

# THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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## Newsletter Editor's Note

First, let me back pedal to the Working Bee held last month. Thanks are due to the band of hard-working members who turned out and cleaned, tidied, gardened, mowed, chipped masonry and laid bricks. At the end of the day the Club was looking in great shape.

The most notable feature of the 2017-2018 season was the awful weather conditions that prevailed on most race days. Long-term members cannot remember a season where so many race days were cancelled. Let's hope that 2018-2019 is much better and more members can get out on the water more often.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 27 May. While the Club is in a financially 'stable' condition we are constantly seeking new members and we need greater participation from existing members.

In particular, the committee could do with some more new-blood members (or old-blood members for that matter). The social front could also do with an injection of new ideas and enthusiasm. We want to schedule more social events that get members down to the Club and enjoying themselves often in on-shore activities.

This edition of *The Main Sheet* is again fairly light on for articles from members, but there are some important messages so read on.

**Russell Brown**  
Newsletter Editor



## AGM Items



Perhaps the most pressing issue is the problem of the black sludge along the Sandringham foreshore. The situation is exacerbated for local sailors by the gradual silting up of Hampton basin.

The Hampton Beach Renourishment Project has delivered a new rock groyne and more sand deposited on Hampton Beach. It is unclear at this stage what impact these changes will have on the local waterways.

Sheila O'Shea outlined the process and outcome of an application to the Port Philip Bay Fund seeking funding for an investigation into the health of the bay and removal of the sludge. The joint application with other local stakeholders was unsuccessful. Other avenues will need to be pursued in order to solve the sludge menace.

## Committee for 2018/19

The election of the committee for 2018/2019 was held at the end of the AGM. Two members of the current year's committee did not elect to stand again.

John Basarin did not seek re-election to the new committee. John, together with Sheila

O’Shea, was instrumental in promoting hire of the clubhouse to outside individuals and organisations last year. As a result income from these activities was much higher than in past years.

Charles Bagossy has resigned after several years as a general committee man. We owe a great deal of thanks to him for his ideas, input and commitment to all aspects of the Club’s operation.

Mark Reading resigned the position of Secretary before the end of the year when he and Robyn Fox moved to Queensland. Thanks go to Mark for the work he did as Secretary during his time on the committee.

Dawn Clark has agreed to take on the role of Clubhouse Booking Officer for the coming year. Dawn does not want to serve as a committee member, and she will continue the task of maintaining the Club’s kitchen supplies. Members wanting to book the clubhouse for private functions are reminded to please do so via the Club’s new website.

The committee members for 2018-2019 stand as follows:

Commodore	Russell Brown
Vice Commodore	Vacant
Treasurer	Sheila O’Shea
Secretary	Vacant
Sailing Secretary	William Brown
Membership Secretary	Richard Skews
House Secretary	Frank Leipper
Social Secretary	Vacant
General Committee	Jim Roberts
General Committee	Vacant

**Winners and Place-Getters for the 2017/2018 Season**



Despite the lack of races conducted over the past season we managed to complete a Club Championship series and an Aggregate series for both divisions. The practice of having two races per race day pays dividends.

The first day of the season was the one and only ‘Sprint Series’ event that was held. We managed to get in 3 races on this day.

Fleet numbers were similar to the 2016/2017 season, however total number of participants was well down. For those sailors who did participate in the majority of races, the results were tight again this year for place-getters in Division 1.

Congratulations go to these sailors and all members who received a trophy at the presentations given after the Annual General Meeting.

**Club Championship – Division 1:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Blaise & Kate Vinot
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg Clark
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark Jackson

**Club Championship – Division 2:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> William Brown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Bagossy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Neil Watson

**Annual Aggregate – Division 1:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Greg Clark
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stuart Skeggs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Blaise & Kate Vinot

**Annual Aggregate – Division 2:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> William Brown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lou Hutton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Charles Bagossy

**Shipwreck Classic 2018:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Blaise & Kate Vinot

**Sprint Series 2018:**

- Division 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Greg Clark
- Division 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Aurelie Chabrol

**Best Woman Sailor 2018:**

Lou Hutton

**Best Newcomer Sailor 2018:**

Dawn Clark

Club Member of the Year 2018:

Sheila O'Shea

There was no Commodore's Cup race this year. Regrettably, bad weather caused cancelation of the race on the day it was originally scheduled and then again on the day late in the season when it was re-scheduled.

Membership Subscriptions for 2018/2019

Membership subscription renewals were not sent out until the beginning of June this year. By now all members should have received their membership renewal notices for 2018/2019 in the post.

Members who are eligible for the Veteran Discount have been advised by letter. These members must contact the committee by email if they wish to take up the offer of the discount. A revised subscription invoice will then be sent out. Please wait for the second invoice rather than try to apply the discount yourself.

The fees are due from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. The 'early bird' discount of a 10% reduction in the membership fee will apply if you pay by **30<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. But remember, it will be taken off your subscription *next year*.

Most members will be aware that HSC now banks with the Bank of Melbourne. Please check the front of your subscription invoice for the correct account details if you are making an electronic funds transfer (EFT) payment.

**Russell Brown**  
**Commodore**

Upcoming Social Event?

HSC social events tend to be infrequent during the winter months. However, the social committee is trying to organise something at the Club on **Saturday, 14 July**.

We are hoping to get some of the Finn sailors to tell us about the World Masters series recently held in Spain and at least one other member who competed in a championship racing event last season. Date and format of the occasion are still to be finalised. More details will be emailed to members closer to the event.

Sailing Calendar for 2018/2019

The sailing committee is busy drafting a racing/sailing calendar for next season. Building on the successful 'social sail' held in February this year, we plan to schedule more of these next season. The 2018/2019 calendar will be published in the August edition of the *Main Sheet* newsletter.

Several members have expressed the desire to hold a Winter Series for 2018. The plan is to run on-shore and on-water activities (weather permitting) on the last Sunday of each month. John Shallvey has agreed to provide some training/instruction for members on Sunday 29 July. The exact format is yet to be decided.

This will be repeated on Sunday, 26 August when we hold our annual Winter Warriors event. Activities will also be scheduled for Sunday 30 September.

Winter Series events will commence at the earlier time of 12:30 PM because of the shorter days and colder weather. A calendar is provided on page 6 of this newsletter.

**William Brown**  
Sailing Secretary

### **Boat Storage in the Yard - Winter Months**



We have already experienced some wild and windy weather since the end of the racing season. If you have a boat stored in the yard please ensure it is securely tied down to its trolley. Make sure the boat cover is a tight fit to protect your boat from the weather. And it is a good idea to leave the self-bailers open.

As an extra precaution against your boat tipping over in strong winds, it is a good idea to tie a rope over your boat to a sand bag on each side.

### **Un-known owners of watercraft**

There are still a couple of watercraft at HSC whose ownership is uncertain. I will place notices on these craft asking the owners to contact me. It is important that the Club records all watercraft stored on the premises and we know who owns these craft.

**Russell Brown**  
Boat Storage Officer

### **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**

Sometimes Hampton Sailing Club members offer boats for sale. Please check the Club notice board for details.





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**Hampton Sailing Club Sailing Calendar – 2018 Winter Series**

**Briefing: – 12:30 pm (Please note early start time for winter events)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday 29 July	BASIC SAILING TRAINING/INSTRUCTION On-shore and on-water (weather permitting)
Sunday 26 August	SAILING TRAINING/INSTRUCTION On-shore and on-water (weather permitting) WINTER WARRIORS Informal after sailing social event
Sunday 23 September	PRE-SEASON SAILING TRAINING/INSTRUCTION On-shore and on-water (weather permitting)