

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

Hampton Sailing Club is going to be celebrating its 70th Birthday this coming season. The opening day, **4th October** is going to be the official day of celebration. Not only is this going to be the first of the sprint series days, but the overall winner of this day will also get a one-off 70th Birthday Cup. More details of this day will be made available to members closer to the date.

As we get closer to the beginning of the new season the Sailing Committee will be holding a briefing session for the 2015/2016 Sailing Instructions. This will be held at the club house at **1 pm on Sunday, 13 September**. The main changes next season are that classes of boats will sail in divisions and there will only be one aggregate series of races.

The Finns held a training day at the end of July. Due to the recent cold spell Melbourne has been going through, the Finn sailors were surprised to find ice covering their boats inside and out.



The Club acknowledges that trailers are required to transport boats to and from the club. However, members reminded to remove their trailers at their earliest

convenience and not leave them for extended periods in the yard or car park. Further to this point, could the owner of the trailer in the car park leaning against the front fence please remove it or it will be sent for scrap.

William Brown
Newsletter Editor

Winter Series Update

As you would all know the June races of the Winter Series were postponed to allow completion of the bathroom/showers refurbishment. The July races were cancelled as a result of extremely strong winds and a bad weather forecast for that Sunday.

The next event in the Winter Series is the **Winter Warriors** on the **30th August**. All members are reminded there will be the traditional soup and bread at the conclusion of the races. All members are encouraged to make it down and enjoy the food and, hopefully, a pleasant day's racing. The last day of racing of the Winter Series will be held on the 27th September. Two days of racing would lead to successful scoring of the Winter Series 2015.

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

Bathroom Update

The showers are very close to completion. As you read this, the final touches are being made to the bathrooms. The showers have now been completed. There are three cubicles with all new fittings, and complete with glass screen doors. New wall and floor tiles now adorn the area. We are now just waiting for the hand basins, which will be installed with both hot and cold water running taps.



Frank Lipper
House Secretary

HSC Race Officers Course 29 August

A final reminder that a Race Officers Course has been organised for **Saturday, 29 August** at the club house.

This is a one-day event where you can learn how to set courses, run races and a lot more besides. Log on to the YV website to enrol. The course will be cancelled if there are not enough entries.

The cost of the course is \$95 but remember, the Club will contribute the cost (\$35) of the 'Blue Book' of rules.

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

Working Bee

The usual pre-season Working Bee will be held on **Sunday, 20th September** (9 am start). There is plenty of cleaning and tidying to do to get the club house and grounds ship-shape before the beginning of the 2015/2016 racing season. Come on down and lend a hand.

Frank Lipper
House Secretary

Payment of Subscription Fees for 2015/16

In the last issue of the Main Sheet members were urged to renew their 2015/2016 subscription fees promptly this year. The 'early bird' fee discount was extended to the end of July and many members took

advantage of this incentive. As at the beginning of August 2015, about two-thirds of members have paid their annual subscriptions.

However, members who have not yet paid are reminded that they are now UN-FINANCIAL. Such members are called on to take the time to pay their fees as soon as possible. Because Hampton Sailing Club has a relatively small membership base, prompt payment of fees is important to our cash flow. The committee would like all membership renewals to be finalised in the next few weeks.

And remember, un-financial members will not be scored in Club 2015/2016 races until they pay their subscriptions fees; no fees payment – no score.

Russell Brown
Club Secretary

Finn World Master Championships 2015 – Kavala, Greece



The friendly welcome (Yassas!), the beautiful food (lamb, fetta, tomato, saganaki), the sensational waters of the Aegean and the camaraderie of 204 sailors sharing their love of our wonderful sport were the highlights of the Hampton members journey to the Finn Worlds Masters in Kavala Greece.

Of the 204 competitors, eight Australians made the journey to this beautiful port city on the Aegean Sea. Four of us were proudly representing Hampton Sailing Club, Greg

Clarke, Jake Gunther, Phil Chadwick and Stuart Skeggs.

We all made our way to Kavala with different itineraries. Greg (and Dawn) spent time in Turkey, Jake explored the Greek Islands, Phil (and family) spent time in Athens and Stuart (and family) went straight to Kavala. When we all came together days before the event, our stories were all about how wonderful Greece was and how friendly the Greeks were. This was reinforced during our time in Kavala, when we were all able to experience Greek hospitality together.

Reports were that the Kavala race course would produce light air. And the forecasts were spot on. Day 1 saw some gusts to 12 knots and that was to be the “heavy” air day of the regatta. The remainder of the days ranged from 0 to 8 knots.

With large numbers of boats competing, racing was split into multiple fleets. For the Finn Masters there were two. Each morning you would be allocated your fleet, blue or yellow. Having 102 boats on a start line is quite challenge!

The Finn masters fleet ranges from the super competitive sailors (from a country perspective, the Russians and the Dutch were the standouts) to the amazing Legends (70 -80 years) who have sailed Finns all their lives. Incredibly, at this year’s annual general meeting a new category was formed, Super Legends (80 -90 years)!

Congratulations to Jake who had a fantastic result of 30th overall and 12th in his division of Grand Master. Jake has been travelling to Europe for the world masters for many years and his experience in big fleets certainly showed. For Greg (2 worlds), Phil and Stuart (their first), the experience has left them counting the days until the next Championships at Lake Garda in Italy.

Kavala is not a well known tourist destination. It is a bit “off the beaten track”. Being so close to both the Bulgarian and Turkish borders, it represents a wonderful fusion of cultures. The Hampton team spent many evenings together experiencing the remarkable food, music and hospitality of these wonderful people. We all highly

recommend a visit to this very special part of Greece.

If you think sailing a Finn sounds pretty good, you are absolutely right! Come and see us and this time next year we will be reminiscing about the sensational time we had at Lake Garda.

Efcharistó_Elláda
Thankyou Greece

Stuart Skeggs
Finn AUS33



Sail Sandy

The annual regatta for off-the-beach classes conducted by Sandringham Yacht Club will be held over the weekend 17 & 18 October 2015.

Hampton Sailing Club sailors are invited to participate. The regatta is open to all monohull and catamaran classes of boats with a listed YV yardstick.

Entries can be made via the Sandringham Yacht Club website:
www.syc.com.au/regattas/sail-sandy-2015/

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William Brown
Newsletter Editor

Hampton Sailing Club Winter Racing Calendar – 2015

Briefing: – 12:00pm

Start: – 1:00pm

Date	Event	Handicap	Comments	Race Controller	Isa Crew	Hampton Red	Rescue Crew
30 August 2015	Winter Series 2	PH	Winter Warriors	William Brown	Russell Brown	Andrew Gruby	Jack Gruby
27 September 2015	Winter Series 3	PH		William Brown	Russell Brown	Alexis Chabrol	Gaucelm Timbal

Hampton Sailing Club Racing Calendar – 2015/2016 Season

Briefing: – 1:00pm

Start: – 2:00pm

Date	Event	Handicap	Comments	Race Controller	Isa Crew	Hampton Red	Rescue Crew
04-Oct-15	Sprint Series	PH		William Brown	Frank Leipper	Stewart Simmons	Elly Simmons
11-Oct-15	Club Chapianship 1	YV		David Thompson	Alex Thompson	Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot
18-Oct-15	No Racing		Sail Sandy				
25-Oct-15	Club Chapianship 2	YV		John Adshead	Russell Brown	Ralph Brown	Clare Adshead
01-Nov-15	Aggregate 1	PH		John Shallvey	Stuart Skeggs	Tim Ede	Ken Trotter
08-Nov-15	SYC/HSC Interclub Race	N/A	SYC Host				
15-Nov-15	Aggregate 2	PH		Jake Gunther	Greg Clark	Robert Lichter	Phil Chadwick
22-Nov-15	Club Championship 3	YV		Fank Leipper	Shella O'Shea	David Seymore	Aurelie Chabrol
29-Nov-15	Aggregate 3	PH		Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot	Paul Johnson	Dawn Clark
06-Dec-15	Club Championship 4	YV		Michael Cook	Russell Brown	Andrew Cook	Claude Vergez
13-Dec-15	Aggregate 4	PH		Stewart Simmons	Jorn Rose	Charles Bagossy	Emmanuel Skoutas
20-Dec-15	Club Championship 5	YV		Neil Watson	John Maddick	Bruce Haddock	Fiona Bennett
27-Dec-15	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled				
03-Jan-16	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled				