

# THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter



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## Commodore's Corner

Thank you to Peter Jones (Vice Commodore) for attending to Club matters in June and July while Charles and I were on holidays. We found the hot weather we were looking for, and at times it was a bit hotter than we expected!

We met up with the sailors of eleven Australian Under-18 boats competing in the Cadet World Championships held on Lake Balaton in Hungary. There were 81 boats in the championships, and two of the Australian boats from Sandringham's off-the beach Club next door to Hampton, achieved the best results of the Australian contingent: Henry and Isobel Say at 26th; and Cameron and Alison Dale at 42nd. (Henry and Isobel Say were awarded the Under 15 Trophy of the Championship.) Congratulations to them.

The official close of the 2005-06 Sailing Season at Hampton, the Winter Warrior's Regatta, is held the last Sunday in August each year

The official start of the 2006-07 Sailing Season at Hampton is celebrated the first Sunday in October each year and this year comprises a Sail Past, a handicap race (Commodore's Cup), followed with afternoon tea.

There's a Working Bee on Sunday 17 September and it's NOT Father's Day this time!

Special thoughts to Ray Parry who is unwell – we're thinking of him, and wish him a speedy recovery. (We did think of having the Wine and Cheese Tasting at Ray's hospital suite.)

Rita Bagossy

Commodore

**AUGUST 2006**

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Don't miss out on the Wine and Cheese night on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.  
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### Membership Renewal

*Members are reminded that renewals are now overdue.*

*Please return your renewal notice with your payment.*

### Hampton Duck Modifications

Over the Winter period, the Hampton Duck has undergone a major refurbishment.

The major modification was changing from the "Speed Boat" configuration to a "Centre Console" configuration.

Space has always been tight in the Hampton Duck; however, the major benefits of the new layout are improved visibility for the coxswain, easier anchoring, and improved seating.

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# GENERAL NOTICES

## Newsletter Contributions

Fun photographs or sailing stories are welcomed.

This newsletter is published in April, June, August, October and December each year. Editorial deadline is 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month and publication is the third Monday of the month.

## Social News

The next event is the Winter Warriors which is on the 27th August, at 2 pm.

For the new members who are not familiar with this event, the day involves an afternoon sail, subject to the weather and this is followed by hot soup for all with a gold coin donation for the club.

## Working Bee

The working bee is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 am. Contact Frank Leipper if you can attend. Remember, work day credits apply.

## Boat Storage Labels

For those who have paid their subscription fees for 2006-07, Boat Storage labels are now available. Please contact either Richard Skews or Martin Playne.

## Boat Insurance/ Sailing Rules

For details of insurance requirements when entering State or Class sailing competitions contact Monica Jones, the sailing secretary. See the notice-board for Sailing Rules for the 2007 season.

## WINE & CHEESE NIGHT TOP WINE TASTING NIGHT

The Club is holding its Annual Wine & Cheese Night a week before the start of the sailing season to loosen your taste buds after winter hibernation.

The night will be held on Saturday 23 September 2006 starting at 7.00pm at the Clubhouse. All members, partners and friends are welcome, but sorry, no children to this event.

The cost is \$20 per head, payable at the door on entry. For those who don't drink alcohol or eat cheese, entry is \$5 per head, otherwise try to negotiate on the night!

The organizers are Monica Jones and Martin Playne, with a number of other helpers. The full programme for the evening is still being worked out, but be assured this is always a great social event, and you can be sure it will be a good fun night. We hope to have tasting notes for all wines, and details of where each can be bought and a cost guide. There will be blind wine tastings and prizes for winners. We won't forget the cheeses and there will be some good ones there, so get your cholesterol levels checked before the night!

Dress casual for most, or outlandish if you wish. For John Harvey, we expect "formality", and Alex Dawson has to come in a kilt.

We need to have a guide to how many will be attending, so book now with Martin (email:mplayne@netspace.net.au or telephone; 9598 9818) Give your name and number attending. Remember capacity of the Clubrooms is about 70, so don't be disappointed, first 70 accepted! Book Now!

## Honorary Life Member Peter Jones

Peter Jones was presented this year with an Honorary Life Membership of Hampton Sailing Club and this piece gives an insight into the sailing life of this wonderful contributor.

Peter had little opportunity to sail as a child and when a work colleague in 1960 offered to take him out for a sail, he became hooked and in his words “it was out of this world.”

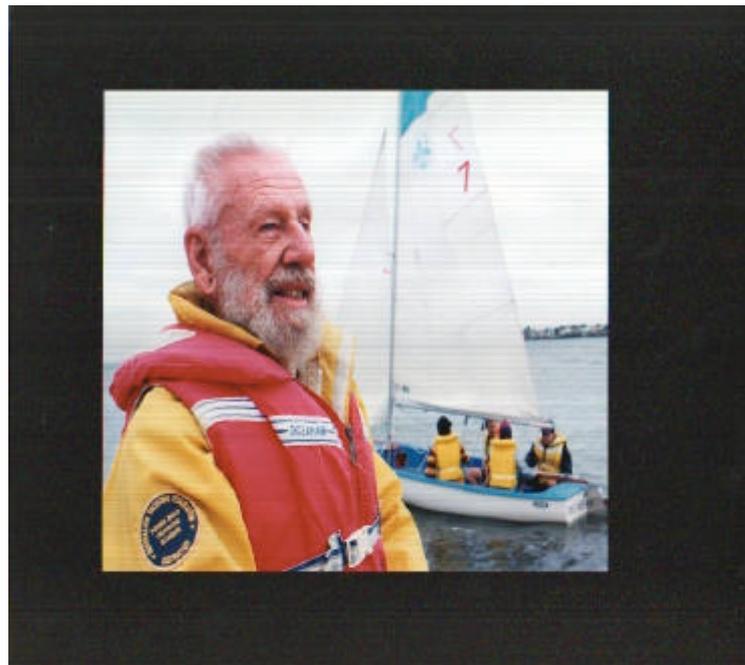
He saved up for a “sailfish” dinghy and became a member of Parkdale sailing club. On his first attempt to take out his dinghy to his delight he reached beautifully off the beach out to sea. However every time he tried to tack, the sails flapped and off he went in the wrong direction, out to sea again. As the channel marker loomed closer in desperation he jumped of the boat and swam it around, eventually getting himself safely back to shore.

It is hard to believe such early exploits as he rapidly became a highly competent, self taught sailor.

As a devote family man Peter soon moved out of regular dinghy racing to more leisurely, family orientated water activities.

He taught his children and his grandchildren to sail and became a prime instigator in the Hampton and Cheltenham Scouts sailing programme.

He also helped disabled children to experience sailing at Albert Park Lake and his contribution to both the sport and the development of the next generation of sailors is substantial.



Peter joined Hampton Sailing Club in 2000 and after 1 year was on the committee and soon in the role of Commodore. He carried the club through some turbid times and his input and dedication throughout this time has been considerable. He is always volunteering for rescue boat duties, involved in family activities, representing the club at various events and maintaining Kingfisher.

Peter's motivation to contribute and use his time to the full is both admirable and an asset to the club and it is clear that even at the age of 86 he has no intention of slowing down.

Congratulations Peter.

## BOAT STORAGE NEWS

The Committee is making good progress in identifying all boats, kayaks, sailboards, tenders and other craft currently stored at the Club. However, we still have some 10 craft for whom we can find no owner– they are mostly sailboards. If you own one of these, please place identification on it or remove it immediately.

**The Notice in this newsletter provides a final notice that the Committee intends to remove these craft from the Club premises, if owners can not be located.**

We have over 90 craft on the premises at any one time, and the pressure on storage space is high.

Please help your fellow club members

- (1) by clearly identifying your craft, and affixing club registration labels promptly,
- (2) removing any craft from the premises which have not paid storage for the current year,
- (3) keeping the rigging area clear at all times,
- (4) clearly labelling all items such as rudders, centreboards, masts, booms, and sails.

We realise that craft get bought and sold, and at various times you may be involved in such transactions, and may actually have two boats rather than one on the premises for a period. Please do not abuse this privilege, and make it clear using temporary labeling on a new boat, or advising the Boat Storage Officer, so we know who owns what.

Would all owners of **sailboards** stored on the premises, please ensure that all sails, masts and booms that they own are clearly marked with their name? We plan to check all such items in the near future, with a view to disposing of all unmarked items. This is being done to free up storage space in the building.

In the coming weeks, we will be numbering all craft storage bays in the sheds and in the open storage areas using a tag numbering system. You will then be allocated a specific storage position for the year – this will be linked to a particular boat registration number, and that

storage position should only be used for that boat. You will be asked to notify us if you change boats or wish to store another boat in that spot.

Storage undercover at ground level is most sought after. Preference is currently given to owners who use their boat frequently, and those physically less able to move boats from upper racks. Persons with two or more craft stored at the Club will only be allocated one ground level position under cover.

Please contact the Boat Storage Officer, Martin Playne (tel 9598 9818) if you are a new member and wish to store a boat on Club premises. Every endeavour will be made to assist you.

### ***A FINAL NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE OF CRAFT WITH NO IDENTIFICATION AND NO KNOWN OWNER***

Please be advised that the HSC Committee intends to take steps to dispose of these craft. If you own one or more these craft, or know of the owner, please advise the Boat Storage Officer immediately (Martin Playne tel 9598 9818).

We seek your cooperation in identifying sails, booms and masts of the sailboards listed below. In coming weeks, we plan to check ALL sailboard masts, booms, and sails stored in the Club for identification. If those items are not clearly identified by an owner, please be advised that they may be disposed of.

### **Recognise This Boat ?**



Pictured above is the new look “Hampton Duck” with centre console.

## SAFETY BOAT HANDLING COURSE

The weekend of 7-9 July 2006 saw the delivery of Hampton Sailing Club's first course as a registered Yachting Australia Training Centre.

Instructor Doug King guided 10 participants (nine HSC members and one member of Parkdale Yacht Club) through the theory and practice of Safety Boat Handling, as an endorsement to their Powerboat Handling (TL3) qualifications.

The course began on Friday evening with a review of information covered in the earlier TL3 course – updated to reflect the new Victorian marine safety regulations. We should have expected a test on the information we'd studied for the TL3 and Vic Roads powerboat licence test, but of course most of us had not re-read the manuals. The main lesson – make sure you have a current copy of the *Victorian Recreational Safety Handbook* (available at the Club) and read it regularly.

The daytime sessions on Saturday morning and afternoon covered theory associated with safety boat operations, and techniques for recovering / towing vessels ranging from sailboards to keelboats. The practical session again made it clear how important it is to practice the essential knots.

The Saturday program also included a very useful refresher on basic first-aid, this session included a recent video on the effects and symptoms of "cold water shock" – a must for anyone sailing in this month's Winter Warriors' Race.

Case studies were based on reports of marine safety incidents overseas. Various situations showed how poor planning, faulty equipment, and failure to observe basic safety procedures can result in disaster.

No one quite knew what to expect of the Saturday evening session. In a night navigation exercise on the Bay, Doug King advised that regulations now prevent training exercises from being run more than two miles off-shore (*less chance of getting lost!*), so we'd have to navigate to points closer inshore (*more*

*risk of running into something!*). As usual, good tuition and preparation paid off.

By Sunday, the weather conditions had deteriorated to the point at which rescue scenarios required little imagination. The program included righting and recovery of overturned dinghies; holding station near objects in the water; approaching other craft (moored or under way); towing disabled boats; and manoeuvring in confined spaces such as a marine berth. There was also a (very) brief demonstration of the recommended technique for recovering a person from the water, which doubled as a practical lesson in the effects and symptoms of cold water shock.

Doug King is again to be thanked for organising and presenting an excellent training course for our Club, and we look forward to having him back in future. Thanks are also due to Yachting Victoria for the loan of an additional powerboat for use during the course, and to Collin Miller of Offshore Marine Electronics who fitted out the *Lady Isa* with navigation lights at short notice and John Harvey who contributed marine safety posters.

Congratulations to those who undertook and completed the course – Leigh Brennan-Smith, Ralph Brown, Ross Clayfield (Parkdale YC), Michael Cook, Monica Jones, Frank Leipper, David Seymour, Richard Skews, Neil Watson, (and myself).

Stewart Simmons

Secretary



Boats used for Safety Boat Course  
Left: Yachting Victoria Boat "UB19"  
Right: HSC "Lady Isa"



## Safety Equipment Checklist

### Season 2005-06

### YA Special Regulations

#### Part 2 - Off the Beach Boats

The following list is a summary Yachting Australia safety regulations.

- All crew members sailing are required to wear a complying PFD in good order, marked with owner's name and phone number
- Boat Buoyancy must support boat plus 25Kg for each crew member
- Mainsail can be lowered from cockpit with boat upright and at 90°
- Mainsail with pocket luff has means of being easily lowered by hand
- Mast:
  - (a) sealed, OR
  - (b) 15mm hole at base,
  - (c) top 30% foam filled.
- Unstayed mast securely attached to hull
- Centreboard(s) securely attached to hull
- Rudder stock has stainless steel retaining pin or is bolted to hull/s.
- Tiller/s not permanently attached are securely fastened to stock
- Rudder blade(s) is permanently fastened to stock or can be securely fastened to stock.
- Bailer or pump unless boat self-draining.
- Pumps fixed or attached by lanyard, bailers attached by lanyard.
- Can demonstrate attachment point for towing
- Hull identification on transom or both sides of hull
- Boat's name, sail number and club to prescribed sizes

## Winter Warriors Race

The weather was full of promise for the HSC annual Winter Warriors race. 11 boats rigged-up with a forecast 10-15Kn W-SW wind and clear blue sky. The fleet consisted of Impulse, Laser, Pacer, Heron and 125 classes.

The start was uneventful, with Kevin setting the pace early in his Impulse, followed closely by the Lasers. The first leg saw the field spread out, with two boats retiring at the windward mark. The unusual rectangular course tricked a couple of skippers who missed the bottom mark and had to turn back to round it.

The wind backed off to around 5 Knots and the race controller shortened the course to two laps. The second lap saw another two boats retire - one sitting a bit lower in the water than usual thanks to a missing bung. By the time the fleet leaders had crossed the line and were heading to the club, the wind all but disappeared. In the dying breeze, the back markers struggled to make it to the finish. Eventually, the last of our Winter Warriors had to resort to tow ropes and paddles to get back to the club.

Of the 11 boats at the start, 6 made it across the line, 5 did not finish (DNF), but all enjoyed a great afternoon on the water.



HSC Winter Warriors Fleet rigging up.

**HSC Sailing Program & Race Administration Roster 2006-2007**

| Date         | Event*                               | Race Control Officer | Lady Isa Skipper | Hampton Duck (Rescue Boat) Skipper | Hampton Duck (Rescue Boat) Crew | Radio / Results |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sun 27/08/06 | Winter Warriors' Race                | John Maddick         | Frank Leipper    | David Seymour                      | Allan Tempest                   | Rita Bagossy    |
| Sun 1/10/06  | Commodore's Cup                      | Richard Skews        | Frank Leipper    | David Seymour                      | Sarah Skews                     | Keith Parker    |
| Sun 8/10/06  | Championship Series 1                | Richard Skews        | Frank Leipper    | Ralph Brown                        | Neil Watson                     | Rita Bagossy    |
| Sun 15/10/06 | Spring Aggregate 1                   | Richard Skews        | David Thompson   | Ralph Brown                        | Kevin Kay                       | Rita Bagossy    |
| Sun 22/10/06 | Championship Series 2                | Richard Skews        | Peter Jones      | Richard Stolinski                  | Tom Stolinski                   | Rita Bagossy    |
| Sun 29/10/06 | Spring Aggregate 2 / Junior Skipper  | Michael Cook         | Peter Jones      | Richard Stolinski                  | Tom Stolinski                   | Rita Bagossy    |
| Sun 05/11/06 | No Race<br>Melbourne Cup Weekend     |                      |                  |                                    |                                 |                 |
| Sun 12/11/06 | Championship Series 3                | Michael Cook         | Peter Jones      | David Seymour                      | Neil Wallace                    | Keith Parker    |
| Sun 19/11/06 | Spring Aggregate 3 / Starts Practice | Frank Leipper        | Monica Jones     | David Seymour                      | Neil Wallace                    | Keith Parker    |
| Sun 26/11/06 | Championship Series 4                | Frank Leipper        | Paul Grima       | David Seymour                      | Sarah Skews                     | Keith Parker    |
| Sun 03/12/06 | Spring Aggregate 4 / Junior Skipper  | Frank Leipper        | Peter Jones      | Ian Taylor                         | David Jones                     | Keith Parker    |
| Sun 10/12/06 | Championship Series 5                | Len Smerdon          | Julie Smerdon    | Michael Maloney                    | Cody Field                      | Keith Parker    |
| Sun 17/12/06 | Spring Aggregate 5                   | Len Smerdon          | Julie Smerdon    | Peter Jones                        | Dylan Perham                    | Richard Skews   |
|              | Christmas / New Year Break           |                      |                  |                                    |                                 |                 |
| Sun 14/01/07 | Autumn Aggregate 1                   | John Maddick         | Mark Walker      | Richard Stolinski                  | Tom Stolinski                   |                 |
| Sun 21/10/07 | Championship Series 6                | John Maddick         | Sarah Skews      | Richard Stolinski                  | Tom Stolinski                   |                 |

| Date         | Event*  | Race Control Officer                            | Lady Isa Skipper                                  | Hampton Duck (Rescue Boat) Skipper         | Hampton Duck (Rescue Boat) Crew  | Radio / Results |
|--------------|---|---|---|--|--|-----------------|
| Sun 28/01/07 | No Race<br>Australia Day Weekend  |   |   |  |  |                 |
| Sun 04/02/07 | Autumn Aggregate 2  | John Dayman                                     | Andrew Mattler                                    | Neil Wallace                               | Sarah Skews  |                 |
| Sun 11/02/07 | Championship Series 7   | Peter Jones                                     | Andrew Mattler                                    | Neil Cooke                                 | Sarah Skews  |                 |
| Sun 18/02/07 | Autumn Aggregate 3 /<br>Junior Skipper  | Paul Stephenson                                 | Rod Crisp   | Robyn Mckeown                              | Martin Playne  |                 |
| Sun 25/02/07 | Championship Series 8   | Paul Stephenson                                 | Veshi Basarin                                     | Jorn Rose                                  | Jacek Gilbert  |                 |
| Sun 4/03/07  | Autumn Aggregate 4  | Frank Leipper                                   | Paul Stephenson                                   | Richard Stolinski                          | Stuart Allinson  |                 |
| Sun 11/03/07 | Pacer State Titles  | Frank Leipper<br>Charles Bagossy<br>Peter Jones | Paul Stephenson<br>Paul Johnston<br>Richard Skews | Richard Stolinski<br>Jorn Rose<br>Ken Hope | Sarah Skews<br>David Seymour<br>Len Smerdon                                  | Keith Parker    |
| Sun 18/03/07 | <b>Autumn Aggregate 5 /<br/>Junior Skipper</b>                                    | Bruce Haddock                                   | Fiona Haddock                                     | Kevin Kay                                  | Lucy Allison   |                 |
| Sun 25/03/07 | Championship Series 9   | Charles Bagossy                                 | David Seymour                                     | Ken Hope                                   | Paul Johnston  |                 |
| Sun 1/04/07  | Autumn Aggregate 6  | Leigh Brennan-Smith                             | Stewart Simmons                                   | Peter Jones                                | Martin Playne  |                 |
| Sun 8/04/07  | No Race<br>Easter Weekend   |   |   |  |  |                 |
| Sun 16/04/07 | Autumn Aggregate 7/<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Club Championship as required              | Leigh Brennan-Smith                             | Stewart Simmons                                   | Steve Moller                               | Richard Skews  |                 |
| Sun 23/04/07 | Anzac Day Race  | Bruce Haddock                                   | Peter Jones                                       | Steve Moller                               | Monica Jones   |                 |
| Sun 30/04/07 | Close-of-Season Sail<br>(Informal Race)<br>(2rd Championship sub if required)     | Bruce Haddock                                   | Fiona Haddock                                     | Steve Moller                               | Luke Ross  |                 |
|              | <b>* All events start with briefing at<br/>1:00 PM.<br/>Race Start at 2:00 PM</b> |   |   |  | <b>*** Able to<br/>provide in-<br/>water<br/>assistance if<br/>required.</b> |                 |

**Hampton Sailing Club: Handy Information****HSC Calender****August 2006**

08 7:30 PM Committee Meeting  
 19 7:00 PM Pasta Night  
 27 1:00 PM Winter Warriors Race

**September 2006**

04 7:30 PM Committee Meeting  
 17 9:00 AM Working Bee  
 23 7:00 PM Wine and Cheese Night

**October 2006**

02 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

**November 2006**

06 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

**December 2006**

02 7:30 PM Christmas Party  
 04 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

**January 2007**

08 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

**February 2007**

05 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

**March 2007**

05 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

**April 2007**

02 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

**May 2007**

07 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

**June 2007**

04 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

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