

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

Welcome everyone to the 2017/2018 sailing season.

There has been little let up in the cold windy weather experienced during winter and early spring. This caused the cancelation of sailing/training events scheduled for September.

However, racing got underway on the first Sunday in October. This was a day when members could gently ease themselves back into racing.

There has been quite a lot of maintenance work conducted over the off-season months including the building of a proper drainage system for the showers. I would also like to thank the members who turned up to the September Working Bee. They did a great job getting the clubhouse, equipment and grounds ready for the current season. Special mention goes to Jacek Gibert for single-handedly clearing the last pile of sand from the car park.

The new Hampton Sailing Club website has been developed and is nearly ready to go on line. It has taken a lot longer than expected to pull this project together. I will send out another bulletin when the site is operational.

There are some important messages in this edition of *The Main Sheet* which I urge you to read carefully. And on a lighter note we have a poem supplied by Paul Stephenson. I cannot recall ever including a poem in our Club newsletter, however some members inform me this is not a first-time occurrence. Read on.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor

Payment of Membership Renewals for 2017/2018



Hampton Sailing Club changed its bank accounts from ANZ to Bank of Melbourne at the beginning of 2017. Members have been advised of this fact. The current bank account details were also supplied on the renewal notices sent to members.

The Treasurer advises that if subscriptions are paid into the old account the money is not accepted and bounces back to the payers account. Some members in this situation may not be aware of this. They may think they have paid their club fees but the money is still sitting in their own account!

Some late payment notices have already been sent out to members, including some unaware of the situation mentioned above. If you think you may have made an EFT into the old ANZ account please take the time to check your own accounts.

If you need more information on this matter please contact the Treasurer, Sheila O'Shea. Her contact details are given on page 9 of this newsletter, or email her at hsctreasurer3@gmail.com.

Russell Brown
Commodore

Sailing Secretary's Report

The 2017/2018 season started on 1 October with a Sprint Series of races. The fleet of 9 starters experienced cloudy conditions with light winds during the afternoon. We managed to get in 3 races before the wind fell right away and everyone headed for home.

Owing to strong winds, the first Club Championship racing on the following Sunday did not go ahead.

The Sailing Instructions for 2017/2018 have been finalised and were sent as a separate email to members. A copy is pinned on the Club notice board (west wall) and will be posted on the HSC website.

There are no significant changes to the SI's from last year. The only important point to notice is that boats sailing downwind towards the finish line must sail through the gate OR sail around both gate marks (leaving them to port).

The Sail Sandy regatta will be held this coming weekend. The regatta is open to all classes of OTB monohulls and catamarans. There is no racing at HSC to enable our sailors to compete in this event. HSC members can volunteer to help out at the regatta by contacting James Sly at SYC.

Racing Calendar 2017/2018

Firstly, the practice of conducting a briefing at 12:45 PM will continue this year. This gives the race management team more time to get out on the water and set a course for a 2:00 PM start.

The racing calendar for this season is on pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter. There have been a few changes to the calendar since it was first published in the August issue of *The Main Sheet*:

- HSC has hired its power boats to Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) for the Sail Sandy regatta. As a result HSC will not conduct a Social Sail on 15 October.
- The inter-club racing with SYC (and hosted by HSC) has been moved from 11 February 2018 to 25 February. The HSC Aggregate 6 has been moved to

11 February and our Social Sail has been moved to 18 February.

Some race management boat crews have also been changed as a result of these event date alterations. Please check the calendar for the date(s) that you are on duty. If you know in advance you are unable to attend on a rostered date, swap with another member on a day you will be available. Contact phone numbers are supplied for this reason. If you change your duty date please write it on the calendar on the HSC notice board (east wall).

Last year the Sailing Committee took the decision to have 3 crew on the start/finish boat (Eastern Light) and 2 crew on the rescue RHIB (Hampton Red). We will continue this policy again this season. Reminder emails will be sent to crew members in the week before they are on duty.



William Brown
Sailing Secretary

Hire of Clubhouse to Peninsula Boat Training

As reported in the August issue of *The Main Sheet*, Hampton Sailing Club entered into an agreement with Peninsula Boat Training (PBT) to use our clubhouse to conduct training sessions. Only one session has been

held at HSC. PBT has decided to cease its training operation at HSC owing to a lack of future bookings at our venue.

It would be in our interests if PBT were to continue to offer powerboat and marine radio training sessions at HSC. We would welcome suggestions from members as to how we can assist with the promotion of these events.

Upcoming Social Events



The informal “Bring-a-Course” dinner held in August was, despite being held in the middle of the year, a great success and everyone who attended had an enjoyable time. We will repeat this type of event again.

The next social event will be a “**Build-a-Burger**” night on **Saturday, 11 November**. Planning has already started and we want to cater for those members who are not all that keen on “ham”burgers. Let us know if you have any ideas - we welcome active support from members for our social activities.

Also, on this night we have asked Mark Jackson to give a presentation on his sailing exploits at World Championships in Barbados earlier this year. Kate & Blaise Vinot will talk about the World Tasar Championships they recently attended in Japan.

Some members have also started to plan for a **Christmas Dinner** for 2017. The date has been set for **Saturday, 2 December**. This date at the beginning of December seems to suit members. At this early stage we are looking for members prepared to help with the purchase/preparation of food and assist with setting up for the event. Prices are expected to be similar to last year – that is ~\$40 for adults and ~\$20 for young children.

If you are prepared to offer your services please contact Sheila O’Shea to find out how you can help. Sheila’s contact details are given on page 9 of this newsletter or email her at: hsctreasurer3@gmail.com

Non-return of Old Keys



Last year HSC changed all the locks on the gates and clubhouse, and new keys were made available to members. An extended period of time followed when members were asked to exchange their old key for a new one.

The Membership Secretary reports that a number of obsolete keys have not been returned or exchanged for new keys. It is therefore proposed that the unclaimed key deposits be cancelled so the liability does not remain on the Club’s financial books.

Update on Hampton Beach Renourishment Project



Earlier this year the Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning (DEWLP) advised it was undertaking a program to build a new groyne and back fill Hampton beach with more sand. It was hoped that the removal of the black sludge and siltation of the launching basin could be included as part of this project.

DEWLP has informed us that no material will be dredged from the Hampton beach or pier area during the groyne building or sand reclamation phases. In fact, sand will be pumped from the seabed of Port Phillip Bay on to Hampton Beach during the months of January and February in 2018.

To facilitate this work, a submerged pipeline will be laid from the north end of the SYC harbour breakwater across to Hampton Beach.

Blue buoys will be set up to indicate the position of the underwater pipeline.

DEWLP has asked that HSC members sailing in these areas keep clear of dredging equipment and watercraft. DEWLP has been sent a copy of the HSC sailing calendar for 2017/2018 with a request that pumping activities are avoided at the harbour entrance/exit on race days.

Russell Brown
Commodore

2017 Sail Melbourne International



The 2017 Sail Melbourne International regatta will be held at Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC). Entry is open to Olympic and some invited classes, and the split format of racing is as follows:

- Olympic Classes – 29 November – 2 December
- Invited Classes – 1 December – 3 December

If you are interested in entering or volunteering to help out at the regatta check all the details on the Sail Melbourne website: www.sailmelbourne.com.au

Please note that if you are volunteering your time for this regatta you will need a Working With Children's check card.

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

Equipment missing from the Club

At the recent Working Bee it was noticed some HSC equipment is missing. In particular, a number of the blue directors chairs from the storeroom, and several bamboo hot food place mats from the kitchen. These items are marked HSC and are readily recognisable. If you have any of them at home please bring them back to the Club.

New Members

Two new members were admitted to Hampton Sailing Club over the last couple of months. They are:

- Lou Hutton – Senior member – own a Sabre
- Ajay Rau – Senior member – owns a Finn

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

Poem - How to Make a Dinghy Race

Last Sunday I was invited to join the start boat crew for a club dinghy race.

Out on the water at the start of the day
We tried to figure out a course to lay.
Triangle or sausage, windward and return,
There was no hurry,
We had hours to burn.
Mark one laid,
We noted the bearing to windward.
With the wind only light
We laid mark two in sight of mark one
Which was directly to leeward.
Now for mark three.
Where will it be?

In triangle courses

The internal angle on this mark will be a right angle.

This makes the course a regular shape
And not just a tangle.

The internal angles and marks one and two
Then are made equal

So become forty-five, it is true.

When I think it through now it all seems so simple.
 Why was I confused, when I had four people to tell me how
 They would lay the course, for example?

Ah! It comes back to me now:
 Deduct from the wind bearing noted before
 The internal angle at mark number one;
 Take the reciprocal of the result,
 And that is the bearing to mark number one
 from mark number three.
 This is too easy, it now seems to me.
 Now, what is the length of leg number three?
 That will tell us where we need to be.
 The last leg will be shorter than the first leg
 by one-third,
 Or so I've heard,
 So let's see if it works.

Now we're back at mark number one
 And laying the course is nearly done.
 The crash boat comes in to lay the start and
 finish marks,
 While the Start Boat skipper positions his
 craft in transit with the windward leg.
 Now I'm James Cook the Navigator again,
 But even he with sextant, pencil and quill pen
 May be scratching his head about the little
 yellow card case with the numbers
 on the front that works all this out.
 "What's that odd black box that hums at the
 stern of your craft, sir,
 And what's wrong with having six brawny
 oarsmen lay out your course?"

After briefing the crews,
 It's back to the course.
 Raise the 'On Station' flag
 and watch the clock for the warning signal.
 Club Burgee up with a blast of the air horn.
 Boats cruise up the line like underfed fish,
 Waiting for what they all wish:
 A jump on the competition.
 Down goes the Start Flag,
 The boats cross the line with scarcely a lag,
 Except the one at the back,
 A-flap and a-flutter,
 Who's been luffed at the line,
 Using words I shan't utter.

The tiny boats battle the beat,
 Broad reach to the wing mark,
 Gybe and compete for the bottom mark
 Where they start the whole lap again.

What is it about men and their toys?
 Is it the glow of the sun through sweetly set
 sails,
 Or the diamonds scattered by the bows
 Before the sunlight fails?
 Or, is it the laughter we share on that day
 As we remember a youth that never would
 stay?

Bang! The first boat has finished with a
 pumping of fist.
 It was an event none would have missed.
 Until next week, then, and we'll do it again.

Paul Stephenson.

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*With acknowledgement to Paul Kelly, "How
 to make Gravy".*

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 Racing Calendar – 2017/2018 Season**Briefing: – 12:45pm****Start: – 2:00pm****2017**

Date	Event	Handicap	Comments
01-Oct-17	Sprint Series	PH	Start 1pm
08-Oct-17	Club Champ 1	PH	
15-Oct-17	Sail Sandy at SYC		No Racing Scheduled at HSC
22-Oct-17	Aggregate 1	YV	
29-Oct-17	Club Champ 2 /SYC- HSC Interclub Race	PH	SYC to host
05-Nov-17	Aggregate 2	YV	Sunday before Melbourne Cup day
12-Nov-17	Club Champ 3	PH	
19-Nov-17	Aggregate 3	YV	
26-Nov-17	Social Sail		
03-Dec-17	Club Champ 4	PH	
10-Dec-17	Aggregate 4	YV	
17-Dec-17	Holiday	-	No Racing Scheduled
24-Dec-13	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled
31-Dec-13	New Year	-	No Racing Scheduled

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Date	Event	Handicap	Comments
07-Jan-18	Holiday	-	No Racing Scheduled
14-Jan-18	Club Champ 5	PH	
21-Jan-18	Aggregate 5	YV	
28-Jan-18		-	Australia Day Holiday - No Racing
04-Feb-18	Club Champ 6	PH	
11-Feb-18	Aggregate 6	PH	
18-Feb-18	Social Sail		
25-Feb-18	SYC/HSC Interclub Race	YV	HSC to host
04-Mar-18	Club Champ 7	PH	
11-Mar-18		-	Labour Day Holiday - No Racing
18-Mar-18	Aggregate 7	YV	
25-Mar-18	Club Champ 8	PH	
01-Apr-18		-	Easter Weekend - No Racing
08-Apr-18	Aggregate 8	YV	
15-Apr-18	Club Champ 9	PH	
22-Apr-18	Aggregate 9	YV	
29-Apr-18	Shipwreck Classic	PH	Start 1pm