

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

A late burst of warm summer weather certainly made its presence felt during March. Days on end of 30 plus degrees of heat was very pleasant if you managed to make down to the Club.

Unfortunately, fleet sizes have continued to decline for Sunday racing from the beginning of 2017. Even the Finn numbers have been down this year. Check the Sailing Secretary's report for remaining events on the sailing calendar.

As we move towards the end of the sailing season for 2016/2017 we need to look forward to the Club's next financial year. The Committee has endorsed small increases to subscription fees in 2017/2018 (see page 4). Members should realise that our Club has some of the lowest fees of all sailing/yacht clubs on Port Phillip Bay. The Committee urges all members to renew their membership for the following year and pay their Club fees promptly. Nearly all of our Club's income is from membership subscription fees and we need the money at the beginning of the season to cover operating expenses.

During 2016/2017 a number of important committee positions were not filled. This resulted in a handful of current committee members covering these jobs and doing a whole lot of extra work. Our next Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 28 May and election of the committee for 2017/2018 will occur at this meeting. I would recommend members consider devoting some time and energy to assist with the running of our Club and nominate for a position on next year's committee. (See page 4).

As an example, our Treasurer, Sheila O'Shea has been buying and stocking Club supplies such as soft drinks, beer, coffee and tea bags.

She will not be in a position to continue this work from May and therefore we need a Club volunteer to take over this task.

Accolades are due to some HSC members for performances away from the Club. Ralph Brown has picked up an award at the Inverloch Wooden Dinghy Regatta and Ian Taylor has become the reigning Victorian 505 Champion after competing at Sorrento in February. Read the articles in this edition of the newsletter.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor

Award to Hampton Sailing Club Member



South Gippsland Yacht Club (SGYC) hosts the Inverloch Wooden Dinghy Regatta over the Australia Day long weekend each year. 2017 was the fourth year this event has taken place and, by all accounts, was the best so far in term of good weather and number of participants.

The regatta comprises friendly off-the-beach races held at SGYC but also gives visitors the chance to look over small wooden sailing craft dating back to the 1950's and earlier. Awards are presented to the 'best in class' boats that attend. This year the award for "Best Presented Sailing Dinghy" was given to a Hampton Sailing Club member – Ralph Brown for his Heron "Sarie".
Congratulations, Ralph.

Working Bee – Sunday, 21 May

Closely following on from Mothers' Day, the next scheduled working bee will be held on **Sunday, 21st May** starting at **9 am**. A general end-of-year tidy up, gardening, etc. is needed. It would be appreciated if some members could bring gardening tools.

Remember that members are expected to put in 3 hours of work to earn the Working Bee credit from their subscription dues. Busy members will be rewarded with a barbeque lunch.

Frank Leipper
House Secretary

Sailing Secretary's Report

Spotted on the internet – the '370' dinghy. Something smaller than a 420. Wonder if it will catch on?

Mainly fine sailing conditions have been the rule for second half of the season. Despite the good weather fleet sizes have been 'erratic'. Some Sundays we were struggling to get 4

competitors on the water and on other occasions we had about 15 boats.

The Commodore's Cup race was poorly attended – one Laser and 6 Finns, two of which were visitors. The event was won on handicap by Charles Bagossy.

As we draw towards the end of the season we still have a couple of Club Championship and Aggregate races left sail with a break for Easter (no racing on 16 April). We wind down with the Shipwreck Classic on 30 April. This is a fun event with a Le Mans start from the beach, competitors leaving according to their personal handicaps. A post-racing barbeque will be held when everyone is ashore.

The last Sunday of racing is on 7 May with the final of the Sprint Series.

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

2017 Sauna Sail – Hazelwood Pondage, Morwell**IT'S STILL ON!!**

Most of you will have heard that the Hazelwood Power Station closed at the end of March and are perhaps wondering what's happening to the 2017 Sauna Sail.

Well you don't need to worry any longer as its still on, only the water will be cold.

Preparation for the 2017 event to be held on the Queen's birthday weekend (10-12th June) is well underway. Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be posted in the upcoming weeks by the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club (LVYC). Log on to their website.

LVYC are hoping that the sailing community will continue to support this iconic regatta. While the water will be cold LVYC guarantee a very warm welcome and hot competition for all competitors.

Clubhouse Bookings

- Saturday 6th May – Steve Moller
- Monday 22nd May – John Maddick

Thanks to the hard work put in by John Basarin, the clubhouse is being used more for private functions than ever before. This year we have had a mix of members and outside organisations/individuals holding functions at our Club for various purposes.

If you wish to book the clubhouse for an event at very reasonable rates please contact John. His contact details are given near the end of this newsletter.

Remember that only the upstairs section including the deck is available for a private function when the clubhouse is booked. Other members can still access the downstairs part of the Club and go sailing if they want.

2017 Victorian 505 Championships
25-26 February

A group of 505s beat upwind after a tight start to one of their races.

The following article was supplied by Ian Taylor. There are three parts to this report and the middle section on racing and results appears to be written by a fellow 505 sailor Brett Bowden. Finn sailors are asked to take note of the invitation extended in the finishing paragraph.

To begin with: Raced from the Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club, the club must be congratulated for their hospitality, excellent race management and the “whatever it takes to make sure you have fun” attitude. The courses were very fair in difficult conditions and exactly the right length. We enjoyed 4 races on Saturday and 2 races on Sunday with a re-jigged timetable and early start due to an impending glass-out which arrived early, meaning the sixth race was shortened, fortunately no boat was disadvantaged and it was a great call by the Principal Race Officer.

So to the racing: There were two teams that deserve a special mention. Ian Taylor and his catamaran sailing crew Tom Stutchberry, not only were they in a 40 plus year old boat, they embarrassed the rest of us with 6 bullets and in some races finished almost a leg in front. Tia M (AUS6819) sailed this same event at Port Melbourne Yacht Club last year and to showcase even more talent he also sailed without a compass on a severely tide affected, shifty course.

The other boat that was deserving of a mention was “Card Sharks” sailed by James Ryssenbeek and Andrew McCole. If we had a trophy for most improved, these guys would have been light years ahead of the next recipient. They finished the regatta with three seconds, two thirds and sailed fast and smart.

It was great to see Tim and Tom back in their boat having not sailed since the 505 World’s at Hamilton Island in 2011. It didn’t take them long to start showing glimpses of speed and tactical genius.

Steve Howden could not locate the form that saw him winning a well very deserved “most improved” at the Nationals in Adelaide earlier this year and I am sure that the “software” problems that plagued him at the weekend are only temporary and we are quaking in our boots for his return to form.

FINAL RESULTS: (6 races - 5 to count)

1. Ian Taylor & Tom Stuchberry -
(HSC/McCYC)
AUS 6819 **5 points**
2. James Ryssenbeek & Andrew Mc Cole –
(RBYC)
AUS 8795 **12 points**
3. Brett Bowden & Bobby Bath - (RBYC)
AUS 9018 **14 points**
4. Tim Jeans & Tom Connell – (RBYC)
AUS 8395 **19 points**
5. Steve Howden & Cecile an Den Burgh –
(PMYC)
AUS 8739 **23 points**

To finish with: There is a suggestion of inviting the Hampton Sailing Club and BRYC Finn Fleet to join the FD / 505's at SSCBC Sorrento and hold a Finn regatta at the same time to help make a complete event out of the weekend in 2018 & beyond. Over to the Victorian Finn Association to consider on the calendar and then make the necessary enquires to SSCBC to join in for 2018!

Brett Bowden / Ian Taylor



Close downwind racing for a pair of 505s.

Editor: If you want to see some exciting 505 racing, log on the association website. There is a link to a YouTube video of the SAP 2011 world championships. Some of the most interesting footage is from competitor web cams. Check it out.

New Fee Structure for 2017/2018

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. Most of the fees have been increased by \$5, however some fees have remained unchanged.

The fee changes for 2017/2018 are as follows:

Family - \$400 (from \$395)

Senior - \$270 (from \$265)

Junior - \$90 (from \$85)

Associate - \$40 (from \$40)

Remote - \$110 (from \$110)

Boat and Tender storage - \$190 (from \$185)

Junior boat storage - \$95 (from \$90)

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

The Early Bird membership discount will apply again – fees to be received by HSC by 30 June 2017. (No discount applies to Associate or Remote members). The maintenance and key deposit fees remain unchanged.

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

Richard Skews
Membership Secretary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ***SUNDAY, 28 MAY 2017***

This year Hampton Sailing Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will revert to the last Sunday in May. It will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 28 May** starting 3:30 pm (followed by afternoon tea at 4:30 pm).

All members are encouraged to attend the AGM to hear how the Club has performed over the last 12 months. Formal 'Notice of the AGM' will be sent out at the beginning of May. This year members will also be asked to complete a survey of the Club's most recent activities and how we can improve in the future. The survey will be sent out to members with the AGM papers.

The formal business of the meeting will be followed by afternoon tea (please bring a plate), and then presentation of prizes for the 2016/2017 sailing season.

All financial members are encouraged to nominate for positions on the Committee. The Committee normally meets on one evening per month throughout the year. It is the best way for members to have a direct say in how the Club is run.

Below is a brief outline of the duties and attributes relevant to specific positions on the Committee, plus there are a number of general Committee positions.

If you are interested in joining the Committee in any capacity, please discuss your interest with a current Committee member (or come along to the Committee meeting scheduled for 7:30pm on Thursday, 11 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.

New Members

Over the past few months Hampton Sailing Club has welcomed 4 new members (2 Family and 2 Senior). In the next edition of the newsletter we hope to include their names and interests.

Committee members have also commenced running induction sessions for new members as a way of introducing them to the ways of our Club, and any initial questions they have can be answered.

Update on Connection to Sewerage

South East Water advise construction of the sewer line to the new public toilet block at the end of Jetty Road will commence after Easter.

HSC has applied to connect to this line, however SE Water have yet to supply us with a satisfactory quote for the infrastructure and installation.

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



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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
2-Apr-17	Club Championship 9	YV		Frank Leipper (03) 9598 5600	Sheila O'Shea (03) 9598 5600	Richard Hart	Sarah Taylor 0433 704 246	Simon Dwyer 0406 745 488
9-Apr-17	Aggregate 10	PH		Russell Brown (03) 9792 9501	Frank Leipper (03) 9598 5600	Philip Iacono (03) 9557 8493	Andrew Gruby (03) 9533 5326	Jack Gruby (03) 9533 5326
16-Apr-17	Easter	-	Easter Weekend - No Racing					
23-Apr-17	Club Championship 10			John Adshead (03) 9598 2728	Russell Brown (03) 9792 9501	Michael Moloney (03) 9593 8915	Leeanne Rothacker (03) 9598 4599	Fiona Stephens (03) 9598 9285
30-Apr-17	Shipwreck Classic	PH		William Brown 0481 526 771	Sheila O'Shea (03) 9598 5600	Andrew Freadman 0439 048 741	Angus Wilson	Dawn Clark
7-May-17	Sprint Series	PH		William Brown 0481 526 771	Russell Brown (03) 9792 9501	Russell Baker (03) 9502 0883	Blaise Vinot (03) 9528 2484	Kate Vinot (03) 9528 2484