

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

This year has seen a bad start to the sailing season. Strong winds have caused racing to be cancelled on most Sundays during October and November. Over the past few Sundays HSC sailors have experienced some fine weather and great racing. For many of you it is time to dust off your boat out and get out and enjoy some sailing.

The Sailing Committee has finished refurbishing the power boat bought from McCrae Yacht Club. We have commenced using it as the start/finish vessel for our Sunday races. There might be some teething issues before everything on board works the way we want it to. For the time being the boat will retain the name it came with – Eastern Light.

After comparing and test driving some small tractors, the Committee has decided to purchase a New Holland Boomer 25. It is compact, easy to drive and launches/retrieves our power boats without effort. A deposit has been paid and we will take delivery in January 2017.

Comments have been made to me about the lack of *Main Sheet* articles from other members. Now, some of our sailors do attend regattas and events in Victoria and beyond. If you are in this category, I would appreciate a few paragraphs about your exploits plus a photo or two. Sailing and non-sailing members like to read about these sorts of activities. So, please give me some copy that I can include in the February 2017 newsletter.

As we approach the end of 2016, have a happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor

Christmas Dinner – Saturday, 3 December



Five past Commodores of HSC wishing everyone a happy Christmas and a great New Year.

The Christmas party held on the evening of the 3rd of December was a resounding success. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Thanks must go to Sheila O'Shea for coordinating the whole event. And many thanks need to be given to the team, who generously afforded their time and energy in setting it up; from installing fairy lights and room decorations, table settings, planning, shopping, cooking and catering, meet and greet, lighting candles, collecting money and clearing away and packing up at the end of the night.

A special thank you needs to be given to Jan Simmons for her delightful, vegetarian nut-loaf.

Every contribution is appreciated, and a BIG thank-you goes to all those involved in making this the social event of the season.

Sailing Secretary's Report

After a delay to the beginning of the 2016/2017 season we have finally conducted some racing. Current results for both the Club Championship and Annual Aggregate series are posted in the notice board above the Hampton Base radio.

The two main changes to our racing structure are the replacement of the yellow cylindrical buoys with conical ones, and the creation of a separate finish line on the starboard side of the finish boat.

The conical buoys are overall smaller than the old cylindrical ones. The new ones are, however, slightly taller in the water. Division 1 boats seem to be able to sight the new buoys fairly easily over a 0.7 nautical mile windward beat.

The inner windward buoy is predominantly white in colour and this is proving difficult for some Division 2 boats to see from the start line. We may have to change the colour of this mark in the future.

Laying a separate finish line has been helpful to the race management crew on the finish boat. The finish line is fairly short in length and this makes it easier for these crew members to read sail numbers. For competitors; don't forget to round the leeward mark (or sail through a gate) before proceeding to the finish line.

The Club power boat Eastern Light is now being used as the start/finish boat for our races. The tall mast at the stern is being used for most flag signals. However, the start line is from the pin buoy to the orange flag mounted about mid-way along the port side of

the cockpit. Similarly, the finish line is from the black & white chequered buoy to the blue flag on the starboard side.

Race management crews are still experimenting with the way signal flags are hoisted/displayed on Eastern Light. There may, therefore, be some changes to these initial arrangements.

Racing Calendar 2016/2017

The racing calendar for the remainder of this season is on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter. It has been pleasing to note rostered duty crews turning up on their allotted day and on time.

Remember that if you know you cannot make it a rostered day, please arrange a swap with another member in advance. It is also helpful to alter the printed roster on the notice board – just cross out your name and write in the person replacing you.

We will continue to send out a reminder email to duty crews on the Monday or Tuesday before their rostered Sunday. If you know that you cannot make it on a particular Sunday, please remember that it is up to you to arrange a swap with another member, or contact the Sailing Secretary. Phone contact details (where available) are now included on the calendar to assist members in this regard.

Members are reminded that the briefing before the first race is at 12:45 pm. This gives the race management crews more time to set the course and a better chance of starting the racing on time.

GPS Training – Saturday 21 January 2017

Some members were unable to attend the GPS training course run in August. They have requested another opportunity to learn about setting courses on the water using GPS.

HSC will therefore run more GPS training on Saturday 21 January 2017. This will be a brief introductory session on how to use the Club's GPS devices.

Starting time will be 7:30 pm and as an added incentive, nibbles and/or snacks will be provided.

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

Clubhouse Bookings

- Thursday 22 December – Lunch and Evening
- Friday 24 March – 60th Birthday Celebration

HSC has had a few enquiries from non-members regarding the hire of our clubhouse. The committee is considering these on a case by case basis. Events would be approved for a relatively small number of people only, and we will ensure a HSC member is present for each function.

John Basarin has agreed to manage the clubhouse bookings for the current year. Contact John if you want to book the clubhouse for an occasion (but not on a racing Sunday).

Use of the Club Barbeque



Towards the end of last season a new barbeque was bought and positioned at the west end of the balcony.

The new barbeque is a quality piece of equipment and it gets a lot of use by

members. It has recently sustained some damage and been left in a filthy state.

After using the barbeque it is a matter of courtesy to other members to leave it in a clean condition. The one-piece hot plate just needs scraping down. There is a grease/fat collection tin at the front that may also need emptying.

If you find the barbeque is damaged, please leave a note for the House Secretary on the table or write it in the diary on the desk at the top of the stairs.

Hampton Beach Renourishment

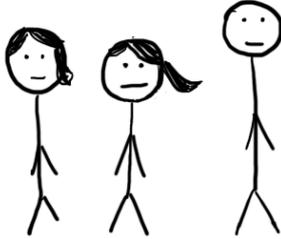


The Victorian Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) is proposing a Hampton Beach Renourishment project. The project seeks to alter physical structures at water level along the Hampton foreshore and increase the amount of beach sand. An information session was conducted on 15 November and some HSC members attended this meeting. Planning is very much in the preliminary stages and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

Many members have noted the steady influx of sand under the Hampton pier and into the launching basin. The level of sand adjacent to the SYC concrete apron has fallen by 50mm. There is evidence the basin is slowly silting up as some sailors report the basin is becoming shallower.

Some HSC members are considering raising this issue with DELWP so that remedial work on the basin may be included in the Hampton Beach Renourishment project.

Child Safe Standards



The Victorian Government is expecting all sporting and recreational clubs in Victoria to have new Child Safe Standards in place by 1 January 2017. Australian Sailing is facilitating the inclusion of these standards into sailing/yacht clubs.

The scope of these standards covers organisations that provide “services for children”. Hampton Sailing Club does not provide specific services for children, such as junior training, nor do we have staff or volunteers that run such services. As a result, children in or attending our Club are considered at low risk of any form of ‘abuse’.

There are some actions that HSC must take towards establishing a child protection policy. Members of the committee will work to develop the required documents and have them in place for the 1 January deadline. More information will be provided in the February edition of the *Main Sheet*.

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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Hampton Sailing Club Racing Calendar – 2015/2016 Season

Briefing: – 12:45pm

Start: – 2:00pm

Date	Event	Handicap	Comments	Race Controller	Start Crew 1	Start Crew 2	Hampton Red	Rescue Crew
18-Dec-16	Club Championship 5	YV		Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot	?	Ralph Brown	?
25-Dec-16	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled					
1-Jan-17	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled					
8-Jan-17	Sprint Series	PH		Stewart Simmons	Russell Brown	William Brown	David Seymour	Ken Trotter
15-Jan-17	Aggregate 5	PH		Frank Leipper	Sheila O'Shea	Doug Turek	Ralph Brown	Emmanuel Skoutas
22-Jan-17	Club Championship 6	YV		William Brown	Russell Brown	Luke Ross	Stewart Simmons	Neil Watson
29-Jan-17	Australia Day Weekend		No Racing Scheduled					
5-Feb-17	Aggregate 6	PH		Michael Cook	Michael Johnson	Ian Taylor	John Maddick	Emmanuel Skoutas
12-Feb-17	SYC/HSC Interclub Race	YV	HSC to host	Stewart Simmons	William Brown	Russell Brown	Andrew Gruby	Jack Gruby
19-Feb-17	Aggregate 7	PH		David Thompson	Russell Brown	Jeff Ward	Lex Cusin	Jorn Rose
26-Feb-17	Club Championship 7	YV		Michael Cook	Sarah Shaw	David V D Stratten	Jim Shaw	Charles Bagossy
5-Mar-17	Aggregate 8	PH	Commodore's Cup	Russell Brown	Jim Roberts	Stewart Simmons	Andrew Gruby	Jack Gruby
12-Mar-17	Labour day	-	Labour Day Holiday - No Racing					
19-Mar-17	Club Championship 8	YV		Frank Leipper	William Brown	Andreas Loos	Steve Moller	Michelle Moller
26-Mar-17	Aggregate 9	PH		Phil Chadwick	Robert Lichter	Robin McKeown	Mark Jackson	Tim Ede

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2-Apr-17	Club Championship 9	YV		Frank Leipper	Sheila O'Shea	Richard Hart	Sarah Taylor	Simon Dwyer
9-Apr-17	Aggregate 10	PH		Russell Brown	Frank Leipper	Philip Iacono	Andrew Gruby	Jack Gruby
16-Apr-17	Easter	-	Easter Weekend - No Racing					
23-Apr-17	Club Championship 10			John Adshead	Russell Brown	Michael Moloney	Leeanne Rothacker	Fiona Stephens
30-Apr-17	Shipwreck Classic	PH		William Brown	Sheila O'Shea	Andrew Freadman	Angus Wilson	Dawn Clark
7-May-17	Sprint Series	PH		William Brown	Russell Brown	Russell Baker	Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot