

# THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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## Newsletter Editor's Note

If members thought the start of last season's racing was bad, then this year seems no better. On most Sundays since the beginning of the season there has been no racing for one reason or another.

Racing at HSC will be affected in the New Year period with Sandringham Yacht Club hosting the World Laser Championships in February and RBYC conducting Sail Melbourne in January. Refer to the Racing Report in this edition and the Sailing Calendar for the remainder of 2019/2020 on page 6.

On the upside, the HSC committee has agreed to admit into the Club some 'temporary' members who are participating in regattas at other local yacht clubs. These 'temporary' members are paying their way while they store their boats at HSC and participate in championships

And of course there is the HSC Christmas Party next Saturday night. A lot of preparatory effort has gone into this annual event, and we are sure the party will be up to the standards of past years. Amazingly, we have pegged the price to just \$40 again this year. See you there.

To all members, the committee wishes everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year

**Russell Brown**  
Newsletter Editor

## Beach Road Closed Sunday, 8 December



Members should note that Beach Road will be closed next Sunday, 8 December from 6:00 am to 11:00 am. The closure will be from Charmain Road, Beaumaris up to South Road, Brighton.

During this time period, motorists can access Jetty Road from Georgiana Street. Please follow the directions of race marshals when crossing Beach Road.

Triathlon competitors will also be running along/across Jetty Road. Organisers of the event are asking that drivers take extreme care when driving along Jetty Road during the morning.

## Status Report on Hampton Beach



There have been no more complaints from members or visitors since the black sludge has been pumped from Hampton basin. Sailors seem to be adjusting to the beach shelving into deep water. The deeper water is certainly making it easier to navigate inside the basin and sail out past the end of the pier.

Parks Victoria (PV) has advised that 90% of the sludge removal work has been done. There will be a pause in activity to monitor water movements before tackling the east side

of Hampton pier. Part of this beach remains cordoned with orange flags and this is the area where future work is expected to be carried out.

The Club has received an item from the Foreshore Association addressed to Parks Victoria asking for consideration of funding for annual management and development of a long term plan to tackle the re-silting of the harbour. We are unsure if PV has responded to this request.

### HSC Social Calendar 2019



Members will be aware the next big event is the **Christmas Party next Saturday, 7 December**. We are confident that the evening will be as good as those in the past. Don't be late – get there at **6:30 for a 7:00 pm start**.

Social events for the 2019/2020 season so far have been reasonably successful. We had a Set-a-Course night in September followed up with a similar Bring-a-Course night later in the season.

The Commodore's Cocktails in October was great fun with a large turn up of members and guests.

Our games nights (on the last Tuesday of each month) are becoming more popular – participant numbers are slowly increasing.

And who doesn't like a sizzle? We have one at the end of racing on the last Sunday of each month.

After the Christmas Party, the social committee will take a break from organised social events until the end of next month. (Games night on Tuesday, 28 January). We will let members know what is happening in 2020 during the new year.

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**Social Secretary**

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### Sailing / Racing Report



The start of the 2019/2020 racing season has been a shocker. Bad weather and some mechanical problems with our race management boats have seen only a few Sunday races conducted so far.

We have managed to get 4 Championship races in to date and we sailed with the SYC OTB fleet some weeks ago in October. Results will be posted on the HSC website.

Lack of interest from enough members because of poor weather has led racing on several Sundays being cancelled. The race management volunteers are not prepared to launch our power boats and conduct formal races if only two boats want to compete!

The committee is also working on fixing the problems with the anchor winch system on Eastern Light.

A sailing calendar with the race management roster has been completed for the remainder of the season and is published on page 6 of this newsletter. Please check when you are rostered on and put the date in your diary. If you can't make it on the allocated date contact other members to arrange a swap well in advance.

Because HSC has agreed to hire our power boats to Sandringham Yacht Club for the World Laser Championships in February 2020, there will be no racing at our Club on the following dates:

- Sunday, 16 February
- Sunday, 23 February

Cancellation of racing on these Sundays will make the season at HSC even shorter. We can only hope for great sailing weather on the remaining race days for the rest of 2019/2020.

**Sailing Regattas at SYC, BRYC and RBYC**

Members will be aware of the large number of regattas over the 2019/2020 season being held at neighbouring clubs. The various regattas are listed again below:

- The George Mac Regatta (BRYC) 7-8 Dec
- Finn Gold Cup (RBYC) 15-21 December (World Champs)
- RS Aero World Champs (BRYC) 28 Dec – 4 Jan
- Australian Laser Champs (SYC) 2-8 Jan
- Etchells Nat Champs (RBYC) 7-12 Jan
- Sail Melbourne (RBYC) 17-20 January
- Laser World Championships (SYC)
  - Men's Standard 9-16 February
  - Radial (Men's & Women) 21-28 Feb
- Laser World Championships (SYC)
  - Men's Standard 10-16 February
  - Radial (Men's & Women) 20-26 Feb

There is still time to register interest in volunteering your time to assist in running some of these regattas. Check the websites of the organising clubs for details.

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

**Items missing from the Kitchen**

A check of items in the kitchen during October found that we are very low on some crockery and glasses. When a comparison of these items was made with the last audit it

was discovered we are missing 35 large dinner plates, 20 beer glasses and 8 water glasses. This seems an extraordinary amount of crockery and glassware to be lost from the Club over a period of less than 12 months.

These articles will be replaced before the Christmas party this week. If members accidentally brake kitchen objects, we ask they notify a member of the committee. It is important that we have sufficient equipment for Club social events and when the clubhouse is hired out for member and other private functions.

Members are reminded they cannot borrow or take away items of equipment from the Club for personal use.

**Membership and New Members**

In the October issue of the Main Sheet newsletter we reported the fact that several people had resigned their membership of HSC. Since that time there has been an upturn in interest from several quarters regarding sailing at our Club.

A number of interstate sailors participating in various Laser championships at SYC have asked to store their boats at HSC while these regattas are in progress.

The committee has agreed to create a 'temporary' membership category for these sailors. A special rate has been struck with payment of an up-front fee so that HSC will not be out of pocket when these people return to their home states.

In addition, some new full members were recently admitted to Hampton Sailing Club. They are:

- Nick Tzamouzaki – Senior member – owns a kayak
- Miloslav Shulev – Senior member – owns a Pacer

- Angus Richardson and Siobhan Teirney – Family members – own a 470 dinghy
- Vadym Saytsev and Olena Saytseva – Family members – own a RS Vision dinghy
- Peter and Karen Davis – Family members – own a Tasar

The Club welcomes these members. Please say hello to them when you see them down at the clubhouse.

### **Boat Storage**



The recent influx of new members has resulted in the storage spaces in the yard filling quickly. The storage situation has been complicated with the storage of boats by 'temporary' members.

All of this means that rigging of boats in the yard can be quite tight. Members might find it more convenient to rig on the grassed area outside the gates or, if the tide permits, on the beach.

The recent strong winds have caused some boats to move on their beach trollies. As a result one boat has been damaged. Members are encouraged to come down to the club and inspect their boats in the yard on a regular basis.

It is important that boats are stored on a correctly fitting trolley (that is in good repair) and the boat is tied down to the trolley.

**Russell Brown**  
**Boat Storage Officer**

### **Boats for Sale**

A number of boats stored at the Club are up for sale by members. 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**



Sabre sailors in Western Australia have developed a different sail for their boats, and are calling it the Shark. New shape and 0.8 square metres bigger than the original. It fits the standard mast and boom configuration. The Sabre Sailing Association of Australia is not happy and has declared that Sabres carrying the new sail are illegal. It will be interesting to see what happens.



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**Hampton Sailing Club Sailing Calendar – 2019/2020 Summer Series****RACE MANAGEMENT DUTY ROSTER**

Date	Event	Handicap	Comments	Race Controller	Eastern Light Crew1	Eastern Light Crew 2	Hampton Red Driver	Hampton Red Swimmer
08-Dec-19	Aggregate	PH		Stewart Simmons	Mark Jackson	Robert Lichter	Greg Clarke	Dawn Clarke
15-Dec-19	Social sail			Russell Brown	William Brown	Sheila O'Shea	Frank Leipper	John Maddick
22-Dec-19	Holiday							
29-Dec-19	Holiday							
5-Jan-20	Holiday							
12-Jan-20	Club Champ	YV		Frank Liepper	Paul Stephenson	Simon Hollingsworth	Lou Hutton	Ingrid Vinot
19-Jan-20	Aggregate	PH		John Shallvey	Mark Jackson	Brian Reynolds	Patrick Hutton	Karen Oldfield
26-Jan-20	Australia Day - No racing		Informal social sailing					
2-Feb-20	Club Champ	YV		Stewart Simmons	Doug Turek	Ken Trotter	Andrew Gruby	Jack Gruby
9-Feb-20	Aggregate	PH		David Thompson	Ian Taylor	Andrew Cook	Ralph Brown	Ross McGowan
16-Feb-20	Laser Champs at SYC		No racing					
23-Feb-20	Laser Champs at SYC		No racing					
1-Mar-20	Club Champ	YV		William Brown	Paul Kalitsis	Jim Shaw	Charles Bagossy	Andreas Loos
8-Mar-20	Labour Day weekend - No racing		Informal social sailing					
15-Mar-20	Aggregate	PH		Stuart Skeggs	Greg Clark	Robert Lichter	Jake Gunther	Millie Gunther
22-Mar-20	Club Champ	YV		Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot	Siobhan Tierney	William Brown	Angus Richardson
29-Mar-20	Aggregate	PH		Neil Watson	Alan Lees	John Maddick	Steve Moller	Miloslav Shulev
5-Apr-20	Club Champ	YV		Stewart Simmons	Ajay Rau	Michael Moloney	Jim Roberts	Oliver Latter
12-Apr-20	Easter – No racing		Informal social sailing					
19-Apr-20	Shipwreck Classic	PH		Russell Brown	Sheila O'Shea		Frank Leipper	Ingrid Vinot
26-Apr-20	Anzac Day weekend		No racing					