

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

Many thanks to all members who participated in the opening of the Club's 2010/11 sailing season on Sunday, 3 October. We had a record turn-out of about 40 people for the Blessing of the Fleet, conducted once again by the Rev. David Head of Holy Trinity, Hampton. This was followed by the annual Commodore's Cup race, before the day was rounded off with an excellent barbecue.

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Commodore's Cup, Peter Gray (skipper) and Myriam Vinot (crew) who competed in Peter's 420, and to Jeff Ward (Laser) and Chris Jones (Finn) who came 2nd and 3rd. The Commodore's Cup is always well-attended, and about 20 crews signed on for this year's race, though numbers were reduced before the start due to a shift from light southerly to gusty northerly winds just as the fleet was preparing to leave the beach.

Thanks are due to Rita Bagossy for again organizing the Blessing of the Fleet; to David Thompson who performed safety boat duties during the Commodore's Cup race; to Keith Parker and Celine Vinot who helped me with race management on *Lady Isa*; to Fiona Stephens, Leanne Rothacker and John Hannam who organized the barbecue; and to Duty Officer of the day Simon Schluter who helped out all round.

We have a busy program of Club activities planned for the season ahead, based around the Championship, Spring and Autumn Aggregate race series, which will take us through to the end of April 2011. I wish all sailing members safe and enjoyable competition in these racing series, and hope that this summer's weather allows us to field good-sized fleets on a regular basis.

Several members have asked whether the Club will also continue to offer beginners' sailing activities on Sunday mornings. This program proved to be popular last year, enabling less experienced sailors to build their confidence and skills within the Sandringham Harbour area, with a safety boat in attendance and access to advice on the water if needed. Our Sailing Secretary, David Thompson, is organizing similar Sunday morning sailing activities for the 2010/11 season, with a calendar included in this newsletter. Help is needed in running these activities, so please let David know if you are available (adults assisting with this program must hold a current Working with Children Check).

September was a busy month on the local sailing scene, and I was fortunate enough to represent our Club at both the Yachting Victoria Club Conference and AGM. A strong theme at both forums was the emphasis now being placed by governments at the Commonwealth and State levels on encouraging participation in sporting activities of all types, as a means of building health and well-being. At the Club conference, particular mention was made of the important role played by community-based clubs like ours, which have an inclusive, welcoming environment, are broadly accessible to people from all walks of life, and encourage participation rather than focusing entirely on high achievement. I think our Club is on the right track, and it will be interesting to see how this new emphasis on participation may translate into support for the types of programs that we can offer the Bayside community.

Stewart Simmons
Commodore

Annual Subscriptions

I wish to thank all club members who have renewed their subscriptions for the 2010/11 Club year. At this stage, our Club has a healthy total of about 100 memberships (including honorary members, paid up senior members, family groups and associates). This is rather better than the figure for the same time last year, though it is disappointing that some subscriptions are still outstanding now that the sailing season is under way.

Memberships not yet renewed for 2010/11 are no longer valid, and a final renewal notice will shortly be sent to those involved. Where relevant, action will be taken to secure the return of Club keys from expired members, and the prompt removal of boats for which storage fees are unpaid.

Results in the Championship and Aggregate Race Series will only count towards the award of trophies for boats sailed by current members, and expired members will receive no further issues of this newsletter.

For any member who has decided not to renew their subscription in 2010/11, we wish you well for the future and hope you will maintain your links with the Club in a social capacity. Please let the Membership Secretary know that you will not be renewing, and return any Club key in your possession.

Any member who receives a final notice from the Club in the near future, but believes that they have already renewed their subscription for the current year should contact the Membership Secretary (Jacek Gibert) on ph. 9025 0050 to discuss the circumstances. Enquiries about membership payments made by electronic transfer should be directed to the Treasurer (Peter Dean) on ph. 9521 8543.

Stewart Simmons
Commodore

Winter Series - Racing Results

The race on Sunday 26 September capped off a wonderful winter series for 2010 with all 4 scheduled races being sailed. Final results are posted on the Hampton Sailing Club web site. Congratulations to John Adshead for taking the series (and he only had to sail twice).

2010/2011 Sailing Season

The racing calendar for the 2010/11 season, including the start and rescue boats roster, is on pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter.

Revised sailing instructions are posted on the Hampton Sailing Club web site. Please note that competitors will be required to sign on and **sign off** for each race.

The Commodore's Cup

Commodore officially opening the racing season



Blessing of the fleet by Rev David Head



Race start – plenty of boats at the port end of the line



Awarding of the Commodore's Cup to Peter Gray

What a day! After the traditional blessing of the fleet the wind died, then turned 180 degrees and produced some intimidating gusts for the crews waiting for the starting line to be moved. Stewart did a great job to set the course and off we went.

The various shifts made the race challenging with leading positions changing often. There was a vigorous fight for line honours between the Finn and the Tasar but the glory went to Peter and Myriam on the 420 who won the Commodore's Cup on handicap.

Go Sailing Day – Sunday 7 November

On Sunday, 7 November our Club will again be joining many other sailing clubs across Victoria in welcoming visitors (and potential new members) as part of “**Go Sailing Day 2010**”.

This exciting event is co-ordinated each year by Yachting Victoria. The Leader Newspaper group is again involved in promoting the event, which will hopefully result in more people turning out to see what their local sailing clubs have to offer.

Our Club participated successfully in Go Sailing Day last year, and we plan to build on that experience this year. Arrangements have already been made with Yachting Victoria to

ensure we'll have a good supply of promotional materials such as posters, stickers, banners and information packs available on the day. However, once again – the rest is up to us!

At this stage, suggested activities include:

- use of two or three suitable boats (with relatively experienced skippers) to offer sailing opportunities in the harbour area, operating from the beach east of Hampton Pier;
- displaying two or three classes of boats rigged for inspection in the Club yard;
- providing tea / coffee (free) and soft drinks (at reasonable cost) in the clubrooms;
- having members available to welcome visitors and provide information about the Club.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the above activities for all or part of the day (boating activities will run from 10:30am – 3:30pm, but visitors may arrive outside of those times). Well before the event, we also need to confirm which boats will be used for sailing / display activities; who will skipper off-the-beach boats and safety boat; who will supervise the completion of indemnity forms by visitors who wish to sail; and who will be responsible for other key roles such as acting as ‘beach marshal’ and looking after catering.

Successful involvement in Go Sailing Day will contribute to awareness of our Club in the Bayside area, and can only add to our reputation as a family-friendly place to get involved in sailing. However, we also have a Club race scheduled for the afternoon of 7 November, so it's important that we take a practical approach, and aim to provide visitors with a warm welcome that won't overstretch our resources.

Please consider giving up some time to help make Go Sailing Day 2010 a success. Our Club Treasurer, Peter Dean, has volunteered to co-ordinate Hampton Sailing Club's

involvement this year, so please call him as soon as possible on 9521 8543 (or email on peteviv@bigfoot.com) if you are available to assist with any of the activities listed above. Finally, members should note that there will be restrictions on parking in the Club grounds during this event, to ensure easy and safe pedestrian access for visitors.

Stewart Simmons
Commodore

Junior & Family Sailing - Sunday Mornings



Our 2010 Sunday Morning sailing program will commence on **31st October**. The HSC morning sessions are junior and family sailing oriented, with the program tailored to suit the experience of the participants on the day. A race calendar is on page 6 of this newsletter.

The first half of the season will be informal, with the focus on fun and some boat handling skills. The second half of the season will focus more on racing skills and junior racing – there will also be formal training scheduled if there is enough demand.

The Club has two Pacers and one Sabot available for members to use on Sunday Mornings. If you would like to use one of the Club boats, please book with David Thompson to ensure you don't miss out.

David Thompson

Social Events

The next social events on the Club calendar are:

* **Saturday 30 October – Cocktail evening at HSC – commencing 6pm**. Come along and enjoy an evening sipping cocktails on the deck at HSC. There will be a choice of 3

different cocktails & a non alcoholic punch. Nibbles will be provided as well. Afterwards we will take orders for gourmet pizzas to be delivered to the club or you can book yourselves in for dinner next door at SYC. The choice is yours.

Costing for the evening is \$15 per head which includes 2 cocktails & nibbles. (Gourmet pizzas are approx \$20 each which would feed 2 adults unless you are really hungry). Please RSVP to Fiona Stephens on 0412497703 or fionastephens@optusnet.com.au so we can ensure enough cocktails for everyone - don't want to run out!

* **Saturday 4 December – Christmas dinner at HSC – 7pm**. We will cook a 3 course feast. More details closer to the date.

Fiona & Leanne

Working Bee

The Club's spring working bee (deferred from 19 September) will now be held on **Saturday 30 October**, starting at 9.00am.

Unfortunately this will be on Melbourne Cup weekend, but options are now limited and a general tidy-up is required in preparation for Go Sailing Day on Sunday, 7 November. Lunch will be provided.

Frank Leipper
House Secretary

New Members

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

- Sarah Asome and family
- Rachel Helyer and Family

Removal of Old Beach Trolleys

Several old beach trolleys, presumably belonging to Club members, are currently stacked against the fence behind the fuel shed. None of these appear to be in functional condition. Owners are asked to repair or remove these trolleys before to the next

working bee. Any which have not been attended to by that time will be disposed of.

Boat Storage Agreement - Reminder

On behalf of Neil Watson (who is currently taking a well-earned holiday) I ask that all members who have yet to complete and return the Boat Storage Agreement forms sent out earlier this year should please do so (using the stamped / addressed envelope which was provided).

Boat storage space at the Club is in short supply, and it is important that available storage places (particularly at ground level and on the lower racks) continue to be allocated to members who maintain an active involvement with the Club. Boats which are inactive for a limited period of time (eg due to the ill-health or family / work commitments of the owner) can be moved to storage in the higher racks, but it is also important that the Club has the ability to identify and remove boats that have essentially fallen out of use. The Club does not have the capacity to provide long-term storage for unused boats, regardless of whether the owner is willing to continue paying the annual storage fee.

The Club Committee requires completed agreements from all members who currently have boats in storage, to assist in the proper management of available space. Please complete and return all remaining forms as soon as possible, so that Neil can finalise this year's boat storage review on his return.

Stewart Simmons
Commodore

ISAF Sailing World Cup – Sail Melbourne 2010

The annual Sail Melbourne regatta (the first leg of the 2010-11 ISAF Sailing World Cup) will 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.

If you are considering volunteering to help with the event, contact Chris Myers or Monica Tonner at Sandringham Yacht Club on 9599 0999. Or visit to the web site: www.sailmelbourne.com.au/volunteer.

Racing Rules – No right of way while tacking

A boat that is tacking is required to keep clear of other boats. This applies after a boat passes head to wind and until she is on a close-hauled course (often interpreted as sails filled on a new tack). For example, you cannot call 'starboard' on a port tack boat while you are actually tacking from port tack to starboard tack.

If two boats are tacking in close proximity to each other, the one on the other's port side or the one astern shall keep clear.

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 October issue has been held back to include items about the start of the Club racing season.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor

Sails Wanted

Hampton Sailing Club is seeking the donation of old Pacer sails for its two club Pacers. Any sails offered should be in usable condition without the need for major repairs.

Boats for Sale

Please check the Club notice board for details of boats for sale.

Hampton Sailing Club 2010/11 Junior & Family – Sailing Calendar**On the water: – 10:00 am**

Date	Race
31-Oct-2010	Junior / Family
21-Nov-2010	Junior / Family
05-Dec-2010	Junior / Family
19-Dec-2010	Junior / Family
23-Jan-2011	Junior / Family
06-Feb-2011	Junior / Family
20-Feb-2011	Junior / Family
06-Mar-2011	Junior / Family
27-Mar-2011	Junior / Family
10-Apr-2011	Junior / Family
01-May-2011	Junior / Family

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	David Thompson	Alexander Cusin	Peter Gray
24-Oct-10	Spring Series	2		John Maddick	Nial Finegan	Alexander Cusin	Peter Gray
31-Oct-10	Melbourne Cup Race			David Thompson	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		Paul Stephenson	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	John Paxinos	Michael Cook	Andrew Cook
13-Feb-11	Club Championship	7		Richard Skews	Charles Bagossy	Russell Brown	William Brown
20-Feb-11	Autumn Series	3	Lidgett Trophy Weekend (Juniors)	Richard Skews	Nial Finegan	Russell Brown	William Brown
27-Feb-11	Club Championship	8		John Adshead	Nial Finegan	Richard Skews	Paul Johnson
06-Mar-11	Autumn Series	4		John Adshead	Steve Moller	Richard Skews	Paul Johnson
13-Mar-11	Labour Day Race		Various State Champs weekend	Steve Moller	John Paxinos	Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot

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20-Mar-11	Club Championship	9		Steve Moller	Paul Stephenson	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
24-Apr-11	Easter Holiday	no race					
01-May-11	End of Season race			Frank Leipper	Stewart Simmons	Fiona Stephens	Julie Brennan-Smith