

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.

The fleet composition has changed again with a resurgence in the Sabres – we had 5 last week with still room for more. The 420s have been quiet this season and the Finns thinner than normal. We are still missing a few faces amongst the fleet – it would be great to see you all there.

We had a great informal New Year get together with a smaller crowd than last year's record in cooler weather. None the less it was great to see the club in use.

This half of the season we have another Discover Sailing day on the 24th February. Now's your chance to encourage your friends to come and sail with Hampton. Michelle Moller and I will be there from 9 and we still need some volunteers to help out. Remember, if we can maintain or grow our membership, fresh blood will give us a much better chance of keeping the club live, vibrant and relevant.

This year we are going to run a survey which if successful I hope becomes an annual thing. The survey is to get an understanding on where our volunteer efforts can be best focussed to improve the club from your perspective. We will ask you a series of questions on what is important to you as a

member of Hampton, how we are performing now and any great ideas you might have for improving the Hampton experience. More on this soon.

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

Discover Sailing Day revisited – Sunday, 24 February 2013 - 10 am to 1 pm



The Club's Pacer was used in November for Discover Sailing day, but we will need more craft to be available on 24 February.

On Sunday, 24th February our Club will be inviting visitors (and potential new members) who attended our previous Discover Sailing Day in November when the strong winds limited their sailing opportunities.

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.

Current Volunteers:

Coordinator – Michelle Moller (9-1.30pm)
Duty Officer – Jeff Ward (1-6pm)
Beach Marshal -

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 2013 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



Sailing Report – February 2013

The start of 2013 has delivered relatively consistent summer sailing conditions on most Sundays to date. Typically we have had a gentle wind in the morning with sea breezes up to 20 knots and moderate seas for the afternoon’s racing.

Racing officials are using their judgment whether to run one or two races each race day. By popular demand there seems to be a return to ‘triangular’ courses.

Check the Club notice board and the HSC web site for race results

Russell Brown

Race Day Duty by Members

Concern has been expressed at the failure of some members to attend for Sunday race duty in recent weeks. The Club relies on the attendance of members to perform race duty to ensure the racing runs smoothly, efficiently and safely.

The Race Duty roster for the whole 2012/2013 season was advertised in the December edition of *Main Sheet* and is on page 6 of the February edition. Members are urged to check and be aware of when they are rostered to perform this important task.

If a member is unable to perform this duty on their rostered day, it is *their* responsibility to arrange a swap or replacement with another suitable member.

It has been proposed that a reminder text or email be sent a week in advance to members who have race duty. This would be undertaken by someone on the Club

Committee. For race management to be successful it is vital that rostered members (or their replacements) turn up.

Tenders for Purchase of 125 Sailing Dinghy

A former club member no longer has a use for his 125 sailing dinghy and has offered it to the Club. The Committee has decided not to retain it as a 'club' boat but offer it for sale.

Notice is now given to HSC members inviting tenders for the purchase of the 125 dinghy. The yellow hull is available for inspection in the yard near the storage shed. The sails (mainsail and jib) and mast belonging to the boat can also be inspected by contacting either the Sailing Secretary or Boat Storage Officer.

Offers should be made in writing (including email) to the Sailing Secretary. Tenders close on 28 February 2013. Please note that a reserve price has been set for the sale of this boat.

David Thompson
Sailing Secretary

Delivery of the Main Sheet Newsletter – by email

The methods of how the *Main Sheet* newsletter is delivered have been a topic of conversation amongst members recently.

The traditional way of sending out hard copies to members is becoming increasingly expensive especially, for such small print runs and due to the rising cost of postage. Coloured printing would always have been an additional expense.

Most members now have an email address and this seems to be the preferred option to receive official communications from the Club. Email is very efficient, rapid and cost effective. The majority of Club members currently receive the Main Sheet newsletter by email. In addition, the current version of the Main Sheet can be viewed on the Club's website.

From the April 2013 edition onwards, the *Main Sheet* newsletter will only be delivered by email to members unless otherwise requested. That is, members will have to specifically request that a hard copy be mailed out to their nominated address. Contact the Membership Secretary or the Newsletter Editor if you want to continue to receive the newsletter by post.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor

Using Sail Telltales – Puffs and Lulls

The Club Secretary, Neil Watson has drawn my attention to an article on sail telltales in the December 2012 issue of the Australian Sailing + Yachting (ASY) magazine. I was unable to reproduce the article in full so here is a short précis in point form:

- When sailing upwind, the windward telltale gives a good indicator of sailing angle (i.e. how high or low you are pointing)
- The windward telltale also says a lot about the 'gear' in which you are sailing when the wind is not consistent in force (i.e. there are puffs and lulls).
- In a **lull**, put the bow down so the windward (and leeward) telltales are **flowing straight back**. You are in acceleration mode.
- As **wind strength builds**, you can shift 'up gear' by trimming your sails harder and pointing higher. Aim the boat so the windward telltales are **lifting up about 45° on average**. This will give you optimal pointing ability without losing power.
- When the **wind is even stronger and you are overpowered**, put the bow closer to the wind so the windward telltales are **dancing nearly straight up**. This de-powers the boat but you may need to ease the main sheet or traveler to maintain control and flatten the boat.
- After the puff, the wind returns to a lull. Change 'down gear' – put the bow down and trim the main sheet so the windward telltales are flowing straight back again. The boat goes back into acceleration mode.

The article in ASY contains more information about puffs and lulls and how to handle them sailing upwind and downwind. The author of the article is David Dellenbaugh, a skilled international sailor who publishes a newsletter, Speed & Smarts. His website is www.SpeedandSmarts.com

The ASY magazine has its own website www.mysailing.com.au. If you go to this site and click on Practical and then Racing, there are many pages of articles and items relevant to small boat racing. Have a look.

Russell Brown

Newsletter Items

Items for inclusion in the *Main Sheet* newsletter can be sent 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.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor

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

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
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

