

The Main Sheet

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The Newsletter of the

Hampton Sailing Club

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FROM THE COMMODORE

The Club's Annual General Meeting is coming up - scheduled for Sunday 28 May 2006 at 2.00 pm. The presentation of trophies for the 2005-2006 sailing season, will be held, following the meeting, with a BBQ provided afterwards to top it all off. (Please BYO drinks.) Please put the date in your diary, and we hope to see you just before 2.00 pm.

If you have any matters of General Business for consideration at this year's AGM, please submit them in writing to the Secretary. You'll find copies of papers related to the meeting, later in this copy of the Mainsheet, and you're urged to consider expressing an interest in a sub-committee or nominating for a position on the Committee.

The Club's Close of Season Sail - an informal race - is scheduled for Sunday 30 April 2006, and this will be the last official sail of the season. Afternoon tea will be provided following the race. (With the weather of late, it will be a toss up to see if it will be any warmer on 30 April, than the weather expected for the Winter Warrior's Race, planned for the last Sunday in August, which is usually pretty cool weather wise.)

Also on the 30 April, from early in the morning (6.30 am. - ish), weather permitting, there will be some hardy Sea Kayakers at the Club House, thawing out after a planned 48 hour sponsored relay type paddle around the bay, raising money for CanTeen.

We have been asked to provide a base for them to return to, and it is planned for the Club to provide a warm shower, and a hot breakfast for them. It is planned that the kayakers will have left the Club by late morning, and every effort will be made to minimise disruption to the Close of Season Sail plans. (Special thanks to the members of our Club who have spent time digging in the deep, dark hole of the sewer pit and its surrounds, to overcome some drainage problems, in advance of the day.)

The Club Working Bee is scheduled for Sunday 14 May 2006. Please let the House Secretary (Ken Trotter - 9521 9108) know if you're coming. Ken has been known to provide a pretty good morning tea and BBQ lunch in the past! And remember, work day credits apply!

Rita Bagossy - Commodore

New Members

The committee would like to welcome the following new members:

Bowman, Ben	(Senior member)
Smart, Dean	(Senior member)
Taylor, Sonja	(Family member)

If you see them about the club, remember to introduce yourself and say "Hello!"

New Victorian Marine Safety Regulations

On 1 December 2005, the State government implemented a range of new marine safety regulations, intended to reduce the occurrence of injury and death during recreational boating activities. The regulations were developed in response to recommendations by the Coroner, following a series of boating fatalities.

All Club members who hold an AYF Silver Card should have received a brochure in the mail, explaining the key changes. In particular, this brochure highlights the new safety standards relating to the wearing of life jackets. More stringent requirements now apply when engaged in a wide range of boating activities, including powerboat handling, off-the-beach sailing, keelboat sailing and use of tenders – Club members who participate in these activities should ensure they are familiar with the current safety requirements.

Marine Safety Victoria has revised the Victorian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook to include details of the new standards. This booklet is an invaluable source of information for everyone involved in sailing and boating activities, and is also essential reading for anyone wishing to obtain a license to operate a powerboat in Victorian waters (the booklet includes sample questions similar to those used in the license test). Copies of the new Handbook are available free of charge at Hampton Sailing Club – please pick one up next time you visit the Club, and spend some time looking through Chapter 1, which deals with trip preparation and safety issues.

Important points to note in the new requirements are:

- Port Phillip and Western Port Bays are classed as Enclosed Waters for the purposes of the regulations – this determines the type of PDF that must be worn, and safety equipment that must be carried, during boating activities.
- For off-the-beach sailing in Port Phillip Bay, either a PDF Type 1 or 2 must be worn. The same requirement applies to persons using a recreational tender.
- Persons using a canoe, kayak or sail board must wear a PDF Type 1, 2 or 3.
- Persons aboard yachts must wear a PDF Type 1 or 2 at times of “heightened risk” (defined to include situations in which the person is operating the vessel alone), when the vessel is under way and when in an open area of the vessel.
- Persons aboard a power boat up to 4.8 meters in length must wear a PDF Type 1 when the vessel is under way and when in an open area of the vessel. This means the persons operating *Lady Isa* or *Hampton Duck* must wear a PDF Type 1, except when the vessel is at anchor in fair conditions (ie there is no “heightened risk”).
- On any vessel, children under the age of 10 must wear a specified PDF at all times, when the vessel is under way and they are in an open area of the vessel.

These notes are provided for guidance only – please refer to the publications mentioned above or the Marine Safety Victoria website (www.marinesafety.vic.gov.au) for details of the current requirements.

Stewart Simmons - Secretary

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

SAFETY BOAT HANDLING COURSE (7-9 JULY 2006)

Hampton Sailing Club is working with Yachting Victoria to deliver a Safety Boat Handling course (formerly called the "Rescue Boat Handling Endorsement"). This course was originally scheduled for May 2006, but will now be held on the weekend of 7-9 July (starting at 1830 Hrs on the Friday evening).

The instructor will be Doug King, who has previously delivered two excellent TL3 (Powerboat Handling) courses at our Club. The July course will build on the theory and practice of safety boat operations, as introduced during TL3 training.

Prerequisites for the course are: a Powerboat Handling Certificate (TL3), a current Victorian Powerboat Licence; and a reasonable amount of practical powerboat handling experience.

There is a maximum of 10 places, with a couple of vacancies still available (notice of the proposed course has been posted at the Club for some time).

The full course fee is normally about \$200, but Hampton Sailing Club will consider subsidising members who can demonstrate a commitment to undertaking rescue boat duties for the Club. The Committee is yet to set the level of this subsidy.

For more information, or to register interest in the course, please contact Stewart Simmons (Secretary) on 9598 6954.

Yachting Victoria is currently organizing a range of courses, including TL3 training. See their website for details (<www.yachtingvictoria.com.au>).

Sailboats at the Commonwealth Games

While sailing was not a sporting event in the Melbourne Commonwealth Games sail craft nevertheless appeared in the opening ceremony.

When I applied to become a volunteer for the Games, I put down that I had done a bit of sailing. On the basis of this statement I found myself appointed to be an Assistant Stage Manager. This I ultimately learnt, was to be the communications person and to help put up and lower a chicken wire mast on a cuta boat as part of the opening ceremony on the Yarra.

All was top secret. We met at shed 4 and trained late at night on the Yarra. I was assigned to Vanda which was skippered by Milton and crewed by his son in law Steve.

Milton like most of the 34 other cuta boat owners was a member of the Sorrento Cuta Boat Club and had motored up from the lower end of the bay. He was to see his mast removed and replaced by a chicken wire mast and boom and fairy lights and electric generator installed. Milton lived at Mornington and occasionally crewed on Scandia.

The new masts proved to be a headache. They were too lightly constructed and frequently collapsed when they were lowered to go under bridges. Eventually this was solved by the installation of an aluminium rod.

On the night we all assembled at Victoria Harbour and boarded our boats. We then motored up the Yarra to South Gate where we lined up in order each side of the river.

With difficulty we put our masts up, attached our booms and turned on the lights. Some masts immediately began to bend and the riggers quickly went to work bracing them. About forty minutes before the start a police boat with out riders on Jet Skis, in a foolhardy display of power, charged up the river at high speed. The resulting bow wave caused the 25 foot cuta boats to heave in all directions. In desperation we struggled to steady our masts. However three collapsed.

While the police beat a retreat the riggers again went to work and installed more braces and at 7 pm we were able to follow the Surf Boats under Princes Bridge and up each side of the "fish". Over one hundred thousand people were lining the river and the overall display with lights and fire works was a sight to behold.

Once past Swan Bridge we rafted up, rowers from the surf boats came aboard and we had a party. Vanda had been well stocked with food and drink beforehand and the petrol generator provided electricity for the sausage grill, until it ran out of fuel.

Milton proved to be quite a host going from boat to boat with drink and food.

At about 10.30 pm we received the call to again light up our boats and return to Victoria Harbour.

The members of Sorrento Cuta Boat Club were rewarded for their efforts by the gift of a fish from the Yarra collection. We can only guess which one it was. As for me I got a blue uniform and some tickets to the football.

Neil Watson

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This Newsletter contains notice of Hampton Sailing Club's forthcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM), to be held at the Clubrooms on Sunday, 28 May (starting at 2:00pm).

The formal business of the meeting will be followed by presentation of prizes for the 2005-06 sailing season, rounded off with a barbecue.

All members are encouraged to attend the AGM to hear how the Club is progressing. Members who feel inclined to offer their time, skills and experience to become involved in managing the business of the Club, or who just want to get more involved in the Club's programs, are particularly welcome to nominate for positions on the Committee, or assist in the work of a sub-committee.

This Newsletter gives a brief outline of the duties and attributes relevant to particular roles on the Committee. Other Committee members hold a more general role, dealing with tasks that arise throughout the year.

The major resource that all Committee members need is plenty of time to attend to Club matters. Hence, Committee members must be prepared to give their time and resources freely to the Club (within reason!).

COMMODORE

Duties And Responsibilities

- ❖ Conduct and chair monthly committee meetings.
- ❖ Manage the Club executive
- ❖ Represent the Club in the local community.
- ❖ Represent the Club at external functions.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good organisational skills.
- ❖ Good personal skills.

Required Resources

- ❖ Plenty of time to attend to Club matters!
- ❖ An understanding partner!

VICE-COMMODORE

Duties And Responsibilities

- ❖ Assist the Commodore where necessary.
- ❖ Represent the Commodore in their absence at functions.
- ❖ Chair the Club Committee meetings in the Commodore's absence.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good personal skills.

Required Resources

- ❖ Time to attend to Club matters!
- ❖ An understanding partner!

SECRETARY

Duties And Responsibilities

- ❖ Keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of Committee meetings.
- ❖ Receive and respond to Club correspondence.
- ❖ Manage the Club's administrative affairs.
- ❖ Act generally on behalf of the Club.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good knowledge of business processes.

Required Resources

- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.

TREASURER

Duties And Responsibilities

- ❖ Manage the Club finances.
 - Collect and receive all monies due to the Club and make payments authorised by the Club.
 - Keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Club with full details of receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Club.
- ❖ Provide an Annual Budget.
- ❖ Arrange for audit of Club financial affairs.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good knowledge of business and accounting practices.

Required Resources

- ❖ Access to computer with commonly used accounting software.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Duties And Responsibilities

- ❖ Produce the HSC newsletter 6 times per year.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Able to compile information from members into a coherent form.

Required Resources

- ❖ Access to computer.
 - Internet and email access.
 - Ability to produce print-ready newsletter in PDF format.

SAILING SECRETARY

Duties And Responsibilities

- ❖ Organise the Club's annual program of sailing activities (races, social sails, etc).
- ❖ Manage the roster of race control and rescue boat crews.
- ❖ Promote and co-ordinate training relevant to the Club's sailing program.
- ❖ Manage maintenance of the Club's race control and rescue boats, and of equipment necessary for conducting the sailing program.
- ❖ Promote awareness of relevant safety requirements and standards, and monitor compliance with these during Club events.
- ❖ Promote awareness of the Club's sailing activities, for example through information in the Main Sheet.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good sailing knowledge.
- ❖ Good organisational skills.

Required Resources

- ❖ Plenty of time to attend to sailing matters!

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Duties And Responsibilities

- ❖ Organise the Club's social functions.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good organisational skills.

- ❖ Good personal skills.
- ❖ A sense of fun.

HOUSE SECRETARY

Duties And Responsibilities

- ❖ Plan and manage the maintenance of Club facilities.
- ❖ Organise working bees.
- ❖ Develop and maintain plans for future development of Club facilities.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good knowledge of building and maintenance practices.
- ❖ Good organisational skills.

Required Resources

- ❖ Access to tools and equipment.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Duties And Responsibilities

- ❖ Process new membership applications.
- ❖ Maintain the Membership database.
 - Keep a correct Roll of all members;
 - Keep a register of all yachts enrolled in the Club;
 - Produce Duty Officer Roster monthly.
- ❖ Notify such members-elect of their election or otherwise.
- ❖ Maintain current list of members on Yachting Australia/Victoria database.
- ❖ Send out, and process annual subscription notices.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good organisational skills.

Required Resources

- ❖ Plenty of time to attend to Club matters!
- ❖ Access to computer
 - Ability to run membership database.
 - Reliable printer.
 - Internet and email access

Hampton Sailing Club: Handy Information

HSC Calender

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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