

# THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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## Newsletter Editor's Note

We are almost at the end of the sailing calendar and what a season it has been. As we emerge from COVID-19 'lockdowns' and 'restrictions' it is still evident that we are in the middle of a pandemic. Fortunately on-water and social activities are getting back to normal.

The sailing weather on Sundays has been a mixed bag over the past couple of months. We have had some excellent racing conditions, but during autumn our fleet numbers have been on the decline. Next Sunday is the last race this season with the traditional Shipwreck Classic. We would like to see as many people as possible participate in this fun event to finish up the 2021/22 calendar.

Our next social function is the informal Fish & Chips Night on Saturday, 17 April. Details are on page 2 of this newsletter.

We are also having a post-season working bee on Saturday, 24 April to tidy up the premises before the winter break for most members.

That will be followed next month with the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 30 May with an early starting time of 1:30 pm. This will be a very important event with the election of a new committee for 2021/2022. Some current committee members are retiring and we need other members to step up and assist with running the Club.

**Russell Brown**  
Newsletter Editor

## Working Bee – Saturday 24 April



As advised in the February edition of *The Main Sheet*, an end of season working bee has been organized for the morning of **Saturday, 24 April** starting at **9:00 am**. (Usually working bees occur on a Sunday, but the 25<sup>th</sup> of April is Anzac Day and it was decided to respect the public holiday).

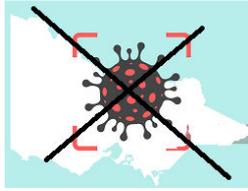
It has been a long time since we had the last working bee and there is plenty of work to be done. House Secretary, Frank Leipper organises the working bees. He will have a list of tasks on the big table in clubhouse. After signing in members are requested to write their name next to a task they will do.

HSC regulations allow members who do a half day's work (minimum 3 hours) to obtain a \$30 credit off their maintenance fee for the following year.

Members are asked to bring some tools to effect any minor repair around the clubhouse. Also needed are gardening tools to help with pruning and gardening on site.

As usual, at the end of the working bee attending members will be served a BBQ lunch.

### **COVID-19 Restrictions affecting Hampton Sailing Club**



Members will be aware that nearly all restrictions affecting small-medium sporting organisations have been lifted. Hampton Sailing Club is able to conduct racing/sailing events as it normally does.

There is still an upper limit on the number of people who can use the clubhouse at any one time. In the normal course of events will this will not impact Hampton Sailing Club.

However, there is still a requirement for members and visitors to complete the details in the attendance book at the base of the stairs. The alternative is for each person who enters the clubhouse to scan the QR code that is attached to the front door.

The committee is currently reviewing options and conditions for the hiring out of the clubhouse. A range of precautions must be followed for this to happen. Members will be advised when necessary conditions are in place and the clubhouse is again available for hire.

Hiring of the clubhouse will be done through the HSC website (click on the Venue Hire tab). Applicants should complete all the information fields. Applications will be considered by the HSC committee.

### **Social Event – Fish & Chips Night – Saturday 17 April**



The next social event on the HSC calendar is Fish & Chips Night next Saturday, 17 April. Just turn up at the Club between 6:30 – 7:00 pm for drinks and nibbles. About 7:15 we will take your orders (and money) and have

the food delivered from the local fish & chip shop. The Club will provide green salads to go with the hot food, but the drinks will be BYO unless you want to purchase from the HSC Drinks Fridge.

### **Sailing / Racing Report**



Racing has been conducted successfully on Sundays over the past couple of months with only two race days being cancelled due to poor weather conditions. The autumn months, however, have seen a drop off in fleet numbers. Despite great racing conditions for most Sundays we have struggled to get 4 starters on some occasions. The Sailing Committee is determined to make the effort and run races when the weather permits. This has been possible because all race management volunteers crewing on the power boats have turned up to help organise everything.

Next week is the last race of the sailing season. This will be the annual Shipwreck Classic race around the Cerberus wreck off Black Rock beach. It is a fun event with a Le Mans start off the beach (timed according to division yardstick) and a finish line set up at the end of Sandringham Breakwater. So even if you have not participated in any racing this year, come down and join in this easy-going event to finish up the season.

**Blaise Vinot**  
**Sailing Secretary**

**Fee Prices for 2021/2022**

At the March committee meeting it was decided not to impose any increase in membership fees for the 2021/2022 year. The committee agreed that members had little use of Club facilities and limited opportunities to get out on the water in 2020 owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. For this reason the 2021/2022 fees will be held at the same amounts as the current year, as shown below:

Family - \$443  
 Senior - \$295  
 Intermediate - \$148  
 Junior - \$98  
 Associate - \$45  
 Remote - \$110  
 Boat and Tender storage - \$208  
 Junior boat storage - \$104  
 Kayak storage - \$104  
 Sailboard - \$52  
 Maintenance fee - \$60  
 Key deposit fee - \$50

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

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

**Annual General Meeting and Election of Committee for 2021/22**

The next Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been set for **Sunday, 30 May** starting at **1:30 PM**. This will be followed by afternoon tea and presentation of awards for the past season.

A new committee for the coming year is elected at the conclusion of the AGM. COVID-19 last year prevented us from holding an AGM and most of the committee members continued in their roles for an additional 12 months.

This year some committee members will be standing down and will not seek re-election. We are therefore asking members to assist by nominating to positions on the committee.

Even if you have never done any voluntary work before, we are requesting members help out for 2021/22. It does not matter if you have been in Hampton Sailing Club for years or you have recently joined; just put your hand up and help with running the Club. Having one person for each job means they only need to spend a bit of time and energy to get the task(s) done.

Usually the committee meets (video conferencing or at the clubhouse) on one evening per month during the year (minimum 8 meetings). 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.

**COMMODORE****Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Conduct monthly committee meetings.
- ❖ Represent the Club at external functions.

**Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good organisational and interpersonal skills.

**VICE-COMMODORE****Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Assist the Commodore and represent the Club where necessary.

**Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good organisational and interpersonal skills.

**SECRETARY****Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Keep minutes of committee meetings.
- ❖ Receive and respond to correspondence.

**Desired Skills**

- ❖ Knowledge of business processes.

**TREASURER****Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Manage the Club's finances by keep accurate accounts and books of the financial affairs of the Club.
- ❖ Collect and receive monies due to the Club and make payments authorised by the Club.

**Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good knowledge of business and accounting practices.

**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 and distribute a newsletter.

**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 and organisational skills.

**SOCIAL SECRETARY****Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Organise the Club's social functions.

**Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good organisational skills.

**HOUSE SECRETARY****Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Plan and manage the maintenance of Club facilities.
- ❖ Organise working bees.

**Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good knowledge of building and maintenance practices.
- ❖ Good organisational skills.

**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.
- ❖ Other duties related to Club membership.

**Desired Skills**

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

**BOAT STORAGE****Duties and Responsibilities**

- ❖ Liaise with the Membership Secretary to manage and allocate boat storage to members who have paid to keep their watercraft at the Club.
- ❖ Maintain a database of the location of watercraft stored at the Club.

**Desired Skills**

- ❖ Good organisational skills.

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 the committee meeting scheduled for 7:30pm on Wednesday, 12 May). A nomination form for the 2021/2022 committee is at the end of this newsletter.

A formal notice of the AGM and agenda will be emailed to members at the beginning of May. Hard copies of this notice and other related documents will be mailed to those members who have no recorded email address.

**Plastic Water Bottles**

Most people will agree there are too many plastics clogging our environment. Discarded drink and water bottles are now the largest contributors of pollution to our waterways including Port Phillip.

To assist in reversing this trend Hampton Sailing Club will not allow the sale or giving away of plastic-bottled water from the Club. In future, members and visitors to HSC must bring their own water containers and, when needed, fill them from a tap.

If you go sailing or paddling it is important to take drinking water with you. When out on the water it is practical that water bottles are securely retained within your boat or kayak. This way they will not be lost overboard in the event of a capsized.

**New Member in April**

This month Hampton Sailing Club admitted the following member:

- Dianne Gibert – Senior member – plans to purchase a kayak

The Club welcomes this member. Please say hello when you see her down at the clubhouse.

**And Another Thing . . .**

Hampton Sailing Club has been unable to get in touch with long-term member **Ken (Kenneth) Hope**. If any member has had recent contact with Ken, or has more up to date details where he can be reached, could you please let us know by emailing the Club at:

<hampton.sailing.club@gmail.com>

**Boats for Sale**

A couple of boats owned by members are up for sale. Check the notice board for details. There are also some boats advertised that are not owned by HSC members.

**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



125's racing in Western Australia – and in the background is a Sabre with a shark sail chasing down a Laser radial



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**Hampton Sailing Club Sailing Calendar – 2020/2021 Summer Series**

**RACE MANAGEMENT DUTY ROSTER**

Date	Event	Comments	Eastern Light Race Controller	Eastern Light Crew 2	Eastern Light Crew 3	Hampton Red Driver	Hampton Red Crew
18-Apr-21	Shipwreck Classic		Frank Liepper	Sheila O'Shea	Mark Allen	Neil Watson	Paul Stephenson
25-Apr-21	Anzac Day	No racing					
Sailing Secretary:	Blaise Vinot 0425 702 456	<a href="mailto:bvinot@bigpond.com">bvinot@bigpond.com</a>					

Note: If you are unavailable please try to organise a swap with other members. Please inform Sailing Secretary as soon as possible.

