

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

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We are well through the summer season and have now completed two Basic Skills 1 Learn to Sail courses run by our Mon and Kev, a TL3 course run by Doug King and have just had 4 members represent Hampton SC by competing at the one state titles, which probably hasn't happened for some time.

First of all I would like to congratulate and thank the TL3 participants for their time and effort and we hope to see them on a boat soon: John Allison, Elise Brennan-Smith, Julie Brennan-Smith, Russell Brown, William Brown, Lex Cusin, Nial Finegan, Norm Glenn, Jorn Rose, Matthew Smith, Fiona Stephens, David Thompson and Blaise Vinot. The weekend weather for their exhausting course was perfect and they achieved a lot of study and practice in the short space of the Friday night to the Sunday afternoon. Well Done!

Secondly I would like to congratulate Kevin Kay for being our best place Impulse at the recent State Titles held at Balnarring YC. In a very very hot fleet (the first 10 are made up of national and ex state title winners), Kev managed a 5th place overall with a best heat placing of 2nd. Whilst sailing to the start of the last race, Kev broke a halyard and managed to head for shore, sailed over the rocks and with his spare piece of cord tied the mainsail to the top of the mast and came back out to make the start. Great effort for our Kev! Monica Jones came in 26th and our latest and very keen Impulse sailer Mark Membrey came 30th. After missing two races on Saturday because of work, I started Sunday at the bottom of the 33 boat fleet and by end of Monday morning I worked up to 16th.

The races were by and large well run - a huge

current to deal with which in the light airs on Monday were a challenge, start lines a tad short, Saturday night spit roast was great idea and we all camped on the foreshore park area. The major criticism I would make, as we all are aware of, is they ran a 50 plus boat regatta with ONE RUBBER DUCK rescue boat. That's unsafe! They obviously haven't done risk analysis lately. They have reefs and currents that create a lee shore most of the time and a course that is quite a way from the club, so the distances to be travelled are great and time to get to assist someone are long. Thus the risk gets greater. Lucky for them the weather was kind.

So now let's get it together and finish of the season with a flurry and get all our boats out on the water.

I would like to invite any member who feels they can contribute to Hampton Sailing Club to get on the upcoming committee and assist. I have now done what I believe I can do and am bowing out and will pass the baton on to someone who wishes to take up the challenge. Any one who feels they can do the HSC Commodore job speak to Stewart Simmons for a nomination form and throw your name in the ring.

Sail Safe

**Johnno
Commodore**



Sailing Calendar

Those involved in the Sunday racing, will be aware of the number of races abandoned this year due to the weather. Currently we have only successfully completed 4 Club Championships and 3 Autumn Aggregate races. With 4 race days remaining before the end of the season, we risk not having enough complete races for a series!

A number of options were discussed at the race briefing on Sunday 22 March 2009. The consensus was to hold additional races on Sunday mornings to makeup the shortfall. By scheduling races in the morning, we can take advantage of the more benign conditions we typically have earlier in the day.

On Sunday 29th March we scheduled 3 races - 2 races were Autumn Aggregates, one a Club Championship with the first race, an Autumn Aggregate, starting at 10:30am.

What a great day. Finally our bad run with the weather was broken and we were presented with a perfect autumn day, for what was one of the biggest race days we've had for years. A 10:30 start, with three races to be completed.

Our race controllers, Stewart and Richard, set a short course, right off Green Point. Conditions were challenging, with a 5 knot northwesterly it was going to be a race of tactics rather than boat speed. In the minutes before the start, the wind shifted around to the SW – the race controllers quickly reset the course, while the fleet was entertained by a pod of dolphins in our midst. The race was finally underway at 11:30.

The short race ended up taking around 1 hour, as the patchy wind tested the skills of the fleet - filling in on one side of the course, then dropping off again. The Impulses were right up at the top of the fleet, but first across the line was the Taser 'Peninsula', followed by DJ's Rooster 8.1 'The Sting', out for it's first race.

Following the completion of Race 1, we had quick lunch break at the club, before heading back out for a 2:30 start. The wind had filled in a little, with a 5-10 know SW for the remaining two races.

The short race format makes the racing much more exciting. The starts are critical – the third start of the day was probably the best I've seen from our fleet. All competitors were right there fighting for space at the line.

The mark roundings were also well contested throughout the day. I ended up with a scrape of 'Impulse blue' down the side of my Laser, as JD attempted to squeeze into a gap that was just not quite big enough.

There are likely to be some new scrapes on our marks also – I saw a number of marks being touched, scraped, whacked and pushed.

I'm sure I don't need to remind anyone that touching a mark during a rounding attracts a 360 degree penalty – It's up to the skipper to ensure this penalty is taken. We don't want to start handing out DSQs.

David Thompson

Sailing Secretary

Of Broken Boats and Bailers...

Over the course of the last two months, all of our club boats have been out of action and in need of repair.

It is the responsibility of whoever borrows the boats to ensure they are returned in good order, with all the rigging and equipment returned to the correct place.

Maintenance of the club boats is undertaken by volunteers who would certainly prefer to be out sailing themselves than repairing the clubs boats yet again. Ensure you treat the club boats with the same respect you'd treat YOUR own boat.....and don't forget to close the bailers before you move the boat off the trolley.

We're currently missing two ropes from the Pacer Pursuit. These white spinnaker sheets are hard to miss - they're 10m in length and are a unique soft plait. If you've borrowed this boat and have put the spinnaker sheets in a safe place, please return them to the boat ASAP, so others can enjoy the experience.

Spindrift - Not Available

In need of repair. Spindrift will not be available for the remainder of the 08/09 season.

Roaring Forties - Not Available

This boat was generously provided to HSC on an indefinite loan. It has now been returned to its' owners and is no longer available.

Pacer Pursuit - Available

Via prior arrangement with the Sailing Secretary. Spinnaker sheets are missing - no kite is available.

Sabot - Available

Via prior arrangement with the Sailing Secretary

David Thompson
Sailing Secretary

News articles for the HSC web site.

It's always great to read about the latest events on the HSC Web site. Maybe you weren't able to make a race and need to find out how well we fared, or you may want a recap of your spectacular performance in the race, albeit from some else's perspective.

I'm always looking for contributions to the web news articles. If you'd like to contribute to the sailing news articles, email your commentary or article to the Sailing Secretary DavidRThompson@optusnet.com.au

Member Functions

Don't forget the club rooms are available for member functions. Contact Michelle.

HSC Early Bird Payment Scheme

Over recent years, the Hampton Sailing Club had many members who were very late in their payment of fees. To encourage all members to pay their fees on time, the Committee has decided to adopt an "Early Bird Payment Scheme".

All members who pay their fees by the 30 June 2009 will be entitled to a 10% discount on the annual member subscription fee only.

The rules of the scheme are as follows:

1. Payment must be received by the Treasurer (or received in the post) by 30 June. Members who use EFT must make sure that their payment is in the HSC account by 30 June (beware that EFT Transfers may take 2 business days).
2. The 10% discount applies to the annual member subscription fee only ie, Senior, Family, Junior, and Nominal membership fee. It does not apply to Boat/Sailboard/Kayak Storage fees, Maintenance Payment, or Work Day Credits.
3. Members who are unable to pay their fees by the 30 June due to exceptional circumstances (such as overseas absence, or illness, etc.), shall apply in writing explaining their circumstances to the Committee for the Early Bird Discount.

Working Bee

Make a note in your diary that the next working bee will be on Sunday 3rd May 2009 – more info re the tasks closer to the date.

Frank Leipper

New Members

The committee would like to welcome

Mark Dennis
Carl Harman and family
Jan Steel and family
David Walter

as new members.

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

**For Sale**

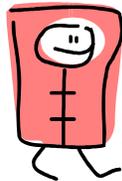
The following items have been donated to the Club, and are offered for sale on the basis that the proceeds will be added to the Club's revenue.

Ladies Ronstan sailing wetsuit; sleeveless with long legs; size small-medium (measures 135cm from shoulder to ankle); black and purple; good condition; \$55.

Ladies Ronstan sailing jacket; rubber seals at neck, waist and wrists; size small-medium; purple, plum / claret & teal; good condition; \$45.

Contact Stewart Simmons / Jan Tully.

Child's PDF (Life jacket) Type 1, Burke, size XX - small, body mass 12 – 25 kg. Inc. head support, crutch strap; good condition; \$10. Call Michelle

**Social Activity**

Our recent Family BYO BBQ was a great success. Now it's time for the adults to get together for a relaxing night out at the clubhouse. See below for details.

**Hampton Sailing Club Social****Pot Luck Dinner Adults welcome!**

When: Saturday 2nd May

Time: 7.00 pm onwards

Where: Hampton Sailing Club

What: BYO Curries/casseroles and/or desserts to share!
BYO drinks

Just about everyone knows how to make a curry or a casserole. So there's no excuse for missing out on this popular HSC gathering. Leave the kids at home so you can share a yarn and meet some new members.

RSVP Michelle, with your nominated dish and this will ensure we have a great range of food to share.

Michelle

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, 31 MAY 2009

Hampton Sailing Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the Clubrooms on Sunday, 31 May (starting at 2:00pm). Please mark this date in your diary.

All members are encouraged to attend the AGM to hear how the Club is progressing, and to raise any comments or questions about the Club's directions and activities.

Notice of the AGM, along with an agenda and nomination forms, will be posted out to all Club members in early May. The formal business of the meeting will be followed by presentation of prizes for the 2008-09 sailing season, rounded off with an afternoon tea.

Members who feel inclined to offer their time and skills to help manage the business of the Club are encouraged to nominate for positions on the Committee. The Committee normally meets on one evening per month throughout the year, and provides a great way for members to get directly involved in steering the on-going development of their Club.

This newsletter gives a brief outline of the duties and attributes relevant to specific positions on the Committee. In addition, a number of positions are available for members who wish to take a more general Committee role, dealing with projects and activities that arise during the year.

If any of the positions described below appeal to you – please feel welcome to discuss the details with the Commodore or any current Committee member (or come along to the Committee meetings scheduled for 7:30pm on Thursday, 16 April or Thursday, 21 May).

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 the Commodore and represent the Club 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.

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

Hobart to Melbourne in an 1830 Top Sail Schooner

You may recall from my earlier article that the Enterprize is a replica of the top sail schooner commissioned by John Pascoe Fawkner to found Melbourne in 1835.

In February this year I joined 15 other people in sailing the Enterprize from Hobart to Melbourne. The Enterprize had been in Hobart as part of the Wooden Boat Festival.

I joined Enterprize on the 20th February at Hobart's Elizabeth Street wharf and we soon after set sail for Bruny Island

Except for the Captain and Mate the crew was all regular Enterprize volunteers from Melbourne. Colin our Captain had all the skills necessary to fix mechanical and electrical problems and navigate a 19th Century ship 500 Nautical miles to Melbourne. At the same time he was an accomplished cook and musician.

Anastasia the mate had similar skills and plenty of strength to break a knot or climb up the top sail yard in no time flat. We accorded her lots of respect and admiration.

On the first night Colin saved the voyage by fixing the gear box while we slept. Failure to do so would have meant a return to Hobart and a long delay.

We next sailed across Storm Bay and spent time at Port Arthur waiting for the wind to change to the South West. Slowly we drifted North East between the towering cliffs of Tasman Island and the mainland. Eventually a strong wind came in and with a reefed course we sailed north at about 4 knots through rain, occasional sunshine and strong winds.

On the fifth day we entered Banks Strait (entrance to Bass Strait) where the Enterprize had earlier broken a jibboom in a heavy sea. The sea was again heavy with three metre waves.

We made our way past Cape Barren and Flinders Island, the Kent Group and eventually Wilsons Prom which was covered in smoke from the recent fires.

It was here that a decision was made not to spend a night at anchor but to press on for the heads which we had to reach by noon the next day. Saturday broke with a gale force westerly wind. With waves breaking over the deck, furniture, passengers and crew were being flung in all directions. By noon the wind had dropped and we sailed through the heads to be greeted by sunshine. As we passed Queens Cliff I climbed the Foremast and helped unfurl the top sail.

As we cruised back to Melbourne we were able to enjoy our first meal of the day.

We all agreed that the voyage was a wonderful and above all character building experience. Many of us then went home to our best sleep and a shower in 8 days.

Neil Watson



Hampton Sailing Club Racing Calendar – 08/09 Season

Date	Race #	Race Handicap	Race Controller and Lady Isa Skipper	Lady Isa Crew	Rescue Boat Skipper	Rescue Boat Crew
5-Apr-09	Club Championship 8	YV	Frank Leipper	Luke Ross	Chris Dayman	Jorn Rose
12-Apr-09	Easter Sunday					
19-Apr-09	Champ Sub1 / Autumn Sub 1	PH / YV	Frank Leipper	Denis Nyaguy	Chris Dayman	Matthew Smith
26-Apr-09	Closing Sail - End of Season	TBA	Richard Skews	Ken Trotter	Chris Dayman	Bruce Haddock

Rules and By-laws

As noted in the February Main Sheet, all members are encouraged to take a look through the Club's Incorporation Rules and By-laws. These have been thoroughly revised in recent years, and can be viewed on the Club's website at <http://www.hsc.yachting.org.au> under Members / Member Information.

The Incorporation Rules establish the membership structure and governance arrangements of the Club, and are based on a model developed by Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) to assist clubs and organisations that wish to incorporate under the terms of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981. The Club's current Rules were last updated and registered with CAV in 2005, and any proposed changes must be considered and endorsed at a general meeting of members.

The By-laws are developed and maintained by the Club's Committee under the authority of the Incorporation Rules, and provide the basis for managing the day-to-day operation of the Club. Matters dealt with in the By-laws include: use of the Club premises and facilities; expected standards of conduct by members and guests; supervision and safety of children; control of dogs; management of boats and equipment; Club / boat duty and the work-day credit scheme; sailing rules and safety requirements.

The By-laws have recently been updated (in paragraphs 2.38, 2.39 and 7.16) to clarify the circumstances in which any member may stay overnight on Club premises (eg to allow for an approved family sleepover or camp-out); to provide a basis for managing increasing pressures on the limited kitchen and dining facilities in the clubrooms; and to set a maximum length for kayaks, canoes and skis stored at the Club.

The By-laws are (hopefully) based on common sense, and intended to enable the Club to run smoothly for the enjoyment of its members. However, it's also important to recognise that they have largely been developed over the years in response to issues that the Club's Committee has been called upon to resolve - so a reasonable awareness of the By-laws can help us all to avoid revisiting the same old ground. For this reason, a printed copy of the By-laws will be sent to all members with the AGM papers in early May.

Please don't hesitate to contact Stewart Simmons if you have any questions about the Club's Incorporation Rules or By-laws.