

# THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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## Newsletter Editor's Note

At the recent AGM held on 5 June we had a relatively large turn out with over 30 members attending. Our Club rules required the Commodore and Secretary to stand down after 3 continuous years in their respective jobs. Our long serving Social Secretary, Fiona Stephens also decided to call it a day and hand over the organisation of social events to someone else.

No nominations had been received for these three offices by the conclusion of the AGM, and consequently the Club is currently without anyone occupying these important jobs. We do need members to step forward and take on these roles if HSC is to operate effectively and efficiently into the new 2016/2017 season.

A normal committee meeting was held on the Thursday evening following the AGM. Aurelie Chabrol announced that she was having to give up the job of Treasurer and she will hand over the Club's finances to Sheila O'Shea. Aurelie will be missed as she has done a great job balancing the Club's books for the past two years.

Another outcome of the June committee meeting was yours truly taking back the job of editing the Main Sheet newsletter. It seems appropriate somehow, given that I wrote the majority of items in our newsletters last season.

I will keep this 'editorial' brief as there are a couple of important items contained in this winter edition of the newsletter.

**Russell Brown**  
Newsletter Editor

## Committee for 2016/17

At the end of the AGM some of the previous year's committee members were elected for the 2016/2017 year.

Greg Clark retires from the position of Commodore after three years of excellent work. Our Club rules allow Greg to serve on the committee as 'Immediate Past Commodore' and we look forward to his continuing contribution to help run our Club in the coming year.

Blaise Vinot has retired as Vice Commodore. The Club thanks him for all the hard work he has put in to this job over the last couple of years. Blaise was Treasurer for three years prior to taking on the job of Vice Commodore.

As previously noted, Sheila O'Shea will take over as Treasurer from Aurelie Chabrol.

Russell Brown moves into the job of Vice Commodore and the remaining committee members occupy the same positions that they held last year.

The incoming committee members are:

Commodore	VACANT
Vice Commodore	Russell Brown
Treasurer	Sheila O'Shea
Secretary	VACANT
Sailing Secretary	William Brown
Membership Secretary	Richard Skews
House Secretary	Frank Leipper
Social Secretary	VACANT
General Committee	Stewart Simmons
General Committee	Charles Bagossy

### Winners and Place-Getters for the 2015/2016 Season



Phil Chadwick – 2016 Club Champion – Division 1



Charles Bagossy – 2016 Club Champion – Division 2

The practice of conducting two races per race day resulted in a total of 38 races for last season.

As an experiment, the fleet was separated into two divisions and the spring and autumn aggregate series were combined into one 'annual' aggregate series for whole of the season.

In addition, three days were set aside to conduct 'sprint' races as a third series during the 2015/2016 season.

An outcome of these changes was the creation of two sets of winners and place-getters for the two divisions.

Congratulations go to these sailors and all members who received a trophy at the presentations given after the Annual General Meeting.

#### Club Championship – Division 1:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phil Chadwick
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stuart Skeggs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Lichter

#### Club Championship – Division 2:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Charles Bagossy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Chadwick
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Neil Watson

#### Annual Aggregate – Division 1:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stuart Skeggs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Blaise & Kate Vinot
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Greg Clark

#### Annual Aggregate – Division 2:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Charles Bagossy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Watson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Claude & Amelie Vergez

#### Commodores Cup 2016:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Robert Lichter

#### Shipwreck Classic 2016:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Barrie Brunton

#### Sprint Series 2016:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Charles Bagossy

#### Best Woman Sailor 2016:

Monica Tonner

#### Best Junior Sailor 2016:

Jack Chadwick

#### Best Newcomer Sailor 2016:

Barrie Brunton

#### Club Member of the Year 2016:

Russell Brown



**No Formal Winter Sailing Season for 2016**

For the past few years bad weather has caused nearly all winter races to be called off. Last year racing was held on only one out of four scheduled days and, as a result, the series was abandoned.

This year no formal winter racing has been planned. Traditionally, racing is organised for the last Sunday in each of the winter months (i.e. June, July, August and September). If the weather is fine on these days and there is enough interest, then members can organise informal competition on the water.

It is understood the Finn sailors are organising training for class members during the off-season involving a professional coaching program.

**Sailing Calendar for 2016/2017**

The Sailing Committee will be drafting a racing calendar for next season during June and July. The roster for race management crews will be worked out in the next couple of months and the Sailing Calendar for 2016/2017 will be published in the August edition of the Main Sheet newsletter.

The fleet for next season will continue to race in two divisions. The aim to get the majority of boats finishing each race in a limited time worked well last season. This meant the waiting time between the first and second race was not too long for the 'fast finishers'.

On the whole, feed back from members was positive towards the new process. Some recommendations for changes have been made. Suggestions include separate starts for each division, and more reaching legs for Division 2 boats. The Sailing Committee will consider including these ideas into the program for 2016/2017.

Sandringham Yacht Club has asked that our two clubs hold 'exchange' race days again next season. SYC off-the-beach classes will race with our club on Sunday, 13 February 2017. A date is yet to be fixed for HSC boats to race with SYC.

**HSC Race Management Training**

Last season many of the Club races were run by a small group of non-sailing members. Currently we do not have enough members who can commit to assisting with race management each and every Sunday.

With a club as small as ours, it is necessary for sailing/racing members to be rostered occasionally to assist with running races. For most regular sailors this means they have to help out on two Sundays during the season

In past years the committee has encouraged members to attend race management training days run by Yachting Victoria, but without much success.

This winter the Sailing Committee plans to hold our own 'basic' race management training to suit members. Planned topics include:

- How to use the Club's GPS set,
- Course setting with GPS,
- Organising race starts, finishes and change of courses.

To start with these will be land-based and will probably be held on a couple of Sunday afternoons during August and September at the clubhouse. Members will be advised when these training sessions will be conducted.

Sail Melbourne will again be conducted at St Kilda this year. There should be no impact on HSC racing this season as we are not planning on hiring out any power boats to Sail Melbourne, and sailboards will not be stored in our yard during this event.

**William Brown**  
Sailing Secretary



**Membership Subscriptions for 2016/2017**

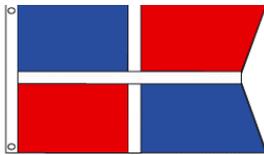
All members should by now have received in the post their membership renewal subscriptions for 2016/2017.

The fees are due from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. The 'early bird' discount of a 10% reduction in the membership fee applies again this year. Note that this incentive only applies for the month of June. You must make sure your payment is received by the Treasurer by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. After this date the discount does not apply.

Members are asked to pay their subscription fees promptly. The committee has wasted too much time in the past having to chase up late payers.

Remember, members must be "financial" in order for results to count towards Club racing series. Un-financial members will be recorded as NFM for races next season until they pay their 2016/2017 subscriptions fees.

**Russell Brown**  
Vice Commodore

**Change of Locks and Keys**

As previously advised, the Club has bought replacement door locks and padlocks to secure the Club premises. The swap over will take place after the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. Members will be advised of the date it is to happen.

The handing over of new keys to members will take place over two weekends in June and July at the club house. Committee members can attend the club house between the hours of 1 pm and 4 pm on the afternoons of:

- Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 June, and
- Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 July.

After these dates, members requiring a new key will have to contact the Membership Secretary and organise a time and date to collect a key.

Please note that new keys will only issued to financial members. That is, members who are up to date with all their Club fees including payment of the 2016/2017 subscription fees.

If you pay by electronic funds transfer into the Club's ANZ Bank account, please assist the Treasurer by entering a numerical code for the transaction.

**Frank Leipper**  
House Secretary

**Newsletter Items**

Items for inclusion in the *Main Sheet* newsletter can be sent to the Club's email address:

<hampton.sailing.club@gmail.com>

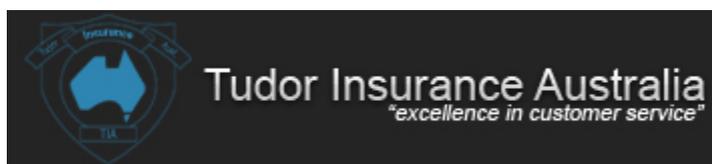
Newsletters are usually published every 2 months and distribution timing will depend on the month of publication.

**Russell Brown**  
Newsletter Editor

**Boats for Sale**

There are a number of boats up for sale by Hampton Sailing Club members. Please check the Club notice board for details.





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