

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

The start of the 2015/2016 has got off to a fabulous start. The weather on the Opening Day and the first Club Championship races could not have been better. Further details are given in the Sailing Secretary's report in this issue.

By now most of you will be aware this is the 70th year of operation of our Club since the Victorian Ladies Yacht Club (VLYC) was established in 1945/6. To acknowledge this milestone the Club will be holding a Birthday Party on Saturday, 24 October (6:30 for 7:00 pm). This will be a gathering of current members of Hampton Sailing Club and, hopefully, some former members of VLYC. Come along and celebrate this significant event with us at the club house.

The full racing calendar for the 2015/2016 season has been completed and is published in this issue (pages 5 & 6). Please check the timetable and note when you are rostered on race management duty. Being a small club HSC relies on its members to help run the races each Sunday. We try to limit regular competitors to just 1 or 2 days per year. If you are unsure of what is required when you are on duty contact a member of the Sailing Committee in advance.

The Finn Association has requested HSC to run the Victorian Championships over the weekend of 20-21 February 2016. If agreement is reached over the arrangements for hosting this event, HSC will be asking for volunteers to help out with both on-water and shore-based activities. More information will be provided in the December newsletter.

William Brown
Newsletter Editor

43rd Tasar Nationals in Townsville



This year the Tasar Nationals were held in Townsville from the 26th of September to the 3rd of October. Coming out of winter this seemed like a good proposition and on the 12th of September we loaded 10 Tasars, beach trolleys and various sailing gear in a container. Tasar sailors are quite experienced at doing this and with the help of everybody the task was completed within 4 hours.

We landed in Townsville 2 days before the regatta. After settling in an apartment overlooking the bay we unpacked the boat, dragged it to the club (400 m walk) and we were ready to go. A quick sail on the Friday in 15 knots to check that everything was working, 3 impromptu short races with approx. 30 boats on the Saturday to get used to crowded mark roundings... and we were (almost) ready for the invitation race on the Sunday.

There were 61 boats with every state represented, including Tasmania. The first 2

days (2 + 3 races) were raced in moderate winds, around 12 knots and we enjoyed the warm water and beautiful background of Magnetic Island. Wednesday was a lay day and we took an early ferry to explore Magnetic Island. The wind forecast for the rest of the week was getting scary (30 knots on Saturday) so the PRO wisely managed to get 3 races on the Thursday (around 18 knots) and 2 on the Friday 20+ knots for the last race, with 10 boats retiring after the 9th race.

The Titles were wrapped a day earlier and we had the Saturday to explore the coast North of Townsville before coming back for the presentation night at the museum and a quick look at the Pandora exhibition. We finished 39/61 and had a consistent regatta with our worst placing being 44th and our best 34th.

We did not have many opportunities to train before the nationals, a couple of races at the Mordialloc Winter series, but enjoyed the great mix of social events and serious racing and the relaxed atmosphere of Townsville. The club was very welcoming and the foreshore was quite busy every morning from 5.30 onwards with people running, walking, skate boarding etc....

We returned to Melbourne relaxed and race ready for the sailing season, the container arrived just in time for us to unpack the boats and participate in Sail Sandy, another great week end of sailing.

Kate and Blaise ZeShed 2642



Sailing Secretary's Report

The Opening Day of the season was a relatively quiet affair. For the nine competitors who turned up it was, by the end of the day, an event to remember. Racing was a series of 4 short sprint races each with two windward and return circuits.

The first couple of races were conducted in light winds; each being finished well within the scheduled 30 minutes duration. As the wind came up the course length was extended in an effort to increase the racing times.

All nine competitors stayed on the course to complete the full series of races. Everyone was back at the club house by 4:30 for the presentations. The Commodore had organised special '70th Birthday' trophies for the place getters. Results were calculated on personal handicaps and the series winner was Neil Watson in his Impulse 'Red Peril'.

The following Sunday proved to be another great day of racing. The predicted strong winds did not eventuate and giving us perfect(?) sailing conditions; 8 – 12 knots from the South with seas rising to about 0.5 metre by the end of the day.

This was the first day of racing where the fleet was split into two divisions, but will all boats starting together. The Finns in Division 1 sailed a windward leg that was 200 metres longer than all the other boats (Division 2). For the first race the Finns had finishing times in the 'middle' of the Division 2 finishers. This is what the race controller was expecting would happen and it was good to see theory translated into practice.

Because the wind had increased for the second race, the top mark for Division 1 boats was extended to 400 metres beyond the Division 2 windward mark. This proved to be a wise move as the Finns had a significantly longer race, but still finished only a couple of minutes behind most of the Division 2 boats.

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

Club House Bookings

- Thursday 22 October - Afternoon and evening
- Saturday 28 November – Evening

Members will be advised of the date of the Christmas Dinner for 2015. Probably at the end of November again as this suited a lot of people last year

Fiona Stephens
Social Secretary

Bathroom Update

The bathroom upgrade is now finally finished. Showers and hand basins look good and feedback from members is that everything is working well.

The next project is to install a power outlet and a ventilation fan (if possible) in the women's change room.

Frank Lipper
House Secretary

Use of Hampton Duck

HSC is loaning our grey RHIB 'Hampton Duck' to Sandringham Yacht Club for their young sailors training program. SYC will be using the 'Duck' on Sunday mornings up to the Christmas/New Year break.

After SYC has finished with the 'Duck' each Sunday, it will be tied left up at an SYC pontoon. HSC members are encouraged to take the 'Duck' out in the afternoon. It can be used as a support/spectator boat during Club races in the afternoon, and also be available on course for towing, etc. if needed. This may be of interest to those who wish to improve their boat driving skills, and give an extra pair of hands to assist in putting the boats away at the end of the day.

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

Members with First Aid Qualifications

Each year HSC updates its Risk Management policy and practice documents. This includes

a list of members who have current First Aid qualifications. It is some time since HSC membership was surveyed about this and the existing list may well be out of date.

Members with up-to-date certificates in First Aid are asked to advise the committee. Please email HSC using our Gmail address as follows: hampton.sailing.club@gmail.com

Depending on the level of response, the committee may need to organise some First Aid courses for members.

Russell Brown
Club Secretary

Sail Sandy

The annual Sail Sandy regatta was successfully conducted over the weekend 17-18 October. Weather conditions for both days were light winds and only slight seas. A number of Finns and one Tasar from HSC competed in the event this year.

SYC hired our power boats to run the Green Fleet racing on both days. Some HSC members and parent volunteers from the Optimist dinghy fleet set up the Delta course just offshore from Hampton Lifesaving Club. Twelve young Optimist sailors competed in a series of short races each day. Judging by the on-course chatter and laughter they had a great time on both days, and each sailor came away with a trophy or pennant from the presentation ceremony.

SYC has lots of experience in running big sailing regattas. It is a lot of fun helping out with these events and SYC is always looking for volunteers on these occasions. If you have the time next year you may want to consider volunteering.

SYC Car Boot Sale

Sandringham Yacht Club is conducting a Car Boot Sale in its car park on Saturday 24 October, 10 am to 12 midday. The purpose of the sale is to give people the chance to sell old or unwanted boating, yachting and marine

equipment. Come along and see if you can pick up a bargain.

Beach Road Closure

Please note that part of Beach Road will be closed to traffic on Sunday 8 November from 6 am to 11 am. A triathlon race routed along Beach Road will mean that vehicle access to Jetty Road will have to be made from Georgiana Street during this time.

Newsletter Items

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William Brown
Newsletter Editor

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
25-Oct-15	Club Championship 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		Frank Leipper	Sheila O'Shea	David Seymour	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				
10-Jan-16	Sprint Series	PH		William Brown	Russell Brown	Leeanne Rothacker	Fiona Stephens
17-Jan-16	Aggregate 5	PH		Frank Leipper	Sheila O'Shea	Bruce Haddock	Fiona Bennett
24-Jan-16	Australia Day	-	Australia Day Holiday - No Racing				
31-Jan-16	Club Championship 6	YV - HSC Host		William Brown	Russell Brown	Stewart Simmons	Neil Watson
07-Feb-16	Aggregate 6	PH		Stewart Simmons	John Maddick	Alexis Chabrol	Gauclm Timbal
14-Feb-16	Club Championship 7	YV		Michael Cook	Michael Johnson	Andrew Gruby	Jack Gruby
21-Feb-16	Aggregate 7	PH		David Thompson	Alex Thompson	Lex Cusin	Jorn Rose
28-Feb-16	Club Championship 8	YV		John Adshead	Jim Shaw	Charles Bagossy	Sarah Shaw
06-Mar-16	Aggregate 8	PH	Commodore's Cup	Greg Clark	Russell Brown	Paul Johnson	Dawn Clark
13-Mar-16	Labour day	-	Labour Day Holiday - No Racing				
20-Mar-16	Club Championship 9	YV		Stewart Simmons	Ely Simmons	Steve Moller	Michelle Moller
27-Mar-16	Easter	-	Easter Weekend - No Racing				
03-Apr-16	Aggregate 9	PH		John Shallvey	Stuart Skeggs	Ralph Brown	Ken Trotter
10-Apr-16	Club Championship 10	YV		Frank Leipper	Sheila O'Shea	David Seymour	Aurelie Chabrol

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17-Apr-16	Aggregate 10	PH	Jake Gunther	Greg Clark	Robert Lichter	Phil Chadwick
24-Apr-16	Shipwreck Classic	PH	William Brown	Sheila O'Shea	Angus Wilson	Dawn Clark
01-May-16	Sprint Series	PH	William Brown	Russell Brown	Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot

