

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the afternoon of Sunday, 30 May to farewell the 2009-10 Club year and welcome in the new. In total, 28 voting members attended (well above the current minimum requirement of 20 for a quorum), plus family members.

The meeting began on a sad note, with a minute's silence to honour the life of our fellow Club member and friend, Kevin Kay who passed away on 8 May 2010. Kevin was a popular and respected member of Hampton Sailing Club; a modest champion who was always willing to share his knowledge of boats and sailing to help others. He will be greatly missed around the Club, but his contribution will continue to be recognized through a new perpetual trophy, to be awarded each year to the winner of the Club's championship race series.

All Committee reports presented at the AGM were well-received by the members attending. It was recognized that 2009-10 had been a particularly difficult year for off-the-beach sailing, with many races having to be abandoned due to poor weather. However, our Club made the most of the opportunities available, particularly by running a successful junior / novice training program on Sunday mornings, and continuing to build involvement in family sailing.

I am aware that the past year has been challenging for sailing and boating in Victoria generally, with the impacts of drought forcing closure of some inland clubs, and the economic situation taking its toll on membership numbers. Against this background, the Treasurer's and Membership Secretary's reports to the AGM showed that

our Club remains in very good shape (with memberships remaining in the usual range of 110-120 individuals and families), and is well placed to continue developing its facilities and sailing programs in the year ahead.

Reports on the progress of current building work (which will add a training / meeting room and storage space to the upper level of the Clubhouse), and on the excellent range of social events held during the past year were also well received. Comments made at the meeting indicated that members are enjoying the Club environment and are positive about its current activities and future prospects – let's keep our fingers crossed for some good sailing conditions in 2010-11 to really make it all worthwhile!

The AGM program included a vote on some adjustments to the Club's incorporation rules (intended to improve the administration of membership renewals and the functioning of the Club committee, as outlined on the meeting agenda). After discussion, the proposed changes were endorsed and the revised rules have now been referred to Consumer Affairs Victoria for approval. They should replace the existing rules in the 'Members' section of the Club website during the next few weeks.

The business of the AGM concluded with the election of Committee members for the coming year. Along with myself as Commodore, the Committee for 2010-11 consists of: Neil Watson (Vice-Commodore); Peter Dean (Treasurer); Martin Playne (Secretary); Frank Leipper (House Secretary); Fiona Stephens, ably assisted by Leanne Rothacker (Social Secretary); Russell Brown (Newsletter Editor); Clare Adshead, Charles Bagossy, Richard Skews, David Thompson and Blaise Vinot (Committee members

currently 'without portfolio'). Monica Jones and Keith Parker did not seek re-election to the Committee on this occasion, and thanks are due to both for their contributions during the past year.

After many years of dedicated service as the Club's Membership Secretary, Richard Skews has now stepped down to take a more general Committee role. That leaves us with the two key positions of Membership Secretary and Sailing Secretary to be filled from among those elected to the Committee. I'll be pleased to report the outcome in the next *Main Sheet*.

Following the AGM, we had the chance to relax and enjoy the announcement of prizewinners for the 2009-10 sailing season, followed by a superb afternoon tea. Some of our prizewinners found their names engraved on very fine trophies from the Club's display cabinet, polished up and given a new lease of life. Congratulations to all of our prizewinners for the year, and many thanks to those Committee members who worked out the results and arranged the trophies.

As noted above, our Club is in great shape to move into the future, in terms of finances, membership numbers and (most important of all) enthusiasm of members to get involved in the many aspects of off-the-beach sailing (including training, social sailing, racing and race management, crewing safety boats, etc). I know that this year's Committee will have a strong focus on continuing to improve the Club's sailing programs, and will welcome any suggestions or offers of assistance from members.

Wishing all Club members good sailing in the year ahead (and don't forget our Winter Race Series on the last Sunday of each month, June to September – details in this newsletter).

**Stewart Simmons
Commodore**

**** Footnote – I'm pleased to report that David Thompson has taken up the role of Sailing Secretary, so now we urgently need to find a candidate for Membership Secretary. If you are keen on databases and have an eye for detail, then this is the job for you! Contact Richard Skews on 9553 4546 for details.**

Sauna Sail 2010, Hazelwood Pondage



The annual Latrobe Valley Yacht Club Sauna Sail was held over the Queen's Birthday June long weekend. Although the weather forecast looked wet, cold and uninviting, I packed my boat and bag including my latest cold weather sailing weapons - two Ronstan CL21XXL "Hydro Phobic" thermal tops (a dry one for each day) and set off on the Princes Hwy to Morwell and then right to Hazelwood Pondage.

Like last year, we arrived to hear the call, "Five minutes until the race briefing". Luckily my 505 "Tia M" is so well trained it can virtually rig it. So after signing on and rolling to the launch ramp, we were off for the 1st race.

Race 1 – Luckily for us our start was pushed to the last start of the 10 divisions. After a general re-call had been made we managed to get to the starting line on time. A 10-12 knot south to WSW breeze kept us on our toes for

the triangle-sausage-triangle course of division 3.

Race 2 was delayed for a bit and after waiting for all the other fleets to start, the tri-colour red, white and blue of numeral flag 3 was finally dropped for the start of our division. The breeze built every time a misty rain cloud blasted through, and this made the breeze direction bend. But the sky would clear and the breeze would lighten after each cloud burst. We finished at 4.45pm and just in time to make it ashore to stow the boat for the night and find a warm cup of tea.

The Morwell RSL was the dinner venue of choice for many of the sailing families at the regatta. It was hard to go past the \$14 all you can eat smorgasbord and I made sure I got my 3 serves worth!

Bed was the trusty Ford wagon with the seats folded down, but that was not before a few rum and cokes around one of the many huge bonfires courtesy of some catamaran sailors from Balnarring and Somers clubs.

Sunday morning was crisp, but the clouds were still moving north with occasional glimpses of sun and blue sky. Heat 3 got underway in a 5-7 knot southerly. This wind was still settling and swung west as the starboard course race progressed. Luckily our division was started first and the 505 being one of the bigger boats in the fleet took advantage of the clear wind and managed to produce a healthy win on corrected time.

A quick lunch break and back out for heat 4. This was similar to heat 3, but with less wind and larger shifts as the colder air mixed with the 22 degree C water of the pondage. We were finished by 3pm and ashore and packed up soon after.

We had to miss heat 5 on the Monday because my fatherhood duties to my 10 month old son beckoned, and my leave pass had expired. This apparently was sailed in a very light breeze in nice sunshine. We were pleasantly surprised to learn we had still sailed well enough in heats 1, 2, 3, & 4 to win Division 3 overall even though we had had to miss the last race!

To all those who are still to experience the fun of a big fleet regatta, this is one 3-day regatta where the sailing is fun for all boat types, ages and experience. There were lots of kids in sabots, optimists, 29'ers, 125's and their parents present in Tasars, 125's, Sabres and Impulses. And the venue is only 1 ¾-2 hour's drive from home.

Ian Taylor

505 KA6819 "Tia M"



HSC Sailing Results 2009/2010

Final results of 2009/2010 racing season are now posted on Club's web site in the Results section.

Winners of awards presented at the Annual General Meeting in May are summarized below. In addition, Clare Adshead won the 'Most Improved Sailor' award.

2000/2010 Club Championship

Rank	Skipper	Crew	Class
1 st	Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot	Tasar
2 nd	Kevin Kay		Impulse
3 rd	Jeff Ward		Laser

2009/2010 Spring-Summer Aggregate Series

Rank	Skipper	Class
1 st	Victor Zorin	470
2 nd	Charles Bagossy	Laser Radial
3 rd	Russell Brown	Sabre

2009/2010 Autumn Aggregate Series

Rank	Skipper	Class
1 st	Cameron Kent	Impulse
2 nd	Victor Zorin	470
3 rd	Russell Brown	Sabre

2009/2010 Junior Racing

Rank	Skipper	Class
1 st	Alex Thompson	Minnow
2 nd	Sophie Thompson	Sabot
3 rd	Ingrid Vinot	420

Winter Racing - June to Sept 2010

Winter racing is scheduled for the last Sunday of each month from June to September. The Victorian Impulse Association will attend the 27th July race as part of their Winter Travellers Series.

Sailing conditions in winter can be very pleasant, but the water will very cold so make sure you have appropriate cold weather sailing gear.

To allow for the shorter winter days, race briefing for this series of races is held 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.

Winter Warriors is held on Sunday, 29th August and is traditionally followed by warm refreshments. See the race schedule and race officials' roster on page 12.

Blaise Vinot

Social Events

Upcoming social events – write them in your diaries:

- **JULY 24th – Christmas in July**
We are planning a catered function with a Xmas theme. Emails will be sent to remind all who are interested.
- **AUGUST 21st – Pot Luck Dinner**
This is a well known night. Everyone brings a casserole or dessert to share on the night.
- **AUGUST 29th – Winter Warriors**
The race is followed by hot soup to warm the body!
- **OCTOBER 3rd – Commodore's Cup**
The start of the racing season. Afternoon tea provided.

Other events planned for 2010:

Late October – Cocktails at HSC followed by dinner at Sandringham Yacht Club.

Late November – Christmas dinner

Hope to see lots of faces at all of our social get-togethers.

Fiona & Leanne

The VASA – A King's Folly to Impress His Enemies

Port bow of the ship Vasa in Stockholm, Norway

We all know the feeling, the boat's poorly balanced, there are too many sails up and the wind is beginning to gust. All of a sudden there is lurch to port, water rushes in and boat begins to sink.

Just think what is must of felt like that morning in 1748 for the 400 men on board the newly completed warship Vasa, when fifteen minutes after commencing its maiden voyage she capsized and sank. It is no know how many died.

The 3000 ton Vasa was intended to be the pride of the Swedish Navy however by the time it was completed it was overly ornate, over gunned and inadequately ballasted. Nevertheless it was and still is a sight to behold.

The amazing thing is that the ship sank in the middle of Stockholm Harbour in about 100 metres of relatively fresh water. Unlike the Mary Rose the fresh water helped preserve the Vasa and in the 1960s after some 300 years it was re-discovered and raised.

The Vasa is now housed in its own museum and is the main tourist attraction in Stockholm. I was fortunate to be in Stockholm recently and spent three hours viewing this wonder of the 17th century. It is about 80% intact with standing masts, a high stern castle and bow and strong hull. It looks like with a little work, it could put to sea all over again. The carving is so beautifully ornate that it makes visitors wonder at the folly of the King.

Of course the Swedes have no intention of letting the Vasa anywhere near the water again.

Neil Watson

Boat Trailers and Launching Trolleys Left in the Yard

Under an HSC By Law only road trailers and trolleys that contain a boat or dinghy can be left at the club. They must also be maintained in proper working order.

The recent working bee identified a trailer and a number of trolleys that are not used and are in a dilapidated condition. These have been left out in the yard. Members who may own any of this equipment are asked to ensure that it is repaired and used, or removed from the yard, by 23rd August 2010.

Failure to do so will see the Committee exercising its powers under the By Law to dispose of these items as it thinks fit. Any member who would like their trolley disposed of can email me on: nwatson.pstokes@bigpond.com and I will arrange for it to be taken to the tip.

Neil Watson
Boat Storage Officer

Working Bee

The Working Bee held in May was attended by more than 30 members. Highlights of the day included:

- Erected the roof on the new extension.
- Dismantled the old shed and erected a new one.

- Sorted and archived club historical material contained in filing cabinets.
- Cleaned up the yard and cut the grass.

As always, an excellent lunch was provided.

Frank Leipper



Completing the roof on the Clubhouse extension.



Keith Parker and Martin Playne sorting out the archival records.

Work Day Credit Scheme – Further Changes

As outlined in my report to the recent Annual General Meeting, one of the Club Committee's most difficult challenges during the past year was to review the operation of the Work Day (WD) Credit scheme, established some years ago when the Club was struggling to attract volunteers to undertake tasks such as Clubhouse duty and assisting with race management.

In summary, performance of these duties entitled members to accrue WD Credits, the financial value of which (about \$25 per day) was then deducted from the member's Club subscription for the following year.

In some ways, the scheme served the Club well during a difficult period. However, the operation of the scheme became more complex in recent years as members increasingly volunteered their time (generally without expectation of financial reward) for activities such as training, boat and Clubhouse maintenance, organizing and running sailing programs, and representing the Club at regattas and other functions. In the end, it was apparent that changes to the WD Credit scheme were needed if it was to keep pace with the Club's increasingly broad range of activities.

After some fine-tuning early in the year, the Committee reached the conclusion that the WD Credit scheme was no longer relevant or necessary in relation to many of the Club's programs. In May, the Committee therefore amended the WD Credit scheme so that entitlements are now linked only with participation in the Club's organized working bees.

The total value of entitlements that can be accrued has also been capped to equal the value of the maintenance fee (about \$50) which forms part of each member's annual subscription. Hence, a member who participates in two working bees per year will pay no maintenance fee in their Club subscription for the following year, but can't claim any other deductions for performing rostered or voluntary duties.

I believe that these changes will remove a considerable administrative burden from the Club, without resulting in any unreasonable increase in costs to members. Importantly, I also believe that the changes emphasise the value placed on volunteering within the Club, and will encourage more members to get involved in organizing and running activities.

The Club's by-laws (available in the 'Members' section of the Club website) have been revised to reflect the changes outlined above. Members are welcome to contact me if they would like a printed copy, or with any other questions about the WD Credit scheme.

Stewart Simmons
Commodore

Boat Storage Agreement

Storage space for boats and associated equipment is always in demand, and a lot of work is done each year to try and ensure that space is fairly allocated to existing members, and (where possible) that some places are available to help attract new members. Priority is normally given to boats that are in regular use, but other factors taken into account may include each member's preferences (eg for storage space under cover, or in the open yard) or individual circumstances (eg ability to lift boats on and off the racks).

Over the past year, the Club Committee has looked at ways of improving the management of boat storage, particularly to provide the Club with a sound basis for dealing with boats for which storage fees remain unpaid, or that are left unused over a considerable period of time.

As an outcome of this work, the incoming Committee has approved the introduction of a new 1-page *Boat Storage Application and Agreement* form, which sets out the basis on which a boat and its equipment may be stored on Club premises and the actions the Committee may take if the terms of the agreement are not met.

Copies of this form will shortly be sent by mail to each member who currently has a boat (including any dinghy, kayak, sailboard, or tender) stored at the Club. Members will be asked to complete and return their forms (1 per boat) by the end of July, for consideration during the Club's annual pre-season review of boat storage in August / September. Minimal information is required on the form, and the Agreement does not need to be renewed for as long as the relevant boat is kept at the Club.

Any new member who wishes to store a boat at the Club will now be asked to enter into this Agreement.

Any questions about these new arrangements should be addressed to the Vice-Commodore, Neil Watson, on ph. 9589 5812.

Working with Children Checks – New Requirements Apply from 1 July

The notes below partly repeat information provided in the August 2009 issue of the *Main Sheet*. The information is repeated here because the requirements of the *Working with Children Act 2005* will extend to all categories of recreational and sporting clubs from 1 July this year. It is therefore important that Club members are aware of these requirements, and assess whether they should apply for a Working with Children (WWC) Check.

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 WWC Check. 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.

Broadly, WWC Checks are relevant to individuals, groups or organizations that ‘provide services or conduct activities for, or directed at, children’ – given our Club’s focus on family sailing, it’s obvious that we need to be mindful of complying with the new legislation. Clubs are responsible for ensuring that the WWC Check requirements are met in relation to the programs they run, and failure to do so may result in substantial penalties.

Fortunately, many Hampton Sailing Club members who regularly participate in family sailing and coaching activities already hold WWC Checks, and our Secretary maintains a register of these members. For those who have yet to decide whether to apply for a check, the application form sets out a number of criteria to consider, and suggests that the main question to ask is: In my volunteering do I (or am I likely to) usually have regular, direct contact with a child where the contact is not directly supervised? If the answer is ‘yes’, then a WWC Check is required.

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 check is valid for five years.

It is in our Club’s best interests to encourage all adult members who wish to participate in family sailing or junior training activities, or who regularly offer crewing opportunities to junior members, to apply for a WWC Check. Subject to Committee discussion, it is likely that checks will become mandatory for members undertaking some Club activities (e.g. crewing safety boats for junior training programs).

Application forms (which include a substantial amount of information about the WWC Checks) 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.

Stewart Simmons
Commodore

Club Race Officer Training Course

On Saturday, 15 May Charles Bagossy and I participated in a Club Race Officer Course, held at The Boatshed, Albert Park. The course was part of Yachting Victoria’s annual training program, and The Boatshed (on first floor level above a café, overlooking the sailing action on Albert Park Lake) is a pleasant spot to learn some new sailing skills on a chilly autumn day. The Boatshed café also has a large wall-mounted TV screen, so we were able to spend our lunch-break watching Jessica Watson’s approach to Sydney Harbour at the end of her round the world solo voyage.

I was very pleased when this course went ahead, as I’d enrolled a couple of times last

year only to see the courses cancelled due to lack of participants. On this occasion, the numbers were helped by a large contingent from Blairgowrie, who had some interesting stories to tell about setting courses and running dinghy races in strong tidal currents.

The course was presented by Ross Wilson and Geoff Eldridge, two of the most experienced race officers you could hope to find around Port Phillip Bay, so all of the scenarios discussed through the day were very relevant to the local sailing conditions. Also, the training was delivered in a new 1-day format focusing on the essential skills of race management at club level (rather than following the previous 2-day program), so the pace was both fast and engaging.

Topics covered during the day included:

- The role and responsibilities of the Race Officer and other personnel.
- Setting the starting line and getting the race under way (lots of flag combinations here; and yes, it is important that we practice ‘dragging and dropping’ the pin mark).
- Procedures and signals used during the race (changing or shortening courses; abandoning).
- Setting up the finish line and accurate recording of finishing times.
- Using the right equipment for the job, including race documentation.
- Safety, safety, safety (personnel, boats, gear and forward planning).
- Wind direction and strength, tides and other factors affecting courses and race management.
- Different course configurations and when to use them.
- Setting and changing courses with a GPS (including a practical session).

Both presenters were more than happy to answer questions as the day went along, and the manual is full of useful information for future reference.

The course was excellent value at \$75 (plus \$2 to park the car all day!) and I recommend it to any Club member who is thinking about getting involved in race management, or who

wants to consolidate their existing skills. Further information about this and other courses on offer at The Boatshed is available on Yachting Victoria’s website at www.yachtingvictoria.com.au.

Stewart Simmons
Commodore

HSC Race Management Team

The Club is looking for more sailing and non-sailing members interested in developing their race management skills. If you feel like joining the race management team please contact David Thompson by email: davidrthompson@optusnet.com.au

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 i.e., 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.

You must return the HSC Invoice and Member Data sheet with your payment.

If the Member Data Sheet is incorrect, then please mark any changes, otherwise the Club will know that you are returning your Member Data Sheet with correct details.

If you wish to pay by EFT, then you still must return the HSC Invoice (with EFT Payment details) and Member Data sheet.

HSC Account details:

ANZ Hampton branch.
Branch No. (BSB) 013-334
Account No. 9384-14255

Please advise HSC when the transaction is complete with the transaction details, so that the Treasurer can check the bank statement to confirm payment.

Richard Skews

2010 RSL Anzac Awards

The RSL ANZAC Peace Award for 2010 has been awarded to Hampton Sailing Club member John (Vecihi) Basarin. This award is in recognition of his sustained and enthusiastic commitment to promoting relationships between Australia and other communities around the world, particularly in Turkey, with a significant emphasis on his commitment to Rotary Youth Exchange programs and building understanding of the Gallipoli Campaign.

Vecihi and his wife Hatice recently gave us an excellent presentation on their research into the history and fate of the Australian submarine AE2, and its role in the 1915 Gallipoli Campaign.

Congratulations to Vecihi on receiving the 2010 ANZAC Peace Award.

New Member

Nikki Loxton has been accepted as a senior member into Hampton Sailing Club. Nikki has a 125 with a black hull, so please make her feel welcome and say "Hello" if you see her about the Club.

Yachting Victoria
Major Events Calendar 2010/11

2010		
Oct 16 & 17	Sail Sandy	Sandringham YC
Nov 30 & 31	Vic Catamaran Championship	Gippsland Lakes YC
Nov 13 & 14	Vic Dinghy Championships - including the Laser Port Phillip Championship	Mordialloc SC
Nov 27 & 28	Go for Gold	Black Rock YC
Dec 13 - 18	Sail Melbourne	Sandringham YC
2011		
Feb 19 & 20	Lidgett Trophy	Davey's Bay YC
Mar 17 & 18	Victorian Schools Teams Racing Championships	Docklands YC
Apr 23 -25	OAMPS Vic Youth & Junior Regatta	Sorrento SCBC

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. Publication of the June 2010 issue has been delayed to include

outcomes from the Annual General Meeting held at the end of May.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor

Boats for Sail

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- RED BARON
- Stored at the Club
- Price: \$1,500 ONO

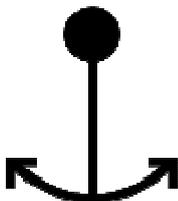
Contact Tim Forcey
Phone:- Sandringham -9598 3272

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 2010 Winter Season – Racing Calendar

Briefing: – 12:00pm

Start: – 1:00pm

Date	Race/s	Race Officer (on Lady Isa)	Lady Isa Skipper	Hampton Red Rescue Skipper	Hampton Red Rescue Swimmer
June 27 th	Winter Series – Race No. 1	Stewart Simmons	Mark Dennis	David Seymour	TBA
July 25 th *	Winter Series – Race No. 2	Frank Leipper	Blaise Vinot	Steve Moller	TBA
August 29 th	Winter Series – Race No. 3 WINTER WARRIORS	John Adshead	David Thompson	Neil Watson	TBA
September 26 th	Winter Series – Race No. 4	Charles Bagossy	Peter Gray	Russell Brown	TBA

* Victorian Impulse Association – Traveler's Series Race

