

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

It was good to see so many members using the club facilities during the longer than usual break over the Christmas / New Year period.

Poor weather conditions in January resulted in no Club racing in that month, but now that February has arrived so has some good sailing conditions. Fleet sizes over the last couple of Sundays have been variable. Let's hope we get plenty more racing in for the rest of the season.

Looking over past copies of *The Main Sheet* newsletter, February issues are often the slimmest in terms of articles. This edition will be no exception with only a few articles focusing on happenings at the Club.

Perhaps in the April issue we can feature some reports from members who have attended sailing regattas and championships. Good luck to those HSC sailors who will be competing in state championships over the next couple of months.

Regrettably, Mark Reading has had to tender his resignation as Secretary of the Club. We wish him and Robyn Fox well on their forthcoming move to sunny Queensland. Mark's departure does leave a vacancy on the HSC committee.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor



Vacant – The Secretary's Job

With Mark Reading resigning the Secretary's position with immediate effect it is necessary that we fill this job.

The office of Secretary is critical to the running of the Club and it is important the position is filled as soon as practicable.

I would like to hear from any member who is prepared to take on this role in a temporary capacity up to the end of the current financial year. That is, 30 April 2018.

Looking to the future I would like members to consider taking on this job next year.

Russell Brown
Commodore

Trailers in the Car Park or Rigging Yard



Some boat trailers have snuck into the Club over the past couple of months. Our Club by-laws prohibit storage of boat trailers on the premises. They limit the number of cars parking in our small 'car park'. Trailers left in the yard take up valuable rigging space.

If you have left a boat trailer at HSC please arrange to take it home next time you are down at the Club.

Sailing Secretary's Report

After an extended break over the Christmas / New Year period, poor weather or lack of interest from members resulted in no racing at the Club during January. We finally got a break after the Australia Day weekend with some fabulous weather on 4 February. Fourteen boats from HSC signed on for racing that day. Amazingly more boats started in the second race than in the first race!

Winds averaged a steady 12-15 knots from the south-west last Sunday (11 February). Strong winds the previous night resulted in the 5 starters facing some big seas. Waves reached 2 metres out on the course at times.

Special events coming up soon are the Social Sail to be held on Sunday 18 February. HSC will host inter-club racing with SYC off-the-beach classes on the following Sunday, 25 February.

Don't forget, the Commodore's Cup race will take place on 18 March 2018.

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

National Championships Results Roundup

Mark Jackson gained third place in the OK Dinghy national titles held at Southport Yacht Club, Queensland at the beginning of January. The first place-getter was a clear winner, but Mark was pipped into third position by one point by the runner-up. 43 boats entered the series.

Jake Gunther and Stuart Skeggs represented Hampton Sailing Club at the national Finn championships at Royal Queensland Yacht Club held in late January. By all accounts both sailors performed well in a very

competitive fleet with boats from all states of Australia and some from overseas.

Sale of Lady Isa

Lady Isa in use at the 2010 Javelin and Pacer State Titles Seas held at Beaumaris Yacht Club.

Many of you will have noticed that Lady Isa is no longer in the front car park. The committee advertised the boat for sale just before Christmas. There were a number of enquiries and we managed to sell her for just under the price we were wanting.

Thanks must go to Frank Leipper and Charles Bagossy for the minor repairs and preparation of Lady Isa for sale over several months in 2017. The hard work paid off.

The reason for holding on to Lady Isa for so long after purchasing Eastern Light is that we wanted to be sure the bigger boat was suitable for our purposes. As it turns out Eastern Light has been a 'good buy'.

Meeting on Club Membership Issues

The meeting about membership issues was held on Friday, 2 February. Several members attended. It was pleasing to see a couple of recently joined members come along and give their views on possible changes to our membership structure.

Documents had been prepared by Sheila O'Shea, Ken Trotter and Russell Brown, and copies distributed to the members present at the meeting. Discussions focused on what was perceived as the limited scope of the current membership types or categories. It was suggested the small range of categories at present do not accommodate non-sailing members. And it does not recognise/reward those who have retained continuous membership at the Club for many years.

Comparisons were made with membership categories and fees at some other yacht/sailing clubs in Victoria. The levels of HSC costings were also discussed with a view to possible fee increases in the future. It was acknowledged that while our fees were among the cheapest around, it was important not to price ourselves out of the market.

The committee will draft a revised membership structure which takes account of the matters raised at the meeting. Revised costings will also need to be worked out. Findings will be reported to members at the earliest opportunity for consideration and feedback.

Early Bird Discount

An item raised at the meeting on Club membership was the continuation of the Early Bird Discount (EBD). Members will be aware that a discount of 10% off the annual subscription fee is applied if payment is made by 30 June each year.

HSC is one of only a couple of yacht/sailing clubs that offer an EBD. Our discount of 10% is generous in comparison with those at other clubs.

The purpose of the EBD is to encourage members to pay their renewal fees quickly each year. However, in recent years this financial reward has not been incentive enough to prevent some members paying very late in the season. And some members have paid the EBD price after the 30 June cut-off date instead of the full amount.

The committee has agreed to maintain an EBD going forward, but it will be applied to members who paid their subscription notices by the due date last year (i.e. 30 June 2017). For the 2018/2019 season consideration will be given if members paid only a few days late or sought an extension of time for a valid reason. So members will need to pay early in the 2018/2019 year if they want to get an EBD off their fees for the following year.

Action to Tackle the Black Sludge Problem

As reported in the December 2017 newsletter, our Treasurer, Sheila O'Shea has been

working towards an application for funding to assess the problem.

A meeting was held at HSC in January 2017 to which all interested parties were invited who are concerned at the lack of action from state government on this significant issue.

Following that meeting, Sheila has been gathering the offers of support from local organisations and individuals prepared to help. Assembling the written offers of support into a report has been an arduous and time consuming process. As we go to press the application has been finalised and submitted.

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

Boats for Sale

There are couple of boats for sail by Hampton Sailing Club members. Please check the Club notice board for details.

Trapeze Harness - Free

John Maddick has a spare trapeze harness that he no longer wants. The brand is 'Burke' and appears to be in external good condition. Ask a committee member if you are interested in this item.





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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
04-Feb-18	Club Champ 6	PH		Michael Cook	Michael Johnson	Ian Taylor	John Maddick	Emmanuel Skoutas
11-Feb-18	Aggregate 6	PH		Russell Brown	William Brown	Andreas Loos	Lex Cusin	Dawn Clark
18-Feb-18	Social Sail			Jack Gruby	William Brown		Paul Stephenson	Claude Vergez
25-Feb-18	SYC/HSC Interclub Race	YV	HSC to host	Stewart Simmons	Russell Brown	Jeff Ward	Frank Leipper	Neil Watson
04-Mar-18	Club Champ 7	PH		William Brown	Russell Brown	Julio Languiller	Andrew Gruby	Jack Gruby
11-Mar-18		-	Labour Day Holiday - No Racing					
18-Mar-18	Aggregate 7	YV		Frank Leipper	Russell Brown	Paul Kalitsis	Charles Bagossy	Jim Roberts
25-Mar-18	Club Champ 8	PH		Stewart Simmons	John Adshead	Simon Hollingworth	Steve Moller	Michelle Moller
01-Apr-18		-	Easter Weekend - No Racing					
08-Apr-18	Aggregate 8	YV		David Thompson	Alan Lees	Mark Allen		Leeanne Rothacker
15-Apr-18	Club Champ 9	PH		Russell Brown	Frank Leipper	Hugh Wareham	Ian Taylor	Jim Shaw
22-Apr-18	Aggregate 9	YV		Neil Watson	Russell Brown	Michael Moloney	Leeanne Rothacker	Fiona Stephens
29-Apr-18	Shipwreck Classic	PH	Start 1pm	Russell Brown	William Brown	Sheila O'Shea	Frank Leipper	Greg Clark

