

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

Local history and art are not often discussed in the *Main Sheet*, but both seem to be topical at the moment. At Sandringham Yacht Club, another chapter is being added to the history of sailing in the area, with the recent opening of the new Club building and the rapid demolition of the old (providing at least a southerly glimpse of the Bay from our Clubhouse balcony).

On a different scale, Colin MacPherson at the Sailboard Headquarters Kiosk has launched a 22 minute DVD titled 'SHORE STORIES: Tales of a Kiosk' which tells the 100 year history of this local landmark and its surroundings. The DVD (which may become the first of a series, and has already attracted interest in the press) draws on a range of sources including historical photographs, interviews with historians and 'colourful' locals. The Club has purchased a copy, which will be available for loan to members.

Colin also tells me that he's impressed by the amount of artistic talent in the local community, and is planning to exhibit some of their work at the Kiosk in October. At least one member of our Club is understood to be among the artists whose work will be on show – so remember to take a look when buying your coffee and cakes during spring.

Save the Cerberus Art Exhibition to be held at Pivotal Galleries in Bridge Road, Richmond from 7-18 October. The exhibition is being organised by the Friends of the Cerberus in conjunction with the gallery, to raise funds towards the Save the Cerberus campaign. As well as paintings for sale, the exhibition will include historical artworks and photographs featuring the Cerberus, and associated artefacts.

Back at Hampton Sailing Club, things are far from dormant for the winter. The existing Club trolleys are being refurbished, and new ones built, under the expert guidance of John Harvey. Our aim is to ensure that a dedicated trolley is available for each Club boat, particularly the Pacers, to avoid the damage previously caused when moving these boats on and off the racks. In addition, our race management boat *Lady Isa* has been fully serviced, and is currently being fitted with an all-weather cover to enable outdoor storage. This will free up space under the Clubhouse for a second inflatable (hopefully slightly larger than *Hampton Duck*), to boost our rescue boat and training capacity.

On the social front, about 30 members and guests enjoyed an excellent 'Christmas in July' dinner at the Club on Saturday, 25 July with local catering (including one of the best Christmas puddings I've ever tasted!). Fiona Stephens and Leanne Rothacker did a fantastic job of preparing the Clubrooms for the event, and their attention to detail provided us with a memorable evening. More social activities are being planned, so please contact Fiona if you have suggestions or special requests.

We're now half way through the Club's winter sailing program, involving races on the last Sunday of each month (June – September). In June, we had a perfect winter day for sailing which our Race Officer (Michael Cook) put to good use by running two short but exciting races. The July race was more or less abandoned in cold, blustery conditions although a couple of hardy sailors did venture out by mid-afternoon, watched over by Neil Watson and John Adshed in the *Hampton Duck*. Our next event in the series

is the traditional 'Winter Warriors' race on Sunday, 30 August – come along for a chat and some hot soup afterwards, even if you're not sailing.

Finally, I'd like to thank Neil Watson for accepting the role of Vice-Commodore for the current year, and Russell Brown who has taken on the job of *Main Sheet* editor.

Stewart Simmons
Commodore

Race Coaching Afternoon

Saturday 10 October 2009

For all you Sunday afternoon racers! Do you want to improve your position in the fleet? Are you often coming last?

Then this is for you. WHEN???
2pm - Saturday October 10th 2009, at Hampton Sailing Club. We will be in the clubhouse & outside in rigging area, depending on weather.

Come & learn how to sail your boat faster & safer around the course. We will cover topics such as:

- Basic tuning of your boat.
- How to sail faster & smarter
- Sail controls. What they do to your sails & when to use & not use them.
- Basic rules

If we have fine weather, there will be demonstrations in the rigging yard, showing how the sail controls affect the sail & mast, & when to use them. There will be several boats used to cover Hampton's fleet, such as Impulse, Laser, Pacer, Tasar.

For further information contact Kevin Kay on 95783214 or 0417680811

Junior / Novice Racing? Yes!

For all you juniors & not so junior, out there, the start of 2009- 2010 sailing season the club will see the commencement of short races, for beginners on the mornings of every 2nd Sunday, as per the sailing program.

Racing will be on a short course north of the break wall. There will be rescue boats available for towing boats through the marina channel to & from the course. Whilst not required for rescue boat duties, the rescue boat may be patrolling around the course offering coaching to competitors, to improve skill levels.

It is expected to have briefing at 10.00 am, with racing to commence soon after at approx 10.30 am. So you need to be there early to have your boat rigged in time.

Depending on the weather, several short races may be run back to back, with the session to finish, with the last competitor back ashore, by 12:00 midday.

So get your boats in order, for a fun season. Anyone interested in assisting (that means any of the afternoon racers) please give us a call.

For further information contact:

Kevin Kay:- 0417680811

Monica Jones:- 0417134007

Winter Racing Series Continues

There are two races remaining in the Winter Racing Series on the last Sundays of August and September.

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 race on Sunday 30th August will be followed by the usual soup and rolls.

We look forward to seeing you at the club for the next two winter races. The water's guaranteed to be cold, so make sure you have appropriate cold weather sailing gear. See schedule below:

Date	Event	Brief	Start
30 Aug 09 WINTER WARRIORS	Race 3	12:00	13:00
27 Sep 09	Race 4	12:00	13:00

Revised Duty Officer Instructions

The instructions for club Duty Officers have been revised. A copy of the revised instructions is on the last of this newsletter.

Minutes of Committee Meetings

A copy of the minutes of each monthly Committee Meeting is posted on the Club Noticeboard, once they are ratified.

Some recent Committee decisions include:

- A building permit has been issued which will permit the Club to commence the long-awaited extension to the upstairs Clubrooms. The changes will be displayed on the Club notice board.
- A refundable security deposit of \$50 is to be paid for a key when someone joins the Club. However, replacement of lost keys by continuing members will be supplied for \$25.

Christmas in July Social Dinner

Hi to all club members. Our last social function was the Xmas in July dinner which was held on the 25th of July. We had over 30 people enjoy a 3-course dinner supplied by Ludo in Sandringham. We started with complimentary champagne and canapés to get everyone talking. We followed with a beautiful buffet of Atlantic salmon, roasted eye fillet & chicken accompanied by roast potatoes & veggies & salad. That was topped off with plum pudding & a lovely rich chocolate cake & strawberries. The food was sensational and a great night was had by all. Thank you to those who helped with the set up & clean up of the room.

Our next social event will be the almighty Winter Warriors race to be held on Sunday 30th August. This is traditionally followed by delicious hot soup to warm the bones after the race. There is a gold coin donation per bowl.

All are welcome to come & cheer on those who battle the elements on the day. Bring the whole family down to enjoy the fun or just have a soup.

Fiona & Leanne



Working Bee

The next working bee will be on **Sunday 20th September**, starting at 9 am. A general tidy up is required before the start of the sailing season. Lunch provided.

Frank Leipper
House Secretary

Storage of Equipment at the Clubhouse

The previous Main Sheet advised members that there was to be a review of masts, booms, sails and other items stored at the Club House. To assist in this review, members were asked to ensure their name appears on their property.

Unfortunately, little in this regard has been done and many items, including out board motors, remain unlabeled.

To avoid the possibility of property being disposed of, members are again requested to ensure that their property is labelled with their name as soon as possible.

Neil Watson
Vice Commodore

Lost and Found

During each sailing season, items of clothing, towels, wetsuits and other personal belongings tend to get left around the Club. Those items that are worth salvaging end up in the 'lost property' barrel in the sail storage area. The barrel is currently full, and will be cleared out at the end of August to make way for next season's harvest.

If you are missing anything, please check the barrel as soon as possible – everything remaining at the end of the month will be discarded.

**Art Show at Sail Board Head Quarters**

Commencing on the 2nd October, six local artists will be holding a month long exhibition at the Sail Board Head Quarters in Jetty Road. Many of the paintings will feature the Sandringham Harbour area and will be of interest to members.

Neil Watson

Functions at the Clubhouse

Don't forget that the recently refurbished (and efficiently heated) Clubrooms are available for member functions. Why not hold your next birthday / anniversary party or other function at the Club?

The cost is \$3 per head for functions arranged by Club members (with a maximum of 50 people). Contact our Social Secretary, Fiona Stephens, to discuss.

Working with Children Checks

Since the beginning of 2006, Victorians wishing to work or volunteer in various activities involving 'child-related work' have progressively been required to undergo a Working with Children (WWC) Check, as established under the *Working with Children Act 2005*. These record checks are administered by the Department of Justice, and are intended to protect children from contact with individuals who have a serious criminal history or have received adverse findings from certain professional disciplinary bodies.

Currently, WWC Checks are mandatory for a number of occupational and voluntary fields (including specified recreational and sporting activities such as football, netball, basketball and swimming) that involve substantial contact with children. In general terms, anyone now wishing to engage in these activities must apply for a WWC Check before commencing the activity – and clubs are responsible for ensuring that this requirement is met in relation to programs which they run. Failure to do so may result in substantial penalties.

It is understood that WWC Check requirements will be extended to cover all recreational and sporting organisations (including sailing and boating clubs) from 30 June 2010, if those bodies 'provide services or conduct activities for, or directed at, children'.

There are exemptions from WWC Check requirements for people who are under 18 years of age, or who are parents volunteering to assist with an activity in which their own child normally participates. However, the application process is straightforward and free of charge for volunteers (other than the cost of providing a current passport-style photograph), and the resultant check is valid for five years.

It's therefore in our Club's best interests to encourage all adult members who wish to participate in family sailing activities during the forthcoming season to apply for a WWC Check, before this becomes a compulsory requirement. Several Club members who regularly participate in family sailing and coaching activities already hold WWC Checks, and the checks were mandatory for those members who assisted the Guide Scout Water Activities Centre with their sailing program last season.

Application forms (which include a substantial amount of information about the WWC Checks, with contact details for further inquiries) are available at Australia Post outlets, and a few copies will be made available at the Club. Members are encouraged to take a look at these forms to establish whether they should apply.

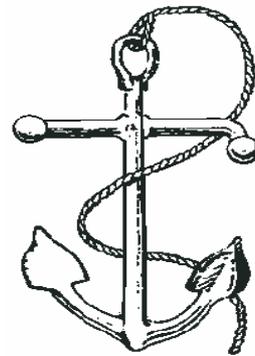
Review of the Marine Act 1988

The Department of Transport is undertaking a review of the *Marine Act 1988*, with the aim of improving the safety of commercial and recreational marine activities, and reducing deaths and injuries due to boating incidents.

A set of discussion papers has recently been published on the Department's website, www.transport.vic.gov.au, and information sessions are being held in regional and

metropolitan areas. Our most local information session will be held at Sandringham Yacht Club on Wednesday, 26 August (6:30 – 8:30pm). The closing date for submissions is Monday, 21 September 2009.

The options under consideration are relevant to all users of powerboats and sailing vessels in Victorian coastal and enclosed waters (including Port Phillip and Western Port Bays), and Club members are encouraged to take a look at the discussion papers and consider attending an information session. It is likely that Hampton Sailing Club will make a submission in relation to the review.



ISAF Sailing World Cup – Sail Melbourne 2009

Members who receive Club email will be aware that Hampton Sailing Club has again agreed to assist Sandringham Yacht Club when it hosts the 1st leg of the ISAF World Sailing Cup (otherwise known as Sail Melbourne 2009) from Monday, 14 – Saturday, 19 December.

As during last year's event, our Club will provide storage and rigging space for the RS-X sailboards, with international competitors expected to start arriving from around Wednesday, 9 December. Those of us who met the RS-X competitors and their coaches last year found them amiable and enthusiastic about their chosen sport – they were impressed by the local sailing conditions, the organisation of the event and the hospitality of our Club.

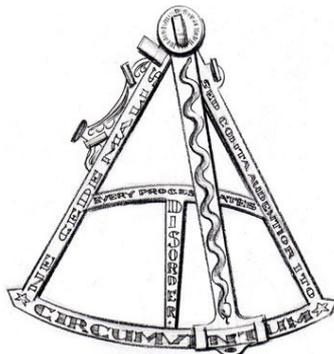
As usual with Sail Melbourne, our rescue boat *Lady Isa* is likely to be required for race management duties, for which the Club receives a reasonable fee (normally invested back into our Club's boating equipment). Our inflatable (*Hampton Duck*) has also been required during some previous Sail Melbourne regattas, mainly for use as a jury boat.

Several Club members regularly volunteer to assist with the running of Sail Melbourne, and there are many jobs to do both on land (in and around Sandringham Yacht Club) and on the water. The regatta provides a great opportunity to participate in running a world-class sailing event, to watch some excellent competition, and get to know volunteers from other local clubs.

If you are interested in finding out more, or wish to discuss volunteering, contact Chris Myers or Monica Tonner at Sandringham Yacht Club on 9598 7444. Alternatively, see the 'Volunteers Required' page on the Sail Melbourne website: www.sailmelbourne.com.au/volunteer.

The Sail Melbourne website also contains some excellent video coverage of last year's event, including footage taken by an intrepid camera-person dropped into the water to film mark roundings (I nearly 'rescued' him at one stage, before I realised what he was doing!). The video titled 'Sunday Highlights' is particularly worth a look as it includes footage of the RS-X sailboarders, filmed around our Club.

Stewart Simmons



Yachting Victoria
Major Events Calendar - 2009/10

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

Newsletter Items

Articles for future newsletters are welcome. We are particularly interested to hear about sailing activities and events attended by Club members.

For the time being you can send contributions/items to my work email address:
russell.brown@dhs.vic.gov.au

Newsletters are published every 2 months and will be distributed about the middle of the month.

Russell Brown

Hampton Sailing Club 2009 Winter Season – Duty Boat Roster

Date	Race Controller	Lady Isa Crew	Duck Skipper	Duck Crew
30 Aug 09	Stewart Simmons	Monica Jones	Russell Brown	Robin McKeon
27 Sep 09	John Dayman	Steve Moller	Blaise Vinot	Victor Zorin

Hampton Sailing Club 2009-10 Season - Junior / Novice Racing Calendar

Briefing – 10:00am

Start - 10:30am

Finish by - 12:00noon

Date	Lady Isa Skipper*	Rescue Boat Skipper*
18-Oct-2009	Chris Jones	Fiona Stephens
15-Nov-2009	Chris Jones	Kevin Kay
29-Nov-2009	Paul Stephenson	Blaise Vinot
10-Jan-2010	Michael Cook	Stewart Simmons
17-Jan-2010	John Maddick	Blaise Vinot
07-Feb-2010	Frank Leipper	Fiona Stephens
21-Feb-2010	Richard Skews	Monica Jones
14-Mar-2010	Paul Stephenson	William Brown
28-Mar-2010	Paul Stephenson	Ralph Brown
18-Apr-2010	Stewart Simmons	Blaise Vinot

*Lady Isa and Rescue Boat crews will be arranged in the week prior to each race.

Hampton Sailing Club 2009-10 Season – Aggregate / Championship Racing Calendar

Briefing: – 1:00pm

Start: – 2:00pm

Date	Race/s	Race Officer (on Lady Isa)	Lady Isa Skipper	Rescue Boat Skipper	Rescue Boat Crew
04-Oct-09	Commodore's Cup	Frank Leipper	Ralph Brown	David Seymour	Michael Dwyer
11-Oct-09	Club Championship followed by Spring Aggregate 1	Frank Leipper	Ralph Brown	David Seymour	Michael Dwyer
18-Oct-09	Spring Aggregate**	Frank Leipper	Nial Finegan	Ralph Brown	Allan Lees
25-Oct-09	Spring Aggregate followed by Club Championship	Richard Skews	Nial Finigan	Lex Cusin	Robin McKeown
01-Nov-09	Melbourne Cup Weekend – No Racing				
08-Nov-09	Club Championship followed by Spring Aggregate	Richard Skews	Lex Cusin	Kevin Kay	John Paxinos
15-Nov-09	Spring Aggregate**	Richard Skews	Lex Cusin	Monica Jones	Alan Tempest
22-Nov-09	Spring Aggregate**	Paul Stephenson	Andrew Cook	Fiona Stephens	David Seymour
29-Nov-09	Spring Aggregate**	Paul Stephenson	William Brown	Ralph Brown	David Seymour
06-Dec-09	Club Championship followed by Spring Aggregate	Steve Moller	Jorn Rose	David Seymour	Peter Gray
13-Dec-09	Sail Melbourne - No Racing				
20-Dec-09	Summer Aggregate 1	Michael Cook	Andrew Cook	Blaise Vinot	Kevin Kay
27-Dec-09	Christmas Break				
03-Jan-10	Christmas Break				
10-Jan-10	Summer Aggregate 2**	Michael Cook	Nial Finigan	Monica Jones	Victor Zorin
17-Jan-10	Summer Aggregate 3**	John Maddick	Nial Finigan	David Thompson	Peter Dean

24-Jan-10	Australia Day Weekend – No Racing				
31-Jan-10	Club Championship followed by Autumn Aggregate	Frank Leipper	Ken Hope	Paul Johnson	Jeff Ward
07-Feb-10	Autumn Aggregate**	Frank Leipper	Ian Taylor	Russell Brown	Chris Dayman
14-Feb-10	Autumn Aggregate followed by Club Championship	Richard Skews	Ian Taylor	Julie Brennan-Smith	Chris Dayman
21-Feb-10	Autumn Aggregate**	Richard Skews	Elise Brennan-Smith	Martin Playne	David Seymour
28-Feb-10	Club Championship followed by Autumn Aggregate	Richard Skews	Elise Brennan-Smith	Neil Watson	David Seymour
07-Mar-10	Labour Day Weekend – No Racing				
14-Mar-10	Autumn Aggregate**	Paul Stephenson	Kevin Kay	Neil Cooke	Chris Jones
21-Mar-10	Autumn Aggregate followed by Club Championship	Paul Stephenson	Nial Finigan	David Jones	Chris Dayman
28-Mar-10	Autumn Aggregate**	Paul Stephenson	Nial Finigan	John Allison	Chris Dayman
04-Apr-10	Easter Sunday - No Racing				
11-Apr-10	Club Championship followed by Autumn Aggregate	Frank Leipper	Paul Stephenson	Fiona Stephens	Ralph Brown
18-Apr-10	Autumn Aggregate**	Frank Leipper	Paul Stephenson	Lex Cusin	Ralph Brown
25-Apr-10	End of Season Sail	Frank Leipper	Elise Brennan-Smith	Lex Cusin	Ralph Brown

** Junior / Novice Race scheduled for morning of same day – refer to separate calendar.