

# THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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## Newsletter Editor's Note

The weather has been kind to us since the beginning of 2015. With the exception of the last Club Championship race day, there have been no cancellations and two races have been conducted on each Sunday.

Our Finn fleet continues to grow in size but the biggest surprise has come from the 420s. The recent contest between these boats has been very close! Competition is fierce with placings changing 2 and 3 times during each race.

Fleet sizes have been variable. There has been a noticeable drop in the number of competitors with the cooler temperatures and daylight saving finishing over the Easter period.

There are two important dates still left on the sailing calendar. Next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April is the Shipwreck Classic. This is an informal event run at the end of each season. It is a LeMons start with the first (slowest) boat leaving the beach at 1:30 pm.

This year we are finishing the season with a series of Short Course races on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The exact format is yet to be decided but there will be at least three short races in the afternoon.

Back on shore, Frank Leipper is organising a working bee for Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. The Club needs its usual post-season clean and tidy up.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May. (See page 4 below for details). As usual this will be followed by afternoon tea and presentation of trophies for the racing season.

**William Brown**  
Newsletter Editor

## Upcoming Social Events

- The SHIPWRECK CLASSIC RACE will be conducted on **Sunday, 26 April**. Traditionally, this is a stern chaser event with the slowest boat leaving the beach first followed by faster boats according to personal handicap. All boats should, in theory, cross the finish line at about the same time. The start will be at 1:30 pm.

Racing will be followed with an end of season barbeque. Come along for the sailing or the food, or both.

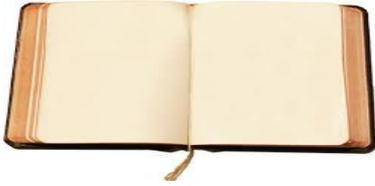
- Afternoon tea and presentation of prizes/trophies for the 2014-2015 season will take place at the conclusion of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held on **Sunday, 31 May** commencing at **3:30 pm**. This is the last social gathering of the Hampton Sailing Club for the current season. Members are encouraged to bring a plate.

## Working Bee – Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May



The next scheduled working bee will be held on **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May** starting at **9 am**. The usual end of year tidy up is needed again. General maintenance and gardening tasks will be the order of the day. It would be appreciated if some members could bring gardening tools.

**Frank Leipper**  
House Secretary

**New Location for Club's Injury Log Book**

Recently a Finn skipper retired injured from Sunday racing. After seeking medical treatment the member was unable to fill in the Club's Injury Log Book because it was locked in the Committee Room.

To allow members access to the Injury Log Book, when necessary, the book is now located with the First Aid kit in the kitchen.

**Un-identified Lasers**

An audit of boats, kayaks and sailboards stored at the Club in recent months has been completed. It was hard to confirm ownership of several water craft as they had no indentifying marks.

There are two Lasers stored in the racks that the Boat Storage Officer has been unable verify who the owners are. He has placed notices on the sterns of these vessels. The owners are asked to contact the Boat Storage Officer, Alan Lees to confirm that they own these boats.

**Payment of Membership Subscriptions**

At the HSC committee held this month the Membership Secretary reported on the current membership status. At this late stage in the Club's financial year approximately 20% of members have still not paid their annual subscriptions. And it is worth remembering that subscriptions were due mid 2014!

The Club's annual revenue is almost totally dependent on income from membership subscriptions. HSC operates on a very slim profit margin and balancing expenditure against income can be difficult. When members do not pay their annual subscriptions on time the Club struggles to cover its ever increasing maintenance and utility bills.

For the 2015/2016 season, members will be invited to renew their membership with the Club. They will then be expected to pay their annual subscription within a reasonable time period. Those who do not will become "un-financial". There will be consequences for un-financial members, such as races being un-scored from the beginning of the racing season.

More information will be provided to members in a covering letter that will accompany their subscription renewal notices next month.

**Third-Party Insurance Required for Boats Stored at the Club**

The Committee has been reviewing the Club's Boat Storage Application and Agreement (BSAA) document in recent months. There have been one or two incidents in the last 12 months where damage has been sustained to boats stored on the Club's premises.

A revised version of the BSAA is currently being prepared which will include a new clause regarding insurance for boats. Members who have a sailing craft stored at the Club will be required to have third-party damage and liability insurance. It will be strongly recommended that paddleboards and kayaks have such insurance coverage.

Sailing/yacht clubs around Port Phillip and Westernport Bays that offer boat storage to their members/owners insist they have third-party insurance. The new clause in the Hampton Sailing Club BSAA will bring it into line with other clubs in Victoria.

Members of HSC who have boats stored at the club will be sent the new BSAA once it has been amended. Members will be asked to sign and return the BSAA before the commencement of the 2015/2016 racing season.

### **GPS missing**



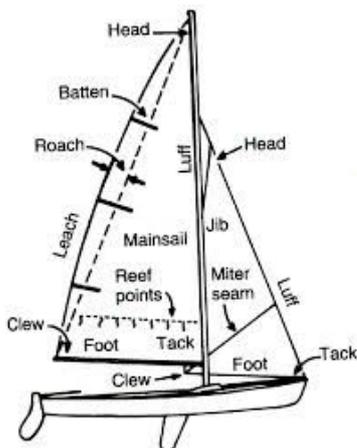
One of the Club's GPS devices is missing. The black hand-held device is in a black zippered pouch. It was last used by race management crews three weeks ago and has not been seen since. Any member knowing the whereabouts of the device is asked to contact the Sailing Secretary, Stewart Simmons.

### **Newsletter Items**

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Newsletters are published every 2 months and distribution timing depends on the month of publication.

**William Brown**  
Newsletter Editor



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, 31 MAY 2015

Hampton Sailing Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the Clubrooms on Sunday, 31 May (starting at 3.30pm). Please mark this date in your diary.

All members are encouraged to attend the AGM to hear how the Club is progressing, and to raise any questions or suggestions about the Club's activities.

Notice of the AGM, along with an agenda and nomination forms, will be sent to all Club members at the end of April. The formal business of the meeting will be followed by presentation of prizes for the 2014-15 sailing season, rounded off with afternoon tea.

Members who feel inclined to offer their time and skills to help manage the business of the Club are encouraged to nominate for positions on the Committee. Meetings are normally held on one evening per month throughout the year, and provide a great way for members to get involved in steering the on-going development of the Club.

This newsletter gives a brief outline of the duties and attributes relevant to specific positions on the Committee. In addition, a number of positions are available for members who may wish to take a more general role, assisting with tasks that arise during the year.

If you are interested in any of the positions described below, or in joining the Committee in a more general capacity, please feel welcome to discuss your interest with the Commodore or any current Committee member.

### COMMODORE

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Conduct monthly committee meetings.
- ❖ Manage the Club executive.
- ❖ Represent the Club in the local community.
- ❖ Represent the Club at external functions.

#### **Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good organisational skills.
- ❖ Good interpersonal skills.

#### **Required Resources**

- ❖ Plenty of time to attend to Club matters.
- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.
- ❖ Enthusiasm for the Club and its on-going development.

### VICE-COMMODORE

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Assist the Commodore and represent the Club where necessary.
- ❖ Chair meetings of the committee in the Commodore's absence.
- ❖ Lead or undertake key Club projects.

#### **Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good organisational skills.
- ❖ Good interpersonal skills.

#### **Required Resources**

- ❖ Time to attend to Club matters.
- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.

### SECRETARY

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Keep minutes of committee meetings.
- ❖ Receive and respond to correspondence.
- ❖ Manage the Club's administrative affairs.
- ❖ Act generally on behalf of the Club.

#### **Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good knowledge of business processes.

#### **Required Resources**

- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.

### TREASURER

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Manage the Club's finances.
- ❖ Collect and receive monies due to the Club and make payments authorised by the Club.
- ❖ Keep accurate accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Club.
- ❖ Provide an annual budget.
- ❖ Arrange for audit of Club financial affairs.

#### **Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good knowledge of business and accounting practices.

#### **Required Resources**

- ❖ Access to computer with commonly used accounting software.

### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Produce the Club newsletter up to 6 times per year.

#### **Desired Skills**

- ❖ Ability to compile information from members into a coherent form.
- ❖ Ability to produce print-ready newsletter in PDF format.

**Required Resources**

- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.

SAILING SECRETARY**Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Organise the Club's annual program of sailing activities (races, social sails, etc).
- ❖ Manage the roster of race control and rescue boat crews.
- ❖ Promote and co-ordinate training relevant to the Club's sailing program.
- ❖ Manage maintenance of the Club's race control and rescue boats, and of equipment necessary for conducting the sailing program.
- ❖ Promote awareness of relevant safety requirements and standards, and monitor compliance with these during Club events.

**Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good sailing knowledge.
- ❖ Good organisational skills.

**Required Resources**

- ❖ Plenty of time to attend to sailing matters.

SOCIAL SECRETARY**Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Organise the Club's social functions.

**Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good organisational skills.
- ❖ Good interpersonal skills.
- ❖ A sense of fun.

**Required Resources**

- ❖ Access to computer, internet and email.

HOUSE SECRETARY**Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Plan and manage the maintenance of Club facilities.
- ❖ Organise working bees.
- ❖ Develop and maintain plans for future development of Club facilities.

**Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good knowledge of building and maintenance practices.
- ❖ Good organisational skills.

**Required Resources**

- ❖ Access to tools and equipment.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Process membership applications and manage the induction of new members.
- ❖ Maintain the membership database, including a register of Club keys issued to members.
- ❖ Produce the Duty Officer roster for inclusion in each Club newsletter.
- ❖ Maintain register of current members on the Yachting Australia/Victoria database.
- ❖ Manage annual subscription notices.

**Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good organisational skills.
- ❖ Ability to use, maintain and develop the membership database.
- ❖ Awareness of privacy requirements relating to use of membership data.

**Required Resources**

- ❖ Access to computer (with good quality printer), internet and email.
- ❖ Time and commitment (this is a relatively complex role, for which candidates should be prepared to commit for at least 2-3 years).

BOAT STORAGE OFFICER**Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Maintain an accurate register of members' boats stored at the Club.
- ❖ Manage allocation of boat storage space.
- ❖ Monitor compliance with the Club's by-laws relating to storage of boats and equipment.
- ❖ Act as point of contact for enquiries about boat storage matters.

**Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good organisational and record-keeping skills.
- ❖ Good interpersonal skills.
- ❖ Reasonable knowledge of off-the-beach boats and their equipment.

**Required Resources**

- ❖ Access to computer and email.
- ❖ Time and commitment.

**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
26-Apr-15	Shipwreck Classic	PH	Start at 1:30 pm	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