

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

2009-10 seems set to be remembered as a year in which we struggled to run an organised race program, with poor weather still affecting most Sunday afternoons. Those able to sail on Saturdays or Sunday mornings have certainly had the best of it this year. However, I hear the same comments from Clubs all round the Bay – and at least we still have water to sail on when the conditions do improve, unlike some Clubs based in inland Victoria (see Yachting Victoria article in this newsletter).

Since the February *Main Sheet* went to press, we've had a series of worthwhile activities at the Club, largely organized and run by Club members. There's a wealth of knowledge and experience within our Club and it's great to see members stepping forward to share their skills with others.

In addition to assisting Beaumaris Yacht Club to run the Pacer and Javelin State Championships over the Labour Day weekend in early March, Club members have had opportunities to attend:

- A practical training session in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) organized by Martin Playne, with assistance from locally based nurse Robyn Sheppard;
- A theory session on some of the basic rules of sailing and racing, delivered by Kevin Kay; and
- A presentation by Vecihi and Hatice Basarin on their research into the fascinating history of the Australian submarine AE2, and its place in the 1915 Gallipoli campaign.

We had an enjoyable family barbecue at the Club in mid-February, and can now look forward to rounding off the sailing season with another of our superb beer & wine tastings in early May. So, despite the frustrating sailing conditions, there's no question that our Club is in good shape on the social front.

This issue of the *Main Sheet* includes information on our Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, 30 May (followed by presentation of prizes for the current sailing season). This meeting provides an opportunity for members to come together, hear how the Club is faring, and raise any comments, questions or suggestions they may have about the Club's future. Importantly, the AGM is also the time when a new Committee is appointed to steer the Club through the year ahead. All senior and honorary members are eligible to nominate for appointment to any position on the Committee for 2010-11 – and there is plenty of scope for fresh energy and ideas. Anyone interested in nominating for Committee is most welcome to contact me for further information.

As many Club members will already be aware, Kevin Kay has been in hospital since mid-March undergoing tests and treatment for an illness that has been troubling him for some time. The latest news seems positive, and I'm sure that all Club members wish Kevin (and Monica) all the best in getting through this difficult period. We look forward to seeing Kevin back at the head of the fleet.

See you at the Club and on the water!

Stewart Simmons
Commodore

Report 2010 Minnow State Championships**Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron**

The Minnow State Titles were held at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS) over the Labour Day long weekend. Sophie and I helped dad pack our two boats, Wild Child and Code Red, on the trailer and we went down to Sorrento late on Friday night, ready for an early start on Saturday.

We got to BYS early on Saturday, unpacked the boats then registered and had the boats, spars, foils and sails all measured. We rigged up on the beach among the rest of the competitors. There were some very cool Minnows there – full fibreglass boats, great paint jobs, brand new sails and all the go-fast accessories.

Of the 68 competitors, 55 of them were local, from either Sorrento (SSCBC) or Blairgowrie (BYS). There were also entries from Parkdale, Black Rock, McCrae and Sandringham. We were told that we were the first ever entrants from Hampton.

Racing was supposed to start at 14:00 on Saturday, but the forecast for the afternoon was terrible. They postponed the start, hoping that the predicted thunderstorms would blow over by the afternoon.

Unfortunately, the storms hung around and the Race Controller would not allow any boats on the water. The one boat that did attempt to get in some practice was less than 25 metres offshore when he was hailed over the loud speakers – MINNOW SAILOR 707 -

RETURN TO SHORE IMMEDIATELY!!!!
All Racing was abandoned at around 16:30.

On Sunday morning we got to the club, dried out the boats and hit the water at 9:30 with the rest of the sailors for a 10:00 start. It was blowing about 10 knots from the NE, so there were some small waves over the sand bars.

Race 1: We had a beat of about 500 meters to get to the course area, which was quite close to the shore. By the time the 5 minute warning went, most boats were struggling to make headway against the tide. I couldn't make any progress towards the line as I had problems with my traveller and waves had crashed over my bow and filled my boat with water. When the race started I was nowhere near the start line. I headed to the beach to bail and fix the traveller. Sophie got to the start line and started the race late. She was given a DNS as she started more than 10 mins after the horn sounded. Of the 28 boats in the fleet, only 8 started and the other 20 were scored DNS. The race was stopped after 30 mins and all starters were given an allocated place.

For **Race 2**, the Race Officer decided to move the course back to shallow water, where the tide was not as strong. This race started out windy, 15+ knots. We all got to the line on time. Sophie capsized during a jibe at a mark rounding, but recovered to finish 14th. I managed to finish 5th. Then it was back to the shore for lunch - a sausage sizzle and salad rolls (with free chips and Chuppa Chups for all the sailors....)

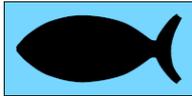
Race 3 was the windiest, with 20 knot gusts. This was our kind of race as we were heavier than much of the competition. I finished in 2nd place and Sophie a 6th. Go HSC!

Race 4 started straight away. It was still really windy before the start, but on the first beat the wind dropped out totally. The tide was pushing us away from the mark, and it took 30 minutes to get half way up the first beat. The wind was patchy, so some sailors got going while others just bunched up near the top mark. Sophie was right at the very back of the fleet at the top mark. She

managed to sail the next two legs really well and crossed the line in 10th place. I scored a 5th.

There was no more racing planned, so with our worst scores dropped, Sophie was 11th overall, and I was 4th. The regatta was great fun. We should get more juniors at Hampton to join in this regatta next year

Alex Thompson



Report 2010 Pacer and Javelin State Titles **Beaumaris Yacht Club**



Over the Labour Day weekend (6-8 March) Hampton Sailing Club joined with Beaumaris Yacht Club in running State Championships for the Pacer and Javelin classes. Hampton was represented by Neil Watson, Frank Lepper, Charles Bagossy, Russell & William Brown and myself, providing race

management and rescue boat support in *Lady Isa* and *Hampton Red*.

The Pacers had an excellent turn-out with 40 boats participating, mainly from Clubs around Port Phillip Bay – if anyone knows a keen Pacer sailor, and wants to check on their results, these are available on the Pacer Association website. Noticeable aspects of the Pacer fleet included the wide age-range of competitors (including several very young skippers), the number of family groups participating, and their overall enthusiasm for the event – the Pacer Association is evidently in good shape for the future.

The Javelins were represented by only 6 boats, but these put in an impressive performance throughout the weekend. Javelins are light 14' skiffs capable of travelling at over 25 knots, and the big question before the weekend was whether it would be possible to manage the two fleets at the same time, with both classes sharing a single start/finish line.

As it turned out, race management presented few problems, with the Pacers sailing their favoured 45 degree triangles and the Javelins zig-zagging up and down the windward-returns. However, the combination of the two classes made for some exciting moments around the windward and leeward marks, and for some great photo opportunities.

The big challenges for the weekend were (a) getting the race management boats on and off the beach (lots of soft sand and rotting sea-grass to contend with); (b) setting courses in very changeable wind conditions; and (c) judging when to get the fleets off the water before the arrival of storms each day.

Saturday was a complete wipe-out, with constant wind-shifts preventing us from getting a race started before the storm clouds rolled in to dump hail across much of Melbourne. Fortunately we got everyone back on to the beach before the worst of the weather arrived, and even then it was just wind and rain – no damage done, but lots of wet sailors.

On Sunday, we managed to complete four races by keeping the courses short (about 0.5 of a nautical mile). I don't think this suited the Javelins particularly well on their last day of competition, as they really couldn't sail to their full potential, but the shifting wind conditions didn't provide many options.

Monday morning provided an opportunity for the Pacers to complete two races in a strengthening northerly, before the conditions deteriorated again. However, by that stage they had enough results on the board to settle their 2010 Championships, and seemed happy with the outcome.

Beumaris is a welcoming club, and it was great experience for us to work with them in running this event (they were also kind enough to provide the photos for this article). The sailing conditions are quite different to those we're used to off Hampton Beach (there's a reef to negotiate for a start, and considerably deeper water just a short distance off-shore which seems to make for less steep, choppy waves). The water, however, is no warmer than at Hampton as both Russell and William Brown will testify – both did some swimming during the Championships to help out with capsized boats.

It was also good to catch up with Pacer crews who competed in the 2007 State Championships held at our Club. Hopefully they'll consider returning to Hampton in the future.

Stewart Simmons
Commodore



New Members

The follow new member has been accepted into Hampton Sailing Club. Please make the Shoulas family members feel welcome if you see them about the Club.

- Emmanuel Shoulas - Family Member

Social Events

Our next social event will be a **Wine, Beer and Cheese Tasting** on **Saturday, 8th May**.

Details will be confirmed closer to the event, but please keep the night free!

Fiona & Leeanne

Working Bee

Make a note in your diary that the next club working bee will take place on **Sunday 16th May**. It is proposed that priority tasks will include work on the club house extension and replacement of the storage shed. More information on tasks will be given closer to the date.

Frank Leipper

Club Race Officer Training

I would like to hear from any other Club members who may be interested in training and accreditation as a Club Race Officer during the coming winter months.

Yachting Victoria has these 2-day courses scheduled at The Boatshed, Albert Park on 15-16 May, 17-18 July and 9-10 October. Information can be found on the YV website at <www.yachtingvictoria.com.au>.

The cost of the Club Race Officer course is \$150, and the stated prerequisites for accreditation are: (a) acting as Race Officer at 4 club events (e.g. our weekly races); and (b) club nomination. It is also recommended that participants hold a Level 1 First Aid certificate, and a Powerboat Handling certificate. Participants will be responsible for their own course fees.

Charles Bagossy and I are booked in to the course in May 2010. If other Hampton Sailing Club members are interested, it would be good if we could book into the same course.

Stewart Simmons
Commodore

HSC Sailing Record Book

If you are venturing onto the water and not participating in Hampton Sailing Club racing you must enter your details in the Destination Book. This book is located on the sign-on desk in the rescue boats storage area.

For identification purposes it is important to register details about your craft including class of boat and sail number, if relevant. Recording your car registration is also important. If a car seems deserted in the club car park, a check of the Destination Book will indicate if you are out sailing.

Your intended destination or direction of sailing can be entered as follows:

- Local
- Black Rock / Chelsea
- Fawkner Beacon
- Brighton
- Williamstown

It is essential to enter your departure time and the time you return.

The Destination Book shows some adventurous voyages, such as those undertaken by our 470 sailors Victor Zorin and Irina Angelova. On one occasion they sailed to Williamstown and Point Cook before returning to Hampton.

Christian Borg

Insurance When Racing

The bylaws of Hampton Sailing Club require that all members who race must have a Yachting Victoria card. Any person skippering a boat in club races must be covered with appropriate third party insurance. The Club does not indemnify owners of boats and members are strongly advised to maintain insurance coverage of their property. Members report that the following companies offer insurance for small boat sailors:

- RACV
- Tudor Insurance
- Club Marine (not interested in insuring old plywood boats)

Yachting Victoria

The following information about the role and purpose of Yachting Victoria (YV) is taken from notes provided to club officials in connection with the YV Half-Yearly General Meeting, held on 15 March 2010:

YV plays dual roles, both as an industry peak body on matters such as facilities development and club leases and also as a state sporting association - for sailing. YV highlights that its role is to serve clubs and their committees, rather than individual members. In turn YV is a member of Yachting Australia (YA) who are responsible for the high performance program, national initiatives and federal government matters.

YV has a very clear mission to help clubs attract, retain and grow membership. It also has a very clear set of objectives and strategic plan which have evolved over the last five

years through extensive consultation with member clubs and their committees. Overall the number of registered club members in Victoria is growing. It's up to 14,000, registered members - an increase of around 5% on this time last year....but the number of clubs has fallen, principally due to drought in inland Victoria.

Considering sailing is a relatively small sport (less than .6% of the population, and ranked over 30th in terms of participation) YV punches above its weight relative to other state sporting associations. It has a strong Board and over 100 volunteers in its network of 12 committees. It has an excellent staff team.

For those with an interest in sailing, the most important work YV believes it is doing is associated with the sailing pathway, a concept well entrenched in other sports, and that recognizes that participants have very different motivations for participation from social to high performance competition. The sport needs to offer easy entry and a series of well supported and incremental steps in terms of skill levels to retain members. YV's role is to help clubs at each stage of this pathway, from "learn to" programs through to race management and coaching.

Some of the highlights reported on at the meeting, in addition to the wide range of normal activities YV undertakes included:

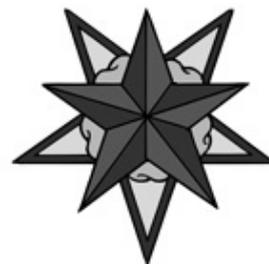
- The YV "Go Sailing" program won the YA Award for Promotion of the Sport at the YA Awards in October 2009.
- Over 1000 juniors participated in the piloting of the Tackers program this season – conducted at 6 clubs.
- Its Boat Shed at Albert Park is delivering a large volume of Learn to Sail Programs, and also providing vocational education and instructor training
- YV has had extensive involvement with the Victorian State Government regarding
 - The Bays and Maritime Initiative to improve boating facilities around the bays
 - The Marine Act Review
 - Leasing arrangements for Clubs

- A very successful ISAF Sailing World Cup a – Sail Melbourne in December
- The establishment of sailing as a Tier 1 sport at the Victorian Institute of Sport

In broad numbers YV has income of about \$1.8m this year of which about one third comes from members fees. Of this third, around a third is paid to YA for YV's membership of YA. The balance of \$.4m is invested in the YV office and the staff and the services they provide. Fortunately the return on this \$.4m is very goodthey generate around another \$.8m from government grants and fees for service, all of which is reinvested in the development of the sport. YV will just break even this year. It has relatively few assets, mainly boats and equipment. It rents its Sandringham office.

YV is the first to acknowledge that most clubs and their members do not know, or appreciate the very extensive and successful work they undertake, despite the fact they run a total of seven websites (all linked to www.yachtingvictoria.com.au) and produce a monthly club officials and a separate club members e-newsletter to communicate with them.

Further information about YV programs and services can be obtained through member clubs, from the YV website, or by contacting their office directly.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, 30 MAY 2010

Hampton Sailing Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the Clubrooms on Sunday, 30 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 activities.

Notice of the AGM, along with an agenda and nomination forms, will be sent to all Club members in early May. The formal business of the meeting will be followed by presentation of prizes for the 2009-10 sailing season, rounded off with 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 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 may wish to take a more general Committee role, dealing with projects and activities that arise during the year.

If you are interested in any of the positions described below, or in joining the Committee in a more general capacity, please feel welcome to discuss your interest with the Commodore or any current Committee member (or come along to the Committee meetings scheduled for 7:30pm on Monday, 12 April or Monday, 10 May).

COMMODORE

Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Conduct 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.
- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.
- ❖ Enthusiasm for the Club and its on-going development.

VICE-COMMODORE

Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Assist the Commodore and represent the Club where necessary.
- ❖ Chair meetings of the 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 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's finances.
- ❖ Collect and receive monies due to the Club and make payments authorised by the Club.
- ❖ Keep accurate accounts and books showing the financial affairs 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 Club newsletter 6 times per year.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Able to compile information from members into a coherent form.
- ❖ Ability to produce print-ready newsletter in PDF format.

Required Resources

- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.

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.

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 interpersonal skills.

- ❖ A sense of fun.

Required Resources

- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.

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 membership applications and manage the induction of new members.
- ❖ Maintain the Membership database, including a register of boats kept at the Club and of Club keys issued to members.
- ❖ Produce the Duty Officer Roster monthly.
- ❖ Maintain current list of members on Yachting Australia/Victoria database.
- ❖ Manage annual subscription notices.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good organisational skills.
- ❖ Ability to use, maintain and develop the membership database.
- ❖ Awareness of privacy requirements relating to use of membership data.

Required Resources

- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.

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- ❖ Access to computer (with good quality printer), internet and email.

Time and commitment (this is a relatively complex role, for which candidates should be prepared to commit for at least 2-3 years).

From the HSC webmaster...

I would like to know how you use the website and what you would like to see on it.

Comments, ideas, suggestions will help us to make it your preferred point of call for club information. Talk to me at the club or drop me an email: bvinot@bigpond.com.au

Blaise Vinot

Newsletter Items

We are keen to receive future articles for inclusion in the *Main Sheet* newsletter. Of particular interest sailing activities and events attended by Club members. Send contributions/items to my work email address:
russell.brown@dhs.vic.gov.au

Newsletters are published every 2 months and we are trying to get it distributed at the beginning of the month.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor

Boat for Sail**PACER**

- Price: \$1,500

Contact Fiona Stephens
Phone:- 0412 497 703

Note:- Please check the Club notice board for details of other boats for sale.



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-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.

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-Apr-2010	Stewart Simmons	Blaise Vinot

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