

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

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Winter is progressing and we have all been very busy at the club.

First we would like to launch the "all new" Hampton Sailing Club web site. It has been up and existing for some time, but not really useful. Until now!!

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Go and have a look!!

The members section leads to all the pictures that have been taken on water via a link, there are sections for you to advertise your boats, gear and equipment. The race calendar and social calendar are there, the newsletters (with Duty Rosters, but no telephone numbers), articles on the Winter Racing and results.

Upcoming training events and enrolment forms will be available from the site as well as plenty of more useful items.

This is a new tool for members and prospective members, so have a rattle around and I am sure you will agree, Richard Skews with the help of David Thompson's picture link have done a terrific job. And it's still going on and will be ever changing.

WINTER SAILING

I would also like to commend the winter sailing. As you will read on the web site we had a ball. Great sailing in winter, with no big southerly winds. Plus, we're in early before it gets cold. Short sharp races are the name of the game and keep it fun. So come on down the last Sunday of each month.

JUNIORS and LEARN TO SAIL.

Yes, HSC is about to run our first official Yachting Victoria endorsed Learn to Sail course. Every member (junior or senior) welcome. It will run from 10:00 AM on Sundays from 14th October 07.

The course will be run by our own Kevin and Monica. You don't even need a boat, but if you can assist with one it would be appreciated.

Dovetailing in to this is a new incentive for junior sailing. Discounted rates for the yard storage of under 10' junior sailing boats is about to happen. So.. go and buy the kids a Sabot, Optimist or Minnow and let em have a go!.

Good sailing and see you out there.

John Dayman

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Since the swearing in of the new committee, the 2007-08 season is looking very promising for HSC families.

Please take time to read about the new Junior Training Program, as I believe this to be a great opportunity for novice and junior sailors to learn the basics of sailing. In order to allow as many families to participate in the new program, I have scaled back the Family Activities program to include a novelty sail and Social later in the year.

We will host a swap meet in the clubhouse on the day of the winter warriors, where members can bring preloved wet suits, life jackets, chandlery etc for exchange or sale. See the Social Activities listing for the special footy fever family night coming up.

Cheers

Michelle Moller

WORKING BEE

The working bee is on Sunday 9th September 2007 at 9.00 am.

There are plans to renew the rear gates and fence, and remove the decking timber on the Club rooms.

There are also some medium tasks and many small tasks.

09:00 AM	Start
11:00 AM	Morning Tea
01:00 PM	Lunch
04:00 PM	Finish

An assistant for the Chef would be great.

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

Contact Frank Leipper if you can attend.

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.

Frank Leipper, House Secretary

SOCIAL ACTIVITIESFooty Pie Night (Family Friendly)

When: Saturday 15th September
Time: 6.00 PM onwards
Where: Hampton Sailing Club
What: BYO Drinks and footy games
 egs. Quizzes, board games.
Cost: \$5 per child (includes pie and ice-cream)
 \$10 per adult (includes pie, salad and dessert)
Dress: Favourite team colours or part thereof.

Beer Tasting Night (Adults only)

To be hosted by Len Smerdon & Steve Moller

When: Saturday 13th October
Time: 7.30 PM onwards
Where: Hampton Sailing Club
Cost: TBA

Any enquires contact Michelle Moller

SWAP MEET: PICK UP A BARGAIN

Sunday 26th August, between 3 PM – 5 PM

That's right the same day as the Winter Warriors

Bring along – Sailing gear you no longer need

Spare chandlery that's excess to requirements

For exchange or sale

Any enquires contact Michelle Moller

Rescue Boat Competency Training Programme

Sunday 16 September, 2007

1000 hrs to 1600 hrs

Registrations are invited from rescue boat crews and skippers to attend a practise and training session using both the rescue boats. A radio instructor will attend, and the new Emergency Procedures will be explained.

Please register your interest by contacting: Paul Stephenson.

All rescue crews are encouraged to attend this training session.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Identification of all spars, centreboards, rudders, tillers, sails and other equipment stored at HSC

With increased pressure on space within the Club, your Committee will be assessing the storage of all ancillary equipment belonging to Members stored on the premises. We are aware that are many spars and sails and other equipment without any identification in the Club that are never used.

We will be removing from the Club all items such as spars, centreboards, rudders, tillers, sails and other equipment unless they are clearly identified with either the owner's name or their boat's name.

Please ensure that any such equipment stored by you at the Club is clearly marked
NO LATER THAN 30 SEPTEMBER 2007.

From that date, the Committee will be progressively moving through the storage areas and removing any unmarked items. We expect to complete that soon after 30 September.

To help free up space at the Club, anyone who is able to store their equipment at home is encouraged to do so.

COME ALL YE RADIO and TL3 WANNA BEES!!!

Those HSC members who are bored whilst waiting on shore for partners out sailing and those who have licences to drive the Duck and Lady Isa this could be you!!

The club is investing in several copies of the Marine Radio Operators Handbook. This is the bible to obtaining your Radio Licence to operate the radios in the boats at in the club.

Several reads of the sections indicated in the book will lead you to a multiple answer questionnaire that I will run at the club later in the year. Cost of the exam is \$50. (compare this with the cost of a full radio course and you are saving hundreds)

It is important to HSC that we operate our radios with the utmost of professionalism as the whole Port Philip Bay boating community may be listening.

We are then running on Sunday September 16th at 10am, a 'refresher/learn' to operate the radios and also have a practice at driving and manoeuvring the rescue boats. We will have a complimentary BBQ for lunch along the way.

You know what it's like...skills go rusty, so here is your chance to brush up before summer starts.

Books can come to
giov_dayman@hotmail.com

Details will also be on the HSC web site under "Members" section soon.



Novice Training

HSC will be running a Novice Sailing program at the start of the Spring Season. The Yachting Australia *Get into Small Boat Sailing – Basic Skills* course will commence on 14 October.2007.

Get Into Small Boat Sailing – Basic Skills course

Overview	This course is designed to provide a safe and enjoyable introduction to small boat sailing for novices. The course includes an introduction to fundamental boat handling skills and essential knowledge that will allow participants the freedom of sailing small boats with guidance from the Instructor or Coach. It is recommended that this short introduction to sailing be consolidated by the completion of the Yachting Australia Basic Skills 2
Outcomes	You will receive a Basic Skills 1 certificate and have a basic understanding of sailing
Pre-requisites	This is an introductory course, so there are no pre-requisites
What to do afterwards?	Continue training in Small Boat Sailing to achieve your Better Sailing and Racing Skills awards, or try one of the other schemes.

When: The course will run on a Sunday morning over 4 weekends – 14th, 21st, 28th October & 11th November. **10 AM start**
(Subject to change: The course curriculum is still being reviewed, any changes to the dates will be communicated)

Cost: \$50.00 per student, which covers the cost of registration and log books. An additional Personal Accident Insurance fee of \$6.00 is strongly recommended for participants who do not hold a current YA Silver Card.

Who can register: The course is structured for sailing novices. This can either be junior or adults wishing to get a structured introduction to sailing. Our focus for the initial course is for HSC members and their families.

More Information: Further details and application forms will be published on the HSC Web Site.

If you'd like to register your interest in the course, or would like more information, please contact John Dayman or David Thompson.

David Thompson
John Dayman

Club By-Laws - Boat Storage

The existing Club By-Laws in relation to boat storage were reviewed by the Committee at its July meeting. These will be applied from now on. Please read them carefully.

The thrust behind the changes is to make storage of craft more equitable for ALL members.

It is expected that the entire Club By-Laws will be revised over the next three months, after which copies will be made available to all Members.

Sections 7, 8 and 9 on boat storage that are affected by changes are being presented in this newsletter, so that you will be aware of them from the start of the sailing season. The proposed changes are marked in *italics*.

In addition to changing the by-laws, a special outside storage facility to store vertically boats of less than 10 feet long (3 metres) is being developed to encourage junior sailing. This storage may be provided at half normal rates to eligible junior members.

Any queries on boat storage rules may be addressed to the Boat Storage Officer, Martin Playne.

7. Boat Registration and Storage

A boat shall be registered with the Club in order for it to be eligible for storage on the Club premises. Registration involves the member nominating the boat on the current Membership Subscription Renewal Form and paying the Annual Storage Fee *no later than 1st August each year. All craft of any type (eg., sailing boat, tender, kayak, sailboard, ski, canoe) stored on the premises shall be registered, and be identified with a current registration label.*

No member is permitted to store a boat on the Club premises without the knowledge and permission of the Club Committee, *or its appointed representative.*

Members may only store one sailing boat on the premises, unless excess space is available. However, a Member may have, in addition to the sailing boat, an additional craft such as a tender, sailboard, kayak, canoe, or ski, but these will normally only be allocated upper level rack storage locations. Each craft must carry a current Boat Registration Label.

The Committee shall give special consideration to Family Membership. There may be several members of the same family who sail different boats and wish to store them on the premises. This will be considered provided all stored boats are registered and are currently actively being sailed by different members of the family.

Temporary or short-term storage of a boat on the Club premises, up to maximum of 16 days may be permitted to Members and Visitors for purposes such as participation in a regatta. Applications for such storage must be made to the Boat Storage Officer, and storage recorded in the Club's Day Diary with details and contact number. Such storage may not be permitted, and prior approval is necessary. A fee may be applied to such temporary storage.

The Club Committee shall review boat storage allocation between *1st August and 30th September* of each year. *Payment of an annual storage fee does not necessarily imply that a storage location at the Club will be allocated.* The principle of the review shall be to avoid the Club premises being unnecessarily occupied by boats not frequently used. In determining boat storage allocations the Club Committee may consider the following factors:-

- Whether the boat is correctly registered with the Club and the Annual Storage Fee has been paid for the current subscription period;

- The frequency of usage of the boat, as indicated by examination of the race record sheets and the destination record book;
- The type of boat and its condition;
- Any special factors (eg. personal physical limitations) of which the Club Committee has been *made aware, and which has been recorded in the Minutes of the HSC Committee.*

8. Suitable and Preferred Boats and Trailers

Only monohull sailing dinghies having a *total* length not exceeding **5.0 metres** (nominal 16.5 feet)(*including any part of a dolly or trailer holding the boat*) and sailboards may be sailed as part of the Club fleet *and will receive preference in storage allocation over other craft. Other classes of craft which may be stored on HSC premises are kayaks, canoes, skis, tenders. Catamarans may not be stored or used on HSC premises.*

Although any boat meeting the above specifications may be sailed at the Club, in the interests of maintaining keen competition, there are preferred types of boats. Members requiring advice in relation to the preferred types of boats should contact a Club Committee Member.

Only a launching dolly or a trailer holding a boat may be kept at the Club. Both dolly and trailer cannot be stored on the premises. Boats allocated upper level storage may not maintain a dolly or trailer at the club, and must use the club-owned dollies for launching. Empty trailers are not allowed in the yard.

Trailers should be of such a design that stems for holding the mast are removable, and do not provide a hazard to other Club Members. Members are discouraged from storing boats on road trailers for this reason. Members must accede to a request by the Boat Storage Officer to remove mast stems.

9. Condition of Boats, Trailers and Sailing Gear

All craft of any type stored on Club premises must carry, in an obvious position, a current Boat Registration Label. All craft and other items not properly stored and not carrying clear identification of the owner shall be deemed to have been abandoned and may be disposed of by the Club Committee.

Storage on the Club premises of all craft and equipment associated with the craft is at the owner's risk. The Club cannot guarantee the owners against loss, theft, or damage to the craft or its equipment. Owners are strongly recommended to carry appropriate insurance coverage for their property.