

# THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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## Commodore's Corner

We're half-way through winter 2010, and I hope that Club members are enjoying watching the revival of gardens and bushland around the Bayside area, following the return of more normal rainfall. A winter afternoon walk along the coastal path between Hampton and Sandringham is highly recommended, with new growth thriving on the burnt area near the football oval and many of the large Drooping She-oaks no longer drooping but busy flowering instead.

As usual, there's a good deal of winter activity around the Club, notably the steady progress of our first-floor extension which is nearing the stage of being weather-proof. Apart from the extra space this will provide for activities inside the Club, the appearance of the building from the Jetty Road car park and the cliff path above the Guide-Scout Centre is already much improved, and this can only help to attract new members. Many thanks to Frank Leipper, who is managing the building project, and to those members who have been lending a hand.

Our race management boats have been fully serviced and are ready for the season ahead, with *Lady Isa* and *Hampton Red* already being put through their paces in support of Winter Series races held in fine conditions on the last Sundays of June and July.

That leaves us with two races remaining in this year's Winter Series – with the next being the annual 'Winter Warriors', scheduled for Sunday, 29 August. This race is traditionally followed by hot soup to revive the competitors, supporters and race management team – so come along and join in, whether or

not the weather is fit for sailing on the day. If you are planning to race, remember that the program starts an hour earlier than in summer, with briefing at 12:00 noon for a 1:00pm start on the water.

Winter is also a great time for social gatherings, with about 30 members and guests getting together at the Club on Saturday, 24 July to enjoy another superb 'Christmas in July' dinner. Once again, Fiona and Leanne put a lot of work into decorating the clubrooms, creating a suitably festive atmosphere for us to enjoy on the night. More social events are being planned for August and the spring, and of course the Club balcony is just a great place to be on a spring evening when the sun is going down. However, if anyone has suggestions for the Club's social calendar, or would like to organise an event for members, please get in touch with Fiona or Leanne.

On the Committee front, I'm pleased to report that the Club's Incorporation Rules and By-laws have now been revised to take account of changes supported by members at the AGM on 30 May, and copies are now available on the Club's website. I would also like to thank all members who have completed and returned their Boat Storage Agreement forms, which will greatly assist the Committee in reviewing the allocation of boat storage space during the coming weeks.

Finally, I'd like to welcome Club member Jacek Gibert to the role of Membership Secretary for the current year.

**Stewart Simmons**  
**Commodore**

**Annual Subscriptions**

Just a quick note to remind members that Club subscriptions (membership fees, boat storage fees, etc) for the current year were payable on 1 May 2010, and any remaining payments are now overdue.

Subscriptions for the 2010-11 Club year will be accepted until **Tuesday, 31 August 2010**. Any memberships not renewed by that date may be considered to have lapsed.

Renewal notices were sent out to all members prior to the Club's Annual General Meeting on 30 May. If anyone is having difficulty finding their renewal notice, or wishes to discuss any aspect of their Club membership, please don't hesitate to contact me on ph. 9598 6954 or Richard Skews on ph. 9553 4546.

All memberships are important to the Club, but this year we are particularly keen to get the administrative procedures out of the way in a timely manner, so that Committee members can focus on running sailing, training and other Club activities.

**Stewart Simmons**  
Commodore

**Important: Return of Annual Fee Invoice**

All Members were asked to return the "Invoice" notice with attached Member Data Sheet when paying their fees. The invoice is a copy of the subscription notice and it was provided so that members would return this as in the past many members would not return the subscription notice as requested.

The return of the invoice provides the Membership Secretary with documentary evidence that fees have been paid and the Member Data sheet is a means for Members to correct or confirm Club records.

All members are therefore reminded to return the Invoice with attached Member Data sheet no matter how you paid your fees; it is

especially important if you paid by EFT so that the Treasurer can account for the fees paid. If this notice is not returned, you may receive a Reminder notice to pay fees.

**Payment of Fees by EFT**

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**

**July Winter Series Race**

Boats rigging in the yard before the race, including some visiting Impulses.

On Sunday 26 July we had 14 boats rigged in the yard and very light winds. It was decided to give it a go and at 13.30 all started in 5 knots of wind. Luckily the wind didn't die completely and 10 boats finished the race.

We had a few visitors from the Impulse Traveller's series and an OK Dinghy from Black Rock Yacht Club. The sun was out and it was a very pleasant afternoon on the water.

Well done David Thompson who finished second of the Impulse fleet, racing Monica's boat. Neil Watson cooked some sausages and meat patties after the race; much appreciated by all.

Some photos of the event are included here and via on the FLIKR.COM link on the Hampton Sailing Club website.

We also have new members who were rigging a NS14 in the yard as we were leaving. Welcome them to the club and make yourself known.

See you next month on the water for the Winter Warriors race on August 29th. Briefing at 12.00, start scheduled for 13.00.

### Blaise Vinot



Fiona and Leanne enjoying the sunshine and gentle conditions.



David Jones heading to another line honours win.

### Race Results Scoring

We all race with enthusiasm and afterwards want to get the race results before we go. As a scoring officer I also want to get the results out quickly and go home. To achieve this we need good cooperation from everyone.

#### From the sailors -

Sign on the racing sheet with:

- clear skipper name,
- correct sail number, and
- class of boat.

Any other information relevant to the race like solo or no spinnaker needs to be recorded on the sheet if you want your handicap to be adjusted accordingly. No corrections will be made post-scoring. (Sorry, I do not have time to score twice).

#### From the committee boat -

Record finishers in order with:

- sail number,
- time, and
- if possible, skipper name and class of boat.

Bring the results to the club as soon as possible.

When racing I will do my best to be back at the club before the rest of the fleet...!

With clear information it is easier and faster to record the results. The software then does the scoring. If you leave before the results are posted check the website in the results section during the week.

#### Championship races are scored using:

- Yachting Victoria Off-the-Beach yardstick (2009-2010).

Commodore's Cup and Aggregate series are scored using:

- your personal handicap, which is a moving handicap comprising a combination of the yardstick and your performance on the water.

Initial handicaps for the season will be posted on the board. They are adjusted after each race.

See you on the water.

**Blaise Vinot**

**Scoring Officer****Working Bee**

The next working bee will be held on **Sunday 19 September**, starting at 9.00am. A general tidy up will be required before the start of the sailing season, along with tasks to help finish off the clubroom extension. Lunch will be provided.

**Frank Leipper**  
**House Secretary**

**Social Events**

There are two social events before the start of the racing season:

- **AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup> – Pot Luck Dinner**  
This is always a popular event. Everyone brings a casserole or dessert to share on the night.
- **AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup> – Winter Warriors**  
The race is followed by hot soup to warm the body!
- **OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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 you at our social gatherings.

**Fiona & Leanne**

**Calling all Associate Members**

- Are you an Associate Member who would like to be more involved in the Club's activities?
- Do you have valuable sailing and boating skills, but no longer wish to participate on the water?
- Would you be interested in learning some new skills, if training opportunities were available?

One issue which often comes up for discussion at our Club is the potential benefit that could be gained from having a responsible person based at the clubrooms while races are in progress during the sailing season. This person's key roles would be to:

- (a) monitor the VHF radio and act as point of contact for the Race Officer on the water; and
- (b) act as a beach marshal to check that boats retiring from a race get safely back to shore.

In the case of any serious incident in the local marine area, there might also be an important role to play in liaising with neighbouring clubs and emergency services.

Historically, our Club has relied on rostered Duty Officers to attend during each race day, to act as contact for the Race Officer while also carrying out the normal range of maintenance tasks. This arrangement has often proved unsatisfactory, as the Duty Officer may be unavailable (for example, showing visitors around the Club) when the Race Officer tries to contact them. Also, many rostered Duty Officers have no prior experience of using a VHF radio, and may be reluctant to respond to a call in case of making a mistake.

It has previously been suggested that a Club member with sailing experience should be rostered to act as radio officer / beach marshal during each Club race. However, this has not been an attractive option, as it would mean diverting an active sailor out of the racing fleet each week, in addition to those needed to manage the race on the water. It would clearly be much better if we could identify a group of members who do not sail regularly, but would still like an active role in helping to run the Club's racing program.

In the next few weeks, I shall be writing to each of the Club's Associate Members individually, to see if they would be interested in helping out with on-shore aspects of race management during the coming sailing season. Any such involvement will be entirely voluntary, and Associate Members are under no obligation to get involved if they don't feel able or inclined to do so.

However, if we can get group of members together who are keen to take on the role outlined above, then the responsibilities can be fleshed out in more detail and any relevant training needs (for example, in marine radio operation) can be addressed.

**Stewart Simmons**  
**Commodore**

### **Enterprize in Lay Up**

With a summer of sailing not far away, many of you will by now be turning to undertake overdue maintenance of boats and their assorted equipment.

When undertaking this maintenance spare a thought for the Enterprize, the fifty foot 1830s replica Top Sail Schooner over at Boyd Jetty, Williamstown.

For a month each year the Enterprize goes into Lay Up when about 10 to 15 staff and volunteers work each day to strip, repair, paint, anti-foul and prepare the ship for another year of off shore and bay sailing. The ship is made of the same materials as the original ship that founded Melbourne, the hull is wood, the ropes and rigging hemp and sails are flax. Blocks and eyes are solid wood with only a few moving parts.

In the first week the sails, gaffs, booms, yards, fore topmast, blocks and miles of rigging, halyards and shrouds are removed, without use of a crane, labeled and with difficulty taken to the shed at the end of the Jetty. Here they are examined repaired, blocks greased and the spars painted with oil. My favorite job is the passing of miles of rope through a 44 gallon drum containing hot oil and turpentine to help preserve them.

Later the ship is taken to dry dock where the hull is cleaned and anti-fouled. Before this can be done however the work force is required to re-cork the joints in the planks. The opportunity is also taken to service the rudder, motor, radar, electric winch and other modern features.

Once the ship is returned to Boyd Jetty the process has to be repeated but in reverse.

Over the last week the carefully labeled oily ropes and spars are progressively taken from the repair shed at the end of the jetty and the ship is re rigged. This process requires a fair amount of technical skill and heavy physical work.

After this major task, the few jobs I need to do to my Impulse should be light work.

**Neil Watson**

### **Storage of Equipment at the Club House**

The Committee will shortly be commencing its annual review of boat and equipment storage. I am currently putting labels on boats where members have paid their 2010/2011 storage fee.

As part of this process, I will also be looking at masts, booms, sails and other items stored at the Club House. To assist in this review, members are asked to ensure their name, and boat name if possible, appear on all their property. Several old boards in the racks fall into this category and need to be identified. To avoid the possibility of property being disposed of, members are again requested to ensure that their property is labeled as soon as possible.

The previous Main Sheet contained a notice regarding dilapidated boat trolleys. Members are reminded that they have until the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August to repair or remove them from Club property, otherwise they will be disposed of.

**Neil Watson**  
**Vice Commodore/Boat Storage Officer**

### **Boat Storage Agreement**

By now all members who store dinghies, tenders, sail boards and kayaks at the Club should have received a letter explaining the reasons for introducing this initiative and containing an agreement for their signature and return to me.

If anyone has not yet received a letter could they please telephone me on 958958123 or, email me on [nwatson.pstokes@bigpond.com](mailto:nwatson.pstokes@bigpond.com)

and I will post an agreement to them as soon as possible.

Members are reminded that they were asked in the letter to forward the signed agreements to me by 31 July.

**Neil Watson**  
**Vice Commodore/Boat Storage Officer**

### **ISAF Sailing World Cup – Sail Melbourne 2010**

Preparations are again under way for the annual Sail Melbourne regatta (the first leg of the 2010-11 ISAF Sailing World Cup), to be held at Sandringham Yacht Club from 13-18 December. Proceedings will begin on Sunday, 12 December with registration for competitors and the usual briefing for volunteers.

For those who have not previously assisted with Sail Melbourne, this is a great chance to see world-class sailing right on our doorstep, and to get involved with volunteers from other local clubs in helping to deliver a top level regatta. Over 100 volunteers are needed this year, for a variety of roles on the water and on shore. Several members of Hampton Sailing Club usually get involved, and our contribution is always greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in finding out more, or wish to discuss volunteering, contact Chris Myers or Monica Tonner at Sandringham Yacht Club on 9599 0999. Alternatively, see the 'Volunteers Required' page on the Sail Melbourne website [www.sailmelbourne.com.au/volunteer](http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au/volunteer). This year, an on-line system has been established in conjunction with Yachting Victoria, to make it easy for volunteers to register their interest.

### **Yachting Victoria- Forthcoming Events**

**YV Annual General Meeting** – to be held at 7pm on Monday, 27 September at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Williamstown. A copy of the agenda for this meeting will be

posted on HSC notice board when available – a Club delegate normally attends and reports back on any matters of interest.

**YV Club Conference** – Saturday, 4 September (venue to be confirmed). An annual forum on topical issues relevant to Victorian sailing and boating clubs, with key-note speakers and workshop discussions. Several HSC representatives attended last year's conference, and found it worthwhile.

**Go Sailing Day** – Sunday, 7 November. A state-wide annual event aimed at promoting awareness of sailing, and encouraging community members to visit their local clubs and have a go. HSC participated in 2009, with a very positive response.

### **Racing Rules – Starting**

The start of any race is where all competing boats come into close proximity with each other. With the countdown to the start time, competitors want to position themselves to hit the line just as the gun sounds. Racing rules are often broken at the start of a race by boats trying to get into a good position on the line.

It is important to realise that all the racing rules apply 5 minutes before the start of a race. In addition to the port-tack-gives-way-to-starboard-tack rule, three other very important basic rules that apply are:

1. **Windward boat keeps clear.** Windward is defined as the opposite side to where the boom is. If a boat is sitting just behind the start line on starboard tack with sails eased (or luffing), then another boat cannot sail or drift down on top of it from the windward, or starboard, side.
2. **Overtaking boat keeps clear of a boat ahead.** If, for example, a boat on starboard tack is approaching the start line in the 'perfect' position just below the start committee boat, then other boats cannot barge in between the committee boat and the boat with the 'perfect' start.
3. **Hold your course.** An example is a boat starting on starboard tack at the pin end of the start line, and cannot lay the mark. That boat cannot pinch up and interfere, or luff up, other boats starting who can lay

the pin mark. The boat unable to lay the pin mark must sail a 'proper course' and then bear off below the pin, run around and approach the start again.

**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](mailto: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**

**Boats for Sail**

**125**

- 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race/s</b>	<b>Race Officer (on Lady Isa)</b>	<b>Lady Isa Skipper</b>	<b>Hampton Red Rescue Skipper</b>	<b>Hampton Red Rescue Swimmer</b>
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Series – Race No. 3 WINTER WARRIORS	John Adshead	David Thompson	Neil Watson	TBA
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Series – Race No. 4	Charles Bagossy	Peter Gray	Russell Brown	TBA

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**Hampton Sailing Club 2010-2011 Season – Racing Calendar**

**Briefing: – 1:00pm**

**Start: – 2:00pm**

Date	Event		Notes / Other Events	Lady Isa		Hampton Red	
				Race Officer	Assistant	Skipper	Swimmer
03-Oct-10	Commodore's Cup			Frank Leipper	Richard Skews	Alan Lees	Andrew Cook
10-Oct-10	Spring Series	1		Frank Leipper	Sheila O'Shea	Alan Lees	Andrew Cook
17-Oct-10	Club Championship	1		Frank Leipper	Paul Stephenson	Alexander Cusin	Peter Gray
24-Oct-10	Spring Series	2		Paul Stephenson	Nial Finegan	Alexander Cusin	Peter Gray
<b>31-Oct-10</b>	<b>Melbourne Cup Race</b>			Paul Stephenson	Nial Finegan	Martin Playne	Jeff Ward
07-Nov-10	Spring Series	3	YV Go Sailing Day	Paul Stephenson	John Maddick	Martin Playne	Jeff Ward
14-Nov-10	Club Championship	2	Vic Dinghy & Laser Champs - MSC	John Maddick	John Paxinos	Jorn Rose	Michael Dwyer
21-Nov-10	Spring Series	4		John Maddick	John Paxinos	Jorn Rose	Michael Dwyer
28-Nov-10	Club Championship	3		John Maddick	Michael Cook	Fiona Stephens	William Brown
05-Dec-10	Spring Series	5		Michael Cook	Ian Taylor	Fiona Stephens	William Brown
12-Dec-10	Club Championship	4		Michael Cook	Ian Taylor	David Jones	Paul Johnson
19-Dec-10	Spring Series	6		Michael Cook	Stewart Simmons	David Jones	Paul Johnson
26-Dec-10	Christmas Break	no race	SYC Aus Int. Cadet Champs 27th - 4th				
02-Jan-11	Christmas Break	no race	SYC Aus Int. Cadet Champs 27th - 4th				
09-Jan-11	Christmas Break	no race					
16-Jan-11	Club Championship	5		Stewart Simmons	Jeff Ward	Frank Leipper	John Paxinos
23-Jan-11	Autumn Series	1		Stewart Simmons	Jeff Ward	Frank Leipper	John Paxinos
30-Jan-11	Club Championship	6		Stewart Simmons	Richard Skews	Michael Cook	Andrew Cook
06-Feb-11	Autumn Series	2	Vic Laser Masters/Youth Regatta	Richard Skews	Nial Finegan	Michael Cook	Andrew Cook
13-Feb-11	Club Championship	7		Richard Skews	Nial Finegan	Russell Brown	William Brown
20-Feb-11	Autumn Series	3	Lidgett Trophy Weekend (Juniors)	Richard Skews	David Thompson	Russell Brown	William Brown
27-Feb-11	Club Championship	8		David Thompson	John Paxinos	Richard Skews	Paul Johnson
06-Mar-11	Autumn Series	4		David Thompson	Steve Moller	Richard Skews	Paul Johnson

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<b>13-Mar-11</b>	<b>Labour Day Race</b>		Various State Champs weekend	Steve Moller	John Paxinos	Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot
20-Mar-11	Club Championship	9		Steve Moller	Charles Bagossy	Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot
27-Mar-11	Autumn Series	5		Charles Bagossy	Jeff Ward	David Seymour	Kerry Seymour
03-Apr-11	Club Championship	10		Charles Bagossy	Frank Leipper	David Seymour	Kerry Seymour
10-Apr-11	Autumn Series	6		Frank Leipper	Sheila O'Shea	Monica Jones	Ralph Brown
17-Apr-11	Club Championship	11		Frank Leipper	Jeff Ward	Monica Jones	Ralph Brown
<b>24-Apr-11</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>	<b>no race</b>					
<b>01-May-11</b>	<b>End of Season race</b>			Frank Leipper	Stewart Simmons	Fiona Stephens	Julie Brennan-Smith