

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

I don't wish to tempt fate, but it's good to be able to say that the weather conditions so far this sailing season have allowed us to run almost all of our scheduled races, with lots of action around the Club on weekends. Not only that, but the Club is looking great, with our extension nearing completion, the verandah decking freshly painted, and a healthy covering of grass in areas that were just bare sand a few months ago. What more incentive do we need to get the boats out and do some sailing, particularly with the holiday season approaching?

Our Club's involvement in 'Go Sailing Day' on Sunday, 7 November presented some interesting challenges, with strong winds preventing sailing throughout the day. However, Peter Dean had organized information materials and a fine banner from Yachting Victoria, and was on hand to greet visitors who came to look around the Club regardless of the weather. For those willing to risk being soaked with spray, Martin Playne was happy to offer tours of the harbour in our safety boat 'Hampton Red' – the boat handled the conditions so well that everyone came back dry. All in all, the Club's involvement in 'Go Sailing Day' was again very worthwhile, and has resulted in follow-up inquiries about membership. Many thanks to all who participated.

The Club's social program continues to go from strength to strength, with an excellent cocktail evening at the clubrooms on Saturday, 30 October (with non-alcoholic punch to keep the drivers safe), after which about 20 members rounded off the evening with dinner at Sandringham Yacht Club's luxurious (but not particularly costly)

restaurant. Baked local snapper was the popular choice on our table, and can be highly recommended.

Members who have email should recently have received information about this year's Christmas Dinner, to be held at the Club on Saturday, 4 December (from 7:00pm). Further information is provided in this newsletter. Fiona and Leanne have again offered to do the catering, and the menu looks truly mouthwatering – there's no question that this will be a sell-out event, so please contact Fiona soon if you wish to attend. As our new room will be available for use, this year's Christmas gathering will also include the option of pizza and soft drinks for younger members, making this an event for all to enjoy. I look forward to catching up with everyone there.

As this is our last Club newsletter for 2010, I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge all of the time and effort that my fellow committee members have contributed during the year. Much of the work goes on 'behind the scenes', but there's a lot involved in keeping a volunteer-based organization running smoothly, and I think our Club is a credit to all. As a committee, we have some challenges ahead in 2011 (particularly following the recent approval of the Sandringham Foreshore Management Plan, which opens the way for negotiation of a lease), but I'm sure we'll deal with those.

Finally, best wishes to all Club members for a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year ('Hogmanay' where I come from), and for continued good sailing in 2011.

Stewart Simmons
Commodore

Good News on Grants

I'm pleased to report that our Club has been successful in its applications for two grants under the Education and Training component of the 2010-11 Boating Safety and Facilities Program, administered through the Department of Transport on behalf of the Minister for Roads and Ports.

These grants will assist the Club in delivering a Marine VHF Radio Operator's Certificate course and a National Safety Boat course, both of which will have benefits in promoting the safety of boating operations in our local area.

The courses will be presented by qualified trainers, and further details will be provided once we have worked out appropriate dates.

Martin Playne
Secretary

2010/2011 Sailing Season

Two aspiring young HSC sailors?

I has been a great start to the 2010/11 racing season. Only two races have been cancelled due to bad weather. Check the race results on the Hampton Sailing Club web site.

Competitors are required to sign on before each race, and it will be compulsory to **sign off** for each race from January 2011 onwards.



This is the Club's Pursuit dinghy. It comes with a spinnaker and trapeze, and has a good turn of speed (when there is some wind). It's a lot of fun in a strong breeze (if somewhat challenging less experienced sailors).

If you would like to take it out, make a booking with David Thompson, the Sailing Secretary.

Social Events

The next social event on the Club calendar is:
Saturday 4 December – Christmas dinner at HSC – 7pm.

- We will cook a 3 course feast starting with champagne and cocktails on arrival.
- Entrée will be prawns, cheese and antipasto. Mains will consist of a selection of meats: ham, porchetta, turkey and fish, with baked potatoes, roast veggies and a variety of salads.
- Sweets will include, of course, plum pudding with custard & cream, pavlova and others.
- BYO alcohol.
- The club house extension will be available if you would like to bring your kids along. We will provide pizza and soft drink for \$10 per head. BYO dessert to share, games/DVDs to play & Kris Krindl.

RSVP Fiona Stephens on 0412 497 703, or fionastephens@optusnet.com.au by December 1st.

Fiona & Leanne

Sail Melbourne 2010 – Coming Soon

Just a final reminder to Club members that the annual Sail Melbourne Regatta, based at Sandringham Yacht Club, will be in full swing throughout the week beginning Monday, 13 December. Proceedings will begin on Sunday, 12 December with registration for competitors and a briefing for on-water volunteers. Those who have volunteered for land-based roles have been invited to a separate briefing on Sunday, 6 December.

This is expected to be one of the largest Sail Melbourne events held for some time, with entries already received from 28 countries. Over 350 competitors are expected, with races taking place on four separate courses off the Sandringham and Hampton foreshores.

As in previous years, our rigging yard will be used as a base for the RS-X sailboards, with up to 25 competitors expected to arrive during the days leading up to the event. If you are at the Club, please say 'Hello' and make the sailboarders welcome, as many will be a long way from home.

We will attempt to keep normal Club activities running as much as possible during Sail Melbourne week, but there will obviously be a considerable amount of extra activity on the local beaches, within Sandringham Harbour and out on the Bay. We have a Club race scheduled for Sunday, 12 December and will try to go ahead with that if rigging space and beach access allow. Otherwise, if you are planning to sail or kayak in the area during regatta week, please take care and enjoy the spectacle.

The organising team for Sail Melbourne is still keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in volunteering to help out with this event, either on land or on the water. If you are interested in finding out more, contact Chris Myers or Monica Tonner at Sandringham Yacht Club on 9599 0999.

**Stewart Simmons
Commodore**

Club Polo Shirts – Great Value at \$30



Good quality Club polo shirts are still available in a range of sizes for juniors and adults up to x-large. These smart, hard-wearing Club shirts are good value at \$30 - a glance through the most recent batch of catalogues from my mail box suggests that polo shirts are selling for about \$50 this season, and they don't have the attractive Hampton Sailing Club logo! However, ours come in only one colour – a tasteful blue.

The shirts are stored at the Club, so ask any Committee member if you are interested in trying one on for size.

Stewart Simmons
Commodore

A Lease for Hampton Sailing Club

Members may be aware, that for many years that HSC held a Permissive Occupancy from Bayside Council for our current site and that, in 1998 we were asked to enter into negotiations for a four year lease.

These negotiations ceased when the consultant developing the Sandringham Foreshore Coastal Management Plan, identified that we were located on unreserved Crown Land and that the Council in fact was not our landlord. Unreserved Crown Land, is the responsibility of the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE).

The first draft of the Management Plan released for public comment in 2007 proposed that responsibility for the harbour and foreshore be divided between Parks Victoria and Bayside Council. Sandringham Yacht Club, HSC, the Scout and Guides Training Centre and the Fishing Club were to come under Parks Victoria.

After a further three years of public consultations (participated in by representatives of HSC) and discussions between DSE, Parks Vic and the Council, the Sandringham Foreshore Coastal Management Plan was recently approved by the Minister for Environment. A notice confirming this decision appeared in the Government Gazette on 11th November this year.

Parks Victoria is now our landlord and it is anticipated that early in the New Year we will begin negotiations with the objective of obtaining a long term lease for the Club. The Committee at its next meeting will discuss the matter in detail and decide on the best way to proceed.

Fortunately, Yachting Victoria has been working, together with other bodies, with

DSE for the past 18 months to develop common policies for Crown Land club leases. In view of this, we will be seeking their advice prior to commencing negotiations.

The Plan sets out a range of proposals for the Sandringham Foreshore, including some that could impact on our site. A copy has been placed on a table in the Club Lounge so that members can read it.

I will keep members informed of progress on a lease by regular articles in the Main Sheet.

Neil Watson
Vice Commodore

Proposed Radio Officer / Beach Marshal Roster



The August issue of the *Main Sheet* included an article in which I summarised my intention to write to each of the Club's Associate Members, asking whether they would be interested in helping to form a group who could be rostered in the role of Club Radio Officer / Beach Marshal during our Sunday afternoon races. The purpose of this would be to ensure that a responsible person is based at the Club during each race, to act as point of contact for the Race Controller on the water and check that boats retiring from the race get safely back to shore.

I have now written to each Associate Member along these lines, and have already received a few replies – many thanks to those who have responded so quickly. Some have advised that they are unable to participate, and I also appreciate that advice – as mentioned in my previous note, there is no obligation to get involved if members don't feel able to do so.

At this point, I think it's worth extending an invitation to all Club members who may have an interest in taking on this additional role on

a couple of occasions during each sailing season. The tasks are unlikely to be demanding most of the time, but we do get those days when the weather turns rough during a race, and then it's invaluable to have someone on call at the Club to help see the fleet back to shore.

Prior experience in use of VHF radio is not essential – introductory training can be provided, and we will hopefully be in a position to offer access to a formal training course if required.

There will be a nomination sheet on the Club notice board for the next few weeks, for anyone who wishes to express interest. Otherwise, please contact me by email on simmons@westnet.com.au or by phone on 9598 6954.

Stewart Simmons
Commodore

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

Sails Wanted

Hampton Sailing Club is still 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

Check the Club notice board for details of boats for sail. Please note that boats advertised might not be housed at the club or belong to club members.

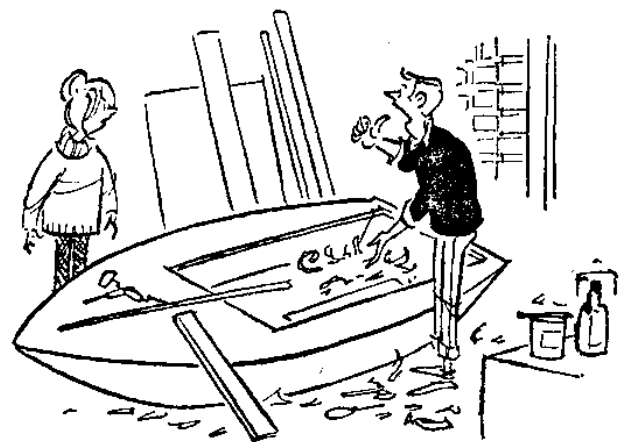
HERON DINGHY FOR SAIL



- PRICE: \$2,400
- Has rarely been used, always garaged and under a boat cover in the garage.
- Fibreglass hull with timber deck in great condition, as are the wooden spars and metal fittings.
- Sails in reasonable condition / no rips, and all ropes in great condition. Also has a jib pole.
- A great boat to enjoy with the kids, but also gets going with the right team of sailors and is very stable.
- Comes with a brand new registered trailer.

Call Kurt in Doncaster East, VIC
0414 420 949

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'That was the Club Secretary on the phone—they're not racing this class any more!'

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

