

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

It's hard to believe that the season has gone already! It seems only yesterday that we were trying to get a start in spring despite the successive weeks of blow outs. And I'm sure that the weather only warmed up a couple of months ago!

Despite all of that we have had a reasonably good sailing season with a seven race autumn aggregate and a record of 26 starters for one race! – although the weather gods only allowed us to sail four races in the championship series.

The informal races we have had throughout the year have been a great success with the Labour Day off the beach stern chaser to the Cerebus and back well supported with 10 boats or so competing in a non-scheduled race. Similarly the Shipwreck Classic (where did that name come from?) was a great race with a strong fleet of competitors all enjoying the moderate autumnal wind.

This year's informal Sunday morning training that I had the privilege to lead saw a group of all ages and skills have some great fun with minimal classroom training and maximum time on the water. So watch out for an up and coming group of keen yachties!

Congratulations to all who sailed, those who took out the series and those who helped by providing their time to the race organisation, the rescue and committee boat duties and everything else that goes on to get us out on the water. Well done all!

With the weather making it slightly more difficult to run a full calendar of races, not surprisingly our membership numbers have

dropped off a little. What has been good to see is the new members who have joined over the year are out there sailing most weekends and are changing the makeup of the Hampton fleet. During the season we have added more Finns, a Heron, Impulse, Pacer and a Daphia – great to see John Shallvey, Greg Clark, Jim Shaw and family, Angus Wilson, Glen Currie and family, and Tony Siddons. It's great to have new faces to help keep the club alive.

On that subject, we have a club working bee on Sunday 20th May – look out for a notice in this newsletter. Also, we have our Presentation and Annual General Meeting on Sunday 27th May. It all starts with afternoon tea at 3:45 and we will include a brief presentation of the year that was in photos. Come along and help celebrate our season.

There is also the spilling of all committee positions and election of a new committee for the new season. There are at least three people who are not standing again so it would be great to see some new faces nominate and to help keep the club alive.

**John Adshead
Commodore**



Hampton Sailing Club Annual General Meeting and Season Presentations

We are going to try something different this year to add more celebration to our year end – and yes, more food!

- 3:45 Commence with an afternoon tea – could everyone/family please bring a plate?
- 4:00 All seated at tables to continue their afternoon tea and...
Annual General Meeting and election of new Committee
- this will be a PowerPoint slide show with brief presentations
- 4:45 Break for more food (Champagne, cocktails and savouries?) and...
The Year that Was – a photo/slide presentation
- 5ish All seated again for the Season Trophy Presentations

We hope that you can make this, as it promises to be a fun afternoon.

John Adshead & Fiona Stephens

Report on 2012 Racing Season

Results for the full year of racing can be viewed on the Hampton Sailing Club web site. Place getters for the various series are as follows:

Spring Aggregate:

- 1st Place – David Jones – Finn
2nd Place – Russell Brown – Sabre
3rd Place – Alex Thompson – Flying 11

Club Championship:

- 1st Place – David Jones – Finn
2nd Place – David Thompson – Laser Radial
3rd Place – John Adshead – B14

Autumn Aggregate:

- 1st Place – Cody Field – Finn
2nd Place – John Shallvey - Finn
3rd Place – William Brown - Sabre

Congratulations to all the winners and we look forward to a successful (and perhaps less windy) season starting again in October.

We will be running the winter series again this year. Racing will occur on the second Sunday of each month starting in June. A schedule of events is on page 7 of this newsletter

Dave Thompson

Report on 2012 Sabre Victorian Titles

Sandringham Yacht Club



Some of the fleet setting out to the start line.

The 37th Victorian State Sabre championships were held next door at Sandringham Yacht Club over the weekend of 11 & 12 February.

The Sabre Association received 64 entries for the series, however I counted about 50 boats launching on the Sunday morning when the above pictures were taken. Winds were consistent but fairly strong for the 3 races on the Saturday. This may have been a factor for the smaller fleet sailing the following day.

Waves were described on the Victorian Sabre website as 'fairly sizable'. Mention was also made of the 'black death' catching out sailors returning to shore and jumping out of their boats too far from the beach.

Winner of the championships was Wayne Bates from Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron. Details of placings are on the Sabre Association website if you are interested.

Russell Brown

Working Bee

The next club working bee will take place on **Sunday 20th May**. Now that the Club House extension is finished attention will turn to some of the tasks that need doing outside.

Frank Leipper

Property Stored at Hampton Sailing Club

We are now at the end of the season and are approaching the time when the Committee will be undertaking a general clean up.

It is important that Members with masts, spars, sails and other property stored at the club ensure that they are properly labelled and are maintained in good order. Unfortunately this is often not the case.

We are in a prime location on the foreshore and our yard can be seen by people visiting the area. The Club will be negotiating a lease later this year with Parks Victoria and it is important therefore, that we cannot be seen as a dumping ground for unwanted property.

The Committee has powers under its By Law to take action and any property that appears abandoned and the owner cannot be identified, may be disposed of.

Neil Watson
Boat Storage Officer

Club Race Officer Training

This is another reminder of 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



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, 27 MAY 2012

Hampton Sailing Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, 27 May** starting 4pm (preceded by afternoon tea at 3:45pm). Please mark this date in your diary.

All members are encouraged to attend the AGM to hear how the Club is progressing, and to raise any comments or questions about the Club's activities.

Notice of the AGM, along with an agenda and nomination forms, will be sent to all Club members in early May. The formal business of the meeting will be followed by food and drink, and then presentation of prizes for the 2011-2012 sailing season.

Members who feel inclined to offer their time and skills to help manage the business of the Club are encouraged to nominate for positions on the Committee. The Committee normally meets on one evening per month throughout the year, and provides a great way for members to get involved in steering the on-going development of their Club.

This newsletter gives a brief outline of the duties and attributes relevant to specific positions on the Committee. In addition, a number of positions are available for members who may wish to take a more general Committee role, dealing with projects and activities that arise during the year.

If you are interested in any of the positions described below, or in joining the Committee in a more general capacity, please feel welcome to discuss your interest with the Commodore or any current Committee member (or come along to the Committee meeting scheduled for 7:30pm on Thursday, 10 May).

COMMODORE

Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Conduct monthly committee meetings.
- ❖ Manage the Club executive.
- ❖ Represent the Club in the local community.

- ❖ Represent the Club at external functions.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good organisational skills.
- ❖ Good interpersonal skills.

Required Resources

- ❖ Plenty of time to attend to Club matters.
- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.
- ❖ Enthusiasm for the Club and its on-going development.

VICE-COMMODORE

Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Assist the Commodore and represent the Club where necessary.
- ❖ Chair meetings of the committee in the Commodore's absence.
- ❖ Lead or undertake key Club projects.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good organisational skills.
- ❖ Good interpersonal skills.

Required Resources

- ❖ Time to attend to Club matters.
- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.

SECRETARY

Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Keep minutes of committee meetings.
- ❖ Receive and respond to correspondence.
- ❖ Manage the Club's administrative affairs.
- ❖ Act generally on behalf of the Club.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good knowledge of business processes.

Required Resources

- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.

TREASURER

Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Manage the Club's finances.
- ❖ Collect and receive monies due to the Club and make payments authorised by the Club.
- ❖ Keep accurate accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Club.
- ❖ Provide an annual budget.

- ❖ Arrange for audit of Club financial affairs.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good knowledge of business and accounting practices.

Required Resources

- ❖ Access to computer with commonly used accounting software.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Produce the Club newsletter 6 times per year.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Able to compile information from members into a coherent form.
- ❖ Ability to produce print-ready newsletter in PDF format.

Required Resources

- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.

SAILING SECRETARY

Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Organise the Club's annual program of sailing activities (races, social sails, etc).
- ❖ Manage the roster of race control and rescue boat crews.
- ❖ Promote and co-ordinate training relevant to the Club's sailing program.
- ❖ Manage maintenance of the Club's race control and rescue boats, and of equipment necessary for conducting the sailing program.
- ❖ Promote awareness of relevant safety requirements and standards, and monitor compliance with these during Club events.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good sailing knowledge.
- ❖ Good organisational skills.

Required Resources

- ❖ Plenty of time to attend to sailing matters.

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Organise the Club's social functions.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good organisational skills.

- ❖ Good interpersonal skills.

- ❖ A sense of fun.

Required Resources

- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.

HOUSE SECRETARY

Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Plan and manage the maintenance of Club facilities.
- ❖ Organise working bees.
- ❖ Develop and maintain plans for future development of Club facilities.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good knowledge of building and maintenance practices.
- ❖ Good organisational skills.

Required Resources

- ❖ Access to tools and equipment.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Process membership applications and manage the induction of new members.
- ❖ Maintain the Membership database, including a register of boats kept at the Club and of Club keys issued to members.
- ❖ Produce the Duty Officer Roster monthly.
- ❖ Maintain current list of members on Yachting Australia/Victoria database.
- ❖ Manage annual subscription notices.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good organisational skills.
- ❖ Ability to use, maintain and develop the membership database.
- ❖ Awareness of privacy requirements relating to use of membership data.

Required Resources

- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.

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- ❖ Access to computer (with good quality printer), internet and email.

Time and commitment (this is a relatively complex role, for which candidates should be prepared to commit for at least 2-3 years).

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. The current issue for April 2012 has been delayed to include information about the up coming Annual General Meeting in May.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor

Boat for Sail**PACER**

- Price: \$1,800
- Fibreglass hull –Sail no. 2182
- Almost new South Eastern mainsail
Hooper jib recut to suit new mainsail
Hooper spinnaker
- Anodised spars
- Professional foils
- Boat cover
- Beach trolley
- Successful club racing record 2008/09
- Recently restored to full racing trim.

Contact: Russell Brown
Phone:- 9792 9501

Note:- Please check the Club notice board for details of other boats for sale.



Hampton Sailing Club– Winter Series Racing Calendar - 2012 Season**Briefing: – 12:00pm****Start: – 1:00pm**

Date	Race/s	Race Officer (on Lady Isa)	Lady Isa Skipper	Rescue Boat Skipper	Rescue Boat Crew
10-Jun-12	1 st Winter Race				
08-July-12	2 nd Winter Race				
12-August-12	3 rd Winter Race– Winter Warriors *				
09-September-12	4 th Winter Race				

* Followed by hot soup and rolls in the Clubhouse after the race.