

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

The 'Indian summer' we are currently experiencing has certainly made racing very enjoyable over the past couple of months. Fleet sizes have been good, however there has been a big increase in the number of 'visitors' participating in some of our Sunday races.

As we go to press there are two more events to go on the sailing calendar for this season. Sunday, 24 April is the Shipwreck Classic. Our last event is the third of our Sprint Series races on Sunday, 1 May.

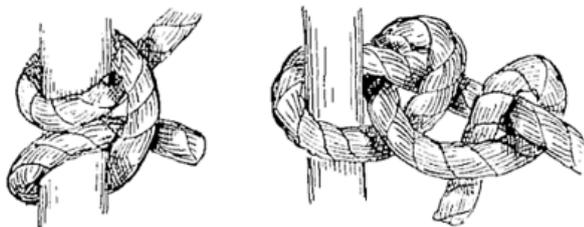
On the social side of things, the Commodore's Cocktail Party was held last Saturday night. This event is going from strength to strength. Two hours of live music created a great atmosphere for everyone to enjoy themselves.

Our 'post season' working bee will take place on Sunday, 15 May.

A number of members (including the Commodore) will be away during the month of May. Therefore, the Annual General Meeting will be delayed a week and held on Sunday, 5 June.

Hope to see you down at the Club.

William Brown
Newsletter Editor



Working Bee – Sunday, 15 May



The next scheduled working bee will be held on **Sunday, 15th May** starting at **9 am**. In addition to the usual end of year tidy up, gardening, etc. there are a couple of specific tasks planned. The first is to move the tender racks at the end of the rigging yard from the east side to the west side. This should then create more rigging space on the east side of the yard. The second is the 'hump' of ground at the base of the roller doors needs to be dug away to make it easier to push the power boats in and out of the storage area.

It would be appreciated if some members could bring shovels and gardening tools.

Frank Leipper
House Secretary

Sailing Secretary's Report

The racing season is quickly drawing to an end. The last of the Aggregate Series races were held last Sunday in almost perfect conditions. We only have the Shipwreck Classic and the last of our Sprint Series races before the official close of the 2015/2016 season. Results for the Club Championship and Aggregate series are yet to be completed.

They will be published on the HSC website when they are finalised.

Fleet sizes have varied considerably in recent months. On several occasions boats from Sandringham Yacht Club have 'visited' and swelled the number of competitors to more than 20 boats. Regular sailing days have seen between 7 to 14 boats racing with Finns comprising about half the fleet.

The Victorian Finn championships held at HSC in February went smoothly. Competition for first place was intense with the result being decided at the finish line of the last race of the series. Perhaps we can feature some of the highlights in a later edition of the newsletter this year.

The changes to the racing format this season have been given general approval by many competitors. With some fine tuning we can do even better next season. There are already tentative plans to train up members in race management skills over the winter months.

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

New Commodore and Secretary for HSC



The Commodore (Greg Clark) and Secretary (Russell Brown) have held office for 3 continuous years. HSC Regulations require that these officers now stand down and other members of the Club be elected to these positions for the 2016/2017 year.

The Commodore is the person who, traditionally, represents the Club and chairs the monthly committee meetings. The Secretary takes minutes at committee meetings and conducts the Club's business on behalf of its members.

The long standing social team of Fiona Stephens and Leeanne Rothacker have decided to retire from this work at the end of this year. Replacements for these positions are also required.

Information about these jobs, and other committee positions, is given on page 4 of this newsletter. The various offices of the committee are well defined, however the work of an individual committee member is often supported by other committee members. Being a member of the HSC committee is not demanding, no special qualifications are required and a very modest time commitment is needed.

If you want a say in how the Club is run and influence its future develop please give serious consideration to nominating for place on the committee.

Russell Brown
Club Secretary

Upcoming Social Events



- The SHIPWRECK CLASSIC RACE will be conducted on **Sunday, 24 April**. This is a fun event with a Le Mans start from the beach. Boats leave the basin according to their personal handicap, with the slowest boats leaving first. The start is scheduled for 1:30 pm. It may be earlier depending on which boats race.

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

- An afternoon tea and presentation of prizes & trophies for the 2015/2016 season will take place at the conclusion of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on **Sunday, 5 June**, which commences at **3:30 pm**. This will be the final social gathering for the current season and members are encouraged to bring a plate.

New Fee Structure for 2016/2017

Changes to the fees for the Club's next financial year were approved at the April committee meeting.

HSC has a policy of increasing its annual charges and fees by approximately the CPI and rounding to the nearest \$5. CPI in recent years has been low. This means that some fees are only increased every second year.

The fee changes for 2016/2017 are as follows:

Family - \$395 (from \$390)

Senior - \$265 (from \$260)

Junior - \$85 (from \$85)

Associate - \$40 (from \$33)

Remote - \$110 (from \$105)

Boat and Tender storage - \$185 (from \$180)

Junior boat storage - \$90 (from \$90)

Sailboard / Kayak storage - \$100 (from \$95)

The Early Bird membership discount will apply again – payment of fees to be made by 30 June 2016. (No discount applies to Associate members). The maintenance and key deposit fees are to remain unchanged.

Annual subscription notices for next financial year will be sent out to members in May 2016.

Richard Skews
Membership Secretary

New Locks and Keys

The Club has nearly exhausted its supply of spare keys to allocate to new members. Pattern stock of our current key type is no longer available with a result that no new keys can be cut to that pattern. The committee has therefore purchased replacement locks for the clubhouse and gates and 200 new keys.

To avoid inconvenience to members, the locks will not be changed until the conclusion of the current season. It is anticipated the changeover will occur on or soon after 1 July.

Members can obtain a new key upon payment of their annual membership subscription at the Annual General Meeting. Keys will be issued to those members whose membership dues are up-to-date and, where relevant, have completed a current Boat Storage Application and Agreement form (BSAA) and hold third party property insurance for their boat. Committee members will also attend at the clubhouse on some weekends in June for the issuing of new keys.

After the locks are changed, members who need a new key will have to arrange a date and time to pick it up from the Membership Secretary.

Russell Brown
Club Secretary

Borrowing of Club Equipment

It has come to the attention of the committee that some members have been borrowing items and equipment from the clubhouse. In particular, folding chairs and tables have been borrowed occasionally for private use away from the clubhouse.

Whilst it appears that all these items have been returned in the past, this practice is of concern to the committee. There is no knowing who is taking items, when they are taken, where they are going or for how long.

All items and equipment bought by Hampton Sailing Club are the property of the Club, and for use by members at the clubhouse or activities associated with HSC.

For a trial period in the future, folding chairs and tables will be loaned out to members at the discretion of the Social Secretary. The Social Secretary will need to be contacted in advance with information about how many items are being taken, to where and when they will be returned. A 'donation' will also be required on their return to the clubhouse.

Club House Bookings

- Saturday, 11 June (Neil Watson)

Remember, all clubhouse bookings by members for personal social occasions the can be made through the Social Secretary.

Fiona Stephens
Social Secretary

Lost Compass

John Maddick has lost a digital compass from his Contender dinghy. John remembers placing the compass on a boat cover in the rigging yard after unrigging his boat on Sunday, 19 or 26 March.

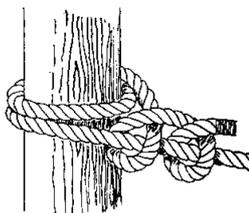
It seems this item has been picked up by mistake or has been flipped onto the ground or placed somewhere in the clubhouse. If you happen to find it John would be very grateful for its return. The item in question is not cheap to replace.

Newsletter Items

Contributions/items to my email address:
william_brown.1992@yahoo.com

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

William Brown
Newsletter Editor

***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY, 5 JUNE 2016***

Hampton Sailing Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 5 June** starting 3:30 pm (followed by afternoon tea at 4:30 pm). This is one week later than has been the practice in the past.

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

Notice of the AGM, along with an agenda and nomination forms, will be sent to all Club members in early May. The formal business of the meeting will be followed by food (please bring a plate) and drink, and then the presentation of prizes for the 2015/2016 sailing season.

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. The Committee normally meets on one evening per month throughout the year, and provides a great way for members to have a say in directing the development of their Club.

Below is a brief outline of the duties and attributes relevant to specific positions on the Committee. In addition, there are a number of general Committee positions available for members.

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 (or come along to the Committee meeting scheduled for 7:30pm on Thursday, 12 May).

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, internet and email.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR**Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Produce the Club newsletter 6 times per year.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Able 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 boats kept at the Club and of Club keys issued to members.
- ❖ Produce the Duty Officer Roster monthly.
- ❖ Maintain current list of members on Yachting Australia/Victoria database.
- ❖ Manage annual subscription notices.

Desired Skills

- ❖ Good organisational skills.
- ❖ Ability to use, maintain and develop the membership database.



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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 |
|-----------|-------------------|----------|--|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| 24-Apr-16 | Shipwreck Classic | PH | First boat off at 1:30 pm or earlier depending on classes of boats racing. | William Brown | Sheila O'Shea | Angus Wilson | Dawn Clark |
| 01-May-16 | Sprint Series | PH | | William Brown | Russell Brown | Blaise Vinot | Kate Vinot |