

THE MAIN SHEET

The Hampton Sailing Club Newsletter

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Newsletter Editor's Note

Welcome back to another sailing season where, hopefully, we will get in a lot more sailing than we did last year.

It was a great effort on the part of those members who attended the working bee in September. The weather was pretty lousy but all the essential jobs got done. The Club looks very respectable for the beginning of the new racing season.

Opening Day this year was successful with a large starting fleet taking advantage of the sunny conditions and light winds. It was great to see so many new members get out on the water and then enjoy the after-sailing barbeque.

Now that the new season has begun we look forward to members helping out with Club activities. Membership numbers at the moment are stable, but it is important that we grow our base. Social events are also key to involving member participation at the Club. We welcome input from our members on ways of tackling these two matters.

Russell Brown
Newsletter Editor



Clubhouse Security



As members start coming down to the Club for the new sailing season everyone needs to be security conscious of our clubhouse and premises.

We have had one break-in and theft of a kayak over the winter break. The committee has decided to install an external security camera system and attach warning signs to the perimeter fence and gates.

However, in the last few weeks the clubhouse has been left unlocked or doors left open overnight. It is vital that when members leave the Club they check to see if they are the last ones leaving. If so, the gates and doors (side door, sliding balcony doors and roller doors) need to be closed and locked.

The security of the clubhouse and members' equipment stored on the premises relies on all members following this simple procedure.

Subscription Renewals for 2018/2019



Whilst most members have now paid their renewal subscriptions there are still a few

late-payers in the Club. The HSC Treasurer is working hard following up these people with phone calls and emails. Please pay soon – HSC needs your money!

Membership and New Members

Some presentations were given by a couple of organisations at the recent Australian Sailing Club Conference about clubs increasing their membership. The HSC committee is following up a couple of ideas on how to advertise and attract new members into our Club. Ideas from all members on this topic are welcome.

In the meantime, three new members were admitted to Hampton Sailing Club in September. They are:

- Sean Avni – Senior member – owns a Sabre
- Ben Weston – Senior member – owns a kayak
- Sharon Charles and partner Phillippe Grimes and children.

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

Upcoming Social Events



Next Possible Social Event? – Members are asked to keep **Saturday, 17th November** free for the next social event on the Club's calendar. We are not sure what type of event to schedule. Members have asked for a gathering sometime before the Christmas Party. Does anyone have a good idea for this possible social get-together?

Christmas Party - Planning has commenced for the 2018 Christmas Party. This year it will take place on **Saturday, 1 December**. Some members have already offered to take on tasks for this annual function.

Members wanting to contribute their services and time to this event are asked to contact Sheila O'Shea. Please text your details to her mobile phone: 0439 762 214.

Music Evening – Bands Night – Some of our members belong to music groups and have offered to perform at the clubhouse on **Saturday, 15 December**.

The 'Boyz Bluez Band' and the 'Bower Smiths' band will be onstage between 7:00 pm and 10:30 pm. The latter band are releasing their latest CD and copies will be available for sale.

This will be an informal event – members are encouraged to bring friends and bring a plate of food (or two) to share with others on the night. As usual, it will be bring-your-own booze (with the Club drinks fridge open for business).

**Russell Brown
Commodore**

Start of the Racing Season 2018/2019

Just for a change, we had fantastic weather for the start of the racing season on 7 October. Variable winds settled to an 8 knots sea breeze for the first race, increasing to 10 knots for the second race. Temperature was in the mid 20 degrees.

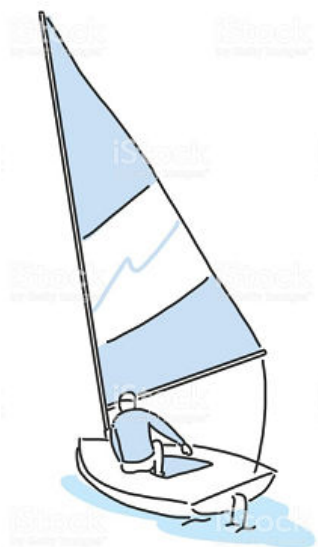
The ideal sailing conditions attracted 15 starters for the first Club Championship race. This race was also scored for individual handicaps in order to award the annual Commodore's Cup. In this regard Steve and Michelle Moller blitzed the fleet winning by a good time margin. Well done Steve and Michelle.



Next Sunday (21 October) is shaping to be another good day for sailing – fine conditions with a sea breeze. If you haven't been down to the Club recently, get there early on Sunday to check your boat and equipment. Remember, briefing is at 12:45 PM.

We aim to get the racing results compiled and printed before everyone goes home each Sunday. Sometimes this just doesn't happen; in which case results will be posted on the HSC website as soon as practicable.

Sailing Calendar and Sailing Instructions for 2018/2019



The sailing calendar for this season was published in the August edition of *The Main Sheet*. Some members have already requested changes or arranged swaps of power boat duty days. The copy of the calendar in this October issue is an updated version. Members are requested to check this document and note when they are rostered on race management duty.

An updated version of the HSC Sailing Instructions for this season has been posted on the Club notice board. There have been no changes to the racing rules that affect members racing at HSC.

Queries were raised by some members last season about the 'discard races' rules. The current system does work and these rules will remain the same for 2018/2019.

Sail Sandy Regatta – 13-14 October

Last weekend was the Sandringham Yacht Club Sail Sandy regatta. Several HSC crews participated with some great personal results:

Finns – Mark Jackson was first overall, beating Phil Chadwick on a count back. Jake Gunther and Stuart Skeggs were 3rd and 4th respectively.

Tasars – Ian Taylor came in 6th overall in a very competitive fleet. Blaise and Kate Vinot had a couple of really good races on the first day.

Lasers – Steve Gunther came 3rd overall in the full-rig category.

Congratulations to all the HSC sailors who participated. Check out the lists of results on the SYC Sail Sandy website for all the details.

William Brown
Sailing Secretary

Report on Boat Storage Meeting

A handful of members attended the open meeting at the clubhouse last month to discuss boat storage.

A range of issues were covered at this meeting in addition to the main agenda item. At the conclusion it was decided the current system would continue. All watercraft stored at HSC will be registered and each item paid for in accordance with the 2018/2019 fee structure (unless an exemption is given by the committee).

Russell Brown
Boat Storage Officer

Drain Detectives Wanted



The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) of Victoria is inviting members of the public to monitor water quality at our beaches.

Pollution from stormwater impacts on the water quality at beaches in Port Phillip Bay.

The EPA in conjunction with Bayside City Council is wanting to monitor Sandringham beach. This can be done by taking photos and completing simple water quality tests.

Members of HSC who are interested in participating are urged to read the flyer on our Notice Boards and sign up to do the water quality testing course this month.

You can register your interest by going to the EPA website at:
epa.vic.gov.au/draindetectives

The Black Sludge Situation

A couple of HSC members have met with the local State Member of Parliament, Murray Thompson, in a bid to raise awareness of this problem. Mr Thompson expressed keen interest in helping to bring the black sludge problem to the attention of the relevant government minister.

He has requested a briefing containing submissions from concerned parties and other supporting documentation. Neil Watson and Sheila O'Shea have been liaising with relevant people and working to prepare material for Mr Thompson.

Another local identity, Felicity Federico, has been raising awareness of the problem with various media groups. An article has appeared in the local newspaper drawing attention to the health and safety hazards associated with the sludge in the Hampton basin.

RONSTAN offer



The marine hardware company RONSTAN is offering 30% off their mainsheet traveller systems for the month of October. Enter Octraveller Promotion 2018 in your favourite search engine for more information.

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 have been some new and prospective members enquiring about the availability of two-man boats such as Pacers or 420s. Current members considering selling a boat should place an advert on the Club notice board.

Some of our new members have been asking about crewing with HSC members on their boats with a view to participating in Club events and improving sailing skills. Check these requests on the Club notice board.





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Hampton Sailing Club Racing Calendar – 2018/2019 Season

Briefing: – 12:45pm

Start: – 2:00pm

2018

Date	Event	Handicap	Comments	Race Controller	1st Crew	2nd Crew	Hampton Red	Rescue Crew
07-Oct-18	Club Champ 1 Commodore's Cup	PH/YV		Russell Brown	Frank Leipper	David Thompson	Andrew Gruby	Jack Gruby
14-Oct-18	Sail Sandy at SYC		No Racing Scheduled at HSC					
21-Oct-18	Aggregate 1	PH		Stewart Simmons	Russell Brown	Frank Leipper	Ken Trotter	Andrew Gruby
28-Oct-18	Club Champ 2 /SYC- HSC Interclub Race	YV	SYC to host					
04-Nov-18	Aggregate 2	PH	Sunday before Melbourne Cup day	Neil Watson	Russell Brown	Doug Turek	Andrew Cook	Claude Vergez
11-Nov-18	Club Champ 3			Frank Leipper	Sheila O'Shea	Henry Engelman	Fiona Stephens	Leeanne Rothacker
18-Nov-18	Aggregate 3	PH		William Brown	Russell Brown	Frank Leipper	Charles Bagossy	Simon Hollingworth
25-Nov-18	Club Champ 4	YV		John Shallvey	Stuart Skeggs	Brian Reynolds	Mark Jackson	Robert Lichter
02-Dec-18	Aggregate 4			Blaise Vinot	Kate Vinot	Paul Stephenson	Ralph Brown	Jim Roberts
09-Dec-18	Club Champ 5	PH		Stewart Simmons	Tom Stanistreet	Katherine Oldfield	Patrick Hutton	Dawn Clark
16-Dec-18	Social Sail	YV		William Brown	Russell Brown		Frank Leipper	Ryan Marshall
23-Dec-18	Christmas	-	No Racing Scheduled					
30-Dec-18	New Year	-	No Racing Scheduled					

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06-Jan-18	Holiday	-	No Racing Scheduled					
13-Jan-19	Aggregate 5	YV		Frank Leipper	Sheila O'Shea	Doug Turek	Andrew Gruby	Jack Gruby
20-Jan-19	Club Champ 6	PH		Stewart Simmons	Russell Brown	Ken Trotter	Ralph Brown	Aurelie Chabrol
27-Jan-19		-	Australia Day Holiday - No Racing					
03-Feb-19	Aggregate 6	YV		Russell Brown	Frank Leipper	Hugh Wareham	Ian Taylor	Jim Shaw
10-Feb-19	Club Champ 6	PH		Michael Cook	Michael Johnson	Ian Taylor	John Maddick	Emmanuel Skoutas
17-Feb-19	SYC/HSC Interclub Race	YV	HSC to host	Stewart Simmons	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		Frank Leipper	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

