

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

By the time you read this spring will have gone and summer will be here! We have had some great spring sailing and made a good start to the championship series too. All in all I think we have only lost a couple of sailing days which is a great start.

Those who have sailed will have done so in good fleets varying from around ten to twelve boats on the cold days to something over twenty-four boats on the good days – a great start! You will have also noticed our new courses from our new sailing instructions. These changes are not without some trade offs and I have heard concerns that some have voiced already. I ask that we continue to give these new sailing instructions and courses a fair trial – and provide constructive feedback to me and to David Thompson as Sailing Secretary early in the new year. With every change there is always room for fine tuning and while we are keen to bring the courses up to date this cannot be at the cost of peoples' enjoyment of sailing. After all, that is what we are here for!

Off the water we have had a busy two months. We held a very successful Discover Sailing Day with a large number of local families all trying sailing. So if you see a new face please make them feel welcome. We are still keen for new members to help keep the club viable and share our sport. Thanks particularly to Michelle and Steve Moller who worked very hard to make this a success and to all the volunteers on the day. Most of these prospective family members were interested in informal training or casual sailing as a starter as well –with some already keenly seeking formal training courses.

So, once again, after Christmas we are looking at running morning sailing on an informal basis every fortnight. Those who want to have an informal sail, either to get more practice, do some novice training or try something different in what are (usually) lighter conditions, stay tuned for morning races on aggregate days in the New Year. I normally run these myself every fortnight but will need some assistance this season so it would be great to have enough volunteers to share the load more evenly! Please let me know if you can help. All you need is a working with children card (obtainable via post offices) and you can help shape someone else's experience in sailing!

Socially we have had another highly successful club Christmas celebration with brilliant table settings and fantastic food! Thank you Fiona and Leeane and their team of volunteers – to all who helped make this a successful evening (I even saw Nick and Olivia washing dishes!).

In closing, I would like to wish all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year and hope to see you out there on the water soon!

John Adshead
Commodore

Discover Sailing Day – A Great Success – Marketing Manager Required



Some of the visitors waiting to go out for a trial sail



A boat full of sailors preparing to set off for a circuit around the 'pond' in the club's Pacer

We had a fantastic turn up of interested public to our Discover Sailing Day on November 11th. At least 20 adults and 20 children came through the clubhouse via the front door or literally off the beach. John Adshead did a great job promoting the joys of sailing on the beach while Russell Brown skillfully took the keen sailors out on the club Pacer.

Due to strong winds we had to restrict the sailing to the 'Pond' area, but all participants enjoyed the experience. Others were taken for joy rides on the rubber duck beyond the breakwater, thanks to Skipper John Maddick. I'm not sure who had more fun, John or the kids.

Whilst I 'manned' the Clubhouse recording details and promoting the club's facilities etc, Clare Adshead and Fiona Stephens fielded questions from passersby and directed them to registration desk. Michael Cook was on duty in the afternoon to continue the job.

Other volunteers on the day included: Charles Bagossy, Neil Watson, Frank Leipper, Ben Adshead, Steve Moller and William Brown. (Apologies if I missed other names, it was a busy day).

The good news is that the majority of the visitors were locals, and many were interested in joining our club. ¼ of the adults had some sailing experience. Many were interested in learning to sail which reinforces the need for ongoing Junior/Novice/Family Sailing programs.

Now we just need a **Marketing Volunteer** from our current membership to take the helm and sail with it. I am happy to show the ropes. I believe this person could add in a FAQ's section to our website and organize another Discover Sailing Day early in the New Year. We need to maintain the momentum gained from this successful day.

Enquiries call Michelle on 9521 6462 or michelle_moller@iprimus.com.au

Michelle Moller
Membership Secretary



Sailing Report – December 2012

Fairly strong winds have predominated on racing days in the November and early December period. Excessive wind caused the cancellation of racing on only a couple of Sundays in this period.

However, the practice of running two races per day on the Sundays is paying dividends. The overall results for the Club Championship and the Spring Aggregate series give a better representation of sailing skills when spread over several races rather

than over just 2 or 3 races as has happened sometimes in the past.

The course set for a 'two-race day' tends to be a little shorter than that when we sail a single race. This gives competitors a chance to have a short rest between races. Participants can also decide to head for shore at the end of the first race if they have had enough sailing for the afternoon. Currently, the racing results show there are often fewer starters in the second race compared with the first race.

The Club Championship results are available on the HSC web site. Hopefully the Spring Aggregate results will be posted soon.

Russell Brown

In Memoriam – Yvonne (Bon) Haw

It is sad to report that Hampton Sailing Club lost its longest-serving Honorary Life Member earlier this year, with the death of Yvonne (Bon) Haw (nee Yvonne Smith). Bon's appointment to Life Membership in 1981 actually predated the formation of Hampton Sailing Club, and acknowledged her significant involvement with our Club's direct predecessor – the Victorian Ladies' Yacht Club (VLYC).

Bon and her sister Jean were stalwarts of the VLYC in its heyday, and the Club's history records that 'a more accomplished pair in a boat would be hard to imagine'. Bon was a VLYC Committee member for many years, often taking on the roles of House Secretary or Social Secretary, and was also active in running the Club's racing program. Some of the photographs displayed in our clubrooms show Bon enjoying VLYC activities both on the water and on land during the 1950's. Bon's daughter (Pam) has advised that her Mum maintained an ongoing interest in our Club, and enjoyed getting the latest issue of the *Main Sheet* in the mail, to catch up with the sailing news.

The Committee and members of Hampton Sailing Club extend sincere condolences to the Haw family.

Sail Melbourne –A volunteer's perspective

Sail Melbourne is the first event in the annual ISAF Sailing World Cup regatta. It was run over the 2nd – 8th December at Sandringham Yacht Club. A number of members of Hampton Sailing Club act as volunteers to help the race management team. Some have been involved for many years. This year I took the opportunity of volunteering myself to sample some of the action.

Many of the volunteers are retired 'yachties' from clubs around Port Phillip Bay. Some with jobs take a week's annual leave to participate. A few came from inland Victorian sailing clubs and interstate. And to my amazement some came from New Zealand, Canada and the USA!

So why do people from all over the place give up a week of their time to help run boat races for 6 days straight? There are many reasons. But I do know that the aim of everyone involved is to help run an international yachting event to the highest standards. And there were lots of positive comments and feedback from competitors to support their efforts.

Will I participate as a volunteer next year at Sail Melbourne? Well, I need time to think it over, but the answer is probably yes.

Russell Brown

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:

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Newsletters are usually published every 2 months and distribution timing depends on the month of publication.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor

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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 | | Frank Leipper | Martin Playne | Paul Johnson | Neil Cooke |
| 20-Jan-13 | Club Champ 5 | YV | | Stewart Simmons | Fiona Stephens | Dave Seymour | Leeanne Rothacker |
| 27-Jan-13 | | - | Australia Day Holiday - No Racing | | | | |
| 03-Feb-13 | Autumn 2 | PH | | Richards Skews | Neil Cooke | Peter Gray | Jorn Rose |
| 10-Feb-13 | Club Champ 6 | YV | | Stewart Simmons | Clare Adshead | Blaise Vinot | Kate Vinot |
| 17-Feb-13 | Autumn 3 | PH | | Richards Skews | Bruce Haddock | John Shallvey | Jim Shaw |

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| 24-Feb-13 | Club Champ 7 | YV | | Stewart Simmons | Alan Lees | Dave Seymour | John Allison |
| 03-Mar-13 | Autumn 4 | PH | | William Brown | Cameron Kent | David Jones | Cody Field |
| 10-Mar-13 | | - | Labour Day Holiday - No Racing | | | | |
| 17-Mar-13 | Autumn 5 | PH | | Frank Leipper | Russel Brown | Charles Bagossy | Fiona Bennett |
| 24-Mar-13 | Club Champ 8 | YV | | Stewart Simmons | John Adshead | John Maddick | Jim Roberts |
| 31-Mar-13 | | - | Easter Weekend - No Racing | | | | |
| 07-Apr-13 | Autumn 6 | PH | | Frank Leipper | Victor Zorin | Neil Watson | Irena Angelova |
| 14-Apr-13 | Club Champ 9 | YV | | Stewart Simmons | Paul Johnson | Martin Playne | Claude Vergez |
| 21-Apr-13 | Autumn 7 | PH | | Frank Leipper | Sheila O'shea | Dave Seymour | Charles Bagossy |
| 28-Apr-13 | Shipwreck Classic | PH | | David Thompson | Olivia Thompson | Peter Gray | Maxine Cowie |

