

# Hampton Newsletter August 2008

## Numbers are up .....

We have had a very successful year so far with good turnouts on the water. Averages are up but the most impressive thing to note is the number of different boats that have competed in the point series so far.

	Merlins	Ents	G.P's	H'cap	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> series	11	12	9	10	42
2 <sup>nd</sup> series	11	10	11	14	46

So even if they are not out every week we are averaging 44 boats in the first two series!

## Mid Thames Trophy.....

The first big event of the year was Hampton's hosting of the Mid Thames Trophy in April which was very competitive and we won on the last race from Littleton who finished in 2nd place. The winning team were: **Hywel and Lorna Dixon, Richard Page and Phil Dalby and Stewart and Oliver Jenkins**



*Mid Thames Trophy*

At the end of April we had a very successful bingo night and in mid May a very well subscribed and enjoyable "Round the Island Race" and supper. The Sunbury Rally at the end of the month was won by Stuart Jenkins.

## Hampton Regatta 2008.....

The Regatta in June was a huge success with a very good wind (up to 30 knots on the Sunday), lots of visitors and lots of capsizes.

Many thanks to Maureen and all her helpers for a great "Chinese" night on the Saturday. The Regatta only works as well as it does because of a huge team effort with the marquee and all the organisation. On behalf of the club I must say a huge Thank You to all who played a part this year.



Early July is a quiet time at the club when nearly 100 members make their annual pilgrimage to Salcombe for Merlin Rocket week. This year we had 16 boats entered and it was a very windy week. For the first time in ages John Bell was not the first Hampton Boat! Congratulations to son Hywel !



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## Good Publicity.....

We have had some very good publicity recently in the yachting press. Yachts and Yachting did a big article on the top ten family sailing clubs in the UK and Hampton came third overall (after Hayling Island and Abersoch). This was followed a few weeks later by a great two page profile of the club. Thanks go to Richard Bates for instigating this.

## Congratulations.....

Other notable success away from the club. Tim Lester who won the Cowes to La Trinite Sur Mer race in less than 40 hours, in his yacht JFever, doing at times 18 knots. Also brother Rhys who won the St. Helier to Trinitie Sur Mer in his A35 Abracadabra and Nicky and Steve Goulter were also the best performing "Hampton" Yawl at Salcombe Yacht Club.

Well done to Richard Parslow for all his coaching work with the UK Olympic 49er Team and well done to Richard and Emma in winning the Hayling Island Spring handicap series. I must add a huge Thank You to Emma for the fantastic work she has done with the club website.

## Little Ships.....

I think two of your Flag Officers must be showing your age because they have both bought a "gentleman's motor yacht" in particular two "Dunkirk Little Ships" Trevor and Alison have brought TomTit and Jane and I have brought Elvin and she is at present on her way back from Portugal.



Elvin

Both boats have very interesting histories and will hopefully be on parade for the Magpie race in September.

## Champagne Run.....

We are a sociable and different sailing club. On 17th October we are having a "Champagne" car rally for interesting vehicles to a chateau near Reims kindly organised by Glen and Ann. 17 entries so far!



On 8th August this year Hywel and Rachel got married in Jersey with quite a few members in attendance and we passed on all the best wishes from everyone at HSC.

## Finally .....

The largest event of the year, our dinner and dance will this year be at the Queen's Stand at Epsom Downs on 22nd November. Please put it in your diary NOW as we hope to have a really good turnout. Maureen will have tickets available in September.

*Hywel and Jane* August 2008