

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

We are approaching the half way mark of the racing season and it should be noted that to date the weather has been kind. We have cancelled racing on only two Sundays owing to bad weather. Nearly all the races have been sailed in light to medium conditions despite worrying forecasts of strong winds on some days.

Turnout of competitors has been disappointing in spite of the good racing that the Club has been enjoying. On a couple of days we ended up with only 7 boats out on the course. Let's hope good weather at the beginning of 2016 will boost fleet numbers in the second half of the racing season.

This year the Sail Melbourne regatta was located in St Kilda. One result of this move is that HSC has been able to schedule races each Sunday right up to Christmas.

The Club's 70th Birthday was a delightful social event this year. It was very well attended by current members (particularly non-sailing ones) and past members of the Victorian Ladies Yacht Club.

This year's Christmas Party was again a great success. Fiona and Leanne and their band of helpers created a memorable meal in a wonderful setting. Prawns on the deck for entrée and a fabulous ice cream cake for dessert are becoming almost a tradition at this annual event.

This edition of the newsletter is coming out later than I hoped, but it will reach members before our festive break at the end of 2015. I wish all members and their families a happy Christmas and a safe New Year. Hope to see you down at the Club in 2016.

William Brown
Newsletter Editor

Victorian Finn Championships at HSC

Hampton Sailing Club has been asked to host the Victorian Finn Championships next year. The event will take place over the weekend **20-21 February 2016**. The Sailing Committee is finalising the arrangements with the Finn Association with regards to roles and responsibilities for the event. A lot of the preparatory 'paper work' will be done by the Association.

Hampton Sailing Club will be responsible for running the races on both days and providing an evening BBQ meal on Saturday and a lunch for the presentation ceremony on Sunday afternoon.

An email was sent to members a few weeks ago asking for members to volunteer their services over the weekend. I am encouraged by the positive response received from that request. However, if the series is to be a success we will need more people to help out with on-water and catering tasks.

If you can donate some of your time to help on either the Saturday, the Sunday, or both days this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me via the HSC email address, or a phone call.

(Please note there will be no Club racing on Sunday, 21 February).

Russell Brown
Club Secretary

Sailing Secretary's Report

As already reported, the racing season is progressing well but with less competitors than we would expect. The best way to maximise your fun on the water, and get good results, is to compete in as many races as possible. Remember, the more races you

complete, the more bad results you can discard.

Racing conditions have been predominantly light for the first race of each Sunday, with the wind increasing and seas rising to moderate for the second race.

Our sailing club is one of only a few on Port Phillip Bay that conduct racing in the month of January. The first races in January (Sunday the 10th) will be a series of Short Course races. A group of RS100's will be visiting on this day from neighbouring clubs (Black Rock Yacht Club and Brighton Yacht Club).

On Sunday, 31 January HSC will host the second series of races with Sandringham Yacht Club off-the-beach boats. The first exchange races took place on 8 November when HSC boats raced with SYC. Lack of wind resulted in only two slow races being sailed around shortened courses. A memorable day for the wrong reasons.

Conducting Club races in two divisions is working quite well. The divisions are sailing different length courses but competitors are posting finishing times where by the 'first finishers' do not have to wait a long time for the 'stragglers' to cross the finish line. The only complaint is that the Division 2 white windward mark is hard to see in windy conditions when there are white caps. The Sailing Committee will try to work out a way to give the buoy a more visible colour.

The committee has been considering a proposal to replace the power boat Lady Isa with a larger vessel. This would be a significant financial outlay for the Club. It is important that the replacement craft is suitable for the tasks it has to perform. A sub-committee of members has been created to identify the features that are required and investigate possible replacement boats. The sub-committee is expected to report its findings to members early in 2016.

Finally, can members please check when they are rostered on race management duty. Please arrange a swap with other another member if you can't do the duty on the day.

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

Club House Bookings

- Saturday 26 December (Boxing Day) – Lunch

Members wishing to book the club house for personal or family events need to contact Fiona Stephens, Social Secretary. Sufficient warning is to be given to other members by posting a notification of the event on the windows next to the front door and balcony door.

Please note that the club house cannot be booked on New Year Eve. The club house will remain open all day (and night) so that any member can come down to use the facilities and celebrate the event.

Fiona Stephens
Social Secretary

Hampton Sailing Club and Sail Country



Tasar sailors in front of the Albury Wodonga Yacht Club

Three members of HSC took part in the 'Sail Country' regatta in Albury on the Cup Day weekend. New HSC member, Monica Toner competed in the Laser Radial class, and Phil Chadwick was the only Finn and competed in the Alpha course mixed class. Kate and Blaise Vinot joined a group of 6 Tasars.

As a group effort we piled up the Tasar on top of the Finn trailer as Phil was towing his camper trailer.

The weather was stormy and upon arrival on the Saturday morning it was pouring, so the start of the regatta was delayed. We still managed to fit in 3 races that day. Sunday

morning again was stormy and racing was delayed, but we managed to squeeze in 2 races. The wind was generally light but there was enough of it to have competitive racing. The regatta was the Victorian Dinghy Championship and part of the Laser Master series, so the whole club was covered with tents, kids and parents in a very friendly atmosphere. It was a great week end away and we will go back next year, hope you can join us.

Blaise Vinot

Payments to Club ANZ Bank Account

The Treasurer reports that more members are paying their annual subscriptions to the Club using EFT (electronic funds transfer). The banking details (name of account, BSB number and account number) are given in annual subscription notice sent to all members.

When members make a payment into the Club account they can only use digits to record who has made the transaction. Unless the person making the payment contacts the Treasurer it can be difficult to identify who has made the EFT.

Next financial year the Club intends to generate a unique number for each subscription notice that is issued. Members who make an EFT payment into the Club account will also enter this number. The Treasurer will then be able to identify who made the payment.

Aurelie Chabrol
Treasurer

Women in Sailing Challenge at SYC

The 2016 'Women in Sailing Challenge' will be conducted by Sandringham Yacht Club on **Sunday, 7 February 2016**. Members from sailing clubs and associations around Victoria have been invited to participate. Information about the event and Notice of Race can be found on the Sandringham Yacht Club website (www.syc.com.au) or by contacting Eloise Pritchard, Boating and Marina Officer on 9559 0902.

AGL Marine Response Unit

The AGHL Marine Response Unit was established at the Melbourne Zoo in 2013. Each year the unit deals with requests for assistance and advice concerning injured and entangled marine animals. The Unit can be contacted if members encounter marine wildlife animals that are in distress. Their phone number is:

1300 AGL MRU
(1300 245 678)

Change of Insurance Broker for HSC

The committee has recently changed the broker for the Club's insurance policies. After a review of its policy requirements and the current costs of these policies it was found the Club would get better value for money by changing insurance companies.

The Club's buildings & contents, liability risk and power boats & trailers are now insured through Tudor Insurance Australia. This company has also taken out an advertisement in the *Main Sheet* newsletter (see page 4). Members may wish to seek quotes from Tudor Insurance for their own individual needs. They deal with all types of insurance, not just marine and boats.

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William Brown
Newsletter Editor





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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
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		Stewart Simmons	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	SYC/HSC Interclub Race	Stewart Simmons	Russell Brown	Andrew Gruby	Neil Watson
07-Feb-16	Aggregate 6	PH		Stewart Simmons	John Maddick	Alexis Chabrol	Gaucelm 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	Andrew Gruby	Dawn Clark
13-Mar-16	Labour day	-	Labour Day Holiday - No Racing				
20-Mar-16	Club Championship 9	YV		Stewart Simmons	Elly 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
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

