

# THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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## **Newsletter Editor's Note**

Hampton Sailing Club currently does not have a Commodore (or a Vice Commodore) so there is no Commodore's Corner article for this issue.

I am taking over the role of Newsletter Editor from Russell Brown. The June issue of the *Main Sheet* contains a summary of reports presented at the Annual General Meeting.

An important news item is the recladding of the storage sheds which will start in July. A letter has been sent to all members who have boats stored at the Club requesting boats be removed during the renovation period. If boats are not taken home they will be moved into the rigging area or the car park at the front of the Club House.

**William Brown**  
**Newsletter Editor**

## **AGM Summary**

### Commodore's Report – John Adshead:

- ▶ Sailing:
  - Insufficient races for a Spring series
  - Successful Championship Series
  - Successful Autumn Series
  - Shipwreck Classic & Commodore's Cup
  - Change in mix of classes sailed – increase in Sabres, decrease in Impulses, Lasers & 420s

- ▶ Go Sailing Day – some keen new members
- ▶ Plethora of Social Functions!
- ▶ Membership changes, decline by about 4%
- ▶ Financials – slightly larger operating surplus

### Treasurer's Report – Blaise Vinot:

- ▶ Operating profit of \$13.6K versus \$2.9K last year
- ▶ Capital investment of \$9K on new motor for Lady Isa
- ▶ Looking forward:
  - Strong financial position
  - Expenses of less than \$10K for shed recladding/re-roofing
  - Expect decrease in term deposit income

### Secretary's Report – Neil Watson:

- ▶ Parks Victoria lease discussions have stalled, due to staff reductions and other lease priorities – unlikely discussions will resume this year
- ▶ New incorporated associations legislation means the Secretary has taken on increased responsibilities as the Public Officer of our Club
- ▶ Development of a Strategic Plan for the Club has continued with the production of a template and a questionnaire

- ▶ Some improvement in the payment of fees however the need to chase some members continues to make extra work for Committee members
- ▶ The failure of members to attend for rostered duty is getting worse

#### Membership Secretary's Report – Michelle Moller:

- ▶ 96 Membership Units comprising:
  - 30 Families
  - 52 Seniors
  - 10 Associates
  - 4 Life
  - Total of 147 members
- ▶ Last Year 100 Membership Units & the previous year 112 Membership Units
- ▶ 2 Discover Sailing Days (November and February)
- ▶ Next Season – More members!

#### Sailing Secretary's Report – David Thompson:

- ▶ No reported injuries
- ▶ Club Boats
  - Purchased a good training Pacer
  - Re-powered Lady Isa with a 4 stroke outboard
- ▶ Racing
  - 25 scheduled Sunday race days – 9 days abandoned due to weather
  - Spring Aggregate – Not enough races for a series
  - Average fleet was 11.5 - down on previous years
  - Total of 43 competitors over the three major series
- ▶ Next Season

- Larger Fleets – build more participation in club racing
- Focus on Race Management – continue to improve standards
- Disposal of Club's Kingfisher and 125

#### House Secretary's Report – Frank Leipper:

- ▶ Completed painting of Clubhouse
- ▶ Maintenance – replaced the septic & grease trap outfall pipe
- ▶ Held a successful working bee
- ▶ Going forward - recladding the boat storage over winter, plus ongoing maintenance

#### Social Secretary's Report – Fiona Stephens:

- ▶ Successful functions - we had...
  - Olympic Night in July
  - Briefing evening in September
  - Christmas in December (this time)
  - St Patrick's Night in March
  - After sailing BBQs
  - Several private uses of the clubhouse
- ▶ Going forward
  - More functions!

#### Boat Storage Report – Alan Lees:

- ▶ Storage in the yard remains tight
  - Easing due to sale of boats away from the Club and the disposal of two Club training dinghies
- ▶ Property such as trailers and unused/unlabelled equipment left at the Club continues to be a problem
- ▶ Action to reclad storage sheds over winter
  - Please take your boats home!

Commodore's Closing Remarks – John Adshead:

- ▶ For Next Season.
  - Grow membership!
    - Membership drive
    - New training boats
    - Review storage capacity / replacement
    - Training focus
  - Lease with Parks Victoria?
    - More members less impact on each member
- ▶ **Get more people sailing!**

**Committee for 2012/13**

At the end of the AGM only some of the committee was elected for the coming year. Thanks are due to all members of the outgoing committee who worked on behalf of the members but in particular to those leaving the committee. John Adshead stood aside as Commodore after holding the position for 2 years, David Thompson stood aside as Vice Commodore and Sailing Secretary, a role he has filled for a number of years. Also, Neil Watson leaves the committee after a year as Secretary and Michelle Moller leaves as Membership Secretary. Neil and Michelle have both been committee members, on and off, for many years.

The incoming committee are:

Commodore	Vacant
Vice Commodore	Vacant
Secretary	Russell Brown
Sailing Secretary	Michael Cook
Treasurer	Blaise Vinot
Membership Secretary	Richard Skews
House Secretary	Frank Leipper
Social Secretary	Fiona Stephens
Boat Storage	Allan Lees
Newsletter	William Brown
General Committee	Jacek Gibert
General Committee	Peter Gray

**Notice to all Members who have a Boat Stored at the Club**

Members are asked to remove their boats and belongings from the racks by **30<sup>th</sup> June 2013** because of work being done to the boat sheds. The work will occur over the period July to August.

If you can take your boat home it would be a great help. If you can't, please move it either to the rigging area or to the car-park at the front of the building. Any boats left in the racks after 30<sup>th</sup> June will be moved to allow the work to proceed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Frank Liepper**  
House Secretary

**Winter Sailing Season**

Due to work on the boat storage racks during the July-August period, the committee has decided to postpone the running of the winter racing series until this work has been completed. A late Winter Series of races will be considered when boats have been returned to the racks and access to the rigging area is available again. We are hoping this will occur mid to late August.

**Michael Cook**  
Sailing Secretary

**Tenders for the Purchase of 125 Sailing Dinghy**

A 125 sailing dinghy given to the Club by a former member was offered for sale in the February issue of the *Main Sheet* newsletter. No formal written offers to purchase the boat were made at that time.

Notice is now given to HSC members inviting tenders for the purchase of the 125 dinghy. The yellow hull is available for inspection at the Club. 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 **15 July 2013**.

Please note that a reserve price has been set for the sale of this boat. If a tender is not received at the reserve price, or above, the boat will then be offered for sale on eBay.

**Michael Cook**  
Sailing Secretary

### **Tenders for the Purchase of Kingfisher**

At the AGM it was decided that the Club's motor boat Kingfisher would be put up for sale. A relatively low reserve price was set for the sale of this boat. Purchase of the boat in 'as is' condition will include the trailer. A condition of purchase is that boat and trailer are removed from the Club premises. Tenders can be made in writing (including email) to the Sailing Secretary. Tenders close **15<sup>th</sup> July 2013**.

**Michael Cook**  
Sailing Secretary

### **Tall Ships are Coming**

For those of you who love the romance of 19<sup>th</sup> Century seafaring, September in Melbourne will be an exciting time.

The International Tall Ships Festival will see a brace of four Dutch sailing ships including Europa, Oosterschelde and Tecla visit Melbourne on their round the world voyage. These ships will be joined by Enterprize, Young Endeavour, Windward Bound, Lord Nelson and KRI Dewarucci, The ships will be located at Williamstown, Port Melbourne and Victoria Harbour. The festival will provide members of the public an opportunity to go on board and inspect these historic ships.

The Enterprize, Victoria's own tall ship, will be operating from Gem Pier, Williamstown taking passengers on a genuine 19<sup>th</sup> Century sailing experience and an opportunity to see the ships up close.

The ships will be arriving in Melbourne from the 6<sup>th</sup> September for a week and I recommend that members go along to have a look and enjoy the experience.

**Neil Watson**

### **Newsletter Items**

Items for inclusion in the *Main Sheet* newsletter can be sent to my private email address:

<william\_brown.1992@yahoo.com>

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

**William Brown**  
Newsletter Editor

### **Boats for Sale**

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



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**Hampton Sailing Club Winter Racing Calendar – 2013**

**Winter Series for 2013 has been postponed. Details of winter racing will be posted when renovation of the boat storage sheds is completed.**

