

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

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Hope your Easter was a peaceful break.

The Club's Annual General Meeting is coming up - scheduled for Sunday 20 May 2006 at 2.00 pm together with the presentation of trophies for the 2006-2007 sailing season, and followed by afternoon tea. You'll find copies of papers related to the AGM later in this Mainsheet. Please put the date in your diary. We hope to see you just prior to 2.00 pm.

This year, a number of positions of Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Secretary must be vacated/rotated due to the 3-year rule. You're urged to consider expressing an interest to join in the management of the club prior to the meeting - for a sub-committee, as a general committee member, or in an executive position.

The Club's Close of Season Sail - an informal race - is scheduled for Sunday 29 April 2007, and this will be the last official sail of the season. Due to the number of days that club and series races have been cancelled, 29 April might be used for races to count towards the championship series races. (Now the weather seems to have settled down a bit, maybe some unofficial sailing might be organised during May - if interested people turn up at the club.) After the cooler weather, the next scheduled race is the Winter Warrior's Race, traditionally held on the last Sunday in August (26 August 2007).

It would be remiss not to mention our success in hosting the Pacer State Titles on 10-11-12 March 2007. Thanks to all those who gave their long weekend to assist. The weather was interesting and the competitors showed they were in for any conditions that came up. Hampton Sailing Club had three boats participating: Steve Moller with Michelle, Angus and Erica as crew; Dylan Perham with crew from Albert Park, and the Adshead family (John with Peter, Clare and then Ben as crew), who had a special reason to participate:

they were carrying on a family tradition. John's father who passed away recently, had participated in the Pacer Titles with John and his siblings in the past. Thanks also to the Pacer Association - they were such appreciative guests. The Club was presented with a 'trophy mug' in appreciation and it stands proudly in the trophy cabinet, at the top of the stairs.

The Club Working Bee is scheduled for Saturday 27 May 2007. Let Frank Leipper (House Secretary) know if you're coming. Remember, work day credits apply! This will be my last newsletter, as Commodore, and I wish to thank sincerely, the committee for their commitment, work and diligence for the club, over the last three years. For their efforts, the club looks forward to a bright and stable future. All we need is a lease!

p.s. Vice Commodore, Peter Jones, recently celebrated his 85th Birthday.

Happy returns Peter.

Rita Bagossy, Commodore

The Pacer State Titles

This event was a major success for the club and there was some great sailing and lots of fun was had by all. More details are on page 2

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2007 Pacer State Titles

The 2007 Pacer State Titles held at HSC on the March long weekend were a resounding success. 31 Pacers complete with crew and supporters descended on the club and enjoyed a great weekend of racing and social events.

Hampton was well represented on the water:

Dylan Perham and Stan;
John Adshead with Claire, Peter and Ben;
Steve Moller with Michelle and Angus and
Doug MacGregor and his son Calum

The event was a great learning experience for our club - we had the benefit of several experienced campaigners who taught our crew the finer points of course setting using a GPS, safety procedures for a larger fleet and how we can accommodate sizeable numbers of sailors within our limited resources.

A brisk South Westerly prevailed for most of the weekend and Sunday and Monday saw some very exciting racing in large waves and up to 20 knot winds. Many skippers and crews returned to shore with stories of exhilarating reaches, planing on the waves and battling (with mixed success) to control spinnakers under the testing conditions.



A big thank-you to Monica Jones who coordinated the event up until the weekend when she was competing in the Impulse Titles. We had a fantastic response from HSC members who helped out across the weekend:

On land: Rita Bagossy, Chris Borg, Julie Smerdon, Kerri, Michelle Moller, Claire Adshead, Anna Lowe, Neil Watson, Martin Playne, David Thompson (scoring), Keith Parker (Radio).

On the water: Stewart Simmons, Charles Bagossy, Harvey Pauly, Paul Stephenson, David Seymour, Michael Cook, Jorn Rose, Peter Jones, Frank Leipper, Richard Skews.

The event would not have been possible without the assistance of Rod and Leslie McCubbin (Race Control), Bill Bell (Protest Committee), Sandringham Yacht Club (Mooring & change facility), Tony and Travis from Hampton Sea Scouts (Rescue).



GENERAL NOTICES

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

We have now finished the official Family Sailing Activities for the season. Attendances were low in March which may be due to a resumption of other sports on family members' calendars. On a personal note I'd like to mention how much my family enjoyed participating in the Pacer Titles. There's no doubt that my son Angus (9) gained most of his confidence to sail in the regatta, through the child friendly practice sessions we conduct in the Family Sailing Activities program. This was a real buzz for me to see. So there's hope for other budding sailors to develop their skills and participate in future regattas as well. The more the merrier! A final thankyou to our regular helpers, Peter, Lucy, Monica, Kevin, David and Clare.

It's by no means the end of Family Activities; we have a Pizza / Slide night coming up on Sat 26th May, which all members are invited to. See the promotion below.

Cheers – Michelle Moller



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Pizza / Slide Night (Family Friendly)

When: Saturday 26th May
Time: 6.00 pm onwards
Where: Hampton Sailing Club
What: BYO Pizza / Drinks / (Desserts to share)

In response to member's curiosity, Michelle and Steve have decided to show interested members a selection of photos from their 6 month trip around Australia. If you can't make the dinner, but want to see the photos, the slide show which will commence at about 7.00 pm. (Approx. 1 hr duration).

In usual HSC style it's a casual affair and all are welcome.

Pot Luck Curry Night (Adults only)

When: Saturday 21st July
Time: 7.30 pm onwards
Where: Hampton Sailing Club
What: BYO Curries to share

Book the babysitter and enjoy a meal without the kids! We shall provide more information about the Curry Night in the next newsletter. Please put the date in your diary for now.

Any enquiries:
contact Michelle Moller Tel: (03) 9521 6462,
or email michelle_moller@iprimus.com.au, or
Chris Borg Tel: (03) 9515 4244

Notice of Annual General Meeting

All members of Hampton Sailing Club are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM), to be held at the Clubrooms on Sunday, 20 May 2007 at 2:00 pm.

A separate notice of the meeting, with associated materials, will be sent to all members at least 14 days before the meeting. However, advance copies of the draft agenda and Committee nomination form are included with this newsletter.

In accordance with the Club's Incorporation Rules, all Committee positions will be declared vacant at the AGM. These positions are as follows:

- Commodore
- Vice-Commodore
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary
- Sailing Secretary
- House Secretary
- Newsletter Editor
- Social Secretary
- General Committee
(up to 5 positions).

With the exception of the Treasurer, the officers of the Club (Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Secretary) have now served for three consecutive years in their current positions. These members are therefore not eligible for re-election to their current positions at the forthcoming AGM, but may be nominated for any other Committee role. Other current Committee members are eligible for appointment to any position.

Any member of the Club (other than a Junior or Nominal member), who has been a member for more than 12 months at the date of the AGM, may be nominated for one of the positions listed

above. Each nomination must be proposed and seconded by a senior member of the Club, and signed by the nominee.

Please note the information on the nomination form regarding the deadline of 13 May 2007 for return of completed nominations. These should be sent to "The Secretary" at the Club's postal address (PO Box 42, Sandringham, Victoria 3191), or otherwise delivered by arrangement with the Secretary (Stewart Simmons, ph 9598 6954).

Sub-committees

In addition to the main Committee, the operation of Hampton Sailing Club depends on the work of sub-committees, which plan and co-ordinate activities throughout the year. Officers and general members of the main Committee serve on these sub-committees, but also rely on the contributions of other members to help organise and run the sailing program, working bees, social gatherings and other events.

Members who are unable to commit to serving on the Committee, but who wish to contribute towards the range of activities required to run the Club, are most welcome to assist with the work of these sub-committees (if interested, please speak to any Committee member).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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 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 interpersonal skills.

Required Resources

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

VICE-COMMODORE

Duties And Responsibilities

- ❖ Assist and represent the Commodore where necessary.
- ❖ Chair meetings of the Club Committee in the Commodore's absence.
- ❖ Lead or undertake key Club projects.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good organisational skills.
- ❖ Good interpersonal skills.

Required Resources

- ❖ Time to attend to Club matters.
- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.

SECRETARY

Duties And Responsibilities

- ❖ Keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of Committee meetings.
- ❖ Receive and respond to 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.

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!

NEWSLETTER EDITOR**Duties And Responsibilities**

- ❖ Produce the HSC newsletter 6 times per year.

Desired Skills

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

Required Resources

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

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

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, 20 MAY 2007 - COMMENCING AT 2:00 PM

AT THE CLUBROOMS

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Minutes of previous AGM, held on 28 May 2006
- 4. Commodore's Report
- 5. Treasurer's Report
- 6. Secretaries' Reports
 - a. Club
 - b. Membership
 - c. Sailing
 - d. House
- 7. Special Business
- 8. General Business
- 9. Election of Committee for 2007-08
- 10. Close

Following the AGM, prizes will be awarded for the 2006-07 sailing season, and refreshments will be provided.

HAMPTON SAILING CLUB INCORPORATED

NOMINATION FOR CLUB COMMITTEE 2007-2008

I hereby nominate _____ *(name of person being nominated)*

for the position of _____ *(specify, or insert "Committee Member")*
on the Hampton Sailing Club Committee for 2007-2008.

Name of proposer _____ *(please print clearly)*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of seconder _____ *(please print clearly)*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Acceptance of nomination

Signature of nominee: _____ Date: _____

Completed nomination forms must be submitted to the Secretary at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting. Please contact the Secretary (Stewart Simmons) on 9598 6954 if you have any questions about the nomination process.

Changed traffic conditions on the Bay Trail Shared Path

In the past priority was given to the motorist on driveways and access roads. Shared Path users were faced with 'stop' or 'give way' signs and line markings. The new arrangement gives Shared Path users right of way. Traffic entering and exiting the driveways and access roads now need to give way to Shared Path users.

Changed traffic conditions on the Bay Trail Shared Path

Motorists now need to give way to pedestrians, cyclists and other users of the Bay Trail Shared Path. This is to improve the safety of both users and motorists. The Victorian Road rules require drivers entering and exiting the roadside car parking areas to give way to users on the shared path.

In the past:

Now:

All traffic crossing the Shared Path must give way to path users and is required to wait until path users are clear prior to proceeding.

The Shared Path users including pedestrians, cyclists, skaters and others now have priority over motorists at these crossing points.

Motorists

- Drive responsibly and carefully observing the road rules.
- Watch out for other community members especially at the locations where roads and driveways intersect with the Shared Path.
- Be thoughtful and patient towards other road users.
- Be perceptive of possible hazards.

Shared Path users

- Travel on the Shared Path responsibly and carefully observing the road rules.
- Indicate (cyclists) to motorists when you intend to turn or to change direction.
- Ring your bell or call "passing" to warn others when passing.
- Be thoughtful and patient towards other road users.
- Be aware of cars crossing at all foreshore access points and roads.
- Cyclists wear bright coloured clothing.
- Cyclists ensure you have lights on your bike. Use them when appropriate.
- When on the Shared Path and crossing the road, keep dogs under control and on a leash.
- Be perceptive of possible hazards.

Hampton Sailing Club: Handy Information

HSC Calender

April 2007

02 7:30 PM Committee Meeting
29 5:00 PM BBQ Season Close

May 2007

07 7:30 PM Committee Meeting
20 2:00 PM AGM
26 6:00 PM Pizza / Slide Night
27 9:00 AM Working Bee

June 2007

04 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

July 2007

02 7:30 PM Committee Meeting
21 7:30 PM Pot Luck Curry Night

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)

February 2008

04 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

March 2008

03 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

HSC Contacts

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Paul Stephenson (03) 9555 6348

Club Secretary

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Kingfisher

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