

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Corner

The end is nigh!

The end of the season is upon us with only April sailing left. The season has progressed well with slightly fewer boats on the water – despite the mostly good sailing conditions.

This will be my last Commodore's Corner. Owing to pressures of work I can no longer give the Commodore's role the attention it and therefore the Club deserve, so I will not be nominating at the next AGM. Thank you to all who have supported me during my term, particularly those on the committee.

Unfortunately a number of the committee will also be standing down. Thanks particularly to David Thompson as Vice Commodore and Sailing Secretary, to Michelle Moller as Membership Secretary and Neil Watson as Secretary all of who will be leaving large shoes to be filled. My thanks to all of the committee for their support (some who have been contributing for a large number of years), Blaise Vinot (Treasurer), Fiona Stephens (Social Secretary), Frank Leipper (House), Russell Brown (Newsletter), Alan Lees (Storage), Peter Gray and Jacek Gibert.

All of this really means that we need **you** to nominate for committee for the next year! There are a number of stalwarts who always volunteer to support the club. This year it's your turn to help and put back something into the club!

I am pleased to welcome two new family members to the club: - Gerry Quinn and Mark Allen. Please introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome.

Also, it looks like we are proceeding with replacement of the cladding on the boat storage sheds over the winter months. More from Frank soon, but I would urge all of you who can take their boats home over winter to do so! This year's working bee is on again starting 9 am on Sunday, 5th May. Look out for Frank's article in this newsletter.

The current committee is undertaking a club survey. The survey is to get an understanding on where our volunteer efforts can be best focussed to improve the club from your perspective. It asks 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. The survey can be found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/S/NNSR2XX>. Please let us know your thoughts. We will feed back the collective thoughts of the club members at the AGM.

Speaking of the AGM, it's on again on Sunday, 26th May and will start with an afternoon tea at 3:30 pm and include presentation of trophies. As with last year, anyone with photos from this season please forward them to the committee and we will have a year in review in photos!

Lastly, there are still two races left in the season, the last of which is the traditional Shipwreck Classic – the Commodore's stern chaser to the Cerberus. It would be great to see you there – if only for the barbeque afterwards.

John Adshead
Commodore

End of Season BBQ – Shipwreck Classic Sunday, 28th April

The last race of the 2012/2013 season will be the informal Shipwreck Classic. This is an off-the-beach stern chaser with each boat leaving shore according to personal handicap. Start will be 1:30 pm and the winner is the first boat around the Cerberus wreck and back to cross the finish line at Hampton.

Racing will be followed by an end of season barbeque.

The weather has been kind to us on this race for the past couple of years so make sure you come along and join in the fun.

Hampton Sailing Club Annual General Meeting and Season Presentations

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, 26th May** this year. The format will be similar to last year commencing with afternoon tea at 3:30pm. This will be followed by brief presentations and election of a new Committee. The meeting will then be followed by season trophy presentations.

A number of Committee members have decided not to seek re-election, including myself. It is important you come along and have a say in who you want to run HSC for the coming year.

Working Bee – Sunday, 5th May

The next scheduled working bee will be held on **Sunday, 5th May** starting at 9 am. No major projects are planned for the day. Just a general tidy up at the end of the season and some running repairs to undertaken.

Frank Liepper

Items Stored at Hampton Sailing Club

It is important that members with spars, sails, foils and other property stored at the club ensure that they are properly labelled and are maintained in good order. The class of boat, sail number and preferably an owner's name all need to be visible on each separate item housed inside the club house. Unfortunately this is often not the case.

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

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

**Alan Lees
Boat Storage Officer**

Victorian Tasar Championships – 8-10 March – Royal Geelong Yacht Club



Blaise and Kate Vinot (far right of picture) powering to an excellent start in a heat of the Tasar state championships.

Our goal for this year was to take part in a major regatta for our class; the Tasar. Sight was set on the state titles held at Royal Geelong Yacht Club during the March long weekend and the targets were: not to finish last, complete all races, receive no protests and don't break anything.

We turned up at Geelong on Saturday morning to light winds and very hot weather. As newcomers we went through the weighing process, both boat and crew, and discovered that while the boat was exactly at minimum weight the crew was slightly over but still very competitive (on the scale). Twenty-four boats were registered.

We started off strongly: a good start and 6th at the top mark ahead of the world champions. Unfortunately, we couldn't keep up and finished at the back of the fleet, learning that in light winds you really need to roll tack. There were 3 races that day and luckily we

were able to get water bottles from the rescue boats between the races. On Sunday we had 4 races with variable light winds and although we managed to get decent starts we were still at the back of the fleet. In one race, we even got the best start of the series but finished last. This proves that a good start helps, but isn't enough!

On Monday we added one more race to finish 23rd overall with a best placing of 19th. It was a good weekend, with a friendly and very skilled group of sailors including the current world champions, and quite a few present and past state and national champions of various classes. Royal Geelong and the Geelong foreshore is a fantastic venue for the social side of the regatta. Now we need to train for the nationals in Blairgowrie in January 2014. The worlds are in Bunbury in 2015 but this is another story.

From Ze Shed - Kate and Blaise

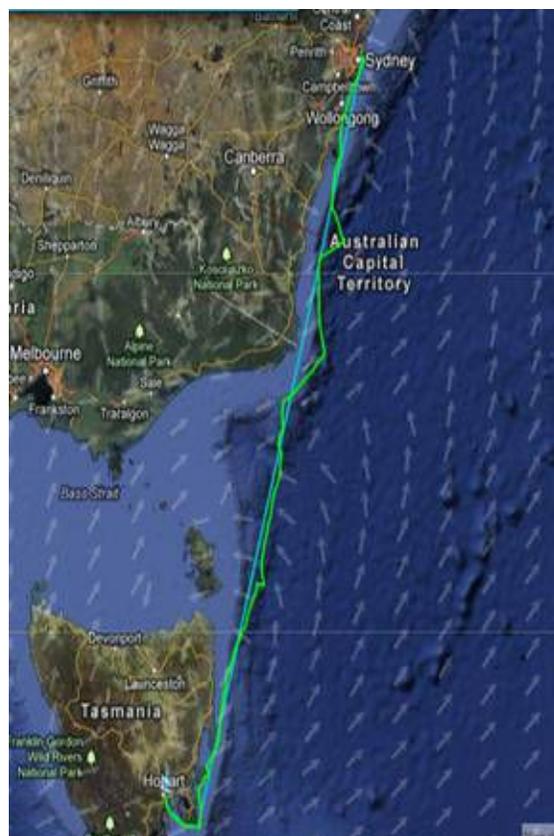
Ian Taylor sails in the 2012 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race



Veloce in Hobart after completing the 2012 Sydney to Hobart Race.

Last December, I sailed in my 12th Sydney Hobart yacht race, this time on an Elliot 44 "Veloce" (from SYC)

The Veloce crew was 10 sailors, comprising 4 regular crew plus me from Melbourne, 1 from Sydney and 4 other guys from New Zealand, and included the boats designer Greg Elliott. This crew was only formed for this race so we didn't have much sailing time together but luckily we clicked pretty well.



The track (green line) that Veloce took sailing from Sydney to Hobart.

Day 1 - The weather was playing its usual tricks in the days prior to the start from Sydney. Christmas day was cool with showers. I guess better than a 40°C melt down!

Boxing Day dawned with cloud and a 20 knot southerly. The cloud cleared and the breeze turned south-easterly at about 20 knots by start time.

We were on the 1st line with the maxi boats and there was an out-flowing tide. We started mid start line with a Code O and full mainsail down the harbour.

We got east of the Sow & Pigs Reef but got outdone slightly by guys who had started more to leeward and also went with spinnakers, as the wind went south again and softened under the South Head shoreline. We gained a bit as the Code 0 was far easier to pack up as we turned upwind out the heads.

There was lots of dirty wind here but not much choice other than head east with the rest of the fleet. We tacked early and managed to gain as the breeze lifted us along the NSW coast shoreline. It was a 2-3 hour slog in to the 2-3 metre swells and 15-20 knot SE breeze. The wind backed fairly quickly in to the ESE and east but also softened as the sun went down.

We headed south and got through the night doing watches of 6 hours on-3hours off at night and 8 hours on-4 hours off during the day.

On my 1st off-watch period, my svelte 80kg was big enough to break the 1st of the 4 hinged bunks when we dropped off a wave....I kind of knew the bunk design was suss... rubber tiller universals do not cut it for bunk hinges - damn "know it all" boat builders.

Day 2 – The morning was light winds. We took a chance that the north-easterly would build early due to a gradient showing on the weather map plus the morning thermal activity, and headed offshore. Alas this didn't eventuate until later. The boats on the coast had better wind from the west overnight plus for longer and had made much better distance than us.

Our error cost us 30-40 nautical miles of distance southwards....which we never managed to re-coup.

On the up, we did see lots of marine life in sun fishes, dolphins and a sea cow or two.

The NE wind eventually built during the day, so we finally began to do some goods miles south in the 20 to 30 knot north-easterly. We hit speeds of 18-20 knots at times.

We were spoilt by a full moon as well. The wind slowly backed to the north and then NW. The seas slowly followed the wind direction as the new wind direction had changed quicker than the seas. By 3am the party was over and the next westerly front rolled in at 30-35 knots. The seas again slowly rotated to match the wind direction.

Heavy #1 jib, then on to a #4 jib on and finally a 1st reef – all of this was between 3am and 4am.....

Then we got belted with heavy rain for another 1 hour until 5am....a typical Bass Strait downpour

And this yachting caper is meant to be fun.

Day 3 - The sun arose and we enjoyed further westerlies of 25-35 knots across Bass Strait along with our muesli, powered milk plus water in a zip lock bag.

By day's end we could see Flinders Island in the distance to the west. We were lucky enough to see 2 pilot whales cross our bow and more dolphins.

Dinner was more freeze dried camping food – spag bol – you certainly either like this sort of dining or else starve.

The wind again softened as the sun lowered in to the west. We reached south under a full main and Code 0 again in the light overnight breeze and again under a full moon. Pleasant sailing, except by now 4 of the new hinged bunks had broken so sleeping on sails made things a bit disrupted. Dirty fuel also meant no motor, which meant reduced battery use, which meant very limited Internet use to check the weather and positions of other boats (also due to the Internet black hole out in Bass Strait) not good tactically.

Day 4 - Back to a medium jib in the morning as we reached past Bicheno and on towards the Freycinet peninsula.

But our progress was again thwarted by a south-easterly turning south, and then a SW change of 30-40 knots. Sail plan was a #4 jib, 1 reef in the main and then later reduced to a storm jib.

Plenty of bump, lots of water across the deck and tacking every 15-20 minutes as well.

Our Tasmanian nautical welcome party was a school of dolphins and wads of kelp washed off the rugged shoreline in the rushing tides.

We cleared Freycinet and crept past Maria Island while dodging the local aerial photographer in his low flying plane.

Other boats were joining us on the rhumb line as we headed south scraping past the Hippolyte rocks and finally to every Aussie sailor's favourite rock - Tasman Island at 10.30pm.

Again a near full moon allowed us to see its towering shadow and the lighthouse flashing in the sky.

We gave it a safe, wide berth as the breeze was gusty and we didn't want to get stuck under it in a swirly breeze and strong currents.

On we went, tacking past Cape Rauol and finally leaving the bump of Storm Bay as we closed in on the Iron Pot at the mouth of the Derwent River. The flat water here was a blessing after the joggle of the open ocean.

The breeze had lost some of its 43° south latitude bite now being closer to land. But it also softened due to the big hills forcing it higher in to the sky before it came back down to the river. We began to get big lulls as we passed under the hill of Taroona and finally drifted past the John Garrow lighthouse, the last mark of the course to the finish.

Early morning on the Derwent is always tricky because if the breeze shuts down, it can add 6-12 hours to the passage.

Luckily, we managed to keep a few threads of wind and crossed the finished line around 5am on the 30th December.

We were 21st over the line, 36th on IRC corrected time and 4th in Division 2 – nothing flash in what was a slow race. But not too much damage and plenty of excitement all the same. We of course enjoyed a few rums at the Customs House Hotel and re-lived the race

excitement while sorting out where the world was at while we had been out on the ocean.

Ian Taylor

Update on Discover Sailing Day held 24th February 2013

Following on from last year's successful event, HSC held a further Discover Sailing Day to give previous attendees another opportunity to go out for a sail, and attract new members.

The light wind conditions were perfect for taking out beginners. We had 3 previous families attend, 4 new families and one member (Cameron) who brought along his children for a sail in a 420. The skippers were kept busy taking out the visitors and everyone seemed to enjoy their sail in either a Pacer or 420.

Thanks to Russell Brown, John Adshead, Michael Cook and Steve Moller for their expert sailing and to John Maddick for taking kids out on the rubber duck for fun rides. Other helpers on the day were William Brown, Frank Leipper, Charles Bagossy, Clare Adshead, Neil Watson and duty officer Jeff Ward.

We are hoping to see some new membership applications in the future.

Michelle Moller

Discover Sailing Day Coordinator

Membership Secretary – Position Vacancy

I have held several positions on the Hampton Sailing Club committee over the past 10 years and it's time for me to step aside. Over this period I have enjoyed introducing the Family Sailing Activities program, (Sail training with Leigh Brennan-Smith, treasure hunts, novelty sailing, twilight sailing and ladies midweek sailing). Many senior and family members got on board over this period to make it a success and we shared many enjoyable times.

As Social Secretary it was easy to run numerous events with many enthusiastic

member helpers. More recently I have been coordinating Discover Sailing Days, again with support. I think this is the most rewarding part of being a volunteer; working together to develop new programs and provide enjoyable sailing opportunities for all.

My final role has been that of Membership Secretary, which I have discovered is not my forte. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many people who have supported me in these roles over the years, especially Steve, (who was on the committee for 7 years prior to me).

So anyone with IT skills who would like to get involved in the club should nominate for this position and I will provide a thorough hand-over. (see Duty Descriptions).

Michelle Moller
Membership Secretary

State Sabre Championships – March 2013



Rounding a wing mark during the Victorian Sabre Championships 2013 at BRYC.

The 2013 Victorian Sabre Championships were held at Black Rock Yacht Club (BRYC) over the Labour Day weekend 9, 10 & 11 March. BRYC asked Hampton Sailing Club to loan Hampton Red as a rescue boat for the series. A group of HSC members volunteered to crew our rescue boat over the long weekend.

Early on the Saturday a hot, northerly wind was blowing quite strongly. The temperature was well into the 30's mid morning when Neil Watson and I motored over flat seas from HSC down to BRYC.

With a modest 57 entries in the series, BRYC were hoping to get three races in during the afternoon. The first race got away on time at 2pm, but the wind had certainly moderated since the morning. As a result, the fleet of Sabres were spread around the course and they all took longer to complete race than expected.

As the afternoon wore on the wind dropped even more and shifted direction. Buoys had to be moved before the start of the second race, and the course was shortened after the first lap. The end result was that only two races were completed before the fleet sailed very slowly back to shore.

Next day, William Brown and I crewed Hampton Red in very different conditions. The wind was almost due south, 7-10 knots and the temperature somewhere in the 20's. We thought BRYC might start the racing early to get in an extra race for the day. But the racing start time was kept at 2pm. Several last moment abandonments and associated buoy changes out on the course meant the fleet did not get away until 2:45pm! The racing was tight and exciting with a rising 1 metre swell adding an extra challenge for the Sabre skippers. As the first race drew to an end the fleet was again spread around the course despite the steady wind.

More buoy changes were made before the second race was started, but eventually the fleet was off again. The wind continued to hold at about 7 knots but the course length was quite long. As the last of the fleet crossed the finish line race committee members deliberated for some time about starting another race. Everyone seemed very tired so the sailors were sent home.

On the Monday morning, Charles Bagossy and Stewart Simmons took Hampton Red down to BRYC early. Weather conditions were not favourable for racing. With winds

less than 3-4 knots competitors and race officials remained on shore. By late morning there had been no perceptible change in weather conditions. Racing was abandoned for the day and the series was decided over just four races.

Most of the top 10 sailors had very new fibreglass boats. The exception was the second place getter – a junior sailor who normally does very well in a Laser class. He performed consistently in a 7-8 year old plywood Sabre to become Junior Champion and get second place overall.

Russell Brown

Delivery of the *Main Sheet* Newsletter – by email

As advised in the February issue of the *Main Sheet* newsletter, this edition is being delivered to most members by email.

Ten members will receive future issues as hard copies. Remember, the current version of the *Main Sheet* can be viewed on the Club's website. A copy is also posted on the Club notice board.

Contact the Membership Secretary or the Newsletter Editor if you want to continue to receive the newsletter by post.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor

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



Sabres beating and reaching during the 4th race.
Photos taken by William Brown.

Boats for Sale

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, 26 MAY 2013

Hampton Sailing Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, 26 May** starting 4pm (preceded by afternoon tea at 3:30pm). 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 2012-2013 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, 9 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).

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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

