

# THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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## Newsletter Editor's Note

After lousy weather caused the cancellation of many races before Christmas, and local regattas resulted in major interruptions to racing during January and February, who would have thought that something microscopic but potentially deadly to humans would bring a halt to racing at HSC.

Not only has the racing season ended, but we are all restricted in terms of where we can go and what we can do. The committee has responded to the measures imposed by government in two emails sent to members. Since then further restrictions have been imposed and House Duty at the clubhouse has been suspended.

Given that such restrictions are predicted to last several months at least, this will impact on some of our regular events. For example the Working Bee and the Annual General Meeting will be postponed, and social events are cancelled.

Further newsletters will be sent to all members as usual to keep everyone informed. News of any important developments will be sent to members via email.

The good news is that planning for the opening of the 2020/21 season in October has begun. In the meantime, stay safe and stay healthy.

**Russell Brown**  
Newsletter Editor



## Restrictions affect Hampton Sailing Club



Government has imposed restrictions for a significant period of time that affect HSC and its members. On Wednesday, Australian Sailing issued the following information bulletin:

On Sunday night the Prime Minister announced a tightening of restrictions in relation to social gatherings, whilst the Victorian Government implemented Level 3 restrictions on Monday which included on-the-spot fines for those leaving home for reasons other than:

- Obtaining food or other goods and services
- Travelling for the purposes of work or education if the person cannot do it at home
- Exercise
- Medical or caring reasons

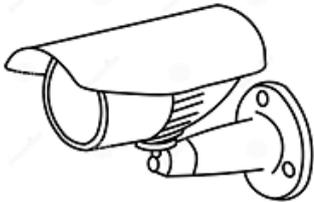
With their Premier describing exercise as 'a walk round the block or a bike ride to stretch your legs and get some fresh air', it means Victorians currently face on-the-spot fines for going sailing.

While **going out on the water is not allowed** the Club will remain open to members who may wish to come down and check on their watercraft occasionally. We urge all members who come down to the Club to take all appropriate health care measures e.g. washing hands with soap and water, and observe social distancing practices.

The following restrictions imposed by the committee remain in place:

- 1) Do not visit the Club if you feel unwell or you have returned from overseas recently.
- 2) Socialising is discouraged. Guests and non-members are not to be admitted to the Club. There is to be no preparation or cooking of food in the clubhouse.
- 3) No private or business-related work is to be undertaken.
- 4) Schooling or child care activities are not allowed.

**Installation of Security System**



Members may have noticed that CCTV signs have been placed on the gates and perimeter fences. The interior security camera has been installed and is now working.

Operation of the camera is by motion activation – two committee members are immediately alerted by a phone app if the camera turns on.

A subscription has been bought to store video footage which can be viewed for up to 10 days. Only authorised committee members can access recordings for review purposes.

The next phase will see installation of exterior cameras.

**Club Activities in 2020**



No one is sure just how long government restrictions will remain in place. However, there will be disruptions to Club activities for

several months. As a result, the Working Bee and Annual General Meeting, which usually take place in May, have both been postponed.

Oliver Latter has worked hard all season to arrange social events for members. The planned events for the remainder of the season have necessarily been called off.

Postponement of the Annual General Meeting means election of a new committee for the 2020/21 year will take place later in the year. The current committee members will probably continue performing their roles until the 2020 AGM takes place.

When a date is set for the AGM, all members will be given as much notice as possible in advance.

**New Fee Prices for 2020/2021**



Last year the Committee increased most fees by a Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 2%. At the March committee meeting approval was given to increase the fees by a recent CPI figure of 1.84%. Fee increases have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole dollar.

Changes to fees for the Club’s 2020/21 financial year are as follows:

- Family - \$443 (from \$435)
- Senior - \$295 (from \$290)
- Intermediate - \$148 (from \$145)
- Junior - \$98 (from \$96)
- Associate - \$45 (from \$45)
- Remote - \$110 (from \$110)
- Boat and Tender storage - \$208 (from \$204)
- Junior boat storage - \$104 (from \$102)
- Kayak storage - \$104 (from \$102)
- Sailboard - \$52 (from \$51)

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

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

**Richard Skews**  
**Membership Secretary**

### **Advantages of Membership Renewal**

Whilst members may be concerned about the current financial situation, there are good reasons to retain your membership with Hampton Sailing Club.

- It is a fact that HSC still has the cheapest fees (covering membership and boat storage) of all the sailing/yacht clubs at the north end of Port Phillip.
- New members who joined part way through this year pay their 2020/21 subscription fees on a pro-rata basis.
- HSC has a generous ‘Early Bird’ discount of 10% applicable to members the following year who pay their 2020/2021 subscription fees on or before 30 June 2020.
- There is a discounted ‘Veteran’ fee for older members with many years of membership.
- Our ‘Family’ membership fees are excellent value and apply to a wide range of “family” members.
- By belonging to HSC you get an Australian Sailing (AS) number which entitles you to compete at local, State and National championships and regattas. Having an AS number is now a mandatory requirement at most sailing events.
- In addition, you automatically have insurance which covers you in case of accidental injury out on the water. This applies to members who paddle kayaks and SUPs.

Insurance coverage is provided by Network Steadfast Insurance. The insurance policy covers a range of accident types. You can check their website for coverage details: [www.networksteadfast.com.au](http://www.networksteadfast.com.au)

(Note: HSC does not endorse this insurance company)

### **Feedback from some of our ‘Temporary’ Members**

During the recent Laser dinghy championships held at Sandringham Yacht Club, HSC was host to some interstate visitors.

Two families joined our Club for the duration of the championships period, which gave them access to the clubhouse and spots in the racks to store their boats. When they removed their boats and returned home they received a partial refund of their membership fees.

Both families were appreciative of these arrangements and sent these messages after they left:

“Thank you...We love your little Club and so appreciate the welcome you have given us”.

*Christine Patton, Byron Bay, NSW 7 Feb 2020*

“Travis and Kirsten enjoyed their busy time in Melbourne that’s for sure. Thank the Commodore again for us”.

*Annette Wadley, Atherton, QLD 6 Feb 2020*

### **Australian Laser Team at HSC**



Also during the Laser championship period HSC was asked to accommodate the physiotherapist attached to the Australian Laser Team (ALT).

Chelsie Winchcombe is a physiotherapy PhD student based in Perth. She travels to major

regattas wherever the ALT competes in order to provide onsite treatment to its members.

One of her important pieces of equipment is an 'ice bath'. Actually, it looks like a deep child's wading pool attached to a portable refrigeration unit that circulates very cold water. This unit was set up in the garage of HSC and by all accounts was very popular with sore and tired members of the ALT.

Over time the HSC garage became a meeting place for ALT members and we gather they appreciated having a place where they could chat and debrief away from the hordes of other competitors.

Chelsie sent the following note on behalf of the ALT:

To the Hampton Sailing Club,

Thank you so much for having us for the Laser Summer of 2020. Your support has allowed Australian athletes the opportunity to perform at their best.

From all the Aussie sailors that have used the ice bath over the summer, thank you very much.

From me personally, I appreciate greatly the kindness, friendliness and hospitality all the members have shown towards me. I have really enjoyed spending my time here and learning about the club.

Thank you, Chelsie Winchcombe  
PhD Scholar (W.A. Institute of Sport)

### Boats for Sale

A number of boats are advertised for sale at the Club. Check the notice board for details.

### 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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