

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

Well, it's official. 2017/2018 is the worst season on record for the number of Sundays when racing has been cancelled at Hampton Sailing Club. We seem to have been jinxed this season with strong winds and high seas on race days.

As we approach the end of the season we can hope for better weather for the remaining race days. We wrap up the season with the annual Shipwreck Classic on Sunday, 29 April.

In the February 2018 edition of the Main Sheet I reported on the meeting held that month about membership issues. The committee has taken points raised at that meeting into consideration when setting the fees for the 2018/2019 financial year.

In addition, changes have been made to the Family Membership structure of the Club and a new 'veteran' discount has been introduced. These alterations and revised fee prices for next year are covered in separate items in this newsletter.

Information will soon be posted to members about the Annual General Meeting that will be held this year on Sunday, 27 May. The starting time this year will be one hour earlier at 2:30 PM. The current committee has struggled on as best it could this year with reduced numbers. And the resignation of our Secretary did not help. It would benefit the overall working of HSC if other members would consider nominating for committee positions to create a more efficient and effective governing group next year.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor

Social Event: Trivia Night – Saturday, 28 April



Something new for Hampton Sailing Club will be a Trivia Night to be held on **Saturday, 28 April**. Proceedings get underway at **7:30 pm**.

Bring your own nibbles/refreshments/wine and settle in for a few hours of fun and entertainment. The Club drinks fridge will be open for business.

Topics will not be just about sailing and racing; most rounds will cover general interest/knowledge and at least one will be about music. Nothing too serious, folks.

Make up your own team of 6 players, or come along and join in a team on the night.

This is a fund-raising event for the Club and there will be a \$10 admission charge per person. However, prizes will be on offer to the winning teams.

Jim Roberts
Committee Member

Working Bee – Sunday, 20 May

As we approach the end of another year it is time to plan for the post-season clean-up of the clubhouse and grounds.

The next scheduled working bee will be held on **Sunday, 20th May** starting at **9 am**. There are a number of specific chores that need to be attended to including rust removal and painting. The usual gardening, mowing and edge trimming need to be done, so please bring some gardening tools, etc.

Don't forget, members are expected to put in 3 hours of work to earn the Working Bee credit from their subscription dues. A barbeque lunch will be provided.

Frank Leipper
House Secretary

Sailing Secretary's Report

There really is not much to report on over the last couple of months. The Social Sail went ahead on 18 February. A handful of boats braved the cool, overcast and breezy conditions to head down towards Ricketts Point off Beaumaris. Most crews turned back after beating into a stiff southerly wind for nearly an hour. As a result many boats returned to shore at about the same time. Everybody enjoyed the barbeque afterwards

in the clubhouse and requested that the event be run again in the future.

We are hoping to get some more racing in before the end of season Shipwreck Classic at the end of April.

With only a small number of races completed over the whole season the overall results will be interesting. It looks like the major prizes will be divided amongst only a few sailors. Some boats only finished one or two races and there are several boats that did not participate in any racing this season.

New Member does well at the State Laser Titles

Steve Gunther (left) receiving his award after the state Laser championships at Mordialloc Sailing Club.

New member to the Club, Steve Gunther (brother of Jake Gunther) has recently moved down to Melbourne from Queensland.

Within days of his arrival Steve entered in the Victorian Laser Championships hosted at Mordialloc Sailing Club. The series was restricted to three races owing to bad weather (what a surprise!). Steve came away with third place in the standard rig section.

If you see a Laser out on the water mid-week evenings, it will probably be Steve. He intends to get in as much on-water sailing as possible (daylight and weather permitting).

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

New Fee Prices for 2018/2019

For a long time it has been known HSC has the lowest fees of all sailing/yacht clubs on Port Phillip Bay. One of the key points raised at the meeting in February about HSC membership was the Club should not “sell itself short”. Members attending the meeting recommended the Club raise fees by an amount significantly more than CPI.

The Committee decided to increase most of the fees by 5% next year. Some fees have remained unchanged. Owners of sailboards argued a price reduction when stored in the same spot/rack as their boat.

Changes to fees for the Club’s next financial year 2018/2019 were approved at the March committee meeting and are as follows:

- Family - \$420 (from \$400)
- Senior - \$285 (from \$270)
- Intermediate - \$140 (from \$140)
- Junior - \$95 (from \$95)
- Associate - \$45 (from \$40)
- Remote - \$110 (from \$110)
- Boat and Tender storage - \$200 (from \$190)
- Junior boat storage - \$100 (from \$95)
- Kayak storage - \$100 (from \$100)
- Sailboard - \$50 (from \$100)

The Early Bird membership discount will apply again – fees to be received by HSC by 30 June 2018. The 10% discount will then be applied to next year’s fees. (No discount applies to Remote members but will apply to Associates).

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

Changes to Membership Structure and Pricing

An open meeting of members was held in February to discuss membership issues and a report on that meeting was covered in the February issue of the *Main Sheet*. Two key

suggestions raised were:

- (a) the introduction of a discounted fee for older members who had been at the Club for many years and/or served on the committee for a long time, and
- (b) a variation/expansion of the Family Membership structure to encourage young members to remain with the Club once they are too old to be defined as a ‘child’ or ‘youth’. Direct relatives living with the Principal member and spouse/partner can also apply to join the Family Membership unit.

Commencing from the 2018/2019 financial year the committee will introduce the following changes.

Veteran Discount

- Veterans will be considered to be members who:
 - are 65 years and older, and
 - with 10 continuous years of membership with HSC, or have given significant service to the Club over several years as determined by the committee.
- A veteran discount of 15% will apply to the full Senior annual subscription. For 2018/2019 the Senior subscription of \$285 would be reduced by \$42.75 to \$242.25.
- A discount will apply to each eligible adult in a Family Membership unit. An eligible Family Principal Adult will obtain a discount of \$42.75 off the \$420 Family subscription. A 15% discount will come off the full Family subscription if both the principal and spouse/partner qualify as veterans. In which case the Family subscription will reduce by \$63 to \$357.
- Members eligible for the veteran discount will be contacted by the Membership Secretary or Treasurer when the subscription invoices are sent out for 2018/2019. Some eligible members may wish to continue to pay the full annual subscription rate.
- The Early Bird Discount will also apply to veteran members.

Structure and Pricing for Family Membership

- The HSC regulations define a Family Child/Youth as less than 18 years of age, or less than 25 years if they are a tertiary student (and can provide course study details). Currently when these people reach one or other defined age they must become full Senior members in their own right, or else they are no longer considered members of the Club.
- From next year a Family Additional Adult category will enable these people to remain members of their Family Membership unit at an extra cost of \$112 each. Members in this category can participate in all Club activities, and have voting rights at General Meetings.
- Applications for Family Membership will also be accepted from other people wishing to join as Family Additional Adults. These applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the committee, as will single parents seeking Family Membership.
- New Family Additional Adults must be direct relatives (parent, sibling or child) of the Family Principal Adult or his/her spouse/partner – the Family Second Adult.
- The members of each Family Membership unit must all live at the same address.
- A cost of \$14 each for the third and subsequent children will apply to Family Memberships newly joining from 2018/2019 onwards. Current Family Memberships with 3 or more children will be unaffected and will continue to pay the standard Family Membership rate (which is, \$420 for 2018/2019).
- In summary, member categories for Family Membership will be:
 - Family Principal Adult
 - Family Second Adult
 - Family Additional Adult
 - Family Child/Youth

The committee believes the introduction of the Veteran Discount is reasonable and affordable given the Club's financial situation. The intention is to recognise and reward older members of the Club who have been members for a significant period of time. These people support HSC by continuing to remain members and pay fees even though many do not fully participate in Club activities.

In relation to the revised Family Membership structure, the Club is trying to hold on to existing child/youth members once they turn 18 years, or 25 if they are tertiary students. Now they can continue their membership at the lower Additional Adult rate. Formerly they would have to become Senior members in their own right to retain membership of HSC.

Any new 'Additional Adults' in an existing Family Membership will have to be considered and approved by the committee. Broadening the Family Membership eligibility base will hopefully increase total number of Club members.

With the introduction of these changes, the committee does not believe there is a need to formally amend the Hampton Sailing Club Model Rules at this time.

Russell Brown
Commodore

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ***SUNDAY, 27 MAY 2018***

This year Hampton Sailing Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 27 May** starting 2:30 pm (followed by afternoon tea at 3:30 pm). Please note the starting time is one hour earlier at the recommendation of members.

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.

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, 10 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 Australian Sailing (Victoria) database.
- ❖ Manage annual subscription notices.

Desired Skills

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

Russell Brown
Commodore

Unknown Owners of Boat Trolleys and Watercraft

There are a couple of old and broken boat trolleys leaning up against the west fence in front of the storage sheds. If these trolleys are not claimed or removed from the Club, the committee plans to have them repaired and offered to other members.

A few kayaks with unknown owners are also on the Club's premises. Specifically:

- (a) two sit-on kayaks (one white, one green) in rack 87 at the end of the yard, and
- (b) a blue single kayak in rack 66.

These watercraft are not on the HSC boat register. If any member knows who owns them please ask they be taken out of the Club. The committee will take action to dispose of them later this year if they are not removed.

Russell Brown
Boat Storage Officer

Vale: Oleg Falb

The committee only recently learnt of the death of Oleg Falb, who passed away in September 2017.

Oleg had been a member of HSC for about 12 years. He owned a small keel boat on a swing mooring for a number of years. Recently Oleg had a Pacer which he stored at the Club.

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 couple of boats for sale by Hampton Sailing Club members. Please check the Club notice board for details.



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Hampton Sailing Club Racing Calendar – 2017/2018 Season

Briefing: – 12:45pm

Start: – 2:00pm

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Date	Event	Handicap	Comments	Race Controller	1st Crew	2nd Crew	Hampton Red	Rescue Crew
08-Apr-18	Aggregate 8	YV		David Thompson (03) 9502 4280	Alan Lees 0421 832 711	Mark Allen (03) 9238 2163		Leeanne Rothacker (03) 9598 4599
15-Apr-18	Club Champ 9	PH		Russell Brown (03) 9792 9501	Frank Leipper (03) 9598 5600	Hugh Wareham 0417 139 809	Ian Taylor (03) 9553 5572	Jim Shaw 0434 601 141
22-Apr-18	Aggregate 9	YV		Neil Watson (03) 9589 5812	Russell Brown (03) 9792 9501	Michael Moloney (03) 9593 8915	Leeanne Rothacker (03) 9598 4599	Fiona Stephens (03) 9598 9285
29-Apr-18	Shipwreck Classic	PH	Start 1pm	Russell Brown (03) 9792 9501	William Brown 0481 526 771	Sheila O'Shea (03) 9598 5600	Frank Leipper (03) 9598 5600	Greg Clark 0418 587 794

