

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

We are now half way through the Winter Series at the Club and with spring on the horizon I think every sailor will be looking forward to the nice warm days to come once the start of the season commences. So far we have had 2 races in the Winter Series both on the last Sunday in July, as the June races were blown out.

With the Winter Warriors coming up we are hoping to have a good turn out at the Club and on the start line, so I encourage everyone to come down and share in the community spirit. After that there is only one more winter race scheduled on the 28th of September. The results are still wide open in the Winter Series so best of luck to all sailors.

The next important announcement is that the Club has a new Treasurer. Aurelie Chabrol has graciously volunteered and has been in the position for two months now. Aurelie is settling into the job with mentoring by the past Treasurer, Blaise Vinot.

All members are reminded to check both the Club Duty Roster and Boat Duty Roster to determine when you are rostered for duty. The Club is run on the strength of its volunteers. Please make sure you know when it is your turn and arrange changes if you are unavailable.

The Sailing Committee has been at work over winter to plan out and make improvements to all aspects of sailing at Hampton for the 2014-15 season. So far the committee has completed work on establishing the Boat Duty Roster for the Winter Series and also the first 10 scheduled race days of the 2014-15 season prior to Christmas (see page 5 of this newsletter). These are up on the Club's website calendar for members to check from week to week.

There is still much the Sailing Committee is looking over, including modifications to the Sailing Instructions and scoring system. We plan to have this all finalised and delivered to the members prior to the start of the season. Members will be emailed and news posted on the website regarding this news and changes.

William Brown
Newsletter Editor

Winter Warriors

Sunday, 31 August is the annual Winter Warriors challenge. Sailors are put to the test of endurance and skill while trying to avoid the cool (cold?) temperatures of the bay. With experienced race officer Stewart Simmons running the races it is sure to be a fantastic course. Fiona and Leanne will be putting on a wonderful after race warmer with soup and bread on offer to all members.

William Brown
Newsletter Editor

Sail Sandy 2014

This annual off-the-beach regatta held at Sandringham Yacht Club is on again from 18-19 October 2014. Sandringham Yacht Club has once again invited the sailors of Hampton Sailing Club to compete this year. The regatta is open to all kite board, monohull and catamaran classes of boats with a listed YV yardstick.

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

Entry opens in September, with four races scheduled for each day. For more information and to register visit the Sail Sandy website:
<https://www.syc.com.au/regattas/sail-sandy-2014/>

William Brown
Newsletter Editor

Working Bee

There will be a working bee at the Club on **Sunday, 21 September**. This is an important event for the club as it provides an opportunity to get the Club tidied up for the start of the new sailing season. As usual it would be great for everyone to come down and pitch it. There will be a number of tasks to be completed as well as the usual gardening and cleaning.

Frank Leipper
House Secretary

Sale of Club Boats

At its last meeting the Committee noted that the boats owned by the Club have been used very little in the past two seasons. The reason for this is the boats may not be suitable for use by members or are in a poor state of repair.

After careful consideration the Committee has decided to sell all three boats owned by the Club. This decision has been made on a number of factors including current membership numbers and structure, and the maintenance and insurance costs associated with these boats.

The following boats are therefore offered for sale in "as is" condition;

Pacer dinghy – "Sea Hawk" - price \$1000 – Fibreglass hull, anodised spars, good main and jib, set up for racing including spinnaker, boat cover and beach trolley.

Finn dinghy – "Tim's Finn" – price \$1000 – Good mast and sails, transom needs reinforcing and keel rubbing strip repaired,

some control lines may need replacing, boat cover and beach trolley.

Sabot dinghy – "Interim" - price \$300 – Plywood hull, boat and equipment are in fair condition, carry cradle.

Please contact Russell Brown on 9792 9501 if you wish to make enquiries or purchase any of the above boats. If the boats are not sold within the club then they will be offered for sale to the wider sailing community.

The proceeds from the sale of these three boats will be used to purchase another Club sailing boat more suited for use by current members. A decision has not been made on which class of boat to buy, however it must be simple to rig, relatively easy to sail, and with low maintenance. It is hoped that a boat with these attributes would be used on a regular basis for racing and cruising.

Russell Brown
Secretary

Yachting Victoria Club Conference 2014 - Glenn Ashby on 'How I Got Involved in Sailing'

Every year Yachting Victoria (YV) hosts a conference for the benefit of affiliated sailing clubs. The format is a series of presentations by club officials/members on practices and events that may be of interest to other clubs.

The day's proceedings begin with a key note speaker - usually a prominent person from the international yachting fraternity. This year we heard from Glenn Ashby of the America's Cup Team New Zealand fame. For someone who has reached the pinnacle of international sailing Glenn comes from humble beginnings in the sport. And he has his own special take on balancing work with fun in life. Whilst his topic was 'Best Practice' he started by talking about how he got interested in sailing.

He grew up in Bendigo and interestingly, it was his mother who initially expressed interest in sailing. She wanted to learn to sail and the family became members of Bendigo Yacht Club based on Lake Eppalock. Glenn and his siblings were drawn into club events

crewing on other members boats until they eventually bought a two-person boat themselves. As Glenn got more experience, and pocket money, he eventually wound up with a second-hand Paper Tiger catamaran.

Glenn remembered that starting off in second-rate boats made learning to sail 'just plain fun'. Getting around the course in light fluky winds was a challenge in itself. He maintains lake sailing is good preparation for all types of conditions. And you had to work hard in old boats to get good results and cross the finish line first.

At the age of fifteen Glenn gave up school and became an apprentice sailmaker with Goodall Sails in Bendigo. He built race winning sails for catamarans at his club and won a bet from his employer. The prize was a sponsored trip overseas to compete in the A Class World Series. He took an A Class sail he made himself to Spain and to everyone's surprise, including his own, he won the world championships.

This result was the spring board to Glenn becoming a super competitive sailor at an international level. Working as a sailmaker gave Glenn a strong appreciation for the importance of matching sails to masts. But he says that you need to know how everything on a boat works, and why.

All his hard work and experience led to Glenn competing in the Tornado class at the Beijing Olympics in 2008. The lead up to these games (as part of the Australian Olympic Team) was the most intense period of training and preparation for a world standard event he had ever experienced. In the end, he and his crew came away with a silver medal. Then there was the question; would they do it all again for the 2012 Olympics? New challenges were presented to Glenn in other directions and he joined up with Team New Zealand to compete for the America's Cup.

Looking back over his career Glenn believes it is important to try and keep things fun. Fun breeds fun, especially for kids. Starting off in competitive sailing too early can blunt that happy aspect. Some kids never get to

experience sailing as a fun activity because they are concentrating too hard on winning.

At the end of the day there is a need to balance life, work and fun. Sometimes it is hard to get the balance right but when you do it feels good and that's the indicator to aim for. Glenn talked about many other things related to sailing and competition. Perhaps these can be the subject of another article for a future newsletter. And why don't you come along the YV conference next year and hear first hand from interesting people like Glenn Ashby? The conference is open to all club members.

Russell Brown

Powerboat Training

Sandringham Yacht Club will be running a Powerboat Training course in November 2014 on the following days:

- Thursday, November 20, 2014 - 06:30 pm to 09:30 pm
- Saturday, November 22, 2014 - 08:30 am to 05:00 pm
- Sunday, November 23, 2014 - 08:30 am to 05:00 pm

The course will be run by Doug King who is a fantastic trainer. Any Club members who are looking to get their power boat licence are encouraged to attend this course. Please contact Michah Shuwalow at SYC on (03) 9599 0909.

Other power boat courses are conducted by Yachting Victoria and Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. Details are on their respective websites.

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Newsletter Editor

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Hampton Sailing Club Racing Calendar – Winter Series 2014

Briefing: – 12:00pm

Start: – 1:00pm

Date	Event	Handicap	Comments	Race Controller	Isa Crew	Hampton Red	Rescue Crew
31-Aug-14	Winter Warriors	PH		Stewart Simmons	Russell Brown	David Seymour	Andrew Gruby
28-Sep-14	Winter Series 4	PH		Frank Leipper	Stewart Simmons	Charles Bagossy	William Brown

Hampton Sailing Club Racing Calendar – 2014/2015 Season

Briefing: – 1:00pm

Start: – 2:00pm

Date	Event	Handicap	Comments	Race Controller	Isa Crew	Hampton Red	Rescue Crew
05-Oct-14	Spring 1	PH		David Thompson	Jean-Pierre Chabrol	Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot
12-Oct-14	Commodores Cup	PH		John Adshead	Andreas Loos	David Seymour	Clare Adshead
26-Oct-14	Spring 2	PH		John Maddick	Ralph Brown	Bruce Haddock	Fiona Bennett
02-Nov-14	Short Course race	PH		William Brown	Stewart Simmons	Russell Brown	Neil Watson
9-Nov-14	Club Champ 2	YV		Frank Leipper	Sheila O'Shea	Paul Johnson	Dawn Clark
16-Nov-14	Spring 3	PH		John Shallvey	Stewart Skeggs	Greg Clark	Jake Gunther
23-Nov-14	Club Champ 3	YV		Michael Cook	Jim Shaw	Andrew Cook	Julie Brennan -Smith
30-Nov-14	Spring 4	PH		Steve Moller	Michele Moller	Leanne Rothacker	Fiona Stephens
7-Dec-14	Sail Melbourne	-	No Racing Scheduled				
14-Dec-14	Club Champ 4	YV	Sail Melbourne	Frank Leipper	Aurelie Chabrol	David Seymour	Jorn Rose
21-Dec-14	Spring 5	PH		Glensys	Cameron Kent	Peter Grey	Lex Cusin
28-Dec-14	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled				
04-Jan-15	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled				

