

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

It's Spring Racing Season with the horses at the barriers and Hampton Sailing Club off for another season!

The season started somewhat fitfully with our first Spring Aggregate abandoned due to lack of interest! Thankfully the Commodore's Cup was run in beautiful spring weather with over 20 boats sailing (although the following aggregate abandoned due to some serious weather).

The Commodore's Cup was a stern chaser, off the beach start with a group of Sabres led by Sheila O'Shea leading the way to the first mark, chased by the entire fleet with the B14 starting some 29 minutes later! A great race with plenty of chances to practice close sailing and an opportunity for those who don't normally lead the fleet to find out where the next mark is! Congratulations to Fiona and Leanne for winning the Cup (see the photo below). That's two stern chasers won by Fiona and Leanne – handicapper?!

This year we decided to put on an informal lunch by way of opening celebration. Thanks to all who supported the race and the opening day. Fiona and Leanne for organising the food, Jacek for barbequing it, Frank for standing in as Race Officer (for me), Steve Moller and Neil Cooke on the rescue boats, and David for race organisation and handicapping!

It is important to note that the success of our weekly sail depends on the voluntary support of all members. Please check and diarise your duty and make sure you turn up on the day or organise to swap your duty with another member if you can't make it. Duty

roster details are attached to each Mainsheet and also on the Hampton Sailing Club website.

Coming events include the Discover Sailing Day on Sunday 11th November. Thanks to Michelle Moller for making this happen. Michelle is one of the usual stalwarts offering their support for Discover Sailing day and the club in general. We need more members to volunteer their time and effort to keep our club active and interesting. This includes recruiting new members through Discover Sailing day and other Hampton only events planned for later in the season. It would be great to see as many members as possible, to take potential new club members for a sail and show them some Hampton hospitality. Any of us with friends or colleagues who want to try sailing – now is the time to invite them to our club!

In closing, I would like to wish all an active, safe and fun season!

John Adshead
Commodore



Upcoming Social Events

The next social occasion for Hampton Sailing Club will be:

- **HSC CHRISTMAS DINNER – 7:00 pm
Saturday, 1 December**

We will start with a Xmas drink followed by a 3 course dinner. BYO alcohol. Cost will be \$40/adult or \$20/child. RSVP to Fiona Stephens at fionastephens@optusnet.com.au or phone 0412497703 by 26th November

**Fiona Stephens
Social Secretary**

HSC Sailing Instructions - 2012

The new HSC Sailing Instructions came into effect from 1 October. These instructions are available on the HSC web site and a copy will be posted on the Club notice board.

A brief explanation of the sailing instructions for our “off the beach” craft was given by the Sailing Secretary, David Thompson at a Briefing Evening held on 15 September. The briefing was combined with another successful social evening. Thanks go the Social Secretary and members who attended and contributed food for the dinner.

Significant changes to the way the Club will conduct racing this season include:

- Race starts will be divided into two main divisions. First division comprises craft with a yardstick less than 114. This will include the Finn fleet and other fast boats such as Tasar, Contender, and standard Laser. The second division will be craft with a yardstick between 114 and 160. This will cover most other boats that sail at HSC. A third division can also be run for junior classes such as Sabot, Minnow, Optimist if they race.
- The windward/leeward course will be standard. The number of circuits will be set according to the conditions of the day, and this information will be displayed on the start boat. Triangular and trapezoid courses could also be set by the race officers.

- It is planned to run two races on each race day. This is being done to avoid the lack of races being completed for a series due to bad weather. The second race of the day will be started after all competitors have finished the first race.
- There will be a one minute gap between the start of one division and the commencement of the starting sequence for the next division.
- A boat must cross the starting line within 10 minutes of its starting time or else it will be entered as Did Not Start (DNS).

A safety and weather briefing will be conducted in the clubhouse at 1 pm on race days. The warning signal for the first race will usually be at 1:55 pm.

Remember, you must be a financial member of the club for your points to count towards the aggregate and championship series.

Sailing Report – October 2012

The first and third Sundays of the 2012/13 season were cancelled due to strong winds and lack of interest from competitors.

However, the Commodores Cup on 13 October was held in great sailing conditions. It had the usual stern chaser start from the beach. The Commodore took salutes from the end of the jetty before setting off well after the rest of the fleet had started. But there was no catching the eventual winners, Fiona and Leanne in their 420. They crossed the finish line with a very handy margin to the next boats. Clare Adshead in her Sabre and Charles Bagossy in his Radial Laser fought it out for 2nd and 3rd places on the finish line.

Sailing conditions were again very kind for the series of short races held on 28 October. A good sized fleet competed in the first two races. With the wind getting up later in the afternoon, there were fewer starters for the third race. Results will be available on the HSC web site.

Russell Brown

Discover Sailing Day – Sunday, 11 November 2012

On Sunday, 11th November our Club will again be joining other sailing clubs across Victoria in welcoming visitors (and potential new members) as part of “**Discover Sailing – Club Community Day 2012**”. This event is co-ordinated each year by Yachting Victoria, ‘**discover sailing.org.au**’ with community members being encouraged to register on-line to visit their local sailing clubs and see what they have to offer.

At this stage, suggested activities include:

- use of suitable boats (Pacers, 420s, etc with relatively experienced skippers) to offer sailing opportunities in the harbour area, operating from the beach east of Hampton Pier;
- displaying boats rigged for inspection in the Club yard;
- providing tea / coffee (free) and soft drinks (at reasonable cost) in the clubrooms;
- welcoming visitors and provide information about the Club.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the above activities for all or part of the day (due to it being a normal club race day, boating activities will run from 10:00am – 1:00pm, but visitors may arrive outside of those times). Before the event, we need to confirm which boats will be used for sailing / display activities; who will skipper dinghies and safety boats; beach marshals (2 shifts); 3-4 Club members ‘on deck’ from 10-1pm and 2 members 1pm – 4pm, to make the day run smoothly.

Current Volunteers:

Coordinator – Michelle Moller (9-1.30pm)
Duty Officer and Coordinator’s assistant - Maxine Cowie (1-6pm)
Beach Marshal - Clare Adshead (10-1pm)

Successful involvement in “Discover Sailing” Day will contribute to awareness of our Club in the Bayside area, and add to our reputation as a family-friendly place to get involved in

sailing. Please consider giving up some time to help make Discover Sailing Day 2012 a success.

Any volunteers willing to help out on the day, so please call Michelle as soon as possible on 9521 6462 (or email michelle_moller@iprimus.com.au) if you are available to assist.

Members should note that parking in the Club grounds will be restricted during this event, to ensure safe access for visitors.

Michelle Moller
Membership Secretary

Grumbles from the Membership Secretary

It is almost 6 months in my role as membership secretary and I am pleased to say 90% of our members have paid their fees. I now need to chase up the remaining 10% to clarify their status.

It has also come to my attention that some members have not turned up to their rostered day for Club Duty Officer and Rescue Boat Duty. These roles are required to keep both the clubhouse and the races safe. It means we share the load and everyone gets to sail.

I would like to remind all members that HSC is not a business but a community club, run by us, its members. We all pay the same fees and those on the committee are all volunteering their own time to keep the club operating. We would not survive if not for the generosity of many members who help maintain the building and grounds.

You could do you bit by:

- Paying your dues on time
- Turning up for your duty (put it in your diary)
- Offer to help (ask if you’re not sure)
- Stop whingeing 😊

Michelle Moller

Volunteering at Sail Melbourne

The ISAF Sailing World Cup at Sail Melbourne is to be held **2nd - 8th December 2012** at Sandringham Yacht Club. Sail Melbourne is calling for volunteers to help the race management team. The ISAF Sailing World Cup at Sail Melbourne has a reputation of being one of the best run regattas in the World Cup Series. This is a fantastic opportunity to improve your race officiating skills, while working with and being mentored by many of the best race officers in Australia. You will then be able to take these skills and experience back to your own clubs and spread the knowledge and improve the racing at your club.

People with all levels of skill and experience can apply. For those who would prefer to stay on-shore there are also a number of race management roles available, including sign in/off, results, and tower or regatta office assistant.

For further information please contact Alex at amckinnon@yachtingvictoria.com.au

To register go to the following site:
https://secure.eventoffice.com/forms/SailMelb_Volunteer_12.asp?eventid=3086

Sailability Volunteers

Sailability is a Yachting Victoria program and is looking for enthusiastic and reliable volunteers to assist with people of all abilities to learn to sail at The Boatshed, Albert Park.

The Boatshed, Albert Park is a great venue and provides an excellent opportunity for people of all abilities to become involved in the joy of sailing.

Roles for assisting volunteers include: Safety Boat Drivers, Sailing Crew, Dock Marshals, Instructors, Operations, Boat Maintenance.

Your joy of sailing is all that is required, no further experience necessary! All relevant training will be provided and further opportunities to complete qualifications will be provided in: First Aid, Powerboat Handling, Instructor Training

We encourage local Yacht Clubs in the Bayside/Port Phillip region to gather a team of volunteers (4-6 people) to assist with one of our weekday programs; just like our Black Rock Team of Volunteers 'Unemployables'. See their profile below and how they became involved.

Please contact Sarah Ogilvie to become involved:

sailability@yachtingvictoria.com.au

Ph.: 0401 637 728

Profile from the BRYC Sailability 'Unemployables' Volunteers

BRYC members have been volunteering for Sailability at the Boatshed for a number of years. We have a group of four of us who turn up each week, to run the program. We have a very broad range of clients we work with, some who cannot talk and are in wheelchairs and others who have learning and mobility disabilities.

We have worked with the same group for a couple years and you end up having a strong connection to them. Bruce is quoted saying, "I get a great kick out of seeing Donna smile and she is the most handicapped of them all". Tom has a similar view, it "is wonderful to have the opportunity to not only give something back to the sport, but also, to sense the joy and pleasure that our involvement brings to our regular special needs buddies". For some clients it is one of the only kinds of recreation they can participate in.

As a group we really enjoy the social side of being together, we get there early rig up and then head off across the lake in the RIB to grab a coffee and return just as the clients arrive. It is enjoyable working with "like minds, who belong to the same sailing club and share sailing tips and experiences when we get time".

Arrive around 1000 get the boats in the water and all rigged, check rescue boat (essential for getting coffee) 1030 head off for coffee, 1100 clients arrive, and we start getting them in boats via the winch or off the jetty.

Depending on the conditions and the client we will have a mixture of clients sailing on their own or with one of us; they go out for about 20 minutes each. We are normally all packed up and gone by 1300. The whole process is very easy and does not take long to learn.

I cannot instill in you enough how important and rewarding this work is and that clubs from all over Victoria should get involved. I am sure all clubs have some members who maybe retired, house dads/wives or just have some time on their hands, who could get in behind Sailability and volunteer on a regular basis.

Gary (BRYC Sailability 'Unemployables')

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 private email address:

Russell Brown <hemline1@tpg.com.au>

Newsletters are usually published every 2 months and distribution timing depends on the month of publication. The current issue has been released at the end of October in order to include articles covering activities held during this month.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor

Boats for Sale

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

Hampton Sailing Club Racing Calendar – 2012/2013 Season**Briefing: – 1:00pm****Start: – 2:00pm**

2012

Date	Event	Handicap	Comments	Race Controller	Isa Crew	Hampton Red	Rescue Crew
07-Oct-12	Spring 1	PH		Frank Leipper	Ken Trotter	Dave Seymour	Robin McKeown
14-Oct-12	Commodores Cup	PH		John Adshead	Steve Moller	Cody Field	Neil Cooke
21-Oct-12	Spring 2	PH		William Brown	Russell Brown	Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot
28-Oct-12	Short Course race	YV	Sunday before Melbourne Cup day	Frank Leipper	Alan Lees	Paul Johnson	Rusell Baker
04-Nov-12	Club Champ 1	YV		Stewart Simmons	Victor Zorin	Dave Seymour	Irena Angelova
11-Nov-12	Spring 3	PH		William Brown	Peter Gray	Martin Playne	Fiona Stephens
18-Nov-12	Club Champ 2	YV		Stewart Simmons	Richard Skews	Charles Bagosy	Jim Shaw
25-Nov-12	Spring 4	PH		Richards Skews	Bruce Haddock	Neil Watson	Clare Adshead
02-Dec-12	Club Champ 3	YV	Sail Melbourne	David Jones	Cody Field	Paul Stephenson	Fiona Bennett
09-Dec-12	Spring 5	PH		Frank Leipper	John Allison	David Thompson	Alex Thompson
16-Dec-12	Club Champ 4	YV		Stewart Simmons	Chris Jones	John Shallvey	Claude Vergez
23-Dec-12	Spring 6	PH		Richards Skews	Jorn Rose	David Seymour	Susan Hatton
30-Dec-12	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled				

2013

Date	Event	Handicap	Comments	Race Controller	Isa Crew	Hampton Red	Rescue Crew
06-Jan-13	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled				
13-Jan-13	Autumn 1	PH					
20-Jan-13	Club Champ 5	YV					
27-Jan-13		-	Australia Day Holiday - No Racing				
03-Feb-13	Autumn 2	PH					
10-Feb-13	Club Champ 6	YV					
17-Feb-13	Autumn 3	PH					

24-Feb-13	Club Champ 7	YV					
03-Mar-13	Autumn 4	PH					
10-Mar-13		-	Labour Day Holiday - No Racing				
17-Mar-13	Autumn 5	PH					
24-Mar-13	Club Champ 8	YV					
31-Mar-13		-	Easter Weekend - No Racing				
07-Apr-13	Autumn 6	PH					
14-Apr-13	Club Champ 9	YV					
21-Apr-13	Autumn 7	PH					
28-Apr-13	Shipwreck Classic	PH					

