

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

Happy New Year!

The middle of summer and the weather has turned hot enough for even our most dormant sailors to head to the water. The second half of our season is already well underway with a number of championship and autumn series races already under our belts – although last week was cancelled with 40 knot winds and gusts topping 55! It was hard enough to keep the boats in the yard from tipping!

We have also run three successful informal morning sails. Those who want to have an informal sail, either to get more practice, do some junior or novice training or try something different in what are (usually) lighter conditions, it would be great to see you at the club on the 15th February (the next morning sail scheduled).

We had a great informal New Year get together with a record crowd of people at the club to see in the New Year (see the photo below). It was great to see the club in use and some possible new members resulting.

On the subject of club use, feel free to informally invite guests to share the Hampton Sailing Club experience and maybe recruit them as new members. Anything more formal or larger than a guest family or two risks impacting on everyone else's shared enjoyment of the club and needs to be cleared with our social secretary Fiona Stephens (whose contact details are on the page 6 of the newsletter mailed out to members).

We've got lots more good weather between now and the end of the season (end of April) so it would be great to see you out there while the water is still particularly warm! Enjoy your sailing.



**John Adshead
Commodore**

Sunday Mornings – Junior / Family Sailing



The weather generally has been kind to us for the Sunday morning sailing events that have been run to date.

Depending on the experience of the participants, the mornings will include general sailing, drills, games & activities, coaching and green fleet racing.

Junior / Family sailing is on alternate Sundays 9:30am – 11:30am. Dates for the remaining sessions this season are given in the table below.

Dates for Junior/Family Sailing/Coaching

19 February 2012

4 March 2012

18 March 2012

1 April 2012

15-Apr-12

David Thompson
Sailing Secretary

HSC Racing Report

Racing has recommenced after the Christmas break. Weather conditions have been variable, with predominately strong winds. We have managed to conduct races on most Sundays during January. Fleets have not been large, but you can check the results on the HSC web site.

David Thompson
Sailing Secretary

Sailing Championships over the New Year period

Part of the Sabre fleet heading out to the starting line.

Whilst holidaying on the Bellarine Peninsular over the Christmas/New Year period my son, William and I visited some national sailing championships held at the southern end of Port Philip Bay.

On Tuesday, 3 January we took a ferry ride across to the other side of the bay and observed the Sabre championships conducted at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron. These championships had attracted a record 130 entrants for this class of boat.



Some of the leading boats returning to the beach after a long, hot day of racing on the Bay.

On what was the second last day of racing we counted over a hundred Sabres beating out against a light northerly breeze on to the course for a 2 pm start. After the fleet had rounded the first windward mark it was clear there was a lot of variation in sailing expertise of the competing Sabre skippers. A string of 10 boats preceded the first 'pack' of competitors. Then followed a second 'pack' of boats, and a handful of stragglers brought up the rear. By the end of the race (a triangle and a windward and return) the fleet was well spread out.

The second race began in a fading breeze from the north which, fortunately, picked up again after the start. With the wind gradually increasing in the second race, the fleet was not so spread out. The race was over in about an hour, but the fleet then had to head back to the beach in a dying northerly. It was 5:30 pm before the first boats returned to shore. For the tail-enders it would have been a long, hot afternoon on the water.

There are some fabulous close-up photographs of the Sabre Championships on the Sabre Association website. They give a good impression of the size of the fleet. (<http://www.sabre.org.au>)

The following afternoon (4 January) William and I drove to Portarlington Sailing Club to take a look at the National Impulse Championships. We arrived just as the fleet was heading out to the start of two races on 'Day 3' of the series.

After the first start, racing was fairly close and a trapezoid course gave the competitors lots of downwind work! The start of the second race was postponed due to lack of wind. Gathering grey clouds indicated a change was coming, but nothing eventuated. The fleet bobbed about for almost an hour before the race was called off. Lucky boats got a tow to shore from rescue craft and the start boat. For others it was a long reach back to the beach in drifting conditions.

The Impulse Association had a record number of entries for this event – 40 boats. Monica Jones, the sole representative of Hampton Sailing Club, came 7th in the first race and 29th overall. Well done Monica! Full results of the series can be seen on the Impulse Sailing Association website (click on Results and scroll to the bottom of the page): <http://www.ausimpulse.com.au/home>

Russell Brown (& William Brown took the photos)



Impulses ready to set off from Portarlington beach for an afternoon of racing.



Competitors drifting back to shore after the abandonment of the second race of the afternoon.

Theft of Kayaks from Hampton Sailing Club

In the past there have been several incidents where kayaks have been stolen from the yard. The most recent incidents occurred sometime over the last eight weeks.

The first kayak was stored, along with a Laser dinghy, in the racks along our Southern fence with Sandringham Yacht Club. The owner noticed that the kayak was missing about six weeks ago. However, it is likely that it was taken earlier. A search of the Club and beach was carried out but nothing was found.

The second kayak was stored in a rack above the first and it is likely that they were both taken at the same time.

It is not known how the kayaks were removed. They could have been taken out through an open gate or pushed over the fence.

If anyone has any information that may help in this matter they can contact me on telephone no. 9589 5812.

In the meantime, members are asked to ensure that the gates are kept locked when Duty Officers are not on duty (on Saturday afternoons and Sundays members should be in attendance) and to look at ways they can best secure their property.

Neil Watson
Vice Commodore

Sale of the Club Pacers

Members will be aware from the previous edition of the *Main Sheet* that because the existing HSC Pacers were becoming increasingly difficult to maintain, the Committee had decided that they should be sold.

Spindrift has been purchased by a Club member and Tammie Norrie has been sold to the Enterprize Trust. The Trust operates the Top Sail Schooner Enterprize and will use the dinghy to help train volunteer crews.

The Enterprize is based at Docklands and so members visiting this area may see the Pacer Pursuit sailing about.

The Committee is currently investigating the possibility of purchasing replacement dinghies.

Neil Watson
Boat Storage Officer

Yachting Victoria Training Courses

Members who are thinking about useful ways of filling the dark days of winter may wish to take a look at the range of courses currently being offered by Yachting Victoria (see the 'Education and Training section of the YV website, at

<http://www.yachtingvictoria.com.au>).

Many of these courses will be delivered at 'The Boatshed', Yachting Victoria's training centre at the CBD end of Albert Park Lake. The Boatshed is easily accessible by public transport, and has ample low-cost car parking nearby. Courses on offer include:

- Powerboat Handling
- Safety Boat Instructor
- Assistant Instructor
- Club Coach
- Club Race Officer.

Members who already participate in race management, or are interested in getting involved in running Club races, are particularly encouraged to take a look at the Club Race Officer course, which is great value at \$75 for one day. This course is currently scheduled for 19 May, 14 July and 6 October at Albert Park.

The Club Race Officer course provides a wealth of information about the responsibilities, procedures and equipment involved in race management, and has a strong practical focus. The manual of course notes alone is worth the attendance fee, and browsing through it will help fill in more of those long winter evenings.

Stewart Simmons

Sabre State Titles – 11 & 12 February 2012

We have confirmation that the Victorian Sabre Association will be holding their 2012 State Titles at Sandringham Yacht Club on the weekend of 11-12 February (with the following weekend as a contingency in case of bad weather).

Information about the event including the Notice of Race is posted on the Sabre Association website
(<http://www.sabre.org.au/victoria>)

This is a great opportunity for Hampton Sabre sailors to compete against top class sailors. Please note that competing boats are required to exhibit an "A" class measurement certificate, and sail and foils need to show evidence of measurement by the state measurer at some time.

Russell Brown

HSC Member's 'Ride to Conquer Cancer'

Dear Friends,

As you know I am a keen cyclist and I have just signed up for a 2-day cycling event in 2012 called 'The Ride to Conquer Cancer', the proceeds of which will benefit the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre – the only public hospital in Australia solely dedicated to cancer. I'll be pushing the pedals for about 220kms that weekend on a course beginning in Melbourne and travelling via the Yarra Valley and ending back in Melbourne. As part of the registration, I've committed to raise \$5,000, so I hope that you may assist me to raise that figure.

I'm not sure if you know but 1 in 2 Australians are diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime with an estimated 115,000 new cases of cancer diagnosed in Australia in 2011. Cancer is the second leading cause of Australian deaths and affects almost 20% of the population. More than 43,600 people are expected to die from cancer in 2011. These statistics are confronting and reflect the size of this problem but the disease is not insurmountable. However, the researchers and carers need all the help they can get and by

taking on this challenge. I'm giving them a hand to continue their work in the treatment and cure of cancer.

My participant number is 760466-5.

http://ml12.conquercancer.org.au/site/TR/Events/Melbourne2012?px=1072125&pg=personal&fr_id=1060

Fiona Bennett

Mob: 0418 313 904

New HSC Crew Member - Naomi Haivan Taylor - (Available for crewing in 2022)



- Born: 11 January 2012
- 5.16pm at The Freemasons Hospital, Melbourne
- Weight 3.800kg (8lbs 6oz)
- Length - 52cm (25.20 inch)

Mum, Dad and the new lass are all doing really well. Older brother William is still working out why he is no longer number 1.

Thanks for all the thoughts and support.
Regards Ian, Sue, William and Naomi Taylor

Ian Taylor

Newsletter Items

Contributions to the *Main Sheet* newsletter can be sent to my work email address:
russell.brown@dhs.vic.gov.au

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor

Notice

The property removed from pockets of a jacket left at the club house overnight on New Year's Day can be collected from Russell Brown (phone: 9792 9501)

Hampton Sailing Club Racing Calendar – 2011/2012 Season**Briefing: – 1:00pm****Start: – 2:00pm**

Date	Event	Comments	Race Officer Duty		Race Officer Duty	
			Lady Isa Skipper	Assistant	Red Skipper	Red Swimmer
02-Oct-11	Commodore's Cup	Event format to be determined by Commodore !	Frank Leipper	Michael Dwyer	David Seymour	Alan Bolger
09-Oct-11	Club Champ		Paul Stephenson	Ralph Brown	Jorn Rose	Allan Lees
16-Oct-11	Spring Aggregate		Ian Taylor	Russell Baker	Peter Gray	Ron Van Rennes
23-Oct-11	Club Champ		Stewart Simmons	Fiona Stephens	Julie Brennan-Smith	Cameron Kent
30-Oct-11	Spring Aggregate	Melbourne Cup Weekend	Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot	Neil Watson	Victor Zorin
06-Nov-11	TBA	Go Sailing / Sail Melbourne Weekend	Steve Moller	Neil Cooke	Robin McKeown	David van der Straaten
13-Nov-11	Spring Aggregate		Charles Bagossy	John Allison	Paul Johnson	Hugh Anderson
20-Nov-11	Club Champ		Michael Cooke	Clare Adshead	Martin Playne	Jean Pierre Cabrol
27-Nov-11	Spring Aggregate		David Jones	Chris Jones	William Brown	Jeff Ward
04-Dec-11	Club Champ		Monica Jones	Cody Field	Peter Gray	Irina Angelova
11-Dec-11	Spring Aggregate		John Maddick	Claude Vergez	Lex Cousin	Susan Hatton
18-Dec-11	Spring Aggregate		John Adshead	Russell Brown	Bruce Haddock	Fiona Bennett
25-Dec-11	No Racing Scheduled	Christmas Holidays				
01-Jan-12	No Racing Scheduled	Christmas Holidays				

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08-Jan-12	Autumn Aggregate		Frank Leipper	John Allison	David Seymour	Allan Lees
15-Jan-12	Club Champ		Paul Stephenson	Russell Baker	Jorn Rose	Alan Bolger
22-Jan-12	Autumn Aggregate		John Maddick	Ralph Brown	Peter Gray	Fiona Bennett
29-Jan-12	Club Champ		Stewart Simmons	Michael Dwyer	Julie Brennan-Smith	Ron Van Rennes
05-Feb-12	Autumn Aggregate		Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot	Neil Watson	Cameron Kent
12-Feb-12	Special Event	1 day series (Short Course)	Russell Brown	Fiona Stephens	Robin McKeown	Victor Zorin
19-Feb-12	Autumn Aggregate		Steve Moller	Neil Cooke	Paul Johnson	David van der Straaten
26-Feb-12	Club Champ		Charles Bagossy	John Adshead	Martin Playne	Hugh Anderson
04-Mar-12	Autumn Aggregate		Michael Cooke	Clare Adshead	William Brown	Jean Pierre Cabrol
11-Mar-12	TBA	Labour Day Weekend				
18-Mar-12	Autumn Aggregate		Monica Jones	Cody Field	Lex Cousin	Irina Angelova
25-Mar-12	Club Champ		Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot	Neil Watson	Cameron Kent
01-Apr-12	Autumn Aggregate		Frank Leipper	Ralph Brown	David Seymour	John Allison
08-Apr-12	No Racing Scheduled	Easter Weekend Holiday				
15-Apr-12	Autumn Aggregate		David Jones	Chris Jones	Peter Gray	Jeff Ward
22-Apr-12	Club Champ		Stewart Simmons	Charles Bagossy	David Seymour	Ralph Brown
29-Apr-12	Shipwreck Classic	End of Season Sail	David Thompson	Alex Thompson	John Maddick	Fiona Stephenson

