

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

Welcome back to the second half of the current sailing season. Great weather before Christmas gave members plenty of opportunity to get out racing on Sundays. Let's hope it continues into 2019.

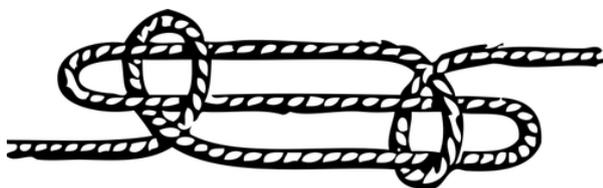
Looking at the Sailing Destination Book it is apparent that many members made the most of getting out on the water over the Christmas/New year break.

The Club's Christmas Party was again a great success thanks to the tireless work of a small group of members who were determined to 'make it happen'. Numbers attending this year were down on last year.

The inaugural Music Night was also a great event. Those members and guests who attended enjoyed a wonderful evening of entertainment and fun. Special thanks go to members who organised and performed on the night. In particular, Steve Moller, Jim Roberts and solo performer Jake Gunther (aka Jake Jackson). The sale of CDs helped raise funds for the Club. Other upcoming social events to be advertised soon. Ideas anyone?

Congratulations to those HSC sailors who took part in championships and regattas over the summer period. And good luck to Mark Jackson at the OK worlds in New Zealand.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor



Security Monitoring at the Clubhouse



One of the most important issues for members of HSC is the security of their possessions stored on the premises. There have been over the years a couple of break-ins and thefts including the taking of a kayak from the storage racks in 2018. The committee believes action is needed to improve security at the Club.

The committee has also been made aware that items are being stolen from the store room and the kitchen area of the clubhouse. It appears these thefts have been ongoing for some time as well as opportunistic removal of items. For example, a substantial amount of left-over food and drink was taken from the Club fridge between midnight and 10 am on the morning after the Christmas party.

At its February meeting, the committee investigated the option of installing video monitoring equipment. The presence of such equipment is considered a deterrent to anybody potentially carrying out thefts in the future and a tool for the identification and prosecution of thieves.

A couple of our members are experienced in the field of surveillance monitoring. They have advised that for a modest cost the Club can install top quality, high resolution, motion activated cameras with software that operate in daylight and night light. Video recording is stored off-site which can be accessed by authorised members.

The selection, location and installation of appropriate indoor and exterior cameras needs to be finalised. Input from members on this initiative is welcome. The committee plans to have a system up and running in a couple of months.

Sailing Secretary's Report

The first Sunday back from the holiday break was a wash-out with strong winds increasing in strength as the afternoon progressed. Since then racing conditions on Sundays in January have been great. Active members are getting back into racing this year and fleet numbers are on the rise.

Due of a change of plans Sandringham Yacht Club OTB boats joined in with our racing last Sunday (10 February) instead of this weekend coming. Normal club racing will be held next Sunday, 17 February. Whether it will be part of the Club Championship or Aggregate series is yet to be decided.

Our first scheduled Social Sail in December was a non-starter due to lack of interest so close to Christmas. The next Social Sail is planned for 24 February so we are hoping for decent weather and plenty of members turning up. BBQ after the on-water activities.

Sail Melbourne 2018 - RBYC



Weather conditions for this series were challenging to say the least. Lack of wind resulted in some classes sailing only the minimum number of races for a series.

The Finn class was able to get in 8 races over the four days of competition. Competition in this class was fierce with a large number of overseas sailors. Great Britain and China each had a team of 4 competitors.

Five HSC Finn sailors competed but none managed to finish in the top half of the fleet. Stuart Skeggs got a 17th in race one and consistent sailing saw him finish 20th overall out of a fleet of 32 entries.

OK Dinghy National Championships

These championships were held over the Christmas/New Year period at Black Rock Yacht Club. HSC loaned Hampton Red as a rescue boat for the series.

Weather conditions were favourable for the whole series with winds no less than 5 knots and not more than 20 knots.

Out of a fleet of 41 entrants, HSC sailor Mark Jackson sailed consistently each day and was able to claim second place overall.

Finn National Championships

The OK championships at BRYC were followed a few days later by the Finn nationals.

Some of the overseas visitors at the Sail Melbourne regatta had stayed in Australia and competed in this series as well. Most of these sailors performed well overall, however Australians were well represented in the top half of the fleet results.

Best HSC sailor again was Mark Jackson finishing 18th overall with Stuart Skeggs not far behind in 23rd place.

Sabre Dinghy State Championships - 2019



Last weekend (9-10 February) saw these championships hosted at Elwood Sailing Club. Saturday was a blow out, but Sunday offered light and variable winds. Four races were held this day with three to count for the series. HSC member Lou Hutton held her

own over the trying conditions and was placed about half way in the fleet of 58 entrants.

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

Water Conservation



During 2018 a new 'smart' water meter was installed at HSC. This means the meter is read remotely by the water company. Water consumption at the Club is being recorded accurately, and we are now being billed regularly.

One alarming fact from this process is the amount of water consumed at HSC. It is disproportionately high when compared with residential properties. Considering the Club's most intense activities are on Sundays during the racing season it is expected that water consumption would peak on these days and there would be negligible water use on week days.

On occasions there are leaks in the water service. These have been detected and repairs made quickly by our House Secretary.

The Club has experienced problems in the past with the two hoses near the bottom of the yard. After washing boats, pressure would build up behind the trigger attachments. Sometime later the hose would blow off the fittings and this might not be noticed for a day or so. Even though we have now installed quality hoses and fitting at these locations it is a good idea for members to *check the taps are turned off* at the end of a day.

Over recent years our water bill (along with other utility costs) has become a major expense for the Club. Members are asked to be "water wise" and ensure water is not used unnecessarily.

Watercraft Storage



The boat storage at HSC is now up-to-date. Prior to Christmas, all watercraft registered and paid for 2018/2019 were provided with their appropriate stickers. Those craft resting on trolleys have their stickers on an orange tag and, in most instances, it is attached with a cable tie to the front of the trolley. For other craft such as kayaks and boards, the label has been stuck directly onto the hull.

There have been occasional strong winds in recent weeks resulting in some boats stored in the yard tipping over. Please, please ensure your trolley fits your boat and the boat is tied on to the trolley.

Removal of Unseaworthy Vessels



A couple of boards appeared outside the yard gates over the Christmas period. To give Club members clear access to the Hampton basin, these boards have been moved onto the tenders parked either side of our black launching mats.

People bring various boards and watercraft down to the beach for use over the holiday period. Sometimes they are not taken away and in past years one or two of them have found their way inside the HSC fence.

Parks Victoria (PV) has been contacted about the 'dumping' of these boards on the Sandringham foreshore. The local area ranger has informed HSC that PV are putting together a strategy to identify unseaworthy craft moored on the west side of the pier. It is

their intention to contact the owners and then have the boats removed during 2019.

The area ranger also agreed to the removal of unseaworthy tenders that have remain unused for several years outside the HSC north gates. This will also include any 'dumped' boards.

Committee Membership – Succession Planning



You might think it is premature to start talking about the 2019 AGM and a new committee for 2019/2020. However, I would like members to give some thought at this early stage to the possibility of taking on a job for next year.

For the past couple of years the committee has comprised a handful of people working to keep HSC on track financially and spearhead the black sludge problem. Whilst modestly successful in the former we are still fighting to solve the latter.

At the end of this year the Commodore and Treasurer will both have served 3 year terms. The rules of the Club require these incumbents step aside and other members be elected these positions. In order for the Club to function effectively these roles must be filled next year.

It should be noted there are a number of other committee jobs that have been vacant and need to be filled. In particular, the role of Secretary is essential to the functioning of the Club especially its liaison role with external organisations.

A committee composed of a few members taking on multiple roles can effectively administer HSC. However, a full complement of committee members would spread the load. Each person need only devote the minimum amount of time and effort to complete the required tasks of the job. In this way, becoming a committee member means individual jobs get done

quickly and the member has a voice in the running of the entire Club.

Committee meetings are usually held monthly (not in January) and if you miss a few it's not the end of the world. For most members it is not too far to come down to the clubhouse, and parking is not a problem!

Don't get me wrong, managing a sporting club of about 120+ members is not without its challenges, but I am convinced that if all the committee positions are filled by members prepared to contribute a bit of their time and energy then HSC will continue to thrive.

Any senior financial member is eligible to serve on the committee. So if you are relatively new to our Club or you have been a member for years, give some consideration to joining the 2019/2020 committee.

A list of all the committee member positions and responsibilities will be published in the April newsletter. In the meantime, talk to me or other committee members about the various committee jobs and their functions.

Report on the Black Sludge Problem



Prior to the State Election in November 2018, some HSC members met with the local Labor candidate's manager to discuss the black sludge issue. Labor officials were unaware of this local problem and recommended a second meeting after the election. The second meeting was held and a proposal has been forwarded to the relevant government Minister.

At the moment the outlook is promising. Involvement at ministerial level has resulted in Parks Victoria agreeing to feasibility studies to determine a course of action. There is a determination to try to secure funding for work on the project. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that it would be included in the current budget and it may be held over until the next.

Since the elections the new local member Brad Roswell has followed up on some work

done by the former member, Murray Thompson. Mr Roswell has been in contact with some stakeholders. The impact of his involvement at this stage is uncertain.

The black sludge in the basin was a significant talking point at the National Sabot Championships held at Sandringham Yacht Club over the Christmas/New Year period. As you can imagine many visitors, participants and their families were not impressed.

Sandringham Yacht Club is scheduled to host the World Laser Championships over January and February 2020. This will be a huge event with several hundred competitors and support personnel. It will be in the interests of the State Government and City of Melbourne that the venue, including Hampton basin, is safe and clean for this international series.

**Russell Brown
Commodore**

New Members

In February, a new member was admitted to Hampton Sailing Club. She is:

- Kathryn Woods – Senior member – owns a SUP board

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

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 and Members Wanting to Crew on HSC Boats

There are now a number of boats at the Club that are up for sale by members. In particular:

- RS100 – Michael Johnson.
- 420 – Fiona Stevens and Leeanne Rothacker.
- Pacer – Stewart Simmons.

If you are interested in any of these boats please refer to the advertisements on the notice board or contact the member(s) directly to get further information. Or if you are wanting to sell a boat, put an advert on the notice board.

If you are a member seeking someone to crew with you on your own boat, or you want a crewing position on a boat at the Club, please place a notice on the notice board.



Member Hugh Wareham launching his Sparrow dinghy for an afternoon sail.



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Hampton Sailing Club Racing Calendar – 2018/2019 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
17-Feb-19	Normal racing	TBA		Russell Brown		Jeff Ward	Frank Leipper	Neil Watson
24-Feb-19	Social Sail			Jack Gruby	William Brown		Andrew Gruby	Claude Vergez
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	Charles Bagossy	Jim Roberts
24-Mar-19	Aggregate 8	YV		Michael Cook	Russell Brown	Paul Kalitsis	Andrew Gruby	Jack Gruby
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