

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

Another year is coming to an end. Not only is there is much to be looking forward to next year, in particular some more favourable sailing conditions, but there is much to remember and take note of that has occurred at Hampton Sailing Club this year.

This year has seen a major change of the members of the Club's committee due to the retirement of many long standing members, from their hard and long hours of work for the Club. With a new Commodore Greg Clark and many new committee members the club has entered and new era of development and evolution.

One major initiative that has been undertaken by the new committee was the removal of the asbestos cladding of the boat storage sheds. With the hard work of the House Secretary and a small band of volunteers the new colour bond cladding has been put up in time for the start of the new sailing season, despite a cancelation of the winter sailing season.

The Club's membership also voted on the implementation of revised HSC Rules of Incorporation. These have now been submitted to Consumer Affairs Victoria.

There have been a number of successful social functions and we are looking forward to see what Fiona and Leanne come up with next to grow the social spirit of the Club.

Lastly, I would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. I hope to see you out on the water next year.

William Brown
Newsletter Editor



Boat Security – Strong Winds

In the past few months the Club has experienced some very severe weather conditions with strong northerly winds blowing through the yard.

On a couple of occasions this has resulted in boats and trolleys being pushed over and sometimes lifted by the wind onto other boats, causing damage.

It is evident from the damage caused in the yard that some boats were not stored on trolleys, or not properly tied on to their trolleys. It is necessary that all members ensure that their boats and trolleys are secured to prevent craft and/or trolleys moving in extreme winds.

The Club is investigating the implementation of methods to reduce the chance of boats tipping or being blown about the yard in exceptionally strong winds. In the meantime members asked to secure their boats and trolleys, especially if wild weather is forecast to reduce the likelihood of these incidences.

Russell Brown
Secretary

ISAF Sail Melbourne

Sail Melbourne has come and gone for another year. The excitement, thrills and spills ended and another 7 days with very little sleep and much physical and mental exertion from its volunteers is blissfully over.

Hampton Sailing Club as usual lent the regatta the use of Lady Isa; as the Principal Race Officer's boat and Hampton Red for the tracking team to use, which Charles Bagossy spent a few days driving around. This was particularly useful during the medal races to ensure that everything was being tracked correctly.

As for the rest of the volunteers, Russell Brown, Neil Watson, Steward Simons, Celine Vinot, Rita Bagossy and myself, we spent the week in a variety of onshore and on-the-water roles. From sign on/off and Jury Secretary roles to moving beach trolleys and driving competitors to and from the airport. From rescue boat duties to start boat and course boat roles



Sunday was the usual volunteer signing in and briefings for on-the-water and onshore duties. This year there were some complaints about the black polo shirts and the size of the volunteer name tag lanyards. Competitor Registration took place all day with around 640 boats, from 24 countries signed up to compete in the week long events on 5 courses.

Monday brought moderate northerly winds all day making for a good first day of racing for competitors. Tuesday was a different day with very light and variable winds as it moved from the South West to the South East over the course of the day. Many competitors found the conditions challenging and Race Management had a difficult time getting all their races run in such challenging conditions. This was particularly the case for the kite board course where around 12 knots of wind is required to keep kites up constantly.



Wednesday brought more favourable conditions with more consistent South Westerly winds tending Southerly in the afternoon averaging 15 knots. This allowed many courses to catch up on the races they missed out on the day before.

Thursday meant much waiting around for competitors and Race Management as we waited for a call by the PRO's about the cancelation of races due to the strong winds blowing across the bay.



Friday was the longest day and most tiring for everyone. There was a very early start to the day with an 8:30am briefing and racing starting at 10am in an attempt to catch up of a days worth of racing lost. This was especially important given that some of the medal races

were being held the very next day. All of the courses also had to contend with running the first day of the invited classes' races. Russell was kept busy with 120 Optimists signing on and off. The day ended very late especially with ECHO course deciding to run races over towards Green Point. Many of the Optimists needed to be towed back to the harbour as night began to fall and to ensure they all got back to shore safely. Some of the volunteers didn't leave until 11pm that night!

Saturday was the start of the Medal Races and another early 10am start for some courses. The winds were troubling, with strength dropping off around 11:45 am before a sea breeze change came through and ensured some exciting and competitive racing.

Medal Races were held in five of the Olympic classes to the following schedule:

- 12:00 - Women's Laser Radial
- 12:50 - Men's Laser
- 13:40 - Men's Finn
- 14.30 - Women's 470
- 15:20 - Men's 470

Sunday looked to be a repeat of Thursday, with strong winds and bullets peppering the harbor. With flags AP over H flying, no one was leaving the beaches. Medal Races were postponed until the wind strength started to decrease and bullets stopped blowing through the area. The new schedule was as follows:

- 12:00 - Mixed Multihull, Nacra 17
- 12:35 - Women's Windsurfer, RS:X
- 13:10 - Men's Windsurfer, RS:X
- 13.45 - Women's Skiff, 49erFX
- 14:20 - Men's Skiff, 49er
- 15:00 - Men's and Women's Kite boarding



Overall the event was a resounding success, despite Melbourne's weathers best effort to sabotage it. I feel that the many volunteers deserve a pat on the back for all their efforts and about a months worth of sleep to recover from the event, but will be rearing to go again in a year's time.

For Results see the ISAF World Cup website <http://www.sailing.org/worldcup/results/index.php> or the Sail Melbourne website <http://sailmelbourne.com.au/website/results.html>



William Brown
Newsletter Editor

Race Management Team

Hampton Sailing Club is looking for expression of interests from all of its members to become part of a Race Management Team. Any experience level is welcome. There will be more details to come, however if you are interested please contact the Sailing Secretary, the Secretary, or the Commodore.

William Brown
Newsletter Editor

Serviceable Trolleys

I am currently conducting an audit of members' boats and storage availability with in the Club.

As part of this audit I am inspecting maintenance levels of members' belongings, and especially boat trolleys. It is a requirement of all members to ensure that their boats, trolleys, and accessories are maintained to a good and safe condition while on the Club's premises.

These requirements are written into the Boat Storage Agreement and the Club's By-laws. Members need to comply with these or the Club will initiate action to have broken items fixed or removed until such time as they comply with the Club's regulations.

Alan Lees
Boat Storage Officer

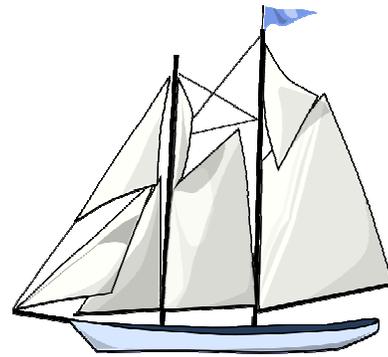
Members Sail Boards

From the process of my audit, the ownership of some windsurfing boards and associated equipment has not been able to be identified.

I would ask all members who own or have owned a windsurfing board to check that they have all their items accounted for and are in the allocated spots. They need to have some form of identification as to who owns them.

Members also store their windsurfing booms and masts inside the club where the rescue boats are located. These members are asked to check that their equipment is accounted for and labelled. This is important as any 'unowned' equipment will be claimed by the Club and action taken regarding their future presence at the club.

Alan Lees
Boat Storage Officer

**The sailing season so far...**

The beginning of this sailing season has been one of swings and roundabouts. One week it's been perfect, the next howling winds and massive seas, which no one enjoys. Only about half of the scheduled races for the spring and early summer have been held. Even the Commodore's Cup has been postponed.

On the plus side when racing has been held, race officers have been running two races back to back to ensure maximum opportunity is made of the conditions. With this in mind the spring series coming to an end which we are aiming to have enough races scored to count towards an aggregate this year.

Now with Sail Melbourne over we are looking forward for the rest of the pre-Christmas sailing calendar going off without a hitch, so come down to the Club on the last few Sundays of 2013 and get some sailing in.

Michael Cook
Sailing Secretary

Day Sailing Book Reminder

I know that sailing is not always the best on Sundays, or that members sometimes want a casual sail out on the bay after a day at work, or might want a little more practice in the morning before the races.

During these times there is often no one out on the bay or at the Club to monitor your progress or witness your return to the club. For this reason the club has a Day Sailing Book.

It is important that all members who go out on the water at times when the Club is not engaged in planned racing activities to sign on and off in this book.

It is not only a very useful way to monitor the use of the Club's facilities and measure how often members are going sailing, but is also an important tool to be utilised if anyone goes missing by having a written record of your presence at the club and what time you left, estimated time of return and where you planned on sailing. If the worst happens, all of this can assist authorised searches and investigations.

Michael Cook
Sailing Secretary

Christmas Dinner at HSC

Saturday 7th December heralded the Annual Hampton Sailing Club Christmas Dinner. Many hours of planning and decisions took place to organise this very successful event.



The night kicked off with members being treated to pawns, cheese and dips and champagne cocktails on the balcony with the sun setting over the bay and the view of the Sail Melbourne winding down for another day.

As darkness fell members returned inside to dine on the wide variety of meats and salads available from the buffet. Then after a few words from the Commodore, the feasting continued with a great selection of traditional and not-so-traditional deserts, from the classic Christmas Pudding to the humble Aussie Pavlova, as well as mini ice-cream cones.



We wish to thank the many volunteers who helped in the setting up of the decorations and on the night with the dishes and packing up.

Fiona Stephens
Social Secretary

HSC Website update

Some of you may already be aware of the recent changes to our website. Sporting Pulse recently was bought by Fox Enterprises and as such their logo is now on the website. This has caused a couple of improvements.

There were a few complaints about the type of advertising appearing at the bottom of the website. Betting sites were thought to be not reflective of the club's values and interests. It now appears that these advertisements have been changed/replaced with more appropriate and relevant ones. I hope members continue to utilise the website and are pleased with this change to the website.



We are constantly endeavouring to keep the website up to date and encourage any feedback and suggestions with regards to the future direction you believe the website should take.

William Brown
Newsletter Editor

Newsletter Items

Contributions/items to my email address:
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Newsletters are published every 2 months and distribution timing depends on the month of publication.

William Brown
Newsletter Editor

**Upcoming Sailing Regattas**

Tasar Nationals	27 Dec – 3 Jan
Australian Laser Championships	27 Dec – 3 Jan
Festival of Sails	21 – 27 January

Check the Yachting Victoria and Australia Calenders for more dates and details.



William Brown
Newsletter Editor

State & Nationals Titles Updates

With the Christmas and New Year period almost upon us many sailors are gearing up and fine tuning their boat and sailing skills for State and National championships at this time of year.

Blaise and Kate Vinot are taking place in the Tasar Australian Championships at Blairgowrie from 27th December – 3rd January. Despite some setbacks, they are still as determined as ever to compete and eager to test their skills against their fellow Tasar sailors.

The Club wishes them all the best for the championships. Members are encouraged to visit and support them during the series at Blairgowrie. Results will be published on the Facebook page (and hopefully the HSC website) daily so you can track their progress throughout the event.



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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
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
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

Hampton Sailing Club: Handy Information

HSC Calendar

December 2013

- *Main Sheet* newsletter published
- 12th – 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

January 2014

- No Committee Meeting scheduled for the month of January.

February 2014

- *Main Sheet* newsletter published
- 13th – 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

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NOTE: the majority of committee members work so please call between 6pm and 9pm

Hampton Sailing Club: Duty Officer Roster

If you are unavailable for duty on your rostered day, arrange an exchange with another member on the roster. Please make the appropriate changes on the notice board at the club.

Please ensure that you sign the duty book on the desk.

The list of duties for the Duty Officer is in the front of the Duty Officer Log book. Please ensure that these duties are executed, as it ensures that the club remains tidy and runs smoothly.

HOURS FOR DUTY: 1:00pm - 6:00pm each day September - April (Summer schedule)

1:00pm - 4:00pm each day May - August (Winter schedule)

REMINDER: Duty Officer is an important public relations exercise, as potential new members often approach the Duty Officer for information about the Club.

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Sun, 08 Ross, Luke William	(03) 9530 5020	Sat, 14 Hopwood, Shirley	(03) 9592 1358
Sun, 15 Moloney, Michael	(03) 9593 8915	Sat, 21 Moller, Steve	(03) 9521 6462
Sun, 22 Marr, Ian	0404 643 767	Sat, 28 Rose, Jorn	(03) 9598 0832
Sun, 29 Gibert, Jacek	(03) 9025 0050		

JANUARY 2014

Sat, 04 Stephens, Fiona	(03) 9598 9285	Sun, 05 Hollins, Peter	(03) 9533 1495
Sat, 11 Haddock, Bruce	(03) 9587 0998	Sun, 12 Quinn, Gerry	0419 785 020
Sat, 18 Allen, Mark	(03) 9238 2163	Sun, 19 Smerdon, Julie	(03) 9598 4326
Sat, 25 Shaw, Jim	0434 601 141	Sun, 26 Basarin, Vecihi (John)	(03) 9597 0814

FEBRUARY 2014

Sat, 01 Siddons, Tony	0414 697 129	Sun, 02 Kent, Cameron	(03) 9555 0157
Sat, 08 Maddick, John	(03) 9502 0637	Sun, 09 Hannam, John	(03) 9598 1679
Sat, 15 Watson, Neil	(03) 9589 5812	Sun, 16 Anderson, Hugh	(03) 9598 3028
Sat, 22 Adshead, John	(03) 9598 2728	Sun, 23 Savage, Tom	(03) 9533 1151

MARCH 2014

Sat, 01 Angelova, Irina	(03) 9502 3316	Sun, 02 White, Flyn	(03) 9596 5486
Sat, 08 Murray, Robin	(03) 9826 1716	Sun, 09 Baker, Russell	(03) 9502 0883
Sat, 15 Taylor, Ian	(03) 9553 5572	Sun, 16 Roberts, James	0409 418 856
Sat, 22 Tempest, Allan	(03) 9547 8881	Sun, 23 Skoutas, Emmanuel	(03) 9568 6008
Sat, 29 Chabrol, Jean Pierre	(03) 9867 8209	Sun, 30 Brown, Ralph	(03) 9499 4609

APRIL 2014

Sat, 05 Seymour, David	(03) 9557 4502	Sun, 06 Bolger, Alan	(03) 9557 1157
Sat, 12 Hatton, Susan	(03) 9569 3147	Sun, 13 Brennan-Smith, Leigh	(03) 9598 1963
Sat, 19 Vinot, Blaise	(03) 9528 2484	Sun, 20 Hart, Richard	(03) 9533 5797
Sat, 26 Brown, Russell	(03) 9792 9501	Sun, 27 Ripka, Gabriel	(03) 9530 3781

MAY 2014

Sat, 03 Cook, Michael	(03) 9598 7884	Sun, 04 Simmons, Stewart	(03) 9598 6954
Sat, 10 Leipper, Frank	(03) 9598 5600	Sun, 11 Skews, Richard	(03) 9553 4546
Sat, 17 Siddons, Tony	0414 697 129	Sun, 18 Maddick, John	(03) 9502 0637
Sat, 24 Loos, Andreas	0430 145 455	Sun, 25 Hope, Kenneth John	(03) 9589 5343
Sat, 31 Gruby, Andrew	(03) 9553 5326		

JUNE 2014

Sun, 01 Stephenson, Paul	(03) 9555 6348	Sat, 07 Adshead, John	(03) 9598 2728
Sun, 08 Anderson, Hugh	(03) 9598 3028	Sat, 14 Savage, Tom	(03) 9533 1151
Sun, 15 Angelova, Irina	(03) 9502 3316	Sat, 21 White, Flyn	(03) 9596 5486
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Sun, 29 Freadman, Andrew	0439 048 741		

Monday, 2 December 2013