

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

The October edition of the Main Sheet has been held over to the beginning of November as there were some important announcements that needed to be finalised. A December edition will be issued as usual.

The Spring racing season is well under way and so far we have had a number of spectacular days for racing. So far there are 4 races counting towards the Spring Aggregate with another two Spring race days to go. The Championship currently has 4 races recorded. As such, the club has the maximum number of races sailed so far this season and there are high hopes the weather will continue to permit fantastic racing conditions up until Christmas.

The Winter Aggregate has now been completed, with a total of 4 races being run. The final results are being adjusted and will be posted on the website and sailing notice board very soon. Results to date for the Spring Aggregate and Club Championship are currently available on the notice board.

William Brown
Newsletter Editor

HSC Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner for this year has been set for **Saturday, 6 December** starting at 7 pm. Club members will be treated to wonderful meal at the club house organised by Fiona Stephens and Leeanne Rothacker. The event is BYO but you will receive a free drink on arrival.

Cost will be \$45 for adults and \$20 for children. Please RSVP to Fiona on 0412 497 703 or <fionastephens@optusnet.com.au> by Tuesday, 2 December.

Powerboat Training

A final reminder about the powerboat training course run in November 2014 by Sandringham Yacht Club. The course will be conducted over 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

HSC members seeking to get their power boat licence are encouraged to consider this course. Please contact Michah Shuwalow at SYC on (03) 9599 0909 and let her know that you are a member of HSC to qualify for the discounted price. Remember, the HSC Committee will offer a 50% course fee subsidy to members who get their licence and agree to be rostered on our race management boats.

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

HSC Website update

Earlier in the year the external sponsorship of the Hampton Sailing Club web site changed. This resulted in alterations to the layout and 'look' of the website.

Whilst HSC does not have full control over the format of this website we can make significant changes to the content. The Vice Commodore is currently spending time on making improvements where he can, and also bringing the contents up to date.

As part of this website review, HSC members opinions are being sought. The Committee asks members to contribute their ideas on how to improve our website and make it more relevant to Club activities. Please forward suggestions to the Vice Commodore at the HSC gmail address (see top of this newsletter for address) or call him directly.

News from Ze (Travelling) Shed



With the new sailing season looming we decided to take Ze Shed to Bendigo for the Ice Breaker Regatta on the 20th and 21st of September.

I drove back from the Hunter Valley on Friday and we left on Saturday morning. Due to my late arrival on Friday we missed the invitation race but found the foreshore covered with all sorts of dinghies from Sabots to high performance catamarans, and light winds.

On Saturday we managed to get three races in light conditions and on Sunday we missed the 3rd and last race as we needed to head back home. Again conditions were very light and we struggled to pick the right shifts. Lake

sailing!! We finished 3rd out of 5 Tasars but had a great week end. This time we came back with no major bruises.....

Since then a lot has happened...the season has started and we have resumed training with our coach on a fortnightly basis, participated in Sail Sandy in 20 knot winds (and had a good swim), attended a training day on racing strategies organized by the Tasar association and helped out for an on-water training about the 2 min before the start. We even learnt how to sail backwardsit is fun.

See you on the water Blaise and Kate

Volunteering at Sail Melbourne

The ISAF Sailing World Cup at Sail Melbourne is to be held **7th – 14th December 2014** at Sandringham Yacht Club. Sail Melbourne is again calling for volunteers to help with race management this year.

The ISAF Sailing World Cup at Sail Melbourne has a reputation of being one of the best run regattas in the World Cup Series

There are many different roles available both on and off the water. People with all levels of skills and expertise can apply. In fact, many of the jobs need no prior race management experience what so ever. If you have an interest in race management, there is the opportunity to work and learn from some of the best race officers in Australia.

For further information please contact the Events Desk at Yachting Victoria on 9597 0066 or check out the volunteer section of the Sail Melbourne website:
<http://sailmelbourne.com.au/website/volunteer-program>

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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
02-Nov-14	Sprint Series 1	PH	Short course races	William Brown	Stuart 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 Shalvey	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		Frank Leipper	Aurelie Chabrol	David Seymour	Jorn Rose
21-Dec-14	Spring 5	PH		William Brown	Russell Brown	Stewart Simmons	Lex Cusin
28-Dec-14	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled				
04-Jan-15	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled				