

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

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It seems a bit late to be saying it, but Happy New Year for 2007, and a warm welcome to new members. This is the first edition of Mainsheet for 2007. The Club goes into recess from mid-December to the second week in January, but usually there's people around, and some unofficial sailing. Sunday 14 January signalled the start of the Autumn Aggregate races.

Sandringham hosted the Australian Titles for Sabots in late December early January, and in mid-January, Sail Melbourne 2007 – the Olympic and Invited Classes Regatta. A good number of our club members volunteered to assist with these events. Lady Isa and the Rubber duck move to a Sandringham address during that time, too. The Sabot titles had 149 boats participating, both single and double handed, with 43 support vessels. It's a good experience, and interesting to be part of how best to 'manage' that many people and boats.

Although sailor numbers were down in the Olympic and Invited Classes regatta for 2007 (due to Championships in Florida)

Sandringham expect Sail Melbourne 2008 to attract large numbers - being so close to the Olympics in timing and locality.

Sandringham has asked us to plan to assist again next year, and wished to thank all our members who volunteered.

During the 2007 Labour Day long-weekend (March 10, 11, 12) we will be hosting the Victorian Pacer State Titles. Please note - during this weekend, parking will be available free for club members and Pacer participants, in the Trey Bit Reserve (off Jetty Road). Any yard space we have at the Club, will be made available for participant's boats, and not available for club members' cars (or other vehicles) during the Titles weekend. (If you are available, and willing to help with the Pacer Titles on the Labour Day weekend,

please contact a committee member without delay!)

There is no Club sailing scheduled for the Labour Day long weekend (March 10,11,12), nor the Easter holiday period (April 6,7,8,9). Club races commence again on April 15. Family Sailing activities are planned for Sundays of February 18 and March 4 and 18. The Close of Season Sail (an informal race) is scheduled for Sunday 29 April 2007.

Look forward to seeing you on the water and watch out for Peter Jones' brand new Access dinghy!

Rita Bagossy, Commodore

The Pacer State Titles

This event will be immense for the club with numerous visitors and considerable organisation to ensure it runs smoothly. There will be some limitation to club usage for that weekend. Details are on page2 and 7.

New Members

The committee would like to welcome the following new members:

Jones, Christopher (Senior member)
Wilson, John (Family member)

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

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HAMPTON SAILING CLUB

On the Labour Day weekend of 10-12 March 2007,
our club will host the

Pacer Victoria State Championship 2007

in co-operation with the Pacer Association
(see the Association's website at <pacersailing.org.au>).

**This is expected to be one of the largest sailing events
ever held at Hampton Sailing Club, with up to 30 Pacer
dinghies competing in the 3-day series of races.**

*Our club's Sailing Sub-committee (headed by Monica Jones)
would welcome offers of assistance from members who are
available to help with the many tasks involved in running this
landmark event.*

*If you are available to help for all or part of the weekend—on the
water, on the beach or in the clubhouse—*

please contact Monica on 0147 134 007 or by email at

monzjones@bigpond.com

Early offers will be particularly appreciated.

GENERAL NOTICES

CLUB KEEL BOAT RESOLUTE

The Club has a Soling Day Sailor "Resolute" on a swinging mooring in the harbour. Resolute has not been out of the water for several years. Major marine growth has been cleared from the bottom, by scraping and scrubbing, with the boat on the mooring, but it is long overdue to be hauled out onto the hard standing, properly cleaned, painted and overhauled.

The Committee have considered the problem, and it is recommended that the members interested should form themselves into a group, to assume responsibility for both the labour, and cost of the operation. They would then, subject to demonstrating the necessary skills, have priority in the use of the vessel.

Those interested should talk to Peter Jones and, a meeting will be arranged to decide how to tackle the problem

Pacer State Titles

All participating crew must be registered with Yachting Australia. This can only be done via our Membership Secretary, Richard Skews, who will give you a registration number. Fees as follows:

Principal family member	\$58.00
Additional adult family member	\$32.00
Additional family member under 16	\$17.50

Social News

The presentation on hyperthermia by Les Berriman was a great success and this was followed a fortnight later with a talk from the local coastguard. This talk was also well attended and all present went away better informed of the role of the coastguard on the water.

Alex Dawson

A real stalwart in the Club, Alex, or "Big Al" as he was known to some, died suddenly at home in mid January. His funeral service was held at the Holy Trinity Church in Thomas Street, Hampton on Monday 22 January.

The church was filled to capacity and a number of club members and previous members attended the rather moving, and at times, very emotional service. He was privately cremated.

Alex belonged to the Club for many years - he must have joined in about 1987. He sailed a number of boats - ranging from a Mirror to a Pacer to a Sabre, and in more recent times restricted himself to a paddle ski. He was a very competent sailor, who could often surprise the more competitive sailor by overtaking them on the last beat of a race.

Downwind in calm weather, you could also detect him by the cigarette smoke - which he would claim was so that he "could see which way the wind was blowing". He often, or was it always, had a female crew to assist him! Despite his unrivalled ability to charm the opposite sex, his relationships with crew did not always "survive".

Alex was an irreplaceable individual, a great character, always full of fun and mischief, and with a great sense of humour. He maintained an unforgettable Glaswegian accent which at times was indecipherable, although, of course, Alex had lived in Australia for most of his life!

If you wanted a good laugh, you just had a talk with Alex. He was a good drinking mate. We will miss him as a regular on the verandah on Sunday afternoons.

Alex was a professional house painter, and always seem to get landed with a paintbrush at any Club working bee, whether he wanted it or not! He was too gracious and generous to say no. He belonged to a number of organisations - a social swimming club for many years (populated largely by "ladies" needless to say) was one. In recent times, he joined the Brighton Bowling Club and he was a keen social cyclist, but found the female joggers on the cycle tracks rather a diversion, and according to his family actually wrote one bike off by hitting a post. He was a great natural pianist, but we rarely saw that side of his many skills.

Alex was an all-round good guy and we will miss you, Alex, for all the joy you brought to those around you. Our condolences go out to Alex's son and his family.

Martin Playne

FAMILY SAILING

Hi everyone, we have had an exciting start to 2007 with the bay water temperature very pleasant for sailing activities. The "Soling" sail was replaced by a "donut" ride for the kids behind the "Duck", which they enjoyed whilst learning to gain confidence transferring between craft on water.

The highlight so far has been the "safe recovery from capsizing" session. 7 families attended, including 5 Pacers, 2 Mirrors and 1 "505" Skiff. Thanks to Kevin coaching along side, in the "Duck" rescue boat, no crew came to grief. On the contrary, all the children loved it. Erica (8) said, "It was fun, exciting and a bit freaky, as the boat and sails rolled over". Sophie (11) said "I was scared of capsizing before hand, but now I can't wait to do it again".

For the first time, I have incorporated the Sunday afternoon "Junior Skipper Race" into our program as some members have expressed an interest in joining in the pm races.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

4th Mar -Dinghy set up commences 9am
10 – 12 noon Short races, teenage skippers
and junior crew (senior skippers also on hand)

18th Mar- Dinghy set up commences 12 noon
1 pm Race briefing
2 pm Junior Skipper Aggregate race

Apart from the club Pacer, all boats used for family sailing will need to be HSC members boats, which will need to **comply** with a **basic safety inspection**. These safety requirements are the same as for racing and include carrying bailing equipment, paddle, AYF 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.

If you have any queries or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call me on 9521 6462 or email, michelle_moller@iprimus.com.au.

OBTAINING A LEASE FOR HSC – A SLOW PROCESS

Many of you will be aware, that HSC has been occupying the land on the foreshore for some years without a formal lease or licence.

This saga began in the early 1990s, when Bayside Council entered into negotiations with our committee to replace the then existing annual Permissive Occupancy with a formal lease. Soon after it was discovered, partly due to the silting that has occurred over the last fifty years, that the site was not within the Council's vested Committee of Management area. The land in fact is unreserved Crown land.

Wisely, HSC has continued to pay an annual fee to the Council.

The failure of a number of reports on the foreshore have caused the issue of a lease to be put on hold however this situation may be coming to an end.

In 2005 the Department of Sustainability and Environment appointed a Steering Committee, which includes representatives from Bayside Council and Parks Victoria, to develop a Management Plan for the Sandingham Harbour and Foreshore. The plan will allocate responsibilities, identify future development options and establish a three year business plan. Early in 2006 representatives of the HSC Committee held discussions with a consultant working on the management plan.

A draft report is currently with the Council for comment, following this the Steering Committee expects to put the Management Plan on public exhibition so that the public can also comment. This may happen in March. I would expect that HSC will be making a submission.

Once the Minister for Environment has endorsed the Management Plan, and responsibilities have been allocated, it will be the responsibility for the council and Parks Victoria to implement. In view of the fact, that the wheels of bureaucracy turn slowly I would not expect HSC to be offered a lease before the end of 2007.

As I dealt with the lease issue when I was Commodore and have some key contacts within DSE, the Committee has asked that I continue to work and report on this matter.

Neil Watson

Junior skippering

Yachting Victoria

Jan 29 2007

IMPORTANT

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL

CLUB MEMBERS

Major State Government

funding boost for Yachting

Victoria's

"Go Sailing and boating"

program at clubs

The Victorian State Government announced in November last year new funding for yachting in Victoria, to be shared amongst member clubs.

As many club members would have read in YV's monthly e-newsletter, the funding, to be managed through YV's "Go Sailing and boating" program, is for the training and support of club officials including those conducting race management, club coaching and instructing.

The one off funding has been provided out of surplus funds created by the Volvo Ocean Race Melbourne Stop Over.

The Victorian Minister for Tourism and Major Events, John Pandazopoulos, said, "The incredible success of the Volvo Ocean Race Melbourne Stop Over provided a marvelous opportunity for Yachting Victoria to develop new programs to grow the sport at the grassroots level".

"Yacht clubs and their volunteers made the Stop Over a fantastic event and it's fitting they share in the benefits. "It is important local sporting clubs are equipped with the

facilities and qualified trained people to meet the growing needs of the community. We've invested in the facilities that matter to local communities, like sports and recreational centres," Mr Pandazopoulos added.

This State government funding means that yacht club volunteers and Clubs in Victoria at no cost, will be able to obtain or upgrade their qualifications in Instructing, Coaching or Race Management. The program will be managed by Yachting Victoria and will roll out through 2007-2008. It is open to all clubs and will recognise the special needs of regional Victoria and clubs with inclusion programs such as Sailability.

Yachting Victoria's CEO, Ross Kilborn is very enthusiastic about the announcement, "The State Government's support is very exciting news for Victorian yachting and clubs. The objective of this "Go Sailing & boating" program is straightforward – **to establish a stronger** grass roots base for the future growth of our clubs and the sport through

1. Building on Victoria's leadership in conducting sailing events by increasing our Race Officials capacity and capability even further. This will happen in the current season and be linked to Sail Melbourne and Skandia Geelong Week, but be available to all clubs.
2. Improving the performance of Victorian sailors in national and international competition, and increasing club member performance and retention by increasing our Coaching capacity and programs at clubs and recognised classes.
3. Increasing participation in the sport by increasing our Instructor capacity – as training is such an important pathway into our sport."

Yachting Victoria **Jan 29 2007**

The State Government funding is in two stages

Stage 1 –immediately. Research Survey and Race Officer Training

Stage 1 involves conducting a survey of current member clubs to assess the current levels of participation, activity and other industry information.

It also provides for the immediate training of Club Race Officials to increase our capacity to deliver a very large program of events in season 2007-8 as part of both Sail Melbourne and Skandia Geelong week.

Stage 2 – on successful completion of Stage 1 – Full roll out of the program including Coach and Instructor development and support of club development

Stage 2 provides for a comprehensive training program for a large number of Coaches and Instructors as well as support for clubs to update and implement their own appropriate plans and policies such as membership protection, inclusion and risk management. It is envisaged stage 2 will commence in 2007 and be delivered through 2008.

The Coaching development program will equip Victorian Clubs and recognized classes with the skills to further improve the achievements of Victorian sailors at the national and international level, and improve their members performance on the water.

The Instructor development program will equip our clubs with increased Instructor capacity that will enable increased participation in programs like junior sailing, Tackers, Schools Teams Racing, Sailability, and general sailing and boating education for all sectors of the population.

A full outline of this program appears on the YV website as a webcast (under the Club Manual Section 21) YV has recently appointed Johnny Rogers to run the Go Sailing & boating program and Johnny will be in touch with all member clubs in the next few weeks about their opportunity to participate.

YV regards this is the most appropriate and best outcome yachting in Victoria could have achieved from the Volvo Ocean Race Melbourne Stop Over and your club is encouraged to get involved in the “Go Sailing and boating” program. It presents a great opportunity for so many volunteers to be recognised and rewarded, whilst enjoying their further participation in the in the future of yachting in Victoria.

More Info:

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BOAT STORAGE -YOUR HELP AND UNDERSTANDING NEEDED!

As most Club members will be aware, the Club is having a great deal of difficulty in keeping enough free space in the rigging area for boats to rig on Sundays. We are continuing to have a regular stream of new members - most of which are also seeking boat storage space. We have now reached the stage with boat storage, that some rigid enforcement of the conditions that Members have to follow is becoming necessary.

The first condition is that ALL craft (be they kayaks, skis, sailboards, tender or sailing boats) have to have a paid up registration sticker on each of them. Payment becomes due in May of each year. If payment for storage is not made by August of each year, the craft is regarded as unpaid. and may be moved by the HSC Committee at its discretion. Unpaid boats will no longer be allowed to occupy ground level spots.

Secondly, re-allocation of spots will be made by the Committee in August of each year. If you are not a regular user of your boat, you will not be able to occupy a ground-level spot. It has become necessary for us to identify such boats and move them to upper racks where possible. If this has occurred with your boat, please understand why we have done that.

The third condition is that a Member may only store one sailing boat on site at HSC. Those with two sailing boats will be asked to take one of them home. However, a Member can have, in addition to the sailing boat, a sailboard, ski , tender or kayak on site as these can be stored at upper storage levels.

We are hoping that by adherence to the above conditions, we will be able to allow ALL members to enjoy the Club and its facilities equitably.

Anyone not using their boat much, or who would not be much inconvenienced by storing their boat at home, can greatly assist us by removing it in the coming weeks. Pro-rata refunds of storage fees can apply.

Martin Playne
Boat Storage Officer mplayne@netspace.net.au

Limited access to club facilities

Saturday – 10th March

Sunday – 11th March

Monday – 12th March

Hampton Sailing Club is hosting the 2007 Pacer Victoria State Championships over the Labour Day long weekend – March 10th, 11th & 12th.

We expect there will be a large number of visiting sailors and boats at our club during the three-day regatta. Unfortunately, club members' facilities will be limited over these three days while we concentrate on hosting a successful State Title event.

No Parking

No parking will be available at the club during the Labour Day weekend. Alternative car and trailer parking for club members and competitors will be provided at Trey Bit Reserve.

Vehicles will only be permitted in the club yard to load and unload equipment.

No Private Social Functions

The club facilities will be stretched with activities associated with the regatta. Unfortunately other social activities will not be possible.

Please do not plan any private social gatherings at the club during the Labour Day weekend.

Limited Access for Member Sailing

Club members are asked to limit their sailing from the club over the Labour Day weekend, as there will be very limited yard space when the competitors are not on the water.

The best time for club members to sail is while the competitors are racing. Pacer State Championship races will start at approximately 2pm on Saturday, 10am Sunday and 10am Monday.

Remove Boats from Rigging Area

Rigging space will be at a premium with competitors' boats in the yard for the duration of the 3-day regatta. It would be appreciated if club members could remove any boats they have temporarily stored in the yard.

While we understand club members may want to enjoy the clubs facilities over the long weekend, it will be a very busy time at HSC. We ask for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring this is a successful event for our club.

Regards,
HSC Sailing Committee

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	Frank Leipper	John Maddick	David Seymour	Stewart Simmons	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	Peter Jones	Ralph Brown	Rita Bagossy
Sun 22/10/06	Championship Series 2	Monica Jones	Peter Jones	Richard Stolinski	Tom Stolinski	Rita Bagossy
Sun 29/10/06	Spring Aggregate 2 and Junior Skipper	Michael Cook	Peter Jones	Richard Stolinski	Tom Stolinski	Rita Bagossy
Sun 05/11/06	No Race 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 and Starts Practice	Frank Leipper	Charles Bagossy	David Seymour	Neil Wallace	Keith Parker
Sun 26/11/06	Championship Series 4	Frank Leipper	Monica Jones	David Seymour	Sarah Skews	Keith Parker
Sun 03/12/06	Spring Aggregate 4 and Junior Skipper	Frank Leipper	Ian Taylor	Peter Jones	David Jones	Keith Parker
Sun 10/12/06	Championship Series 5	Len Smerdon	Julie Smerdon	Charles Bagossy	Cody Field	Keith Parker
Sun 17/12/06	Spring Aggregate 5	Len Smerdon	Julie Smerdon	Kevin Kay	Michael Maloney	Richard Skews
	Christmas / New Year Break					
Sun 14/01/07	Autumn Aggregate 1	John Maddick	Mark Walker	Richard Stolinski	Tom Stolinski	Richard Skews
Sun 21/01/07	Championship Series 6	John Maddick	Sarah Skews	Richard Stolinski	Tom Stolinski	Martin Playne
Sun 28/01/07	No Race Australia Day Weekend					

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Sun 04/02/07	Autumn Aggregate 2	John Dayman	Kevin Kay	Sarah Skews	Neil Wallace	Rita Bagossy
Sun 11/02/07	Championship Series 7	Peter Jones	Andrew Mattler	Neil Cooke	Sarah Skews	Jacek Gilbert
Sun 18/02/07	Autumn Aggregate 3 and Junior Skipper	Paul Stephenson	Rod Crisp	Robyn Mckeown	Martin Playne	Flyn White
Sun 25/02/07	Championship Series 8	Paul Stephenson	Veshi Basarin	Monica Jones	Jorn Rose	Flyn White
Sun 4/03/07	Autumn Aggregate 4	Frank Leipper	Paul Stephenson	Richard Stolinski	Stuart Allinson	Frank Leipper
Sun 11/03/07	Pacer State Titles	Frank Leipper Charles Bagossy Peter Jones	Paul Stephenson Paul Johnston Richard Skews	Richard Stolinski Jorn Rose Ken Hope	Sarah Skews David Seymour Len Smerdon	Keith Parker
Sun 18/03/07	Autumn Aggregate 5 and Junior Skipper	Bruce Haddock	Fiona Haddock	Kevin Kay	Lucy Allison	Paul Stephenson
Sun 25/03/07	Championship Series 9	Charles Bagossy	David Seymour	Ken Hope	Paul Johnston	Rita Bagossy
Sun 1/04/07	Autumn Aggregate 6	Leigh Brennan-Smith	Stewart Simmons	Peter Jones	Martin Playne	Keith Parker
Sun 8/04/07	No Race Easter Weekend					
Sun 15/04/07	Autumn Aggregate 7 and 1st Club Championship as reqd	Leigh Brennan-Smith	Stewart Simmons	Steve Moller	Richard Skews	Jacek Gilbert
Sun 22/04/07	Anzac Race	Bruce Haddock	Peter Jones	Steve Moller	Monica Jones	Martin Playne
Sun 29/04/07	Close-of-Season Sail (Informal Race) (2rd Championship sub if required)	Bruce Haddock	Fiona Haddock	Steve Moller	Luke Ross	Paul Stephenson
	* All events start with briefing at 1:00 pm.			*** Able to provide in-water assistance if required.		

Hampton Sailing Club: Handy Information

HSC Calender

February 2007

05 7:30 PM Committee Meeting
18 12:00 PM Family Activities

March 2007

04 12:00 PM Family Activities
05 7:30 PM Committee Meeting
10-12 Pacer State Titles
18 12:00 PM Family Activities

April 2007

02 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

May 2007

07 7:30 PM Committee Meeting
20 9:00 AM Working Bee
27 2:00 PM AGM

June 2007

04 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

July 2007

02 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

August 2007

06 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

September 2007

03 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

October 2007

01 7:30 PM Committee Meeting
30 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

November 2007

December 2007

03 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

January 2008

07 7:30 PM Committee Meeting (if required)

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