

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

It's been another cold and very windy winter this year. Despite frequent gale force winds that have lashed the Club over past weeks only one boat has tipped off its trolley. Fortunately, no damage was done.

There are a number of articles in this edition of *The Main Sheet* that members need to read carefully.

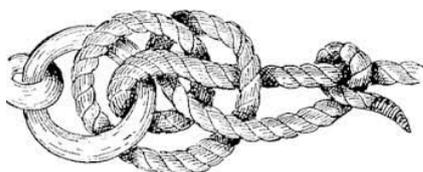
Our Winter Series started with on-shore advice and instruction from John Shallvey last month. The Winter Warriors event is scheduled for the end of this month, and the next social event will be on Saturday, 25 August.

A sailing calendar for the 2018/2019 year is included in this edition. No major revisions from last year, but members need to note when they are rostered for race management duty.

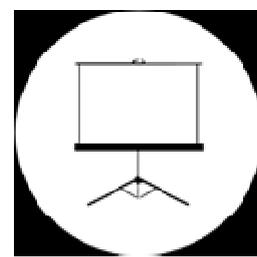
Some members are upset over the pricing of boat storage this year. Our boundary fence was cut open last month and a kayak stolen. There are articles covering both these issues.

There are notices about the Sail Sandy and Sail Melbourne regattas. Also, some information about the fees HSC is to pay Australian Sailing and other 'non-sailing' matters. Read on.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor



Social Event – 'Bring-a-course' Dinner Plus Presentations



Following the success of the "bring-a-course" dinner at the clubhouse last year, we are repeating the event on **Saturday, 25 August** starting at **7:30 PM**. We are asking members and their invited friends to bring either a main course, salad or dessert.

This time we have asked a couple of members to give presentations on sailing championships/regattas they took part in earlier this year. The venues of these events range from local to international. We are sure members will appreciate hearing some details from HSC fellow members who attended and participated in these competitions.

The plan is to put the first courses on the table at 7:30 pm and have presentations when everyone has finished their mains. Desserts will follow the presentations.

This will be a BYO wine/grog/booze event. The club drinks fridge will be open and well stocked with beer and soft drinks. Some nibbles will be provided for those who come along before 7:30.

If you are wondering what to bring, contact the Commodore who will try to keep a balance between main courses and desserts.

Working Bee – Sunday 23 September

Our pre-season Working Bee is scheduled for Sunday, **23 September**. The usual tidy-up will be needed before the beginning of the sailing season proper. Bring along some gardening tools and the perhaps a shovel because the rubber ramps need digging out and re-aligning after the very high winter tides.

The Working Bee commences at 9 am. Don't forget to record your name and time of starting on the attendance list. Frank Leipper will have a list jobs that need doing next to this list.

Members are expected to put in 3 hours work to earn a 'work day credit' of \$30 for attending the Working Bee. One credit is given for each Senior membership unit, and one for each Family membership unit. (One adult member per Family membership unit must attend – no extra credits are given if two adult family members show up). The credit is deducted from the member's Maintenance Fee for the following year.

Membership Renewals for 2018/2019

Despite subscription notices going out a little later than usual, it is pleasing to report that most members have paid their fees for 2018/2019.

The process was more complicated this year with the introduction of a Veteran discount to

some eligible members and changes to the Family membership structure.

Members are thanked for their patience in sorting through these issues. It is expected next year's subscription renewals will proceed more quickly and smoothly.

If you have not yet paid your Club subscription fees the Treasurer/Membership Secretary will soon be hassling you to pay them.

If you are making an electronic funds transfer (EFT) payment, the Club's **Bank of Melbourne** account details are given on the front of the subscription invoice.

Russell Brown
Commodore

Watercraft Stored at HSC for 2018/2019

The annual audit of stored watercraft is nearly complete. Labelling of watercraft will commence soon using the process worked out earlier this year.

For boats, registration stickers will be stuck to identity tags and these will be attached to trolleys or cradles. For boards and kayaks, registration stickers will be attached directly to the hull of the craft.

The policy of members having more than one watercraft in a rack space without additional payment was discussed at the membership issues meeting held in February this year. Dissatisfaction has been expressed in the past at the inequity of some members being able to store multiple watercraft on a rack and pay only for one craft. This comment was most often made by members with a boat stored in the yard and being forced to pay extra to store a kayak or board in a rack.

Other members storing one watercraft in a rack found that neighbours who have two or more craft were paying the same storage fee. That is, two (or more) craft for the price of one.

After considering these objections it was decided to charge a flat rate for each craft stored either in the racks or in the yard. In trying to reach a pricing compromise, the owners of boards successfully argued for a price reduction from \$100 to \$50 per board. The committee views this new pricing structure as fair and reasonable for members.

Even though reduced storage fees for board owners are offered so these members are not too financially disadvantaged, this change in policy has introduced disagreement amongst some members. Of the 68 watercraft (with known ownership) stored at HSC there are currently 7 members who own 2 or more of these craft.

Membership subscription fees is the No.1 annual income stream for Hampton Sailing Club. Boat storage is our second biggest revenue stream. A recent survey of membership fees of sailing/yacht clubs around Port Phillip Bay confirms that HSC is still the cheapest by far.

Comparison of boat and board storage prices shows that HSC prices are competitive with other clubs at the south end of the bay and much cheaper than clubs at the north end. Some are full up and have waiting lists for boat storage in the coming season. No other club around the Bay offers any reduction in price for storing more than one watercraft on their premises.

Because of the discontent among some members about current boat storage practice and pricing, the committee is convening a meeting about the matter at the clubhouse on **Saturday, 15 September** starting at **2:00 pm**.

At this meeting the committee will hear what members have to say and listen to financially viable alternative proposals that would be fair and reasonable to the majority of people storing watercraft at the Club. This meeting is open to all HSC members. Any changes to practice or price would take effect for the 2019/2020 year.

Break-in and Theft of Kayak

At the end of July it was discovered that the wire chain fence near the storage shed had been cut open and a kayak stolen from the storage racks. The fence was immediately repaired and the incident reported to local police.

Owners of kayaks stored at HSC are urged to chain and padlock their craft to the racks.

In response to a break-in and theft of an anchor from Lady Isa in 2016, security lighting was installed to cover the car park and side door at night time.

The committee is currently investigating additional security measures that might be put in place to warn off potential thieves and hopefully avoid such incidents in the future.

Russell Brown
Boat Storage Officer

Sailing Calendar for 2018/2019



The sailing calendar for next season is on page 7 in this edition of *The Main Sheet*. A copy will also be posted on the Club notice board (east wall).

This season's calendar is very similar to last year. Race management boat crewing details have not changed a lot either. If you were on a crew last year you are likely to be on the same duty again this year. Please check for your name on the calendar and put the date in your diary. If you know you cannot do duty on your designated day, please arrange a swap with another member (phone numbers are under names) and record it on the Club Notice Board copy of the sailing calendar. Reminder emails will be sent to duty crews about 5 days in advance.

Members rostered on House Duty on racing Sundays will be requested to stand by the clubhouse radio when sailors and race management boats are out on the water.

Dates for the inter-club activities with Sandringham Yacht Club are still to be confirmed. Members will be advised if there are any changes.

This year 9 days each of Club Championship races and Aggregate Series races have been scheduled. By popular request, there are 3 days of 'social sailing' included. These will be days where a cruise or sailing activities other than course racing will be conducted.

The spring racing starts on Sunday, 7 October. By popular demand, we are reverting to the tradition of conducting the Commodore's Cup as the first race of Opening Day. The Shipwreck Classic race will be on closing day which is 3 May.

This season a 'Social Sail' is scheduled for Sunday, 16 December and there will be a 3 week break in racing over the Christmas / New Year period.

The Winter Series for 2018 has already commenced with an informative and enlightening talk by John Shallvey on health and safety for sailors taking part in on-water activities. On Sunday, 26 August John will cover boat equipment, maintenance and how to rig various classes of boats. This will also be the Winter Warriors event with hot soup and bread rolls provided on the day. Sunday, 30 September is the week before our Opening Day and we will try to run some short course races, weather permitting.

Race Management Training - SYC

Sandringham Yacht Club is part way through their winter program of race management training. The following is a list of remaining sessions for 2018:

- Start Boat Procedures / World Sailing Practices – **Thursday, 6 September (7 - 9 pm)**
- Mark Laying Theory – **Thursday, 20 September (7 – 9 pm)**
- Mark Laying Practice – **Saturday, 22 September (on-shore: 9am – 12 pm, on-water: 1 – 3 pm weather allowing)**

HSC members can attend these sessions for free. Bookings need to be made online through www.sys.com.au/volunteer-training or by phoning the boating office at SYC on 9599 0922.

Sail Sandy Regatta – 13-14 October

Sandringham Yacht Club is running their annual off-the-beach classes' regatta over the weekend 13-14 October. This is the weekend immediately after the HSC opening day.

The regatta is open to monohull and catamaran classes that have a Yachting Victoria yardstick. Registration can be made at the Regatta Office from 7:00 AM on the Saturday morning.

Please note that Hampton Sailing Club will not be conducting racing on Sunday, 14 October in order to give HSC members the opportunity to compete in this regatta.

Those HSC members prepared to volunteer their time to assist with the regatta can contact Sandringham Yacht Club.

Sail Melbourne 2018

The annual Sail Melbourne regatta has been renamed 'Sail Melbourne International' (SMI). This year the event will again be held at Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC) over the period 12 – 16 December.

Although it is no longer part of the Sailing World Cup series (where stages will be held only at northern hemisphere venues), Sail Melbourne remains an international sailing event for Olympic and invited classes. This year's event will be the inaugural leg of the Asia Pacific Circuit of World Sailing regattas.

Preliminary details are shown on the Sail Melbourne website:

www.sailmelbourne.com.au

Please note that all volunteers for Sail Melbourne will need a Working With Children (WWC) card. Allow at least two weeks processing time if you plan to apply for a WWC card.

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

HSC Fee Payable to Australian Sailing

Every three years Yachting Victoria has reviewed the annual fee paid by each affiliated club. With the establishment of Australian Sailing the fee now goes to this new peak body.

In 2018 the affiliation fees were reviewed in relation to those paid by sailing/yachting clubs in all other Australian states. Victoria pays pro-rata more than any other state. In an effort to attain parity across all states, fees payable by most Victorian clubs will be reduced. The good news is the fee that HSC will pay reduces from \$3,682 to \$3,100 for 2018/2019.

**The Reportable Conduct Scheme**

The State Government has recently enacted legislation to introduce the Reportable Conduct Scheme for certain organisations.

In 2017 the Commission for Children and Young People required that all sporting organisations adopt a framework of Child Safety Standards. HSC complied with these requirements and has such a framework in place. The standards aim to protect children from harm when undertaking organised activities away from their home.

The Reportable Conduct Scheme places an obligation on organisations to report incidents of violence (sexual, physical or psychological) and neglect affecting children or young people to the Commission. The scheme also covers incidents of historical allegations against employees and volunteer staff.

Currently the scheme applies only to organisations that have a key focus of providing services to children. HSC is therefore exempt from involvement in the scheme (at the present time).

Amendment to the Marine Safety Act

The Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic) has been the subject of change in past years focusing

on professional marine operators. Recent amendments to the Act has removed the word “commercial” and came in to effect as of 1 July 2018.

A result of these modifications is to impose liability on ‘duty holders’ who manage boating activity events. It could therefore apply to employees or volunteers who run sailing events.

Australian Sailing is seeking urgent amendments so that sailing and yacht clubs would become duty holders and liability would transfer away from employees and volunteers.

More information will be provided to HSC members when it becomes available.

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 have been some prospective new members to HSC enquiring about the availability of two-man boats such as Pacers or 420s. Current members considering selling a boat should place an advert on the Club notice board.





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Hampton Sailing Club Racing Calendar – 2018/2019 Season

Winter Series- Briefing: – 12:00 pm

Start: – 1:00pm

26-Aug-17	Winter Warriors
23-Sep-17	Working Bee
30-Sep-17	Winter Series

Briefing: – 12:45pm

Start: – 2:00pm

2018

Date	Event	Handicap	Comments	Race Controller	1st Crew	2nd Crew	Hampton Red	Rescue Crew
07-Oct-18	Club Champ 1 Commodore's Cup	PH/YV	Start 1pm	Russell Brown	Frank Leipper	David Thompson	Andrew Gruby	Jack Gruby
14-Oct-18	Sail Sandy at SYC		No Racing Scheduled at HSC					
21-Oct-18	Aggregate 1	PH		Stewart Simmons	Russell Brown	Frank Leipper	Ken Trotter	Andrew Gruby
28-Oct-18	Club Champ 2 /SYC- HSC Interclub Race	YV	SYC to host					
04-Nov-18	Aggregate 2	PH	Sunday before Melbourne Cup day	Neil Watson	Russell Brown	Doug Turek	Andrew Cook	Claude Vergez
11-Nov-18	Club Champ 3			Frank Leipper	Sheila O'Shea	Henry Engelman	Fiona Stephens	Leeanne Rothacker
18-Nov-18	Aggregate 3	PH		John Shallvey	Stuart Skeggs	Brian Reynolds	Mark Jackson	Robert Lichter
25-Nov-18	Club Champ 4	YV		William Brown	Russell Brown	Frank Leipper	Charles Bagossy	Simon Hollingworth
02-Dec-18	Aggregate 4			Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot	Paul Stephenson	Ralph Brown	Jim Roberts
09-Dec-18	Club Champ 5	PH		Stewart Simmons	Tom Stanistreet	Katherine Oldfield	Patrick Hutton	Dawn Clark
16-Dec-18	Social Sail	YV		William Brown	Russell Brown		Frank Leipper	Ryan Marshall
23-Dec-18	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled					
30-Dec-18	New Year	-	No Racing Scheduled					

2019

Date	Event	Handicap	Comments	Race Controller	1st Crew	2nd Crew	Hampton Red	Rescue Crew
06-Jan-18	Holiday	-	No Racing Scheduled					
13-Jan-19	Aggregate 5	YV		Frank Leipper	Sheila O'Shea	Doug Turek	Andrew Gruby	Jack Gruby
20-Jan-19	Club Champ 6	PH		Stewart Simmons	Russell Brown	Ken Trotter	Ralph Brown	Aurelie Chabrol
27-Jan-19		-	Australia Day Holiday - No Racing					
03-Feb-19	Aggregate 6	YV		Russell Brown	Frank Leipper	Hugh Wareham	Ian Taylor	Jim Shaw
10-Feb-19	Club Champ 6	PH		Michael Cook	Michael Johnson	Ian Taylor	John Maddick	Emmanuel Skoutas
17-Feb-19	Social Sail			Jack Gruby	William Brown		Andrew Gruby	Claude Vergez
24-Feb-19	SYC/HSC Interclub Race	YV	HSC to host	Stewart Simmons	Russell Brown	Jeff Ward	Frank Leipper	Neil Watson
03-Mar-19	Aggregate 7	YV		Russell Brown	Lou Hutton	Andreas Loos	William Brown	Dawn Clark
10-Mar-19		-	Labour Day Holiday - No Racing					
17-Mar-19	Club Champ 7	PH		William Brown	Russell Brown	Ralph Brown	Andrew Gruby	Jack Gruby
24-Mar-19	Aggregate 8	YV		Frank Leipper	Russell Brown	Paul Kalitsis	Charles Bagossy	Jim Roberts
31-Mar-19	Club Champ 8	PH		Stewart Simmons	John Adshead	Benedict Appleby	Paul Stephenson	Simon Hollingworth
07-Apr-19	Social Sail	-		William Brown	Russell Brown		Frank Leipper	Simon Dwyer
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	Russell Brown	Michael Moloney	Leeanne Rothacker	Fiona Stephens
03-May-19	Shipwreck Classic	PH	Start 1pm	Russell Brown	William Brown	Sheila O'Shea	Frank Leipper	Greg Clark

