

Meet our newest member of **Friends of Abbotsford** – Bob McDonald.

Bob grew up in Cowra and lived on a sheep farm and then moved to Cobar. He and his family moved to Sydney and Bob attended James Ruse High. As a young boy he bred and showed smooth haired fox terriers.

Bob currently lives at South Granville and used to play golf with the Granville RSL Golf Club.

Bob has had a variety of jobs throughout his working life including a salesman for Fiat; a builder of sheep and cattle showers; a business manager and his favourite one was a Tour Bus driver with regular trips to the Blue Mountains.



Bob has a four-legged friend known as Cookie who is very good company every day.

Bob discovered A12SC through his long time friend Anne Buchanan whom he met through work around 1970. They have been friends since Day 1.

Bob is a good cook with a speciality in very hot Chilli Con Carne that he makes for his fishing buddies. Perhaps he will share his delicacy with A12SC in the future??

He is a strong supporter of Royal Flying Doctor Service; Care Flight; Children's Hospital and "The Sally's".

Bob loves all fruit and vegetables, doesn't eat ice cream but will sneak a chocolate (or two)!

He generously supplied morning tea for the FOAs – and instantly made friends with Phil when he opened the sweet delights that Phil enjoys regularly.

He worked very hard on the club barbecues to get them clean and ready for the upcoming 12's Nationals.

Bob recommended one of his favourite tourist sites as the Holdsworthy Military Museum – well worth the visit!

A big thank you to Bob for "volunteering" to be our first celebrity in the newsletter and we hope to see him back at FOA's next time!

Race report

It was a blustery day with plenty of breeze in Hen and Chicken Bay and a run-out tide. Perfect time to get your mast stuck in the mud if you were not paying attention. Some of the Open class boats with the Sea Scouts struggled, so it would be good for them to work on their basic sailing skills. In this type of breeze you need to be doing the basic things right and if they don't happen "automatically", you are likely to get in trouble.

The skiffs were resailing round 2 of the Club Championships, and clearly had chosen a good day for that. It got exciting for 3rd and 4th place, with Fast Forward just managing to stay in front of the fast finishing Engineered for Failure.

In the Lasers, Garry and Lee were unfortunately not in much wind at the start, though they were pretty much on the starting line. This meant the rest of the fleet, starting on the northern side of the river, got a good jump ahead. Garry recovered well to be pressing for

the lead by the end of the first lap. Tom sailed a blinder to be near the front of the fleet the whole race, managing to finish fourth just ahead of Neil (and a deserved first on Handicap).

Chris and Garry had an intense battle for the lead, pretty much having an hour-long tacking and gybing duel until Garry lost a little bit of breeze right at the River Club on the last leg and Chris got through, with Lee remaining in third.

The laser [results](#) were: 1. SinKing (Chris), 2. Juz (Garry), 3. Vibe (Lee) and the Handicap results were 1. Certifiable (Tom), 2. SinKing, 3. Juz.

The skiff [results](#) were: 1. Arrogant Frog (Pete and Steve), 2. Lick This (Huon and Simon), 3. Fast Forward (Willem and Stephen) and the Handicap results were 1. Arrogant Frog, 2. Fast Forward, 3. Lick This

The Open Class results were 1. Cost Ya, 2. Twated, 3. Attitude. And the handicap results were: 1. Attitude, 2. Cost Ya., 3. Indented Head. Full results for the opens are [on the website](#)

Thank you to Noel, Paige and Jack 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](#))

20 February	Heats 17 & 18 Short Course racing
27 February	Heat 5 of the Club Championships DB Copley Memorial
1 March	Meeting
6 March	Heats 19 & 20 Short Course racing

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