

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

The weather, on the whole, has been great but where are all the sailors? Conditions for racing on Sundays have been ideal (with a few exceptions) for most of the 2018/2019 season, however fleet sizes have been well down. There's still two Sundays of racing before the Shipwreck Classic brings the current season to a conclusion on 5th May. So come on down to the Club and enjoy an afternoon out on the water.

There has been quite a lot of interest from members and other individuals in hiring our clubhouse this year. New application forms have been developed and the plan is for all queries to be lodged via the HSC website. The procedure is still being fine-tuned, so please bear with us.

This edition has the schedule of fees for the 2019/2020 financial year and also contains information about the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Sunday, 26 May.

In the last issue there was an item about succession planning for the HSC committee. I strongly urge members to think very seriously about offering some of your valuable time to help run the Club next financial year. It's not that hard, and many hands etcetera.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor



Notice of Closure of Beach Road – Sunday, 14 April



The Challenge Melbourne International Triathlon will be held next **Sunday, 14 April** covering beachside suburbs from Black Rock to Middle Park.

Hampton Sailing Club has been advised that **Beach Road** will be closed in both directions from **5:30 am to 11:30 am**.

Access to Jetty Road during this period will be from Georgiana Street at the direction of the race stewards.

Working Bee – Sunday, 19 May



Soon it will be time for the post-season clean-up of the clubhouse and grounds. The next scheduled working bee will be held on **Sunday, 19th May** starting at **9 am**. There will be some specific chores to be done, but the usual gardening and mowing also needs to

be attended to. So don't forget to bring some gardening tools.

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

We have had a mixed bag of weather conditions since the beginning of February. Despite good weather on most Sundays, not many sailors have turned up to go racing. On some occasions informal races were run because of insufficient starters.

The joint races with SYC Off-the-Beach classes went ahead even though the date was changed at short notice. Our second Social Sail started in very light conditions with a result participants did not get very far along the coast before heading back to the Club. A sea breeze sprang up later in the afternoon and some members participated in boat swapping. (Now there's an idea for a future HSC activity!).

Victorian Laser Championships – McCrae Yacht Club – 9 & 10 March



Lousy weather on Saturday 9 March meant the whole series came down to 4 races conducted on the following day, Sunday. Despite getting a 1st and 2nd early in the day this was still only enough for HSC member Steve Gunther to secure third place overall in the Standard class (same placing as last year!). Competition at the top end of this fleet was obviously fierce.

Victorian Tasar Championships – Somers Yacht Club – 9,10 & 11 March



Blaise and Kate Vinot tackle choppy conditions on Western Port Bay

A fleet of 34 entrants experienced an interesting long weekend of racing. Winds were generally light and variable, but a 30-35 knot blast brought an early finish to racing on Saturday afternoon. The last race of a 7-race series was held on Monday afternoon in 15 to 20 knots of wind.

Competition in the Victorian fleet of Tasars is tight and close. New entrants to the class Jake and Milly Gunther secured 12th place while Blaise and Kate Vinot were placed in the second half of the fleet.

OK Dinghy World Championships – Wakatere Boating Centre – 19 – 24 February



HSC member Mark Jackson took himself and his boat to New Zealand in February to complete in the World OK Dinghy Championships. A few other Australians followed Mark's example and there was a smattering of competitors from the Northern Hemisphere there as well.

New Zealand entrants made up more than half of the total fleet. However, the Kiwis did not make a clean sweep of the major placings - a Swede was just squeezed out of the top spot into second place on the final day. Another Swede and a UK sailor made it into the top 10.

Mark came in 36 out of 111(!) entrants. The best placed Australian was 14th overall.

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

New Fee Prices for 2019/2020

Last year the committee canvassed members about issues that were important to them regarding fees and membership structures. As a result, a discounted 'Veteran' fee for older members with many years of membership/service with the Club was introduced.

In addition, the 'Family' membership structure was significantly changed to encourage young members to remain with the Club and also extend membership for direct relatives living with the family at the same address.

These measures will be continued into the 2019/2020 membership structures together with the Early Bird discount for members who paid their 2018/2019 subscription fees on or before 30 June 2018.

After a significant increase to most of the fees last year, the Committee has decided to increase most of the fees by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 2% next year.

Changes to fees for the Club's next financial year 2019/2020 were approved at the March committee meeting and are as follows:

Family - \$435 (from \$420)

Senior - \$290 (from \$285)

Intermediate - \$145 (from \$140)

Junior - \$96 (from \$95)

Associate - \$45 (from \$45)

Remote - \$110 (from \$110)

Boat and Tender storage - \$204 (from \$200)

Junior boat storage - \$102 (from \$100)

Kayak storage - \$102 (from \$100)

Sailboard - \$51 (from \$50)

The Family membership fee has increased by more than 2% because the Family Principal fee is now equal to a Senior, and all other 'Family' membership types (e.g. Family Spouse, Family Adult, Family Youth) are now linked to the Principal. In the past, all the membership types contained in the Family membership unit had been discounted compared to other membership fees.

Fee increases have mainly been rounded up to the next whole dollar rather than the nearest \$5.

The maintenance and key deposit fees remain unchanged at \$60 and \$50 respectively.

The Early Bird membership subscription discount is available again. The 10% discount will then be applied to next year's fees – provided they are received at HSC by 30 June 2019. (No discount applies to Remote members but does apply to Associates).

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

Richard Skews
Membership Secretary

Advantages of Membership Renewal

Most people join Hampton Sailing Club so they can store their watercraft and get out onto the water as often as possible. Did you know that belonging to HSC gets you an Australian Sailing (AS) number? This entitles you to compete at local, State and National championships and regattas. Having an AS number is now a mandatory requirement at most of these events. To find out your AS number, Google; Australian Sailing Number and select AS Number Finder. Type in your first name and surname.

In addition, you automatically have insurance which covers you in case of accidental injury out on the water. The insurance policy relates to a range of related expenses. In the HSC 'Family' membership category each family member has an Australian Sailing number and each member is covered by the insurance policy. Insurance coverage is provided by Network Steadfast Insurance. You can check their website for coverage details: www.networksteadfast.com.au

(Note: This is *not* an advertisement for this insurance company)

Membership Cards

HAMPTON SAILING CLUB	
Membership Card	Year _____ - _____
Name	Australian Sailing number
	
15 Jetty Road, Sandringham VIC 3191	
Phone _____	
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hampton.sailing.club@gmail.com	
www.hamptonsailingclub.org.au	

Some members have asked the committee if there is a way of producing proof of membership of Hampton Sailing Club. In response to this query membership cards were printed and given to those members.

We are now extending this offer to all members. More cards have been printed and will be provided to members on request. These cards will have the member's name, AS number and year of membership. The cards can be used by members attending regattas or needing to provide proof of membership of Hampton Sailing Club.

Clubhouse Bookings

- Thursday 18 April – Afternoon and evening
- Saturday 24 August – Afternoon and evening

Hire of HSC Clubhouse

The committee has been asked to consider an ever increasing number of applications from individuals and organisations to hire out the

HSC clubhouse. Members have always had the opportunity to hire the top rooms of the clubhouse (and balcony). There are some exceptions to the days that it can be hired such as racing Sundays and public holidays.

There is a small cover charge (currently \$3 members and \$5 for non-members) and the Club must be left clean and tidy and breakages paid for. Notices of upcoming events need to be placed in the downstairs and upstairs windows to advise other members.

Over the past year we have experienced a lot of interest from non-members who have attended events held at the Club by members. The same rules apply to these people/organisations except that an HSC member must be on the premises for the duration. They must open and close the clubhouse and check the condition of the rooms at the conclusion of the event. The balcony barbeque is not available for use for safety reasons.

Installation of Security System



Expenditure was approved at the last committee meeting for the installation and operation of a security system for the clubhouse and grounds.

Initially only a couple of cameras (exterior and interior) will be fitted and a subscription taken for limited video history. Once the basic system is working satisfactorily more cameras and extended video surveillance can be purchased.

No waiving of fees for sailors visiting SYC

For some years now HSC has not charged visitor racing fees for any SYC boat participating in our races. This was done mainly to foster/maintain good relations with our neighbouring yachting organisation. We also sought reciprocal arrangements with SYC whereby racing fees for HSC sailors would be waived for normal club races.

Recently a few of our sailors who do race 'next door' have been queried about the non-

payment of visitor racing fees. Clarification was sought from the management of SYC on this issue. Their response is they are not prepared to offer regular exemption to their day pass policy. Regular users of their facility and resources need to subscribe to Membership of SYC.

HSC respects the position of SYC. For the time being, however, HSC will continue to welcome sailors from our 'neighbouring club' to race with our fleet without the need to pay visitor racing fees.

Report on the Sludge Issue

As reported in the February issue of The Main Sheet a meeting at the local Labor candidate's office after the State election in November resulted in a proposal for the sludge removal being forwarded to the relevant government Minister. Parks Victoria were instructed to undertake feasibility studies.

Currently, negotiations are underway to secure funding for the project to be completed in 2019. Progress is being made.

Vale: Chris (Christian) Borg

The committee learnt last month of the death of Chris Borg, who passed away on 18 January this year. Chris was an HSC member of long standing – he joined the Club in 1980's.

His life was full of interest. Born in Egypt during the Second World War, his mother was French and his father a British Army soldier. Chris could speak French fluently and also had some understanding of the Arabic language.

After the war, his family moved to England and lived in London. As a young man Chris worked at the famous Harrods store before emigrating to Australia and settling in Hampton.

Chris has been described as a 'colourful character' at HSC who enjoyed the company of others. He liked crewing as often as he could with club members on their boats, including keelboats as well as dinghies.

On shore he was a long term member of the HSC committee and regularly helped organise social events over several years.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, 26 MAY 2019



This year Hampton Sailing Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 26 May** starting **2:30 pm** followed by afternoon tea and trophy presentations at 3:30 pm. Moving the meeting forward one hour was a popular decision with members last year.

All members are encouraged to attend the AGM to hear how the Club is travelling. Formal 'Notice of the AGM' will be sent out at the beginning of May.

The elected committee is a group of members who administer the activities of the Club. Each position has its own specific duties but the committee as a group decide how the Club will be run over the full financial year.

All financial members are encouraged to nominate for positions on the committee. Lack of experience is no excuse not to nominate. The more members elected means the work is spread thinner and tasks take less time.

Usually the committee meets on one evening per month throughout the year. However, the members comprising a committee can decide on arrangements for administering the Club that best suit themselves.

Below is a brief outline of the duties of officer positions, plus there are a number of 'general' committee positions.

If you are interested in joining the committee in any capacity, you can discuss your interest with a current committee member (or come along to a committee meeting scheduled for 7:30pm on Thursday, 11 April or 9 May). A nomination form for 2019/2020 is at the end of this newsletter.

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

- ❖ 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 as needed.
- ❖ 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 if demanded.

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

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

Wet Suits for Sale

There are two almost new wet suits for sale at the clubhouse. Both are good brands (Peak – made in Australia) and are suitable for dinghy sailing. Sizes as follows:

- Medium tall
- Boys size 16

Price: \$40 each. Proceeds go to the Club.

They are hanging in the training room next to the television. Contact Jim Roberts for further details.

Boats for Sale

There are number 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
14-Apr-19	Aggregate 9	YV		David Thompson	Alan Lees	Mark Allen	Steve Moller	Michelle Moller
21-Apr-19		-	Easter Weekend - No Racing					
28-Apr-19	Club Champ 9	PH		Neil Watson	Martin Campbell	Michael Moloney	Leeanne Rothacker	Fiona Stephens
05-May-19	Shipwreck Classic	PH	Start 1pm	Russell Brown	William Brown	Sheila O'Shea	Frank Leipper	Dawn Clark