

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

This will be more of a 'news bulletin' than a full blown newsletter. There are couple of recent issues that the committee wishes to bring to the attention of members. Another newsletter in the usual format will be produced next month.

A trailer with a jet ski and some surfboards has been deposited in the front yard of the Club. The committee is wanting information about this, and the whole lot to be removed.

On July 11 an announcement was made by the State Government regarding the removal of black sludge from Sandringham Harbour. The press release together with more recent information is contained in an article in this issue.

There is a letter from Albert Park Yacht Club who have reached out to all sailing/yachting organisations asking it be circulated to club members.

While Hampton Sailing Club does not usually endorse commercial organisations, an invitation has been included from Keeley Marine for members to attend a 'fix it day' at their workshops on 12 August.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor



Jet Ski and Surfboards in the Carpark



On the night of 10 July a trailer with a jet ski and what appear to be surfboards was left in the front yard of the Club. No one on the committee has any idea who these items belong to. As they have been in the carpark now for two weeks the committee has decided they want the trailer and watercraft to go.

Clearly a member's key was used to allow the trailer onto Club premises. The committee would like to hear from that member, or any other member who knows something about who owns these objects. Unless a member of the committee is contacted in the next couple of days, action will be taken to have the trailer and its cargo removed from the Club.

Committee members' contact details are given on page 6.

Sludge to be Removed?

A press release was issued from the office of the Minister for the Environment on 11 July promising to clean up Sandringham Harbour.

The full text of this release is given below. Since the issuing of this commitment by the State Government and the allocation of a budget to tackle the sludge problem, HSC has been able to gain further relevant information.

Parks Victoria have been commissioned with the task of project managing the clean-up including arranging the dredging. In addition to the clean-up of Hampton basin, the east side of Hampton Pier will be dredged and sand on the adjacent beach re-profiled. The tasks should be completed by October 2019. HSC may have to rearrange its racing calendar if there is a time over run.

There have been a host of people involved in raising awareness of the sludge problem and securing State Government funding for the clean up to proceed. The efforts of these people need to be recognised and the committee proposes to arrange a celebration event. This will occur once the job has been completed!

SANDRINGHAM SLUDGE CLEAN UP SLATED

Locals and visiting beach goers will be able to comfortably enjoy a sludge-free Sandringham Harbour this summer with a beach clean-up project about to get underway.

Consisting of decaying organic matter such as seaweed and seagrasses, the naturally-occurring sludge has affected the ambience of the waterfront as it has accumulated and may pose a hazard to sailors and other visitors to the beachfront. The material is not contaminated or toxic.

In response to community concerns, the Victorian Government will begin a new project to remove the sludge by dredging and disposing it in the marine environment to the west of the breakwater with minimal environmental impact.

Following the dredging operation, a beachfront grooming project will also get underway to regenerate the vitality of the popular destination.

Whilst seaweed is naturally deposited across many beachfronts, the tidal movements around Sandringham Harbour have allowed this material to collect in significant quantities, omitting an unpleasant odour as it breaks down and causing some visitors, dogs and boats to get stuck.

This operation represents a significant investment into the local community for beach and harbour users and will mean Sandringham Harbour and beachfront is free from sludge by late 2019 in time for the 2020 World Laser Sailing Championships, an important qualifier for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Tenders are Being Removed



As part of the process to remove the black sludge from the Hampton basin, Parks Victoria has issued notices for owners of tenders to remove them from the area outside the north gates of Hampton Sailing Club. The boats moored alongside Hampton Pier are also to be moved (along with their underwater ground tackle) to allow the dredging to go ahead.

A dead line of 20 July was given for tenders outside our gates to be taken away. As of 25 July only two remained plus a wrecked canoe.

Parks Victoria have suggested racks be constructed further along the Sandringham foreshore for the storage of tenders.

HSC members should think of ideas to best utilise this additional land. However, Sandringham Yacht Club might request the area be used for temporary storage of Lasers during the upcoming championships later this year and in early 2020.

Death of a Sailor on Port Philip and Coast Guard Information

At the request of the Sailing Secretary of Albert Park Yacht Club the following letter is included in full for HSC members to read. The needless loss of a young sailor while out on Port Philip is a tragedy. It does serve as a salutary reminder of the dangers of going out alone on the bay, and the need to let people know details of any proposed trip. Anyone doing so needs to carefully assess weather and sea state (current and expected) beforehand. Everyone should err on the side of caution if they are the least unsure of being able to handle the conditions.

LETTER SENT TO COMMODORES OF ALL VICTORIAN YACHT / SAILING CLUBS

Dear Commodore, Committee & Members,

Recently, one Sunday afternoon, a young sailing colleague (24 years old) from Albert Park Yacht Club decided to sail his Laser dinghy from the South Melbourne foreshore. He told his flat mates he was going sailing but did not tell them from where.

His body was found floating near Williamstown on the Monday and his damaged dinghy was found near St. Kilda on the Tuesday.

It is extremely sad that someone young died tragically, doing something he loved, but no one knew where he was at that time.

I would appreciate it if you could take this opportunity to pass on the following information to your members to use as they wish.

Coast Guard Melbourne (CGM) (Australian Volunteer Coast Guard – VF12 Sandringham) record voyages for yachts, recreational vessels, sea-kayaks etc. and then monitor those voyages using a number of means.

1. Download the free SafeTrx app, record your voyage and then take your mobile phone in a water-proof pouch. CGM monitor this app for its use Australia-wide.
2. Call CGM on 03 9598 7003 or use VHF Ch 16, 27 MHz Ch 88 or HF Ch 2524 and give your voyage details to the Coast Guard radio operator. This can be for a voyage within a single day or over multiple days both within the Bays and Bass Strait.

In the event of an overdue voyage CGM will attempt to contact the vessel, then a shore contact before escalating to the relevant marine rescue authorities.

Thank you for reading this and passing it to your members.

Regards,

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Invitation to 'Fix It Day' at Keeley Marine

Keeley Marine have recently re-located to a new factory. This is a fair dinkum offer to bring some broken boat bits along and have them repaired. But you do need to RSVP to Karl (phone or email) by 1 August so they have an idea as to how many people are going to turn up, and for catering purposes.

You are invited!

KEELEY MARINE FIX IT DAY

**10 AUGUST | 10AM-7PM
8/2 AINSLIE RD, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061**



Bring your broken boat bits or any engineering projects you would like help with and the team at Keeley Marine will either fix it, make a new one or find a spare. RSVP to Karl by 1/8 on: 0490 060 939 or register free [here](#). Light refreshments will be served throughout the day and for those who stay a bit longer, cocktails will served from 4pm. See what the team can do or just join us for a drink and a chat

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Hampton Sailing Club Sailing Calendar – 2019 Winter Series**Briefing: – 12:00 pm Start: - 1:00 pm (Please note early start time for winter events)**

- July 28
- August 11
- August 25 (Winter Warriors)

Date	Event
Sunday 28 July	BASIC SAILING TRAINING/INSTRUCTION On-shore and on-water (weather permitting)
Sunday 25 August	SAILING TRAINING/INSTRUCTION On-shore and on-water (weather permitting) WINTER WARRIORS Informal after sailing social event
Sunday 29 September	PRE-SEASON SAILING TRAINING/INSTRUCTION On-shore and on-water (weather permitting)