

The Main Sheet

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The Newsletter of the

Hampton Sailing Club

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FROM THE COMMODORE

Happy New Year for 2006!

And a warm welcome to new members.

The Club was officially in recess from 11 December to 15 January, a traditional shutdown over the Christmas New Year period, and there was no official sailing on the Australia Day holiday weekend.

The annual Christmas Dinner was held, and was a really good night – and thanks to Chris Borg for all he did behind the scenes. There were plenty of people around over the Christmas break, some sailing and others whiling away time on the verandah. 15 January 2005 saw the start of the Autumn Aggregate races.

From 7-14 January Sandringham Yacht Club again hosted the Sail Melbourne regatta. Our Club's involvement in the regatta, is by way of providing a number of members who volunteer a few days of their time to help out in whatever way they can, and the Lady Isa (and sometimes the rubberduck) for patrol boat duty. The volunteers get a pretty classy-looking T-shirt, a cap, and a cut lunch each day, and some pretty long days on the water!

The presentation evening was an "invitation only" affair this year. It was held in the early evening, so that participants were able to attend before heading off homewards.

Thanks to the club members who did volunteer their time, and to Ken Hope who doesn't know it, but as he was not at the presentation, I signed in under his name and was able to attend with Stewart Simmons and

Charles Bagossy. Seems this year, some of the patrol boats were a bit rough! Thanks Stewart, for co-ordinating the volunteers again this year.

Family Sailing activities at the Club are scheduled for Sunday 19 February, and Sunday 23 April 2006. It is necessary to arrive early, by 9.00 AM, for a 10 AM -12 noon activity (See full details elsewhere in this copy of Mainsheet). If you are able to help with the Co-ordination of the Family Sailing, please contact Michelle Moller. Remember, these days are also race days for other members, and the sailors start their ritual about mid-day, or well before briefing at 1.00 PM, for the usual start on the water of 2.00 PM. Anyone is welcome to join the main race at 2.00 PM.

There's a couple of "Food" nights planned – A Celtic night to be held Saturday Night 18 March - the day after St Patrick's Day, and a Turkish night planned for Saturday 15 April – in advance of Anzac Day, a day that holds special significance for Australians and Turks alike. The Turkish night will include a guest speaker, and should be most interesting. Look for details elsewhere in the Mainsheet, for the time, of how to book, and who to tell if you're planning to attend.

By the time you read this, John Maddick should be home from his trip to Nepal and it is sure to have been a memorable experience, and, the Volvo Round-the-World Yacht Race boats will have headed back out of the bay on the next leg of their journey. Melbourne put on a good show for them, especially weather-wise.

There was a civil reception at Government House on Thursday 9 February, and it rained so much, the car park at Government House turned into a couple of inches of yellow mud! Not a good look on footwear, or the beautiful carpets, but an enjoyable night. It was said on the night, that Government House is still the largest residence in Victoria!

Just a reminder - Easter is looming – Good Friday is 14 April, and there is no official club sailing scheduled over the Easter period.

Rita Bagossy – Commodore

Working Bee

Sunday 14 May 2005

Hello All

Again, nothing major this time. Many of the usual maintenance tasks.

9:00 AM Start

11:00 AM Morning Tea

1:00 PM Lunch

3:00 PM Finish

An assistant for the Chef would be great; please call.

It's a big help to know how many are coming so please call on (03) 95219108, and leave a message as to how many, and if you have a job type preference.

Please only call if you are coming.

Do not call if you are not coming.

Don't forget that you can earn Work Day Credits.

Ken Trotter, House Secretary

Identification of Equipment

There is a lot of unnamed gear accumulating in lockers, sail storage area, and change rooms at the Hampton Sailing Club. All HSC members are requested to make sure that their personal gear is labelled with their name and that boat equipment has their name, boat name and sail number.

Some old school type lockers are about to be reviewed as to their usage, and may be disposed of; please ensure your gear is removed from the lockers are correctly labelled.

Identification of Boats

It is a requirement of the AYF, the Hampton Sailing Club, and marine authorities that all boats sailing should carry adequate identification on the transom of the boat. This should include:

- boat name
- club name
- class registration number
- class type

Additionally, it is now a requirement of the HSC that the boat should also carry an Annual Registration Sticker if stored at the Club.

The recent boat audit of boats stored at HSC revealed a large number of boats with no identification or inadequate identification.

Members are reminded of the necessity of abiding by these requirements. They are there for a reason – one of which is safety, and ready identification in case of an accident, or theft.

Family Sailing Activities

We started off the year with a very popular novelty sailing game "Possible Pirates", held on Sunday 15th Jan 2006. The following families joined in the fun; Moller, Dwyer, Allinson, Cook, Adshead with Peter Jones and Michelle resolving pirate disputes on the rescue boat. Due to popular demand we shall definitely repeat that activity in the future.

As I stated in the December newsletter, I am taking a break and Leigh Brennan-Smith has kindly offered to run the next 2 activities for the season, with Lucy Allinson assisting. Please note, there has been a change of dates, see below for details.

Remember setting up for sailing always takes longer than you think, which is why we ask sailors who are rigging up, to arrive at 9 AM for a 10 o'clock start. If you are not rigging up, please get there by 9.30 so we can organise crew arrangements. Bearing in mind, that we need to have the rescue boat available around 12 noon to help set up the afternoon race.

Happy and safe sailing, from Michelle Moller

Any enquiries please call Leigh on 9598 1963 or email: leighb@windshift.com.au

For Sale

Wet Suit: Full Body \$40 o.n.o.

Size: MediumTall

Colour: Dark Grey/Black

Suit young adult male

Contact Richard Skews

Ph AH (03) 9553 4546

Family Sailing Activity – small triangular race course

Sunday 26th Feb 2006

Commences at 9 AM for a 10 AM – 12 noon activity

Family Sailing Activity – to be determined

Sunday 2nd April 2006

Commences at 9 AM for a 10 AM – 12 noon activity

Please note it is expected that parents will be attending the activities with their children and punctuality is vital when organising structured activities. It is a **requirement** that all children can swim or tread water in a life jacket; otherwise they will be restricted to the land based activities. We will have designated co-ordinators for each activity including a rescue boat for water based activities.

Apart from the club Pacer, all boats used for dinghy training will need to be HSC members boats, which will need to **comply** with a **basic safety inspection**. These safety requirements are the same for racing and include carrying bailing equipment, paddle, AYPF 38 mm ID tow ring fitted to bow etc.

All crew/participants will also need to have PFD 1 lifejackets (children/adults) or PFD 2 lifejackets (adults), plus footwear, warm clothes, hat, and wet weather gear etc. A small number of PFD 1's for children are available for loan from the club.

EVER WONDERED ABOUT ACCOUNTING.....

Sometime in the future, likely to be on a Saturday, a very informal session to look at "accounting for non-accountants" will be held at the Club. It is not to do with a sailing club, or any business in particular, just for general knowledge. Please let me know if you are interested and I can let you know when a date has been scheduled.

Contact Rita Bagossy, 9555.5967

Important Notice to All Members - BOAT STORAGE

Storage of members' boats at the Club has been an on-going issue for many years, due primarily to the limited space available. Among the various considerations involved, priority has generally been given to providing reasonably-priced storage for boats which members are using regularly.

Your Committee has again been examining boat storage in recent months. This year saw the introduction of Annual Registration Stickers. These must be applied to either the bow or the transom of all boats in the yard, in a position that enables the sticker to be seen when the boat is stored. The stickers are valid for one year and are issued by the Membership Secretary, Richard Skews, when the annual boat storage fee has been paid. Each sticker carries a unique registration number, and is non-transferable.

An audit of boats present at the Club was conducted over the summer. On 9 January, only 26 boats (including sailboard and kayaks) displayed their Annual Registration Stickers, although storage fees had been paid on a total of 45 boats. It is important that all members who have paid their annual storage fees obtain their sticker from the Membership Secretary as soon as possible, and display it on their boat.

A list of all paid-up boats and their owners will be placed on the noticeboard and elsewhere in the near future.

Unfortunately, there are far too many boats in the yard for which storage has not been paid for the 2005-06 financial year. Currently, there appears to be 19 unpaid boats and about 12 unpaid sailboards at Hampton Sailing Club. This represents a significant loss of income to the Club (over \$2000 for the year), and means that potential new memberships may be lost due to the lack of available boat storage space. Several of these boats and sailboards carry no other identification markings and their ownership is unknown – most do not appear to have been used for a considerable time.

The Committee will shortly be posting a list on the Club noticeboard, identifying all boats for which 2005-06 storage fees have been paid. Members who have paid their boat storage fees for the year should check that the correct boat details are shown against their name on the list. Any member who believes they have paid for storage, but whose boat is not on the list, should contact the Membership Secretary immediately.

Prior to this year's AGM (Sunday, 28 May) the Committee will take action to remove all boats and sailboards for which storage fees have not been paid. Known owners of unpaid boats will be sent a final notice in the near future, asking that they either pay for storage or remove their boat/s. Each boat or sailboard for which an owner cannot be identified will be listed and described in a notice to be published in the next issue of the Main Sheet and displayed on the Club noticeboard. After an appropriate period, any unclaimed boat or sailboard is liable to be disposed of as the Committee sees fit.

All Members are to be reminded that:

- (1) storage is at a premium, and unused boats should be removed;
- (2) each boat stored at the Club must carry a current Annual Registration Sticker, properly displayed (available from the Membership Secretary);
- (3) membership and boat storage fees are due on 1 May each year
- (4) a member whose fees are in arrears at 1 June is not entitled to compete in any sailing event organised by the Club until payment is received;
- (5) membership lapses if payment is not received by 1 August, and an entry fee may be charged if the former member then wishes to rejoin the Club.

Be fair to your fellow members, and help to keep Club fees to a minimum!

HAMPTON SAILING CLUB

PARENTS

**PLEASE COUNSEL YOUR CHILDREN AGAINST WRITING
GRAFFITI ON NOTICES AND ELSEWHERE AT THE CLUB.**

**THIS APPEARS TO BE A RECENT DEVELOPMENT,
AFFECTING NOTICES AND THE GUEST BOOK IN THE
DOWNSTAIRS FOYER.**

**I HAVE REMOVED THE MOST OFFENSIVE EXAMPLES,
WRITTEN ON A NOTICE IN THE STAIR-WELL A COUPLE OF
WEEKS AGO.**

**SEE "BOAT STORAGE" NOTICE ON WINDOW NEXT TO THE
FRONT DOOR FOR AN EXAMPLE THAT APPEARED SINCE
SATURDAY, 11 FEBRUARY – PERHAPS YOU RECOGNISE THE
HAND?**

(THE SPELLING SKILLS AIN'T TOO HOT EITHER)

Thanks -

Stewart Simmons, Secretary

16 February 2006

HSC Social Events

Celtic Night

6:30 PM, Saturday 18th March 2006

BYO Drinks

Expected Cost \$8 per person

Book by 13th March 2006

If you wish, wear orange or green.

Main Meal: Irish Stew

Contact Chris Borg, Ph: (03) 9515 4244



Turkish Dinner and Gallipoli Talk

7:00 PM, Saturday 15th April 2006

BYO Drinks

Expected Cost \$10 per person

Book by 13th March 2006

Contact Chris Borg, Ph: (03) 9515 4244, or

Veshi Basharan, Ph: (03) 9597 0814

Wanted

Are you or some of your family members not regular sailors; yet, would like to be involved with Sunday race activities ?

We are seeking HSC members who would be prepared to assist on a regular basis.

In particular we require:

- Rescue Boat crew
- Base Radio Operators

Please contact Michael Cook, or report to the Race Controller on a Sunday.



NAKED MAN

A few weeks before the breaking of a new year, a naked man was seen walking about the rigging area. While a sighting of wild life in our compound is not an unusual occurrence, previously it was restricted to small furry animals (rats, rabbits, possums, foxes).

The management wishes to reassure members that it was not a marketing ploy, and the offending person is asked to restrict his exhibitions to a private place.

One reluctant female observer to this not-too-splendid exhibition, who happens to be in a medical profession, commented that he was very average in every aspect, except his ego.

Hampton Sailing Club: Handy Information

HSC Calender

March 2006

06 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

April 2006

03 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

May 2006

01 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

28 2:00 PM AGM

June 2006

05 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

July 2006

03 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

August 2006

08 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

September 2006

04 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

October 2006

02 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

November 2006

06 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

December 2006

04 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

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