

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

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Another year opens for Hampton Sailing Club, and I find myself in the Commodore's Corner – not at all where I expected to be, but I must say it's an exciting challenge to be taking over the helm at a time when our Club already has such well-established sailing, training and social programs, and is becoming recognised as a base for high quality off-the-beach sailing.

I would like to thank those 30 members, some with their families and friends, who attended the Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday, 31 May to see the old Club year squared away and welcome in the new. Reports prepared and presented by outgoing Committee members were well received, and extra copies are available at the Club for those who were unable to attend. Many thanks to David Thompson for organising the trophies, and to those who contributed to the excellent afternoon tea.

Some of my colleagues from last year – John Dayman, David Thompson, Michelle Moller, Deb Stephenson and John Adshead – have decided to take a break from Committee roles for a while and focus on other activities ... like just going sailing! All have contributed a great deal to the Club in the past year, and it was made clear at the AGM that these contributions are much appreciated by members.

Along with myself as Commodore, the following will be continuing as Committee members for 2009-10: Peter Dean (Treasurer); Martin Playne (replacing Keith Parker as Secretary); Richard Skews (Membership Secretary); Monica Jones (Sailing Secretary); Frank Leipper (House Secretary); Neil Watson (Boat Storage Officer); with Charles Bagossy, Kevin Kay and Keith Parker as Committee members

'without portfolio'. In addition, we'll be joined by Fiona Stephens as Social Secretary, and Blaise Vinot. This gives us a great mix of established and incoming Committee members to get the Club's activities under way for the year.

However, two positions (Vice Commodore and Newsletter Editor) still remain vacant. Deb Stephenson has kindly offered to complete this June issue of the Main Sheet, but will not be continuing in the role (though I'm sure Deb will be happy to pass on her editing tips to a successor). The Club can get by without a Vice Commodore for a time, but our regular newsletter is essential for keeping in touch with members. We've had some fantastic editions in the past year, so the model is already well-established. I'd be delighted to hear from anyone who can offer the skills to help keep our Club's newsletter running.

Finally, I'm sure that all members will join me in wishing Keith Parker (Club Secretary for the past year) a speedy return to good health, following a recent accident that will keep him off his feet for some weeks. Fortunately, Martin Playne has stepped in to fill the Secretary's role, with Keith taking on a less demanding position this year.

I look forward to seeing what can be done to further improve our Club's programs and facilities for members in 2009-10, and will always welcome suggestions in this regard. However, I also intend to improve my placing in the Club's racing results over the next summer season, and to enjoy Hampton Sailing Club for what it is – a great place to sail, whatever your age and ability. So – I look forward to seeing you at the Club and on the water.

Stewart Simmons
Commodore

Heron State Titles

18th April 09

HSC hosted the Heron Victorian state titles over the weekend of April 18th and 19th April. They had 10 boats competing, the majority from the Bellarine Peninsula and 3 from our own club.

The weather was kind to the Heron fleet, with both days having around 10 knots of breeze, although the direction was variable which tested the Race Committee more than it did the Heron fleet. They sailed a total of 5 races: - 2 races on Saturday afternoon, 2 on Sunday morning and a final race on Sunday afternoon.

Congratulations to the Brennan-Smiths who had a very successful regatta. With three boats entered, Leigh, Elise and Stewart placed 2nd, 3rd and 7th respectively.

The feedback from the Herons was that they were made very welcome, and the race organisation was excellent. They extended their appreciation to our weekend volunteers: Kevin Kay, Neil Watson, Chris Dayman, Frank Leipper, Monica Jones and David Thompson.

Thanks to Ralph Brown for arranging for the Herons to hold their championships at Hampton. It's great to be able to share our club with such a friendly group of sailors, and the experience of running state regattas is certainly of benefit to our race committee.



Winter Racing - June to Sept 2009

This year, winter racing is scheduled for the last Sunday of each month – June to September.

We often have our best sailing conditions over the winter months, without the strong afternoon sea breeze that so often makes summer sailing so challenging. The water's guaranteed to be cold, so make sure you have appropriate cold weather sailing gear.

To make allowance for the short winter days, the race briefing for these races will be at 12:00, with the race starting at 13:00.

The Race Officer may alter courses or races depending on the conditions and the number of competitors. Short Course, Long Course, Off-the-beach Start/Finish and Stern Chaser Pursuit races are all possibilities.

Winter Warriors Sunday 30th August will be followed by usual soup and rolls.

We look forward to seeing you at the club for winter racing. See roster below:

| Date | Event | Brief | Start |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 28 June 09 | Race 1 | 12:00 | 13:00 |
| 26 July 09 | Race 2 | 12:00 | 13:00 |
| 30 Aug 09 WINTER WARRIORS | Race 3 | 12:00 | 13:00 |
| 27 Sep 09 | Race 4 | 12:00 | 13:00 |



Club Championship – Series wrap-up

The final two races of the season were held on the 19th April.

The first race was one of the few we've had this year with multiple starts. The Heron's were racing their state titles with us on the Sunday, so we had the HSC fleet



in the first start and Herons in the second. This did cause a bit of confusion for some of the less experienced Heron crews, who were on the start line for the first start and got tangled up with the HSC fleet.

It was clear during this race that we should continue to work on our sailing rules. As the sailing skill of our fleet improves, our mark roundings are getting more congested. We may have a coaching session in the new season as a refresher for some of the fundamental racing rules, particularly the right of way protocols at marks and obstructions.

Two places for the Club Championship weren't decided until the very last race. First place & Club Champion was never in doubt this season. Kevin Kay (Impulse) cruised in with a first place in every Club Championship race he entered. David Thompson (Laser Radial) secured second place by a margin of just one point, in front of Monica Jones (Impulse) who was third.

David Jones (Laser) sailed consistently well again this year, and was looking almost a certainty for second place overall. His decision to upgrade to the larger Rooster 8.1 rig midway through the series split his results between two different classes. Kev will need to keep an eye out next season once David gets the nuances of the 8.1 sorted out.

The results are shown on the next page.

David Thompson
Outgoing Sailing Secretary

Social Activities

Make a note in your diaries for a Xmas in July dinner on Sat 25th July 7.00pm. All of the family welcome. I will send the final details by email.

Fiona Stephens
Social Secretary

Storage of Masts, Booms, Sails, Centreboards, and Rudders

As most of you are aware, storage space for these items on the premises is at a premium.

In the next few months, we hope to improve and enlarge storage spaces. To do this, we will need to remove all old masts, booms, sails, centreboards, rudders and other fittings not being used regularly, or with no known owners, as a first step. Consequently, any spars or other items which are not clearly labelled with either boat name or owner's name will be stacked in the yard for disposal.

**ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE LABELLED
BY 14 JULY 2009.**

Thank you for your cooperation.



Winter Boat Roster

| Date | Race Controller | Lady Isa Crew | Duck Skipper | Duck Crew |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 28 June 09 | Michael Cook | Ralph Brown | Jorn Rose | Martin Playne |
| 26 July 09 | David Thompson | John Adshead | Neil Watson | Paul Johnson |
| 30 Aug 09 | Stewart Simmons | Steve Moller | Russell Brown | Robin McKeon |
| 27 Sep 09 | John Dayman | Monica Jones | Blaise Vinot | Victor Zorin |

Club Championship Results – Top 12

Club Championship: Sailed:7, Discards:1, To count:6, Ratings:VY, Scoring system:Low Points Score

| Rank | Nett | Helm | SailNo | Class | Boat | R1 19/10/08 | R2 2/11/08 | R3 19/10/08 | R4 18/1/09 | R5 29/3/09 | R6 5/4/09 | R7 19/4/09 |
|------|------|------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1st | 6.0 | K Kay | 557 | IMPULSE | Alive & Kicking | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | (15.0 DNC) | 1.0 |
| 2nd | 29.0 | D Thompson | 155678 | LASER Radial | Mr Perfect | (13.0 DNC) | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 1.0 | 9.0 |
| 3rd | 30.0 | M Jones | 556 | IMPULSE | Mojo | 4.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | (15.0 DNC) | 2.0 |
| 4th | 37.0 | J Adshead | 650 | PACER | Pebennick | (13.0 DNC) | 8.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 9.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| 5th | 40.0 | C Jones | 213 | FINN | Tim's Finn | 8.0 | 2.0 | 5.0 | (23.0 DNC) | 4.0 | 15.0 DNC | 6.0 |
| 6th | 45.0 | D Jones | 184697 | LASER | The Sting | 2.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | (24.0 DNC) | 15.0 DNC | 20.0 DNC |
| 7th | 51.0 | J Ward | 181698 | LASER | Na | 13.0 DNC | (17.0 DNC) | 11.0 | 15.0 | 3.0 | 6.0 | 3.0 |
| 8th | 56.5 | R Brown | 2182 | PACER | Sea Hawk | 7.0 | 6.0 | 10.0 | (23.0 DNC) | 11.5 | 2.0 | 20.0 DNC |
| 9th | 72.0 | D Jones | 392 | Rooster 8.1 | The Sting | 13.0 DNC | 17.0 DNC | 22.0 DNC | (23.0 DNC) | 8.0 | 7.0 | 5.0 |
| 10th | 74.0 | B Vinot | 1953 | TASER | Peninsula | 13.0 DNC | 17.0 DNC | 9.0 | (23.0 DNC) | 13.0 | 15.0 DNC | 7.0 |
| 11th | 77.0 | J Dayman | 501 | IMPULSE | Blue Chip | 13.0 DNC | 17.0 DNC | 22.0 DNC | (23.0 DNC) | 2.0 | 3.0 | 20.0 DNC |
| 12th | 82.0 | C Bagossy | 154301 | LASER 4.7 | Hun | 5.0 | 13.0 | 12.0 | 23.0 DNC | (24.0 DNC) | 9.0 | 20.0 DNC |

For Sale

Sabre Dinghy 347 "M-Bio"

- *competitive boat
- * good performer
- *sound boat
- *easy to sail
- *really good price

Ideal for a new sailor, or for a grumpy old man!

Just \$390, includes a unique trolley

Further info: Martin Playne

Member Functions

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

Annual Fees

Remember to take advantage of the Early Bird Scheme by paying your fees before 30 Jun 2009.

Annual General Meeting

A very successful meeting was held on Sunday 31 May 2009. If you would like a copy of the reports from this meeting please contact Stewart Simmons.

Newsletter Editor

This is the last newsletter I will be editing. Please contact Stewart Simmons if you are interesting in taking on this role on the Committee.

Deb Stephenson

Yachting Victoria
Major Events Calendar 2009/10

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|-------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 2009 | | |
| Oct 17-18 | Sail Sandy | Sandringham YC |
| Nov 7-8 | Vic Catamaran Championships | McCrae YC |
| Nov 8 | Go Sailing Day | All Clubs |
| Nov 13-14 | Vic Dinghy Championships | Mordialloc SC |
| Nov 27-29 | Go For Gold | Black Rock YC |
| Dec 14-19 | Sailing World Cup @ Sail Melbourne | Sandringham YC |
| 2010 | | |
| Apr 17-18 | OAMPS Vic Junior/Youth Regatta | Sorrento SCBC |

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