

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

Sailing conditions for our Sunday races have been variable since returning from the Christmas break this year. We have had some heavy winds and seas, and at the other extreme, light conditions with winds of less than 5 knots.

On the whole we have been lucky with the weather. Racing has been cancelled on only a couple of Sundays. As we move from summer into autumn there is always the expectation of more settled weather and good sailing conditions.

Fleet sizes have been good. Twenty plus starters have been recorded lately when visiting crews/boats from Sandringham Yacht Club have joined our racing.

The Finn fleet is consistently strong with some very tight race finishes. But there is growing competition in the 420 class. So if you own a 420 and you want some close, but friendly racing make sure you get to the start line at Hampton Sailing Club each Sunday before 2 pm!

William Brown
Newsletter Editor



Upcoming Social Events

- The COMMODORE'S CUP RACE will be conducted next **Sunday, 1 March**. The Commodore's Cup is awarded to the crew who wins the first race on personal handicap. A barbeque is held afterwards where the trophy will be presented to the winner. Be sure to come along.
- Owing to its success last year, we are repeating the COMMODORE'S COCKTAIL PARTY on **Saturday, 21 March** at **7 pm**. A couple of cocktail types will be available and nibbles will be provided. To encourage members and friends to attend, no specific charge will be set – entry will be by a 'currency note' donation.



Race Management Course: Postponed to 29 August

The Race Management Course scheduled for the end of January was cancelled due to lack of numbers – only 3 people enrolled.

The Sailing Secretary has consulted with Yachting Victoria to reschedule the course later in the year. A date of Saturday, 29 August has been set for the course to be held at our club house. This gives members sufficient time to plan ahead and enrol in this course. Enrolment is made online via the Yachting Victoria training event page.

Please note that other Club Race Management Courses are run by Yachting Victoria throughout the year – dates and venues are also on the YV website.

Racing Sign On and Sign Off Now Compulsory



Hampton Sailing Club has been flexible about recording crews going out racing each Sunday. Sometimes entries have been accepted at the start line by Lady Isa from boats leaving the beach late.

In recent weeks we have experienced fleets of twenty plus boats with a substantial number of starters being visitors to the Club. It is vital that Hampton Sailing Club be responsible for all boats that compete in Sunday's races, and return to shore. On one occasion the crew on Lady Isa were not able to account for two boats that started the second race but did not cross the finishing line.

Whilst there has always been an expectation to sign on for racing at the race briefing, and before leaving the beach, we are now requiring crews to SIGN OFF when they return to the club house. This is to be done on a photocopy of the sign on sheet left at the sign on desk. A proper signature is required and signing off for other crews is not allowed. If a crew return early they should also enter DNF if they did not finish a race or DNS if they did not start in a race. The sign on and sign off requirement applies to visiting competitors including those from Sandringham Yacht Club.

A reminder about the new sign off rule will be given at each Sunday's briefing. The Sailing Committee has decided that points for

racing will not be awarded to HSC crews that do not sign off.

Sailing Committee

Report on O'PEN BIC Nationals 19-22 January



A small group of HSC volunteers assisted with the running of this regatta at Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC). Lady Isa and Hampton Red were on loan to SYC for the entire series with Lady Isa undertaking start line and finishing line duties each day.

Competitors came from most states of Australia with a large contingent from Western Australia, who leased boats from the Victorian supplier. Some sailors came from New Zealand, USA and even as far away as the Czech Republic. This gave the regatta a truly international flavour.

After the invitation race on the Monday morning, the fleet of 83 entrants was divided into a gold fleet and a silver fleet. At the end of the first day it was clear that the competition on water was going to be fierce and results close.

Melbourne's weather lived up to its reputation. The first couple of days were 15-20 knots with seas to match. These conditions made the going hard, particularly for the very junior sailors. The last two days were 8-12 knots coupled with 30 degree temperatures. There were plenty of competitors seen swimming after sailing had finished on these days.

Three age divisions are set up for this class of boat – U13, U16 and U19. Some of the sailors were as young as 6 or 7 years and

skippers can remain in the class until they turn 19 years of age.

Some of the junior SYC sailors were quite successful at this regatta in the various age group divisions. A few of them have been picked to participate in the upcoming world championships at Safety Beach Sailing Club in December 2015.

Russell Brown



Vale: Peter Jones

Members of Hampton Sailing Club were saddened recently with the passing of long-time member Peter Jones on 13 February.

Peter learned to sail at Parkdale Yacht Club in the 1960's and became involved in establishing the Scouts' Sailing Centre at Hampton in the 1970's.

In 1999 he joined Hampton Sailing Club and immediately became a very active member. He taught one of his grandsons to sail here and he involved himself in many of the 'non-sailing' aspects at the Club. These included motor boat maintenance and trailer repairs plus the restoration of Kingfisher and a Soling keel boat!

Peter was Commodore from 2001 to 2004. During this time he ably guided the Club's administrative functions and strongly promoted its activities whenever and wherever he could.

In 2006 Peter was made an Honorary Life Member of the Club and in recent years purchased an Access dinghy so that he could

still venture out on the water solo in a relatively safe boat.

Duty Rosters and Attendance by Members

It seems some members need a regular reminder about performing their rostered Club Duty. Most members are rostered on either one Saturday or Sunday each year.

The most up-to-date roster is published as the last page of the Main Sheet newsletter, and copy is also posted on the Club Notice Board. If you cannot attend on the rostered day, it is your responsibility to arrange an exchange with another member on the roster.

The Committee believes that the Duty Officer system is a relevant part of the Club's activities. For example, prior to racing on one Sunday afternoon there was no adult on shore and the gates and club house were still open. Fortunately, a non-sailing member turned up and agreed to take on the job of the missing Duty Officer for that day.

The role of the Club Duty Officer is important and the Committee ask that members take this on this task when rostered to do so (or make alternative arrangements with someone else).

News on the website

There has been some more work done on the Club website.

Members should visit the website for all up to date information relating to activities around the club. The notice board will also be constantly updated with the latest and most important information that members need to know. The Main Sheet newsletter will also be posted on our website.

Newsletter Items

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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
01-Feb-15	Autumn 2	PH		Frank Leipper	Sheila O'Shea	Neil Watson	Jim Shaw
08-Feb-15	Club Champ 6	YV		Stewart Simmons	Tim Ede	Steve Moller	Michelle Moller
15-Feb-15	Autumn 3	PH		David Thompson	Nick Smith	Paul Johnson	Claude Vergez
22-Feb-15	Club Champ 7	YV		William Brown	Russell Brown	Lex Cousin	Jorn Rose
01-Mar-15	Autumn 4	PH	COMMODORE'S CUP	Greg Clark	Glenys Hitchen	Angus Wilson	Ken Trotter
08-Mar-15			Labour Day Holiday - No Racing Scheduled				
15-Mar-15	Club Champ 8	YV		Frank Leipper	Emmanuel Skoutas	Neil Watson	Alexis Chabrol
22-Mar-15	Autumn 5	PH		Michael Cook	Andrew Cook	David Seymour	Alan Lees
29-Mar-15	Club Champ 9	YV		William Brown	Russell Brown	Charles Bagossy	Dawn Clark
05-Apr-15			Easter Sunday - No racing scheduled				
12-Apr-15	Autumn 6	PH		Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot	Andrew Gruby	Matthew Gruby
19-Apr-15	Club Champ 10	YV		Stewart Simmons	Sue Hatton	Paul Johnson	Jean-Pierre Chabrol
26-Apr-15	Shipwreck Classic	PH		Frank Leipper	Sheila O'Shea	Bruce Haddock	Fiona Bennett
3-May-15	Sprint Series 2	PH	Short course races	William Brown	Russell Brown	Stewart Simmons	Charles Bagossy