

# THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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## Newsletter Editor's Note

Hampton Sailing Club has a new Vice Commodore; Jacek Gibert. Jacek has been a general committee member for a few years and agreed to take on the role of Vice Commodore at the September committee meeting. He will be assisting Greg Clark in his duties, and representing the Club in the sailing and broader community

An important reminder to all members to check the Duty Officer Roster list at the end of the Main Sheet and to attend the club on you allocated date. If you are not able to perform your duty on your rostered day it is your responsibility to arrange a swap with another club member.

**William Brown**  
Newsletter Editor

## Yachting Australia Membership Cards

Yachting Australia and the State Associations have agreed that Yachting Australia will not issue physical cards as a matter of course to Silver and Gold card holders. For this coming season, the Silver and Gold Cards will only be available on an "opt in" basis for clubs.

Hampton Sailing Club Committee has decided that for the 2013-14 season we would like our members to continue to receive a card. You will therefore receive a card and letter from Yachting Australia in the month after we update the Yachting Australia database, myClub.

**Russell Brown**  
Secretary

## Change of HSC Rules of Incorporation

In the August issue of the Main Sheet members were informed that Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) requires incorporated associations to change their rules.

HSC Committee has now created a draft set of modified Model Rules, and these are available on the HSC website in the 'Latest News' section. Our existing set of rules is located on the website for comparison. A document summarising the differences between the existing rules and the draft Model Rules is also in the Latest News section of our website.

HSC members have been officially notified of the special general meeting that has been called for Sunday, 13 October at 11:00 am at the club house. The only item of business at this meeting will be consideration of and voting on adoption of the modified Model Rules.

Attendance by as many members (eligible to vote) as possible at this meeting is requested. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please complete and submit the proxy voting form.

Remember that Sunday, 13 October is the Commodore's Cup race with a club barbeque after the race.

**Russell Brown**  
Secretary

## Working Bee

Last Sunday, 29th September, we had the first working bee of the new season. It was a very productive and successful day, while at the beginning of the day there was only small

number of members, by the end of the day the numbers had swollen decent core of members working hard on the various jobs around the club.

While not all the tasks were completed, jobs completed included: further work on the boat storage racks, replacing the fuel and storage shed in the yard, cleaning the club house and grounds, mowing the grass and gardening in general not to mention returning boats to their spaces in the racks.

We successfully filled a skip full of rubbish on the day leaving the club, grounds and utilities very clean. The club is now all in working order for the beginning of the sailing season on Sunday, 6 October.

**Frank Leipper**  
House Secretary

### **Boat Storage Sheds Report**

The asbestos cladding on the boat sheds has been removed by specialist contractors and been replaced by shiny new cladding and now looks WONDERFUL.

The cladding was installed by a few club members – Neil Cooke; Frank Leipper, Charles Bagossy, and Russell Brown with a bit of help from Neil Watson and myself and completed by all those that attended the working bee on Sunday .

THE GOOD NEWS is that boats can now be returned to their allotted space. This space should coincide with the number on the sticker for the 2012/2013 year

Shortly I will be doing an audit for the forthcoming year and those boats that are used the most frequently will be allocated ground positions in the sheds. I, personally, am upbeat about the coming season and I look forward to happy sailing with all my mates.

**Alan Lees**  
Boat Storage Officer

### **Start of the sailing season**

The sailing season is about finally about to commence. After an extended off season due to works on the storage sheds I am pleased to announce that this Sunday will see the start of the sailing Calendar for 2013-14.

I know many of the sailors will be excited to be getting out on the water after such an extended break, but I am sure this has given sailors ample time to prepare for the coming season.

This Sunday is looking to an interesting start to the season with the Bureau of Meteorology forecasting northerly winds of moderate strength shifting to south-westerly during the day and a top of 23 degrees.

The following Sunday is the official start of the sailing season with the Commodores Cup. I am looking forward to what should be one of the largest fleets for this event in the history of Hampton Sailing Club, and hope the weather holds up and provides a fantastic day of sailing.

**Michael Cook**  
Sailing Secretary

### **Sailing the Pacific – Social Event**

Sailing the Pacific Islands Night  
Late August we enjoyed Pizza and an informative evening about cruising the beautiful Pacific islands from NZ, Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu and New Caledonia courtesy of Anne and Rodger Claydon of the Royal Brighton Cruising club. It inspired some to look into cruising and others to keep land in sight.

Upcoming events:  
12pm, 13<sup>th</sup> Nov BBQ Pre-Commodores Cup  
The Annual Xmas Dinner will be Dec 7th

**Fiona Stephens**  
Social Secretary

**Rescue Boat – “CREW SAFE” Reminder**

Sailors and especially Race Control and Rescue Boat users should be aware of the safety procedures used for recovering crew from a sailing dingy.

When a dinghy's crew is required to be rescued, it is sometimes necessary to leave their vessel behind, for safety or practicality reasons. When this course of action is taken the Rescue Boats Crew needs to insure that they leave a CREW SAFE identification tag attached to the vessel.

Hampton Sailing Clubs Rescue Boats have two methods for identifying if a dinghy's crew is safe and had been removed from their vessel during a race. The first is a **white “CREW SAFE” polystyrene ball**, with a lanyard that should be attached to the bow or halyards of the vessel. The second is a length of **red and white striped safety tape** which should be attached in a similar fashion where it will be visible on the dinghy.

This is important course of action for notifying other vessels on the course that the boats crew is safe and so as to prevent other rescue boats spending time attempting to find the crew when their efforts could be better utilised, towing the vessel or assisting another dinghies crew.

With the start of the sailing season approaching I would also like to take the time to remind all rescue boat crews to inspect their boats equipment and insure they have appropriate amounts for the conditions when ever they are on duty.

**Michael Cook**  
**Sailing Secretary**

**Tall Ship Experience**

You will be aware that eight tall ships from Holland, Britain and Australia recently visited Melbourne as part of the Tall Ships Festival. This has been the largest fleet of tall ships seen in Australian waters since 1988.

On Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> October, as part of the festivities they staged a sail in company down

the Western side of the Bay. Club members Paul Stephenson, Frank Leipper, Rita Bagossy and myself sailed out in sloop Walter Mitty to view them.

It was a wonderful experience sailing in amongst Europa, Tecla, Lord Nelson, Oosterschelde, Young Endeavour and the other ships while Enterprize, Melbourne's own Tall ship, sailed past and saluted each in tern with its gun.

On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> October they sailed in line down the Bay on their journey to the Heads. They came in close at Sandringham where many local people took the opportunity to see them.

**Neil Watson**

**Sail Sandy 2013**

Sandringham Yacht Club has invited all Sailors of Hampton to take place in this year's Sail Sandy. Tanking place on the 19-20<sup>th</sup> of October this is an open event to all types of dinghies and kite boards.

The fleet includes but not limited to: Optimists, Sabots, Minnows, International Cadets, 125s, 420s, one 470, Contenders, Tasars, OK dinghies, Finns, Lasers of all denominations, 29ers, 49ers, International 14ft skiffs, J24's and SB20's.

Entry opens in September, with four races are scheduled for each day. For more information and to register visit the Sail Sandy website:

<http://www.syc.com.au/regattas/sail-sandy-2013/>

**Michael Cook**  
**Sailing Secretary**

### **Bendigo Ice Breaker Regatta 21-22 September 2013**

As part of our preparation for the Tasar Nationals to be held in Blairgowrie in December we headed to Lake Eppalock for the first regatta of the season. Upon arrival on Saturday morning we discovered Bendigo Yacht Club by the shore of Lake Eppalock, surrounded by forest and farmland, with a few spindly trees emerging from the water. Sailing on Lake Eppalock is very dependant on water levels as the water is used for irrigation purposes: you have to be mindful of submerged trees (handy to tie the race boat to) but the background is very picturesque.

We met seven other Tasar teams and the lake shore was also covered with catamarans, impulses, lasers foil moths and all sorts of dinghies. In all, there were 39 monohulls and 30 catamarans. The sunshine was glorious and, while we had light winds, there was enough for good sailing.

The first race in the morning was an invitation race and we finished second in the Tasar fleet. This gave us a feel for the lay of the course and the dramatic wind shifts that could occur. We had another three races in the afternoon and two on Sunday. The series was characterized by light winds: 2 to 10 knots, flat waters, challenging windshifts and some crowded mark roundings with boats of vastly different speeds. On the last race we were rammed by a catamaran under spinnaker, creating a minor dent on the boat and a massive bruise on my back where the flying Mosquito hit me as it tried pass behind us. That was one big Mosquito bite!

We were doing really well in that last race and still managed to finish sixth after recovering from the collision. Overall, we finished 13<sup>th</sup> out of 27 in our division and fourth out of the eight Tasars. It was a great week end of sailing in a relaxed atmosphere. Come and join us next year to support Bendigo yacht club and practice your light air sailing.

**Blaise and Kate, Tasar 2642**

### **Upcoming Sailing Regattas**

Australian Mater Games	5-11 October
Go For Gold Regatta	23-24 November
Sail Melbourne	1-7 December

For More information please look on Yachting Victorias Events Calender.  
<http://www.vic.yachting.org.au/calendar/>



**William Brown**  
Newsletter Editor

### **Sponsorship and Funding for HSC**

Hampton Sailing Club has, in the past, received funding from various sources to run in-house programs such as motor boat licence and radio operator courses. Some of our equipment, such as life jackets, was also obtained from successful grant applications.

Today, government and commercial organisations still offer funding for the not-for-profit sector in our community. Grants are offered for a diverse range of activities and programs.

HSC Committee would like members to look out for sources of grants and/or sponsorship for which our club's programs and purchase of equipment may be eligible for. We would also like to hear from members who have experience in making or writing submissions for grants.

**Russell Brown**  
Secretary

**New HSC Website**

The HSC website is about to get a makeover. The current website is hosted by a company called BelleVue IT which is provided to us through an arrangement with Yachting Victoria.

Yachting Victoria have been working on providing their members with an updated website infrastructure that will simplify the administrative effort to manage the web content and improve the look and feel of their websites. The company chosen to provide these enhanced services is called SportingPulse.

Yachting Victoria have commissioned SportingPulse to migrate all the web content from the old provider into the new hosting environment and train club officials in the new system. This process is now nearly complete and the new site is planned to go live on Monday 7th of October. The migration should happen seamlessly on this date with the new content appearing at the current URL <http://www.hsc.yachting.org.au>.

Other than the look and feel of the website the menu structure is essentially unchanged, so you should be able to find all relevant information in the same menu locations with a few exceptions.

**Peter Gray**  
**Web Master**

**Newsletter Items**

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

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**Hampton Sailing Club Racing Calendar – 2013/2014 Season**

Briefing: – 1:00pm

Start: – 2:00pm

Date	Event	Handicap	Comments	Race Controller	Isa Crew	Hampton Red	Rescue Crew
06-Oct-13	Spring 1	PH		Michael Cook	Ken Trotter	Dave Seymour	Robin McKeown
13-Oct-13	Commodores Cup	PH		Greg Clark	Steve Moller	Cody Field	Neil Cooke
20-Oct-13	Spring 2	PH		William Brown	Russell Brown	Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot
27-Oct-13	Club Champ 1	YV		Stewart Simmons	Victor Zorin	Dave Seymour	Irena Angelova
03-Nov-13	Short Course race	YV	Sunday before Melbourne Cup day	Frank Leipper	Alan Lees	Paul Johnson	Rusell Baker
10-Nov-13	Spring 3	PH		William Brown	Peter Gray	Martin Playne	Fiona Stephens
17-Nov-13	Club Champ 2	YV		Stewart Simmons	Richard Skews	Charles Bagossy	Jim Shaw
24-Nov-13	Spring 4	PH		Richards Skews	Bruce Haddock	Neil Watson	Clare Adshead
01-Dec-13	Club Champ 3	YV	Sail Melbourne	David Jones	Cody Field	Paul Stephenson	Fiona Bennett
08-Dec-13	Spring 5	PH		Frank Leipper	John Allison	David Thompson	Alex Thompson
15-Dec-13	Club Champ 4	YV		Stewart Simmons	Chris Jones	John Shallvey	Claude Vergez
22-Dec-13	Spring 6	PH		Richards Skews	Jorn Rose	David Seymour	Susan Hatton
29-Dec-13	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled				
05-Jan-14	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled				
12-Jan-14	Autumn 1	PH		Frank Leipper	Martin Playne	Paul Johnson	Neil Cooke
19-Jan-14	Club Champ 5	YV		Stewart Simmons	Fiona Stephens	Dave Seymour	Leeanne Rothacker
26-Jan-14		-	Australia Day Holiday - No Racing				
02-Feb-14	Autumn 2	PH		Richards Skews	Neil Cooke	Peter Gray	Jorn Rose
09-Feb-14	Club Champ 6	YV		Stewart Simmons	Clare Adshead	Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot
16-Feb-14	Autumn 3	PH		Richards Skews	Bruce Haddock	John Shallvey	Jim Shaw
23-Feb-14	Club Champ 7	YV		Stewart Simmons	Alan Lees	Dave Seymour	John Allison

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02-Mar-14	Autumn 4	PH		William Brown	Cameron Kent	David Jones	Cody Field
09-Mar-14		-	Labour Day Holiday - No Racing				
16-Mar-14	Autumn 5	PH		Frank Leipper	Russell Brown	Charles Bagossy	Fiona Bennett
23-Mar-14	Club Champ 8	YV		Stewart Simmons	John Adshead	John Maddick	Jim Roberts
30-Mar-14	Autumn 6	PH		Frank Leipper	Victor Zorin	Neil Watson	Irena Angelova
06-Apr-14	Club Champ 9	YV		Stewart Simmons	Paul Johnson	Martin Playne	Claude Vergez
13-Apr-14	Autumn 7	PH		Frank Leipper	Sheila O'shea	Dave Seymour	Charles Bagossy
20-Apr-14		-	Easter Weekend - No Racing				
27-Apr-14	Shipwreck Classic	PH		David Thompson	Olivia Thompson	Peter Gray	Maxine Cowie

