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# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Spring is here at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and the summer season of on water activities is about to begin!

We have had a great winter with keelboat and dinghy sailing continuing and the Power Yacht fleet conducting their annual club time trialling and championship events. Evenings in the Athol Hobbs Room have been wonderful. Members and their guests have made use of this beautifully renovated space by attending the monthly Friday Sundowners and New Members' Night functions.

Our Training Centre activities will increase again in Spring and begin with the Learn to Sail courses for Kids and Teens during the school holiday break and the Adult Learn to Sail courses in Keelboats. Stay tuned for the launch of the 2025–2026 #TeamRFBYC. One team of members, all ages, representing the Club in sailing events at state, national and world level. The annual celebration, including team photo, will be held on Friday 14 November as part of the Dinghy Social.

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## 129th Sailing Season Opening Day

Our special annual event, a day at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club which is not to be missed. See you at the Club on Saturday 18 October, always the third Saturday in that month. Something for everyone and a showcase of almost all of the activities of the Club.

## Club Calendar

There are many reasons to visit Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. Take a look at the calendar in your RFBYC app or on the website for a list of upcoming events.

You can view the club bar and dining hours via the app or website and did you know that you can now grab a bite from the snack menu in the Members' Bar any day of the week?

Follow the links for more information and to make an event booking or reserve a table for dinner in the Bowline. Log in to MyRFBYC to connect your reservation with your member account, use the website or the RFBYC app. For help with the website portal and member app please contact the Club office.

## Membership

Invite your friends to join the Club community and become a member!

Members can nominate a person for membership via the Club website. Simply login to MyRFBYC and go to the Join RFBYC section. The online membership form begins with the Club member. Use the proposing member form to nominate a person for membership of the Club.

**See you at the Club**

# TIM CUMMINS COMMODORE



**THE CLUB'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** was held on Tuesday, 29 July 2025, and was well attended by members.

We extended our gratitude to Rear Commodore Power Geoff Wells for his service and commitment over a three-year term, and we warmly welcomed Dr Stephen Lewis as our new Rear Commodore Power.

The senior leadership group on General Committee remains strong and stable, with only two changes this year. Nick Gray has stepped down for a well-earned rest (though we are confident he will return in the future), and we are pleased to welcome back Gordon Blaauw and also thank Andrew Gill, Susan Parker and Geoff Wells for their reappointment to General Committee.

The AGM also provided an excellent opportunity to update members on the Club's wharf, slipway, and jetty infrastructure. Members were introduced to James Burbury, Managing Director of Burbury Consulting, who travelled from Hobart to help present important work being undertaken in collaboration with the General, Finance and Capital Works and Maintenance Committee.

The presentation addressed:

- Findings of the Wharf and Jetty Condition Report.
- Current and future vessel accommodation needs, benchmarked against industry standards, boating trends, and comparable sailing clubs across Australia.
- Initial Masterplan concepts, including the retention of some existing infrastructure, replacement of ageing wharf and jetty sections, and indicative staging timelines.
- The status of the Riverbed Lease, which expires in July 2027, and the requirement to adjust the lease boundary to accommodate the proposed Masterplan. Importantly, the focus remains on maintaining approximately the same number of pens while reconfiguring berth sizes to meet demand and ensure compliance with Australian Marina Codes over the design life of future assets.

A dedicated page has since been created on the Club's website (accessible via member login) which includes a copy of the Marina Masterplan Presentation and an email address for member feedback. I am pleased to report that the feedback received so far has been

positive. A Frequently Asked Questions document will soon be published to provide further responses and clarity to member queries.

If you were unable to attend the AGM or have not yet reviewed the published documents, I encourage you to do so and to share your feedback. This project will be a major focus for the Club over the next 5–10 years as we continue to invest in facilities for all members.

Next steps include the refinement of the Masterplan, further meetings with statutory authorities, and, in collaboration with the Foundation and Finance Committee, developing funding models to be presented at future member information sessions.

In other news, the Annual Mess Night was a tremendous success despite less-than-ideal weather. Hosted by Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, the evening brought together members, dignitaries, and guests for a memorable occasion of tradition, formalities, and outstanding service. Our Executive Chef prepared a topical main course, which sparked lively discussion among guests and even led

some to speculate whether a mushroom dehydrator had been involved.

General Committee has also introduced a new tradition: the naming of the outside bar. While long being affectionately known as the *Dragon Bar* due mostly to the loyal patronage of the Dragon fleet, it had never been formally named. Going forward, naming rights will be awarded annually to the fleet that wins the Club Best Regatta. Fortuitously, the 2025 winner was the Dragon Class, ensuring the *Dragon Bar* retains its name for another year. We look forward to strong competition and rivalry between classes at the 2026 Club Best Regatta as bragging rights take on a whole new significance.

While a very wet winter regrettably forced the cancellation of the final Winter Frostbite Race, member support for events and Club activities remains strong. Preparations are now underway for Power Closing Day, the JESS Cup, and of course, the 2026/27 Sailing Opening Day, which is just around the corner.

I look forward to seeing all members enjoying the Club as we move into the warmer months. ■

# MARK TREMAIN

## VICE COMMODORE

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WITH THE ARRIVAL of some warmer weather, we can finally see that spring really has arrived. Along with this, preparations are under way for the 129th Sailing Opening Day. I would like to encourage all members to come to the Club and enjoy the atmosphere of our signature event for the year.

Following the recent AGM, congratulations go to Susan Parker and Andrew Gill on their re-election to General Committee, and to Geoff Wells who moves from Rear Commodore into General Committee. We welcome back Gordon Blaauw and congratulate Dr. Steve Lewis, who steps into the role of Rear Commodore (Power). I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the years of service Nick Gray has contributed to General Committee and give thanks as he completes his term.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership remains strong across all categories, with new applicants continuing to join. We have welcomed a healthy number of new sailors and social members, including both sailors and social members who are eager to engage in the many opportunities the Club offers. The diversity of our membership base continues to grow, with younger families, junior sailors, and social members all making valuable contributions to the life of the Club. Equally pleasing is the engagement of existing members across racing, cruising, power

boating, training and social activities, ensuring a vibrant and connected membership base.

Junior pathways remain a priority, supported by dedicated volunteers and coaches helping young sailors progress through learn-to-sail programs into more advanced training, with some already achieving strong results in state and national competitions. Recreational sailors also enjoy opportunities for skills development and camaraderie. Beyond the water, the Club's unique setting, dining, and social events provide a welcoming place for family and friends.

As always, I encourage all members to introduce the Club to friends, colleagues, and family who may be interested in joining. Personal referrals remain the most effective way of strengthening our membership and ensuring new members are welcomed into a supportive environment.

### HOUSE

The House Committee continues to oversee improvements to facilities and hospitality. Recent months have seen steady

progress in maintaining and upgrading key areas of the Club, from dining spaces and bars to outdoor areas that will be well utilised as the warmer months approach. Our spring menu launch has been well received, and bookings for private functions and Club events remain strong.

The recent hosting of the Annual Combined Mess Night was a great success, and we should all be proud of the way our Club was showcased from a hospitality perspective. 129th Sailing Opening Day will be a highlight of the season. While the sailing is central, the real magic comes from the lively atmosphere on the lawn. Families can look forward to activities for the kids, a special Chef's Lunch in the Athol Hobbs Room, live entertainment, and of course the Opening Ceremony at 1:00 pm. It promises to be a memorable day for members of all ages.

Looking further into spring, the Club is gearing up for another wonderful Melbourne Cup celebration lunch, supporting *Spectrum Space*. Members can enjoy the excitement of race day

while contributing to a very worthy cause.

Our wine dinners continue to be a success, with one more on the calendar for this year: 22 November with *Ampersand Wines*. These evenings combine fine food, exceptional wines, and great company, and have become a much-loved part of the Club's social program.

We are also pleased to confirm that New Year's Eve will once again be celebrated in style at the Club. Members can look forward to a night of entertainment, dining, and festivities to ring in 2026 together.

As we step into spring and the busy summer season, Membership and House remain focused on creating a thriving, inclusive, and enjoyable Club environment. With a strong and engaged membership base, ongoing investment in our facilities, and a calendar of exciting events ahead, the Club is well placed to deliver another successful season.

I thank all members for their continued support and participation, and look forward to seeing you at the Opening Day and throughout the season ahead. ■

# KENNETH STEVENSON REAR COMMODORE SAIL



WITH THE WINTER SEASON coming to a close and the summer season nearly upon us, it is time to reflect on RFBYC's recent sailing activities and achievements.

The midweek Voyager Estate winter series is still going and has been extremely well represented by our members with an average of 21 boats competing each Thursday. The final race of the winter series will be held on Thursday 16 October with the summer series starting the following Thursday after Opening Day.

The winter frostbite series has concluded with an average of 20 boats competing. Unfortunately, only five races were completed as two had to be abandoned due to high winds. The results are:

## A FLEET

1ST	<b>KITE</b>	STEVE ROBINSON
2ND	<b>BALLISTIC</b>	JOHN CASSIDY
3RD	<b>GYPSY</b>	SIMON SCHULBERGS

## B FLEET

1ST	<b>TYDINGS</b>	THYL KINT
2ND	<b>JAZZ</b>	AAREN KANTHER
3RD	<b>STORYTELLER</b>	BRIAN HAGGERTY

Well done to all competitors and the volunteers for braving some trying conditions on the races that we did get in.

On Sunday, 10 August, the Club Best Regatta was held in difficult conditions due to a lack of wind this time. However, our unflappable Race Officer, John McKechnie, and his team managed to fit in eight races before the time limit ran out.

Third place went to the WASZPs with the Etchells in second place and, in first place, the Dragon fleet dominated with an unbeatable four bullets.

Because of that win, not only do the Dragons hold the trophy and bragging rights, they also get their name on the outside bar until next years Club Best Regatta where the winner of that will take the honours of having the bar being named after their fleet. Lets see if another fleet can knock the Dragons off next year!

The Flying 15 Worlds were held in Weymouth, UK, in early August and we had two teams representing RFBYC. *Glamour Buoys* sailed by Greg Leaversuch and Peter Bartlett came in 33rd and *Firefly* sailed by Philippa Packer and Dean McAullay were 48th out of a fleet of 84 boats. Well done #teamRFBYC.

The JESS Match Cup was held on 21 September with seven teams competing. It was a fabulous day on the water, showcasing the impressive skills of these sailors as they manoeuvred their boats. The future of match racing certainly looks bright. Congratulations to the Gage Roads Sailing Team, skippered by Marcello Torre with crew Ethan Prieto-Low, Adam Brenz-Verca and

Jess Grimes, on a fantastic result. Special thanks to our volunteer team, led by Rob Hubbard, who did an outstanding job running a full round robin of 21 races plus the finals. A tremendous effort all round.

Ending the winter sailing season, will be the Dragon Women's Helm Regatta on Sunday, 12 October. I'm sure this event will be hotly contested and I wish everyone a great day on the water.

Other activities include Sail Link being held on Wednesday, 24 September. This is a new initiative where we aim to connect skippers with new crew and vice versa. Hopefully, this evening goes well with more planned for the future.

Lastly, with the summer season nearly upon us, it is time for sailors to get their boats ready for the summer. Self auditing is in place again this season and I strongly encourage every boat owner to thoroughly check and sign off on all safety requirements.

I look forward to seeing you all on our 129th Opening. ■

## DAVID TUCKER REAR COMMODORE DINGHY

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**T**HE PLANTING OF the Club Burgee in annuals by the dinghy clubhouse, with the little cygnets and their feisty mothers terrorizing the dinghy lawn are signs that spring is here and the Summer Sailing season is on its way.

Winter has been a busy time for the Club and its members. The winter series has concluded with a strong level of participation across multiple race days, which were sailed in challenging conditions. I congratulate all sailors who participated in this series.

Most importantly, I congratulate the staff and volunteers for running this series – we have had success in multiple volunteer lead facets in the winter series that show the Dinghy Club is going in the right direction.

Our race management team has been training and bringing on multiple Race Officers throughout the winter, to ensure we have depth in resourcing our exhaustive summer racing program. My appreciation to the entire on-water team, but particularly RO's John Mackecknie and Chris Kelly for leading and coaching the group. Despite very testing conditions where other clubs cancelled sailing, our on-water team managed the risks and safety of the sailors and were able to

conduct the event with only 1 sailing day cancelled (the first dinghy cancellation in over 2 years). It has been particularly impressive seeing the fast turnarounds between races and up to 3 races in a session, something we will aim to do more of this summer.

Another volunteer lead initiative has been the running of the Dinghy Club canteen. We have seen the ILCA and Optimist fleets 'take over' the canteen, which helps those fleets raise money for events, but also helps the Dinghy Club in fostering a community and a home around the canteen before and after sailing. We will look to continue the volunteer lead canteen over the summer, returning to one of the cornerstones of dinghy sailing at Freshy.

The Junior Club AGM was also held, with Pia Hooper and her committee handing the baton to new Junior Captain Klara Travlos. The Junior committee have done a great job leading Dinghy Club events over the last year and building

the social program. Furnishing the clubhouse in time for Opening Day will be a lasting legacy from this group. The incoming Junior committee has the full support of myself, the other Flag Officers and General Committee to make the Dinghy Club thrive.

The European summer events are now winding down, with a focus returning to events on the east coast. We are particularly focused on the Youth Sail events, with Youthsail WA being held at Nedlands YC this year. A number of selection events for the Australian Youth team are also being held, and we wish Club members all the best in these events. Jasper Stay is vying for selection in the ILCA 6, Klara and Alice Travlos in the 29er, and Imogen Bates and Ashlie Duffield in the 420. We are proud of these sailors representing the Club at the highest levels.

While racing is a cornerstone of the Dinghy Club, participation and fun is the absolute foundation, and that is something the

dinghy staff is working towards building in our summer season. Our *Dinghy Friday Socials* have kicked off, with a dinghy twilight and social one Friday per month over the summer. We will also be having an adventure sail on a Saturday morning once a month, and more mixed 2-handed sailing as part of our racing series. Please mark the dates in your diary from the Club calendar for these exciting events, showing sailing is not just about racing around marks but sailing for fun and enjoying the atmosphere of our Club.

If you or your family are interested in more social dinghy sailing, please contact myself or Patrick at the Club to find out how you can participate in fun dinghy sailing, without necessarily having to compete in races. Dinghy sailing is for all! ■

# STEPHEN LEWIS

## REAR COMMODORE POWER



THE 2025 TIME-TRIALLING SEASON has drawn to a close in fine style, capped off by a picture-perfect Closing Day for the Azure Closing Day Trophy, which saw Geoff Wells at the helm of *Safari II* take home the silverware. It was the ideal finale to a year that has delivered both memorable competition and a welcome resurgence in participation here at Freshy.

### SEASON HIGHLIGHTS - SECOND HALF RECAP

The second half of the season was packed with standout performances, spirited rivalry and plenty of tales for the Members' Bar. Key moments included:

- John Cowen Memorial Time Trial/*Safari II* Trophy – Saturday, 2 August. A strong fleet of 13 boats competed. *Quest* claimed 1st, followed by *Sunny* 2nd and *Karrawa* 3rd, with *Azure* taking Least Points.

- CPYA State Heat 6 at RPYC – Saturday, 9 August. Nine Freshy boats flew the burgee with pride. RFBYC shone individually, *Jebb* 1st, *Sapphire Rose* 2nd and *Karrawa* 3rd, while *Sunny* recorded Least Points.

The teams' event, however, was not our finest. Foggy conditions and mechanical gremlins left Team Freshy sitting third overall heading into Heat 7.

- Kylie Cup incorporating CPYA State Heat 7 – Sunday, 31 August. Glorious weather, a traditional pig on the spit, and the 'Good Times Duo' set the tone for a brilliant day. 44 boats from six clubs lined up, with 142 guests booked for lunch. Freshy fielded an impressive 21-boat fleet, taking home a string of results:

- Kylie Cup: 1st *Safari II*, with a three-way tie for 2nd between *Mojo*, *Content* and *Tigkey*.

- RFBYC Handicap: 1st *Leo*, 2nd *Magic Moments*, 3rd *Dolphin*.

- Teams Event: RFBYC 1st – an outstanding Club effort. Special thanks to all competitors and to the results team for a presentation described as 'one of the best to date.'

- CPYA State Heat 8 – Claremont Yacht Club. The final State Heat produced a historic result. For the first time in 24 years the course was zeroed – fittingly by our own Ken and Elise Stevenson on *Safari II*.

RFBYC Handicap Results: 1st *Safari II*, 2nd *Mojo*, 3rd *Sapphire Rose*.

Freshy again triumphed in the Teams Event, and while the official tally is still under wraps, rumours are strong that Team Freshy has brought home the bacon!

### OFF-WATER ACTIVITIES

- Fremantle Sea Rescue Seminar – Wednesday, 20 August. Anthony Pogson delivered a fascinating and practical talk to a keen audience of around 30 members, sparking a lively Q&A.

- Power Torque Newsletter  
The monthly *Power Torque*

continues to inform and entertain, with pen-maintenance tips from David Anderson and Sandra Whelan's ever-popular 'Rules Corner' explaining key time-trialling rules in clear, bite-sized pieces.

### SOCIAL CRUISE AND LUNCH

Seven boats, *Sirius*, *Mojo*, *Karrawa*, *Safari II*, *Sunny*, *Jasper* and *Sirocco*, enjoyed a relaxed 40-minute cruise to Port Coogee, sneaking through a perfect weather window. Skippers praised the excellent navigation briefing, smooth berthing arrangements and warm hospitality.

### A SEASON TO CELEBRATE

Closing Day on Saturday, 20 September brought members together in the Athol Hobbs Room to toast a season of strong fleets and many new faces. This year Freshy averaged 16 boats per Club event, a welcome lift on recent seasons and proof that time trialling is on the rise.

Congratulations to our 2025 Club Champions Ken and Elise Stevenson, *Safari II* and Consistency Champions David and John Anderson, *Mojo*. The Rear Commodore Power Trophy, awarded for

exceptional participation and outstanding contribution, went to Geoff Wells, a fitting recognition for his dedication and leadership at the helm of the power section for the past 3 years. The coveted, and always entertaining Boat Hook Award went to Robert Bingham and Julie Holschier, *Karrawa* for proving that 'practice really can make... absolutely no difference!'

A heartfelt thank you to all who made the season possible: Sandra Whelan for her first year as RCO, ably supported by Mark Donati; Ian Clarke and Chris Kelly on the Start Boat; Peter Mason in the Start Box; and the many members who volunteered for checkpoint duty. These events don't happen without you.

### LOOKING AHEAD

We now look forward to hosting the CPYA State Heat Presentation Dinner on Friday, 3 October, celebrating 50 years of State time trialling and honouring our 2025 champions. To everyone who competed, volunteered, or cheered on from the riverbank – thank you for making 2025 a standout year. With momentum like this, the future of time trialling is brighter than ever. ■

# #TEAMRFBYC AROUND THE WORLD



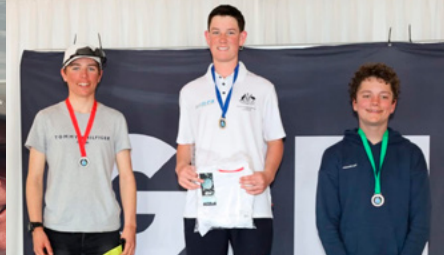
“Moneypenny has a good record so far. So hopefully we can keep up the boat’s reputation. We’re sailing to win.”

Robert Appleyard





# #TEAMRFBYC AROUND THE WORLD



FROM MAXI CHAMPIONSHIPS on Sydney Harbour to St Ayles Skiff rowing in Scotland, foiling Moths on Lake Garda and flying a hull in a Hobie in the Gulf of Mexico.

Women's sailing events in Hamburg and junior world championships in Slovenia. Racing around Texel and rolling down waves in the Baltic Sea. Or just crossing our own country, with power time trialling state championship competitions on the Swan and yacht racing at Hamilton Island.

Our members are all around the world participating in sailing and boating events. They enjoy the experience, the opportunity to learn and make new friends. Travelling and being part of a community both here at RFBYC and within their international fleets.

Sometimes our members stand on the top of the podium as

international champions, but the most important thing is that they are involved and having fun!

We love to follow the adventures of #TeamRFBYC, ONE TEAM of members, all ages, representing the Club in sailing events at state, national and world level.

Stay tuned for the launch of our 2025-2026 Club Team. ■



# 2025 WINTER FROSTBITE SERIES



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**A**LTHOUGH RACING WAS CANCELLED on the final day due to severe weather, members and guests gathered to celebrate what has been another exciting Frostbite Series. This year saw an impressive 49 entries, with 44 boats competing across the fleets. Despite two lost race days, five races were successfully completed and counted towards the overall results.

The competition was tight, with great sportsmanship shown across all divisions. Congratulations to our place-getters:

The Club extends a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful volunteers whose efforts make this series possible. In the Start Box, we

greatly appreciate the dedication of Caron Kailis, Ian Deany, Phil Garrett, David Gray, Mark Donati, Clive McIntyre and Pam Stewart. On the water, our thanks go to the Safety Support Boat drivers – Geoff Wilson, Steven Andrew, and Murray Frean – for their commitment to keeping the fleet safe.

The Frostbite Series once again highlighted the spirit of competition and camaraderie that makes sailing at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club so special. Congratulations to all competitors, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for next year's racing! ■

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## AMS FLEET

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## IRC FLEET

1ST	<i>JOSS 2</i>	IAN CLYNE
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# 2026

## WARREN JONES INTERNATIONAL REGATTA Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

MONDAY 26 JANUARY TO FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2026

In it's 22nd year, the Warren Jones International Youth Regatta will this year be a Grade-3 Match Racing Event with locals, nationals and internationals alike encouraged to express their interest to compete in the Regatta. Up to 12 teams of under-25-year-old males and females will be selected to compete upon the picturesque waterway that is the Swan River in Perth, Western Australia.



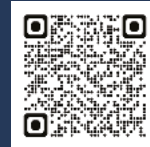
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# 2025 CLUB BEST REGATTA

## SUNDAY 10 AUGUST

**THE** 2025 CLUB BEST REGATTA is done and dusted! Despite a scheduled twelve races, fickle weather meant the breeze had other ideas, and just eight races were completed.

### A DAY OF LIGHT WINDS AND DETERMINED CREWS

The morning began damp and still, with racing delayed until after 10:30am. Although the sun eventually broke through, the promised wind never truly arrived, leaving crews to contend with light and shifty conditions. With nine teams sharing six boats, not all were able to complete the same number of races – some managing six, while others only four. This year's champions were therefore determined on average points.

### THE PODIUM

- 1st Place – Dragon Fleet  
Skippered by Ethan Prieto-Low, with teammates Adam Brenz-Verca, Stephen Locke, and Alexandra Maskel, the Dragons were unstoppable. Undeclared across their four races, they claimed the title with a flawless 1.0 average – a remarkable display of precision and teamwork in trying conditions.
- 2nd Place – Etchells Fleet  
Led by Dirk Van der Struyf, with Luke Paterson, Nicholas Cooper, Mike Hughes, and Chris Sutherland, the Etchells Fleet showed

consistency over five races to secure second place with a 2.2 average.

- 3rd Place – WASZP Team  
Under skipper Tristan Brown, and crew James Kornweibel, Mick Honan, and Issac Biczko, the WASZPs pushed hard across six races, finishing close behind in third with a 2.33 average.
- 4th Place – BW8 Fleet  
Skippered by Andrew Gill, last year's Club Best winners, the BW8s, delivered another strong showing to finish a credible fourth with a 3.67 average.

Other fleets to take part included the Sports Boat (Liam Pabbruwe), Couta Boat (Andrew McMillan), Flying 15 (Clive Beeton), Team 505 (Mark Stowell), and Team ILCA (Thomas Cooper), all contributing to a vibrant and highly competitive regatta.

### TROPHY PRESENTATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The perpetual Tom Worsley Trophy was proudly presented by PC Alan Fisher, and it now bears the name of the Dragon Fleet as Club Best for 2025.

As always, our heartfelt thanks go to the wonderful volunteers, who worked tirelessly through wet and calm conditions to ensure the event's success.

- Start / Finish Team: John McKechnie (Race Officer), Barbara-Dene Jones, Sandra Whelan, Matt Zimmerman, Ian Clarke
- Mark Layers: John Anderson, David Riddle, John Brodziak, Russell Wellington
- Crew Transfer Ribs: John Low, Brad Stout, David Tucker
- Umpires: Paul Green, Brendan Green
- Maintenance: Kim Leunig, Andy Fethers

We are also deeply grateful to Gill & Marine Plus for generously supplying the prizes, their continued support is invaluable.

### FINAL REFLECTIONS

While the wind may not have played its part, the spirit of competition and camaraderie shone through. From seasoned campaigners to developing classes, the regatta once again showcased the diversity, talent, and enthusiasm of our Club community. ■



# 2025 JESS MATCH CUP



THE 2025 JESS MATCH CUP on Sunday, 21 September 2025 was another outstanding showcase of youth sailing and match racing at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. With seven teams competing from Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, Royal Perth Yacht Club, and South of Perth Yacht Club, the regatta delivered some exciting and close racing from start to finish.

## STRONG RACING ACROSS THE FLEET

The event opened with seven flights and 21 races in the Round Robin, followed by finals racing to determine the placings. Despite some dicey weather conditions, the race management team pressed ahead with precision, ensuring the full schedule was completed.

The format gave newer sailors their first taste of match racing, while also providing an excellent training platform for our more experienced competitors. It was fantastic to see the depth of interest in match racing, and the enthusiasm of our young sailors promises a strong future for the discipline at RFBYC and across WA.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS

A special congratulations to the Gage Roads Sailing Team (RFBYC), skippered by Marcello Torre with crew Ethan Prieto-Low, Adam Brenz-Verca, and Jess Grimes. Their experience shone through, sailing the entire regatta without losing a race. A fantastic result and a well-deserved win, well done team!

## FINAL PLACINGS

1ST	<b>GAGE ROADS SAILING (RFBYC)</b>	SKIPPER: <b>MARCELLO TORRE</b> CREW: <b>ETHAN PRIETO-LOW, ADAM BRENZ-VERCA, JESS GRIMES</b>
2ND	<b>SOPYC TEAM (SOPYC)</b>	SKIPPER: <b>KIRSTIN NORRIS</b> CREW: <b>MARA VLAAR, ANNIKA PENNIFOLD, SONJA VLAAR</b>
3RD	<b>MIAMI RACE TEAM (RFBYC)</b>	SKIPPER: <b>MIA LOVELADY</b> CREW: <b>LUCY ALDERSON, GEORGIA PAYNE, ONA RAFART, CAITLIN SHAW</b>
4TH	<b>TEAM FULL SEND (RFBYC)</b>	SKIPPER: <b>ANGUS CAMERON</b> CREW: <b>BLAKE TWEADY, ZACH SPRUNT, LACHLAN PUTT, ASH DUFFIELD</b>
5TH	<b>RPYC TEAM (RPYC)</b>	SKIPPER: <b>WILLIAM MCAULLAY</b> CREW: <b>JOHN BUCKNALL, JOHANN LASMANA, JOE KILCULLEN, ORLANDO LIGOVICH</b>
6TH	<b>GRST YOUTH ACADEMY (RFBYC)</b>	SKIPPER: <b>XAVIER BATES</b> CREW: <b>JADEN MERCER, POL RAFART, GEORGE ELMS</b>
7TH	<b>ILCA TEAM (RFBYC)</b>	SKIPPER: <b>ISSAC BICZO</b> CREW: <b>WILL WHITEHEAD, LOGAN MITCHELL, FEDOR ALFIMOV, BRITTANY GARNETT</b>

## SPECIAL MENTIONS

A highlight of the regatta was the participation of the ILCA Team skippered Issac Biczo, with crew members as young as 12 and 13. This was their first JESS Match Cup, and they showed great promise and determination – an inspiring performance from sailors at the very

beginning of their match racing journey.

Another highlight for the Club came with the entry of two youth teams proudly representing RFBYC. Angus Cameron's *Team Full Send* and Xavier Bates' *GRST Youth Academy* both embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and

# 2025 JESS MATCH CUP



opposite page: the Teams – post racing celebrations

top left to right: 2nd SoPYC Team, Kirstin Norris (skipper); 1st Youth Team, Angus Cameron (skipper); 3rd Place – Miami Racing Team, Mia Lovelady (skipper)

bottom left to right: Trophy Table with fabulous prizes by Gill Australia; winners are Grinners – Gage Roads Sailing Team, Marcello Torre (skipper); our Flags!

spirit. These teams brought fresh energy to the competition, showing courage and commitment against more experienced rivals. It was fantastic to see their determination on the racecourse, and we are excited to watch these young sailors continue their journey in match racing. Their participation is not only a testament to their talent, but also to the growing momentum of youth sailing at RFBYC.

## VOLUNTEERS - THE HEART OF THE REGATTA

The JESS Match Cup relies heavily on the dedication of our volunteers, and this year 19 volunteers were on the water to ensure smooth racing.

- The Start/Finish team, led by Race Officer Rob Hubbard, with Deb Henderson, Sandra Whelan, Glenn Porter, Matt Zimmerman, and Heinz Niemann, kept the racing timely and efficient.
- Mark laying crews – John Anderson, John Brodziak, Thomas Banas, and Ian Anderson, provided continual updates on conditions and kept the course fair.

- Crew transfers ran smoothly thanks to John Low and Chris Kelly, while Duncan Cameron kept busy managing support duties from sailor transfers to lunch deliveries.
- The Maintenance/Media boat managed breakdowns while also livestreaming racing to Facebook. A special thank you to Mike Taylor for professional live coverage enjoyed by members near and far.
- The umpire team, led by Jen Richardson with Paul Green, Simon Barwood, and Tony Pugh, kept the racing fair and provided great learning opportunities for our newer sailors.

And finally, a very special thank you to the owners of the BW8s, whose generosity in providing their boats through the BW8 Program, made this event possible. Their support is an invaluable contribution to the success of the JESS Match Cup.

Without this support network, the JESS Match Cup simply could not run. We extend our deepest thanks to every volunteer who contributed to the event.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The 2025 JESS Match Cup was a tremendous success, thanks to the combined efforts of sailors, sponsors, staff, and volunteers. With the ongoing support of Marine Plus and Gill Australia, the regatta continues to grow in strength and reputation.

Perhaps most exciting is the emergence of our youth teams, with Angus Cameron and Xavier Bates leading the way. Their enthusiasm, courage, and commitment represent the future of match racing at RFBYC. Alongside the next wave of sailors like Issac Biczo and his team, the JESS Match Cup is proving to be a launchpad for tomorrow's champions.

We look forward to building on this momentum and welcoming these sailors, and many more, back on the water for future editions of the JESS Match Cup. ■

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# CONTENDER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## LAKE GARDA, ITALY

THREE FORMER WORLD CHAMPIONS filled the podium tied on equal points following eight races over five days in the full range of sailing conditions. An unprecedented final result for a Contender World Championship, and perhaps in any class?

More about the sailing later but firstly Lake Garda is a spectacular and very special place. The remnants of a former glacier and the largest lake in Italy, Garda is surrounded by mountains of the Alps that rise majestically, almost in sheer cliff faces in places, to elevations close to 2000 metres. The imposing landforms are a stark contrast from Perth which features ubiquitous flatness, either across land or the Indian Ocean.

Having never before travelled to Northern Italy, Donna and I took the opportunity to visit to Venice and Verona before driving up to Lago di Garda, the surface of which was surprisingly only at an elevation of 65 metres above sea level. The road on the eastern side of the lake hugs the shoreline. We drove for an hour to reach the charming medieval town of Malcesine that would be our base for the next 12 days. Being peak tourist season Malcesine was bustling with tourists, mostly Germans and other northern Europeans. Apparently, the Italians much prefer to holiday at the coast, the lakes being a bit cool for their liking.

After driving four minutes further north we arrived at the Hotel Sailing Centre (how could we not?) near Campagnola. Most of the hotels on the lake are on the land side of the road but our hotel was located on its own tiny peninsula allowing private access to the lake including a launching ramp and jetty. A further two minutes' drive north was Fraglia Vela Malcesine, the venue for the Contender World Championship and pre-Worlds events. The location and facilities at our hotel were ideal and we very quickly slipped into an enjoyable morning routine of swim in the lake, which was comfortably

cool at around 20 degrees, sauna, shower and then a long relaxing buffet breakfast.

After checking-in I went straight to the yacht club to put *Black Tie* together. Donna and I had driven her to Melbourne back in March, spent the weekend with our daughter on the Mornington Peninsula whilst I competed in the Victoria States (which had its numbers swell to 45 competitors representing all mainland states, as many did as I had, bringing their boats to pack into the container bound for Italy). The four day drive home was made more bearable by my result of second place, beaten again by Mark Bulka who had two years previously won his fourth World Championship at RFBYC when the Club hosted the memorable 50th Worlds event.

Following my return to Perth I acquired a training boat which served its purpose but getting back into *Black Tie* after the forced separation was like slipping on a favourite pair of jeans; everything just felt comfortable and 'right'. I was in good company with 25 other Australians, 20 of whom has also shipped their boats halfway around the world and some 90 other sailors from a further 11 nations who had assembled for the pre-Worlds making for a jam-packed boat park. Raising the delta flag allowed sailors to launch down a steep ramp wide enough to accommodate at most three boats at a time. The boat park resembled a game of 'unblock me' as more than 100 boats converged on the ramp, but we all got onto the water eventually.

The pre-Worlds was won by local hotshot Marco Ferrari who stood out in his bright red hull – with that surname how could it

be any other colour? Mark Bulka finished second with another former world champion Max Billersbeck (GER), Dutch Olympic 49er sailor Pim Van Vagt and current World Champion Graeme Wilcox (GBR) rounding out the top five, setting up an epic contest for the main event. Despite showing good upwind speed my series was spent gaining an understanding of the local conditions resulting in many strategic errors leading to a 31st place. My best result was a 14th in the penultimate race during which the centreboard gasket begun to part company with the hull, so I elected to head ashore for repairs rather than sail the final race.

Measurement is never much fun, sailors were invited to book a slot and I chose the second day, electing not to be a guinea pig. This turned out to be a sensible strategy with reports of queues at the local sailmaker on the first day to have battens re-sewn in after sailors were compelled to unpick them. This requirement had been sensibly dispensed with by the time I presented but found myself in a queue of sailors backlogged from the previous day. Despite the wait time everything progressed smoothly, and all my equipment had been checked off as class legal in just over three hours.

Most mornings we had spent breakfast at the hotel watching the many windsurfers, wing foilers and kite boarders enjoying their morning session in the strong and stable northerly 'Peler' breeze that persists until late morning. The usual pattern is for a period of calm around mid-day before the moderate southerly 'Ora' fills like clockwork at 1pm, with a legendary reliability akin

# CONTENDER WORLDS

## PELER AND ORA BREEZES

to our own afternoon 'Fremantle Doctor' sea-breeze, except when it doesn't understand that it will almost invariably 'not usually be like this' when there is an event on.

The further north up the lake the stronger the breeze becomes by as much as 10 knots. There was a rumour circulating before the events that the Italians had chosen Malcesine, about three quarters the way up, rather than Arco or Torbole at the northern end on the basis that 'if it was too windy the Australians would win'. This rumour was given further credence after sighting the almost uniformly diminutive stature of the Italian sailors. A similar rationale may have applied to the scheduling of racing only in the afternoon's more moderate Ora breeze.

Following the championship committee's seeding of sailors, competitors were split into four fleets with two being combined for each race in the six race qualifying series. Sailing in split fleets was new to me but the result was a shorter start line, accommodating only 85 boats, than the pre-Worlds that had all 112 boats racing as one fleet.

Day One's racing was conducted in a lovely 8-14kts Ora and bright sunshine, a welcome change following the overcast and rainy conditions throughout the pre-Worlds. The moderate breeze levelled the playing field across the wide weight range (60-110+kg) of sailors and success was determined by attaining clear air and going the 'right' way, which was left until the breeze veered 10 degrees and then it wasn't. Dutchman Paul Verhallen and another former Champion, Antonio Lamberini (ITA), ended the day at the top of the leaderboard with 4 points each, Mark Bulka and seven-time World Champion Andrea Bonezzi, formerly Italian but now sailing for Australia, were 4th and 3rd respectively closely followed

by German Christoph Homier, the aforementioned Ferrari and yet another former World Champion, heavyweight Simon Mussel from GBR. My scores of 12-8 saw me in 17th position, in good company with fellow Australians Lindsay Irwin and Sam Ellis. Being sung 'Happy Birthday' in Italian at the post-race pasta party was great way to wrap up the sailing on my 59th birthday.

Day Two initially looked to be similarly promising but on this occasion the Ora, while consistent, barely managed to surpass the class minimum wind limit of 6kts. The RC managed to complete two races but there was a lot of sitting and crouching on the gunwale which does not make for comfortable nor exciting sailing in a Contender. Still the light and tricky conditions shook things up and brought the featherweights to the front of the fleet with Max Billersbeck making the best of it scoring two bullets. Today was Marco Ferrari's birthday and he was lightning fast in his preferred conditions, unfortunately a little eager to begin racing with a BFD in the first but a bullet, sailing in the opposite fleet to Max, in the second race. Some of the heavy sailors recorded very big scores in the light conditions. I managed to maintain some semblance of consistency with 12-21 in what would be my worst day, not assisted by having one of the GPS marks move itself causing contact whilst I was rounding necessitating a penalty turn but when the scores were posted I had managed to advance to 14th position overall.

We were greeted with a return of overcast conditions on the morning of Day Three, it wasn't bothering the foilers and board riders who enjoyed the moderate morning Peler but by the time we were uncovering our boats the flags were hanging limp from their halyards. The class association, of which I am secre-

tary, took advantage of the windless conditions to conduct our AGM which was interrupted with a short break as sailors rushed to cover their boats as the rain began. We waited patiently and were given the signal to launch mid-afternoon in what seemed less wind than yesterday. Despite their best efforts the race committee couldn't complete a race and the fleet was reduced to pumping ourselves home.

Back ashore there was some consternation amongst sailors, representations were made to the RO to please consider morning sailing so we could at least have a chance to stretch our legs and sail our boats from the wire as their creator, the legendary Ben Lexen, had intended. The RO had apparently independently come to the same conclusion and competitors were notified of the 0830 first warning signal for Day 4. The loss of the day's racing brought the qualifying series to a premature end and as first drop was not yet available many very good sailors who had achieved a score comprising letters rather than number were relegated to silver fleet.

An encouraging Peler greeted the fleet early on the first morning of the final series, by launch time the breeze had strengthened and was approaching the upper class wind limit. Delta was raised for gold fleet only, finally it seemed some organisation was being attempted to make launching more orderly. Silver fleet sailors waited patiently in their sailing gear for a signal to launch that was never made leading to much disgruntlement. Meanwhile I had encountered difficulty on the sail to the starting area having to sail back with no vang after a shackle failure that almost spoiled my day and regatta. Fortunately, I had the AUS silver fleet pit crew of Tim Dorning, Paul Wilson and Simon Spalding on hand with my trolley

# CONTENDER WORLDS IN THE TOP TEN



and their much appreciated help putting *Black Tie* back together in time to (just) make the start of the first race. The warning signal was up, and I had no timing but luckily lined up next to Max who is a great starter, sheeted in and sent it when he did.

Never have I enjoyed sailing in the rain so much. The 20+ kts breeze at the start lightened off to 8–12 kts by the end of the race and I held onto a 4th place. The pressure returned for the start of the second race and held in 18–25 kts for the whole race. Congratulations went to Sam Ellis, the best of the Australians, who had a day out scoring 3-2 bettered only by GBR's Simon Mussel scoring two firsts displaying freakish upwind speed equivalent to that of own Matt Mulder. I was delighted with two single digit scores, recording a 9th in the second, and to finally get some great racing in the legendary Lake Garda breeze. These results saw me move up to 11th overall, meanwhile at the front of the fleet Antonio Lambertini was leading Graeme Wilcox by four points going into the final day with Mark Bulka a further two points behind in third. An epic showdown was looming.

Morning racing was again scheduled for the final day and we were finally treated to the spectacular conditions we had heard so much about and travelled so far to experience. Another strong Peler but this time accompanied by glorious sunshine. Today the breeze held in at 18–25 kts for both races. More sailors had come to grips with the strong breeze and racing was much tighter. An uncharacteristic capsized for Wilcox and an equal worst result, a 10th, for Lambertini in the penultimate race opened the door for Bulka who scored a useful third. Wilcox bounced back with a second in the last while Lambertini finished in 5th one place ahead of Bulka. No one knew who had finished where until the return to shore.

The day belonged to Mark Bulka securing his 5th World Championship win on count back following a three-way tie with two former World Champions. Mark's first Worlds win in Europe was particularly meaningful, he described it as the best of his sailing career. Much to the Italians' chagrin the Australian had won anyway; undeterred they flew an Italian flag four times the size of any other nations at presentations.

Sam Ellis has improved exponentially in his short time in the class finding incredible upwind pace in a breeze finishing in 5th place overall. The battle between Sam, Mark and hopefully a fit Matt Mulder at the 2026 Nationals is highly anticipated.

Before the event I was asked if I had any goals. 'Not really' I replied. I was here mostly for the Lake Garda and big fleet experiences, but I would be happy to finish in the Top 20 and, if allowed to dream a little, Top 10 would be amazing. Well today I'm living the dream and basking in satisfied post-regatta soreness having finished in 9th place overall and 3rd in the Masters (over 50) division, beaten only by Bulka and Lambertini. Unfortunately, I couldn't repeat Thursday's heroics but was happy to have avoided any alphabet scores and sail consistently across the wide range of conditions.

I am incredibly grateful for the support of RFBYC and my amazing wife, Donna Barwood. It was a privilege to be able to share both my own and the AUS team's success with her and along the way enjoy a great holiday in a really beautiful part of the world. We will miss the mountain views. ■



Highlights from the 2025 Hansa Worlds, Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club  
 top: start line fever for the Hansa Liberty fleet;  
 32 boats, representing 19 nations!  
 middle: fierce upwind battle between teammates, racing towards the  
 finish and some solid top 10 results for #TeamRFBYC  
 lower: Thisura Balasuriya, That Little Ship (AUS 3574);  
 Robert Crofts, Barracuda (AUS 3382)  
 bottom: Opening Ceremony and Welcome to Country, featuring the  
 Diramu Aboriginal Dance and Didgeridoo Performers. This spectacular  
 celebration marked the commencement of an unforgettable week of  
 camaraderie and inclusive sailing on the majestic Pittwater, NSW.



# PARA SAILING AND HANSA LIBERTY INAUGURAL SEASON



L-R: Bryce Hinton, Thisura Balasuriya, Mia Lovelady, Grant Alderson, Robert Crofts

**T**HE LIBERTY FLEET brought colour, energy, and serious sailing talent to the 2024/2025 season at RFBYC. From day one, our para sailors were all in, showcasing skills, camaraderie and top-tier performances on Freshwater Bay and beyond.

## FRESH START ON OPENING DAY

The debut season kicked off in style with 100% turnout for the Sail Past, impressing Commodore Tim Cummins with a spot-on formation.

The racing began with the Flag Officers' Trophy, where inaugural Fleet Captain Elliott Coe made his mark, taking out First & Fastest in *Halcyon* (the lime-green one, of course).

## TOP RESULTS - FLAG OFFICERS' TROPHY

- 1st Elliott Coe – *Halcyon*
- 2nd Thisura Balasuriya – *That Little Ship*
- 3rd Jayden Bosveld – *Glaukon*

## CLUB RACING HIGHLIGHTS

The sailors weren't just turning up, they were turning it on! The Liberty fleet held its own all season, regularly mixing it with the Mirror and 2.4mR classes. The sea breeze delivered, the competition was tight, and development opportunities were everywhere.

## CHAMPIONSHIP STANDOUTS

*Club Champion:*

Robert Crofts – *Barracuda*

*Consistency Series:*

Robert Crofts, again!

## PARA & HANSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

RFBYC proudly hosted the WA Para Sailing Champs in December 2024, where RPYC edged ahead, but a thrilling inter-club rivalry was born. The return bout came at the 2025 WA Hansa Class Champs, where *Team RFBYC* claimed victory and welcomed new competition from Princess Royal SC.

## TOP RESULTS - WA CHAMPS

- 1st Robert Crofts (RFBYC)
- 2nd Rachael Cox (RPYC)
- 3rd Susette Evans (PRSC)

## TAKING ON THE WORLD

Robert Crofts and Thisura Balasuriya flew the RFBYC flag at the 2025 Hansa & Para Worlds in NSW, landing Top 10 finishes in both the Open and Para divisions – among the best sailors from 19 nations!

## WORLDS RECAP - LIBERTY FLEET

- World Open:* 6th Crofts, 7th Balasuriya
- World Para:* 5th Crofts, 6th Balasuriya

## AUSSIE NATIONALS WRAP-UP

The Australian Championships (held as part of the Worlds) capped off an incredible year for #Team-RFBYC with podium finishes and smiles all around.

- Australian Para:* 1st Crofts, 2nd Balasuriya
- Australian Open:* 2nd Crofts, 3rd Balasuriya

## UP AND COMING

The fleet is passionately buoyed along by the individual achievements and none is more noteworthy than the achievements this year of 27-year-old, Thisura Balasuriya.

Thisura commenced his sailing journey just four years ago. With the help of the fleet, the race day volunteers for the dinghy classes and especially club coach Grant Alderson along with Nickie Jones and Bryce Hinton, Thisura achieved outstanding results in his

inaugural Australian and World championships.

His season was capped off with some additional achievements. Upon his return from the World's, and with growing confidence in his enormous abilities, Thisura took on the responsibilities of Fleet Captain, got his driver's licence and acquired a car, just so he can go sailing more often!

Thisura was also a recipient of a Ron Tough Yachting Foundation (RTYF) grant. RTYF grants are awarded to individuals who have demonstrated strong performance at the national level and are intended to support participation in international events. The decision to award an RTYF grant is based on an assessment of the individual's past competitive results, potential future performance, character, mentoring abilities, and positive involvement in local sailing and community activities. This is a true reflection of Thisura, a deserving recipient we are proud to have as a fleet and Club member.

## THANKS & TRIBUTE

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our sailors, coaches, supporters, and the WA Para Sailing Academy. A special tribute to our Club member the late Aaron Camm; his passion, spirit, and legacy remain forever with us. We miss you, Aaron.

#TeamRFBYC – Stronger Than Ever! ■



## 505 EURO CUP

### WARNEMÜNDE, GERMANY, 5 – 7 JULY



**THE** 505 EURO CUP AS PART OF the Warnemünde Week regatta was a great sailing venue and lovely town. The racing was top class, and included European and World champions.

There were about 500 dinghys racing, including ILCA's OK's Zoom 8's (kids boats) and 35 in the 505 fleet.

Day one was as per forecast, 18–25kn lumpy conditions, and two races completed. Magic downwinds with a following swell/waves and lots of opportunities to catch up (or swim). Quite shifty upwinds also provided some opportunities to make up ground. Boat's speed was ok, and with Johan from Sweden recruited at late notice on trapeze, language differences and communications were amusing with a lot of 'What??' 'Say again please??' And ease means let the jib out not in! But his English was a lot better than my Swedish and we kept upright and had a fun day, winning the right to be rabbit boat in race two (10th place in previous race).

The Germans certainly were racing for keeps, and the first start was abandoned after one GER boat hit another then ramped on top of the gate RIB, with some choice German language, and we had prime seats to watch as the gate (rabbit) boat.

The third re-start got away well and the breeze had lightened a bit; we picked the wrong side and had a rescue mission and got back to a decent spot at the end with some good kite work by Johan on the waves. Jan-Philipp Hofmann and Felix Brokerhoff lead the fleet with a picket fence (all firsts) and maintained that until the last day.

The fleet had a dinner and beers provided at the class organised get together which was well received after a solid day on the water.

Day two, Sunday. The town put on a lovely parade with bands down the street at 8am with drums trumpets etc. The floats included the sailing aspect with an oppy on a trailer, as well as pirates, trains, and historical costumes.

Day two was planned as a three race day. More German summer with rain and fortunately nice breezes for the first two races 12–16kn, dropping to 10–14kn, and the last race was abandoned before the start due to big 30 degree shifts.

The regatta 505 dinner and drinks was held in the locomotive shed

behind the club. The Kaiser back in the day had his own railway built from Berlin to his beach castle in Warnemünde – as you do! Plenty of bratwurst, potato (Kartoffel), pasta and meat, with a few beers thrown in for good measure. In Europe the big event is the evening before the final, as most pack boats and travel immediately after sailing. Prizegiving is quick whilst boats are being packed.

The last day the wind was on – lumpy again, with a 10am on water start. 16–20kn, fast and fun. The second race lightened again, and we had a good run off the line with the top boats and managed to hold to the top mark and stay in the bunch.

The third and final race the wind dropped right off, and very light, making for big gains/losses on the 1nm course with pressure and shifts.

Following prizegiving we finished loading the three 505's onto the trailer and headed home the next day. ■



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main image: enjoying the sun in front of Auchinleck  
inset left: dining in Auchinleck  
inset right: the team



FOR NEARLY TEN YEARS, we've rowed St Ayles Skiffs at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club mainly for social enjoyment – and occasional dolphin spotting. Although the class's Scottish founders are passionate about racing, we rarely focused on competition.

Recently, however, younger members at our Club formed a team aiming to compete in the 2025 Skiffie World Championships in Stranraer, Scotland.

One member, with ties to Scottish aristocracy, arranged accommodation at Auchinleck, a 300-year-old house near the venue, previously owned by their family and now run by the National Trust. The house was built in 1760 by Alexander Boswell, the father of James Boswell, the famous 18th century diarist, so we were to be accommodated in grand style. This allowed our entire team, which had

rapidly grown to a robust seventeen, to be housed together.

Training for our various crews started in earnest with some members rowing three or four times a week. Besides accommodation we also needed a skiff in Scotland and was generously offered one by the host for the event, Stranraer Aquatic Club.

Appropriate Club uniforms were designed and the contingent drifted North by various routes. By Friday, 4 July the whole team was assembled in our grand house ready for the Opening Day on the following Sunday. Unfortunately,

it was wet and cold but this did nothing to temper the enthusiasm and joy of the competitors from six nations who marched down the beach at Stranraer accompanied by flags and bagpipes. The next day it rained harder and blew down the loch from the North so rowing was cancelled.

The Tuesday was still a bit bleak but the wind had backed to the Northwest which made rowing possible but tough. Our first crew were our hardy girls rowing in the 40+ women's event. They finished strongly, which considering the conditions, was a major achievement.

John Longley

# 2025 SKIFFIE WORLDS

## STRANRAER, SCOTLAND

*this image: the Open Men's crew heading to the start  
below: the beach with the team's tents*



The day rolled on with RFBYC competing in several races with mixed results. Our last event was the 280+ mixed where the total age of the four rowers had to exceed 280 (an average age of at least 70, excluding the cox). Our team started at 7:30pm in pouring rain and disappeared into the murk. When they reappeared they were to the rear of the fleet of 15 boats who they then entertained with a rousing version of the Eton Boating Song whose words start 'Beautiful rowing weather...'

Mark Endersby, who had been out there nearly all day, as he coxed

all our crews, had to be thawed out before we could take him home to Auchinleck. Being in Scotland, suitable 'medicine' was readily available.

The next day the weather improved and continued to do so throughout the week. We mustered crews for every race we could legally enter with some of our girls competing in four or five races over the 2km course, which was no mean feat.

On the final day our crews in the Open Men's and Open Women's event both rowed out to the start with appropriate head gear to

remind everyone from how far we had come – the men dressed as sharks and the women as koala bears.

Over the course of the event over 2000 rowers had competed in over 100 hand built wooden boats. Crews were as young as fourteen with some well into their eighties.

It was a wonderful celebration of community sport where everyone had a red hot go but in a spirit of great fun. We had a grand old time and I think some of our members are already in training for the next Skiffie Worlds in three year's time. ■



top: supported by Danish father, Thomas, alongside winning men's team Philip Forslund & Niklas Holt  
 middle: inspired amongst 49er international fleet; warm support from Zoe Thompson at Kiel Week  
 above: weather experiences  
 left: Alice and Klara seeking out support  
 opposite page: Kiel Week lining up to launch; Kiel Week on-water start line

# 29ER KIEL WEEK REGATTA

## KIEL, GERMANY



**T**HANK YOU SINCERELY TO the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club Committee for awarding us a Sailing Excellence Grant for our 29er campaign over the period of March to September 2025.

We successfully competed in the 2025 Kiel Week Regatta (placing 41st out of 75 boats) and 29er European Championships 2025 (placing 109th out of 251 boats), training consistently, facing and managing new challenges. We continue to learn valuable lessons in technical skills, resilience, teamwork and are accepting generous support that is shaping our growth in competitive sailing.

### **KIEL WEEK 1 - 8 JULY 2025 PERFORMANCE:**

Participation in the Kieler Woche international sailing regatta presented new challenges to our race day preparation, having travelled immediately following high school exam weeks with a

two-day lead in, without a coach, in unfamiliar conditions and staying with a host family without our parents. We were the single Australian boat at this event. The two days' qualifying in both 30kn gusts and low wind brought many new experiences in big fleet starting. We managed to catch up from tricky starts by gaining on a few boats in each race, finishing each qualifying race mid-fleet. Racing the final rounds in the silver fleet, we finished each finals race in the top 10 of 37 boats, achieving overall 3rd place in our fleet.

### **IMPROVEMENTS & EXPERIENCES:**

At this event, we learned to work through tricky days on water,

digesting pressures and challenges and coming out motivated to give it another good go the next day. Our confidence grew through having to seek out and accept support from previously unknown coaches who took us under their wing, including a Danish father and peer support from nine New Zealand boats. We were also excited to share the boat park with world class sailors in the 49er and 49erFX, taking the opportunity to connect with the Australian teams and share stories with some of the upcoming German 29er and 49erFX girls. We were excited to discover that on pre-race speed testing, we matched the pace of the men's team that would go on to win the regatta.

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above left: L to R Klara & Alice Travlos, Lia & Ona Rafart, preparing to launch for first day European Championships, Riva del Garda, Italy;  
 above right: Boat park excitement (photo: Sander van der Borch)  
 middle left: L to R. Ona Rafart, Klara Travlos, Lia Rafart, Alice Travlos;  
 below left: pushing hard on the upwind under the cliffs; below right: simply enjoying a final sail back to shore after last race



# 29ER EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## RIVA DEL GARDA, ITALY



### 29ER EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1 - 8 JULY PERFORMANCE:

We placed in the top half of the international fleet, finishing 109th out of 251 boats, an improvement on our 2024 World Championships rankings amongst the same number of boats.

Improvements on the start line were evident as we managed to win one race, leading from start to finish, an exciting accomplishment. We ranked 13th amongst 42 female teams. Amongst 44 competitors in the Bronze Fleet, we placed 3rd Female and 22nd overall.

### EXPERIENCES:

A highlight was arrival at the shores of Lake Garda, a breathtaking moment for all the Travlos fami-

ly, understanding why this lake may well be the 'Sailing Mekka'. Early morning training sessions, racing under the majestic cliffs and connecting with sailors from across the globe have certainly cemented the love for the sport and appreciation of privilege and strength amongst the international sailing community. We soaked up the memorable hours preparing, racing, repairing and socialising amongst the most driven, strongest and fastest 29er sailors in the world. Sharing resources and on-water support with the New Zealand and South African teams strengthened bonds with trans-Tasman racing on the cards in the coming years. Most treasured is the warm support extended to us by the Rafart family, with Pol's

on-water coaching support, sharing the physical and emotional roller coaster with Ona and Lia.

Thank you to RFBYC for the additional training support, both through the Club and in-kind. Throughout Term 1 and 2 2025, we prepared physically and mentally with consistency and determination, training or racing four to five times per week. A highlight of our training this year has been the Girls to the Front days, where we have gained new knowledge and inspiration from program coaches, mentor sailors from across WA and specialist sports health professionals. Hayley Clark and Nia Jerwood continue to progress our skills with focus and planning in every training session.

We are deeply grateful to all our coaches and the wider 29er and Club community for both moral and financial support, which has buoyed us through the challenges international and high-performance events have presented in the past months.

We are now focused on preparing for the Youth Worlds selection event on Lake Macquarie in early October 2025. Whilst the current Australian Sailing proposal to shift 2026 Youth Worlds qualifiers from January Nationals to a separate event in Sydney in April 2026 presents a significant additional financial challenge, we continue to train with focus and determination to compete on an equal as possible national and international playing field, representing RFBYC and the WA girls' and youth sailing community with pride. Thank you for all RFBYC members' continued support. ■



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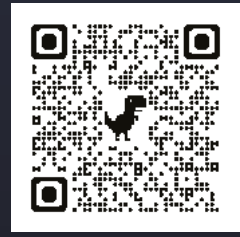
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# International Classes *Regatta*

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# ILCA 4 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## LOS ANGELES, USA



**A**FTER THE 2025 Australian ILCA Nationals, I qualified for the ILCA 4 World Championships in Los Angeles, USA. I knew this was an incredible opportunity, and with the backing of my family, club, and coaches, I set out on my 2025 sailing campaign.

As preparation, I raced at Queensland Youth Week. I didn't do the pre-event training, but the regatta itself was a great tune-up. We had two heavy-wind days followed by two light-wind days, perfect variety for sharpening my starts and adapting to different conditions.

In the weeks leading up to Worlds, I focused on fitness and time on the water. Once in LA, I trained with Dan Slater and a group of Queenslanders – James, Wilbur, Ruby, and Liv. We had four good training days, including practice races. With a short start line, those races were pretty wild, with heaps

of sailors over early, which made it tricky to really test proper starting strategies.

The 2025 ILCA 4 Worlds ran for six days, bookended by opening and closing ceremonies. Conditions were mixed with light to moderate winds with chop on the first and last two days, and heavy winds with waves in the middle. Starting well was everything. If you were stuck in dirty air at the back, it was tough to climb through the fleet. But with a good, aggressive start, you could stay in clear lanes and hold your place up front.

Getting to the 2025 ILCA 4 Worlds was the result of a lot of

hard work, but it was worth it.

Racing in such a competitive fleet pushed me to lift my game and gave me heaps of lessons to take home for training in WA. I finished 35th overall in gold fleet, with a highlight 5th place on the last day in finals – a real confidence booster to show that I could stay with the fast sailors and that my training had paid off.

Huge thanks to my family for their endless support, the WA ILCA crew and Association, my coaches and to the Ron Tough Yachting Foundation, Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, and Fremantle Sailing Club for backing me on this journey. ■



# 2025 IODA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## PORTOROŽ, SLOVENIA

COMPETING IN THE 8-DAY Optimist Sailing World Championship in Portorož, Slovenia, was one of the most intense and rewarding experiences of my sailing journey so far.

The event brought together the best young sailors from around the world, and every day on the water was a new challenge that pushed me to grow, not just technically, but mentally and physically as well.

The first day of racing opened with light wind conditions, which made for a tricky start. I managed one really strong start that gave me a great position early in the race, but I also picked up a BFD (Black Flag Disqualification) in the second race of the day. That was frustrating, especially so early in the regatta, but it taught me an important lesson about balancing aggression with discipline on the start line. I knew I had to reset quickly and focus on consistency for the rest of the event.

The middle two days of the regatta were dedicated to team racing, which brought a completely different kind of pressure and excitement. Representing my country alongside my teammates was a huge honour, and the energy on those days was electric. We faced off against Hong Kong and Portugal in two incredibly close matches. Both races came down to the final legs, and we had to

fight for every position. In the end, we managed to beat both teams in nail-biting finishes. The teamwork, communication, and strategy involved in those races made them some of the most memorable moments of the entire championship. It was a reminder that sailing, while often an individual sport, can be incredibly powerful when done as a team.

To start the final day of team racing, we faced off against Argentina and in another nail-biting finish we managed to slip past them winning ourselves the match. In the next two races, against Brazil and the USA, we unfortunately made a couple of mistakes costing us the race and we unfortunately ended up exiting in a knock round against eventual third place winners, USA. Overall, it was a great experience and the team had a fun time competing against the best sailors from 51 different countries. In the end, Team Australia placed in the top 12 teams, an incredible result and one that we were all incredibly proud of.

The final three days were the championship finals, and they were

the most intense of all. I managed to get three strong starts, which gave me a solid foundation in each race. I felt more confident and composed on the line, and that helped me stay in control even when the fleet was tight. One of the biggest improvements I noticed was in my use of upper body movement. I became more efficient and deliberate with how I used my weight to balance the boat and respond to shifts and gusts. That physical awareness made a real difference, especially in the more demanding conditions we faced during the finals.

Looking back, this championship was a huge learning experience. I faced setbacks, like the BFD, but I also had moments of real progress and success. I learned how to stay mentally strong, how to work as part of a team under pressure, and how small technical improvements can have a big impact. Most of all, I came away with a deeper appreciation for the sport and a stronger drive to keep improving. Portorož challenged me in every way – and I loved it. ■





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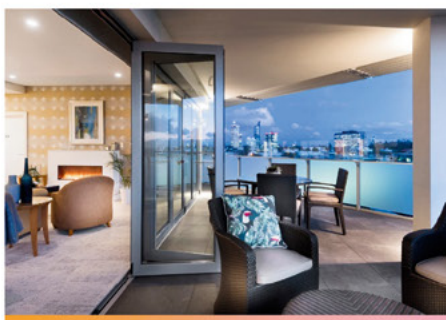


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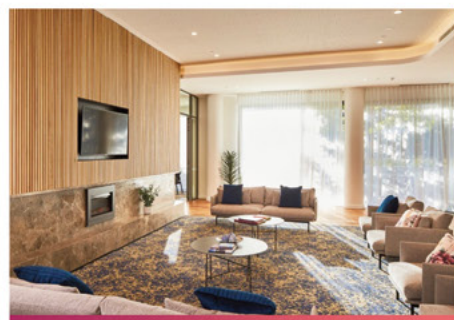
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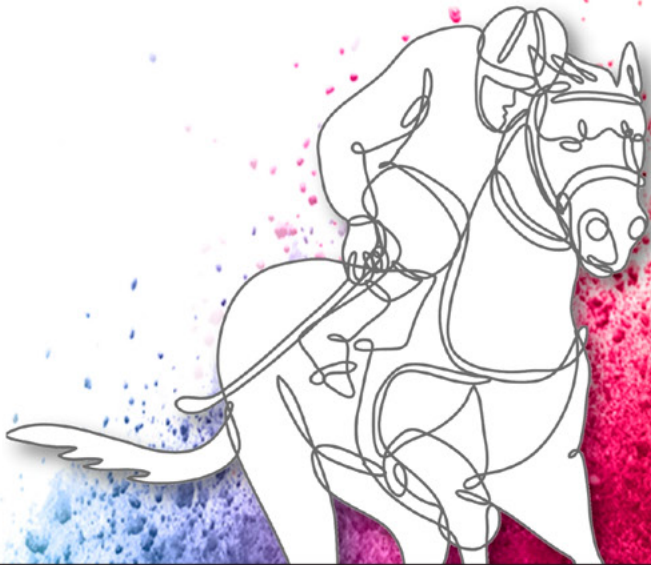
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The Club is proud to continue its strong commitment to supporting our nominated charity, Spectrum Space. Based in Western Australia, Spectrum Space is dedicated to creating inclusive opportunities for autistic young people and their families. Their vital programs, from social groups to education and community training, empower individuals to thrive and help build a more compassionate, connected future.

By digging deep and bidding generously, our members and guests will play an essential role in helping Spectrum Space continue this life-changing work. Together, we can ensure that the glamour of Cup Day translates into lasting impact well beyond the track.

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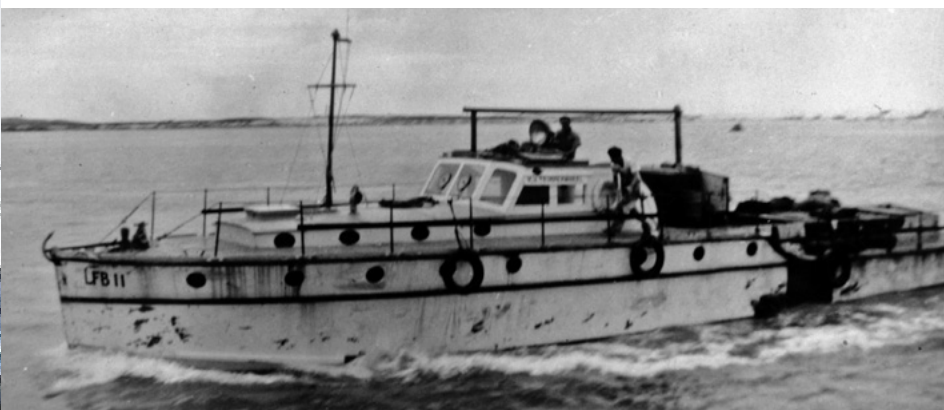
**JARRAHWOOD ESTATE**

## NOW & THEN

### TMV TRIMMERWHEEL

*Now and Then will every now and then relate something from the Club Archives to current events and activities.*

*below: 1950's–60's; right: 2013*



**T**HE CLUB'S ARCHIVE WORKING GROUP has recently received several research requests. Each enquiry has put the efficiency of our growing digital database of historical material to the test. The process has not only deepened our understanding of Club records but also reminded us how valuable collaboration is, whether with the WA Maritime Museum or fellow archivists at other yacht clubs.

Best of all, these requests often spark memories and personal recollections, which we can add to the official record. If you, or someone you know, can contribute stories, photos, or even small fragments of information about the following vessels, we would love to hear from you.

#### TMV TRIMMERWHEEL

A recent enquiry about the power boat *TMV Trimmerwheel* enabled me to create a summary of her history beyond her time residing at RFBYC in the 1970s.

She was built in 1943 by Arcus Ltd in Perth for the Royal Australian Navy as a torpedo recovery vessel. The construction material was double diagonal wood. She measured 60' x 14' with a draught of 3.5' and was originally powered by three Chrysler petrol marine engines in a triple screw configuration, capable of speeds up to 14 knots.

In 1946, *Trimmerwheel* was sold into civilian hands and began operating as a ferry between Rockingham and Rottnest/Garden Islands.

The 1950–51 Survey Records show her to be registered to Frederick Percival Oliver, an operator of the Garden Island Service Co. It's likely that F.P. Oliver was related to our former Commodore and Olympic backstroke swimmer Percival (Percy) Cale Oliver.

Later Survey Records shows *Trimmerwheel* belonging to F R & C W Marchant, also a family with a long history of boating in WA. She was then licensed for 105 passengers whilst on the river and 70 passengers when in open water.

Ownership then transferred to Connell and Tooth, who aimed to run tourist charters to the Abrolhos Islands. She operated from Geraldton in the early 1960s as a fishing and possibly for charter work. At that time, she was possibly known locally as *Trimouille*—like the Monte Bello Islands—though whether that was official or just colloquial is unclear.

In 1963, the vessel was registered to William G Kevill, a Quairading farmer and RFBYC member (1962).

She was modified to twin screw operation, powered by two General Motors diesel engines. In Survey, she was re-registered and described as a motor launch, not rigged, with one mast, straight bow, round stern, double diagonal built, wood, 2 x 2 cylinder GM Diesel engines, twin screw, 10 knots. The Club records of 1970 show that the engines were built in 1956 and were 2 x 671 GM each 200hp and 6 cylinders, providing a cruising speed of 12 knots.

However it was not until the 1970's that she appeared on the RFBYC register, but after 1982 both Mr Kevill and the vessel disappear from Club records.

She was recorded in 2005 as being registered in Fremantle as *Trimmerwheel* and then in 2022 she was offered for sale for \$99,000. On 30 December 2023, she was reported as taking on water and was beached at Rottnest Island. Her whereabouts, or demise, remain unknown.

# WADJEMUP UNSOLD BUYERS CHARY OF BIG ARMY LAUNCH

Auction sale of Navy craft at Fremantle yesterday was a washout.

Twin screw 53ft. 45 knot launch Wadjemup, which the Army used on the Rottnest run during the war produced only one unacceptable offer of £250 before it was passed in.

Auctioneer Gregson was later offered £500, £550 and then £700 by 3 separate buyers.

However, the reserve was about £1500 and, though the £700 offer will be submitted to Navy Board, it is unlikely to be accepted.

About 300 crowded around auctioneer Gregson at the sale at Fishmarkets Jetty. Only one of 6 launches and tow vells was sold. Streeter and Male of Broome bought Editha for £550, but £525 bid for lugger Swallow was nowhere near the reserve price and it was passed in.

Nothing was offered for Tow vessel 2013 and offers of £1300 for other 2 Tow vessels was too low.

"Not the price of the engine!" said auctioneer Gregson.

## "Kick It Off"

"Somebody kick it off!" shouted the auctioneer for several minutes when the Wadjemup was offered. But no one in the crowd murmured.

"Now look, you don't have to do 50 m.p.h. for ordinary purposes. We know the engines are terrifically costly to run but they might be taken out and disposed of and lighter engines installed," bellowed Mr. Gregson.

## "No Offer?"

"Start me somebody; is there £500, what, no offer?"

"£250," yelled a man in the crowd.

"Just a moment, sir, I can't take under £500," called the auctioneer. "Anyone got £500 or

NAME OF LAUNCH	REG. No.
WADJEMUP	
OWNER	Ken Angel 315 Esplanade Perth
DIMENSIONS	L.O.A. 55' L.W.L. 52' BEAM 12.5' DRAUGHT 3.75'
THAMES MEASUREMENT	33 tons
DESIGNER	Thornycroft
BUILDER	Cockatoo Dock Yard
DATE BUILT	1939
CONSTRUCTION TYPE	Carvel Diagonal Inner Skin
MATERIAL	
ENGINES BUILT	1939, Ford V 8 (two), 85 H.P., 8 cylinder
CRUISING SPEED	10 knots
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## A Floating Home For Skipper

### Life on the ocean wave has become a reality for Ken Angel, for years champion skipper of the Perth Dinghy Club.

His present floating home was first a high-speed army boat, and then a whale-chaser.

His craft is the Wadjemup (shown above tied up below the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club), now renamed Nomad II, from which the first whale harpooned in Australian waters after World War II was killed after an all-night tow off Albany.

At a cost of several thousands of pounds, Angel has converted the 55ft., V-bottom craft into a pleasure cruiser as comfortable as a modern flat.

He spent most of last winter aboard the craft in Freshwater Bay while completing the conversion.

Early this week he left on a spring cruise to Rottnest Island. From now on, Nomad II will be his home.

His immediate plans are to spend the worst winter months at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club anchorage, and his summers at Rottnest and on cruises to the Abrolhos Islands and Bunbury.

### Comfort

In Nomad II's bows are a two-berth cabin and a galley which occupies the width of the ship. The wheel-house is 13ft. by 8ft., with all-horizon sliding windows. The flying bridge is glass-screened.

Aft of the wheel-house are two 100h.p. diesels, giving a speed of 13 knots. The after accommodation includes two more cabins, the skipper's big stero-room, and a shower.

For use as a high-speed army target-towing craft in W.A., Nomad II was built at the R.A.N. Cockatoo Island dockyard at a cost of over £30,000.

Her original power unit comprised two 600h.p. petrol engines. Her maximum speed exceeded 30 knots. Many West Australians have wartime recollections of this craft. Her coming was usually heralded by a thunderous noise and a cloud of spray.

She once sped from Fremantle to Rottnest in 16 minutes, a

time record for the crossing which may not be beaten.

As Wadjemup, she rounded treacherous Cape Leeuwin three times when engaged as a whale-chaser by the Albany Whaling Company.

Members of the whaling crew are not likely to forget one moonlight night when Wadjemup was pushing into a dangerous head sea. At the height of the storm two big humpback whales began leaping out of the spume a short distance away.

After he gave up racing dinghies, Angel had the 32ft. auxiliary cabin-cruiser Nomad built. Nomad, renamed Gaiety, is now owned by the Bob McKenzies. But Angel retained the original name—hence Nomad II.—"Rambler."

1946

1947

## DAMAGED WHALING VESSEL

### Repairs Undertaken At Albany

ALBANY, June 3.—The town jetty slip of the Princess Royal Sailing Club is being used for extensive repairs to the launch Wadjemup, which dragged her anchors in Frenchman's Bay during a heavy gale on the night of May 12. Mr. L. Austin took his launch Kyakya



to the scene and towed the disabled launch to the town jetty. He was given the task of restoring the damage and this work presented difficulties, owing to the limited size of the slip, which had to carry the damaged 55ft. launch. It was first found necessary to erect an additional "cradle," and eventually the Wadjemup was placed on this.

The work of restoring the damaged keel and planking and straightening both propellers is now proceeding. The shafting of the propellers is also being restored by the Albany Engineering Works.

It is anticipated that the launch will be in seagoing order again shortly, and will then resume its mission in chasing whales in adjacent waters for treatment at a shore plant on the shores of Frenchman's Bay.

1952

1953

## NEW OWNER FOR A WELL-KNOWN CRUISER

One of the State's best known motor cruisers, the Wadjemup, has changed hands again.

The new owner is George Strickland, of South Perth. He bought her recently from Ken Angel, who converted her into a luxurious pleasure craft last year.

This 55ft. craft was built as a high-speed army target-tower and later spent two seasons as a whale chaser.

The new owner has sailed the river and the seaway to Rottnest since boyhood.

He made his first craft at the age of 12—a little flat-bottomed sailing craft and four years later was pushing a small motorboat over to Rottnest.

After the war he bought the 32ft. launch Nahkoda, ori-

ginally built for Horrie Bacon which he sold recently because it had outgrown his family.

George Strickland plans family holiday cruises to the islands. As a fisherman he has had his share of jewfish and so forth. If he has the time he may try game fishing from his new purchase.

Ken Angel re-named Wadjemup the Nomad II. But since George Strickland's wife heard that Wadjemup was aboriginal for Rottnest, she is keen to revert to the name by which it was christened at the Cockatoo Island dockyards.—"Rambler."



## NOW & THEN

### WADJEMUP (NOMAD II)

#### WADJEMUP (NOMAD II)

Another enquiry focussed on *Wadjemup*, a power boat which also had a connection with the military forces and then RFBYC.

Built in 1939 at Sydney's Cockatoo Island Dockyard for the Australian Army, at a cost of over £30,000, she was a high-speed target-towing vessel designed by Thornycroft of England. Fitted with twin 600hp petrol engines, she was capable of 30 knots and once made the fastest recorded crossing from Fremantle to Rottnest in just 16 minutes, her arrival announced 'by a thunderous noise and a cloud of spray.'

After the war *Wadjemup* was sold to the Albany Whaling Company, becoming the first whale chaser in Albany. The West Australian July 1947 reported her first kill as a 40-ton humpback whale seized after a gruelling 17 hour 'battle'.

By the early 1950's she was retired from whaling and returned to Perth into the ownership of Ken H Angel, a former Swan River dinghy champion and member of RFBYC since 1943.

In 1951 the Club Register records *Wadjemup's* details as LOA 55', LWL 52', Beam 12.5', Draft 3.75'. Construction type was carvel diagonal inner skin. The engines appeared to have been replaced and were noted as two 1939 Ford V8s, 85hp, 8 cylinder and her cruising speed was 10knots.

Angel spent several thousand pounds converted her into a pleasure cruiser 'as comfortable as a modern flat,' living aboard her in

Freshwater Bay during the winter of 1952 while completing the renovations. With cabins, a large state room, a galley, 'all horizon' sliding windows, and a glass screened flying bridge, she was renamed *Nomad II* and became his floating home – dividing time aboard between Freshwater Bay in winter and Rottnest, Bunbury, or the Abrolhos Islands in summer.

Sadly Ken only enjoyed this lifestyle for a year before dying in 1953, when the ownership of *Wadjemup (Nomad II)* passed to George Strickland. She is listed in the Club's Year Books of 1958–62. Strickland's wife insisted the original name *Wadjemup* be restored, recognising its link to Rottnest Island. In 1954 she was reported as the largest cruiser on the Swan River.

Her story closed quietly in 1978 when she was reportedly scrapped in Strickland's backyard.

#### KEEPING STORIES ALIVE

Both *Trimmerwheel* and *Wadjemup* remind us how vessels that have graced our Club and plied the Swan River may have rich histories. Each request for information brings these stories back to light, enriching the fabric of RFBYC.

If you have memories, documents, or photographs that could add to these accounts, please contact the Archive Working Group at [archives@rfbyc.asn.au](mailto:archives@rfbyc.asn.au). Every contribution helps ensure the Club's boating heritage is available to future generations.

#### SOURCE MATERIAL:

This narrative was prepared on 3 August 2025 and is considered accurate as far as the noted reference materials allow:

- RFBYC Membership and Boat Registry Records
- National Library of Australia – Trove digital newspaper archive
- State Library WA Catalogue: <https://encore.slwa.wa.gov.au/iii/encore/search/>
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- Australian Register of Ships

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# THE EASTERN YACHT CLUB STORY

## BOOK REVIEW

**B**OOK REVIEW OF 'The Eastern Yacht Club Story 1870 to 2020'. The Eastern Yacht Club (EYC) is a member of the International Council of Yacht Clubs (ICOYC) of which RFBYC is also a member.

We were sent this book as a gift to celebrate the 150th anniversary of EYC. It has been with the Club for a couple of years, but only just come up for review.

The book was published in 2020 as a hardcover, and covers the club's founding, key personalities, yachts, evolution over the decades, America's Cup involvement and its prestigious place within American yachting culture. It is a substantial tome, running to over 450 pages of content. Author Stan Grayson is well credentialed for the job – including being a journalist, regular contributor to *Wooden Boat* and

another book about Joshua Slocum (see rear flap for further details).

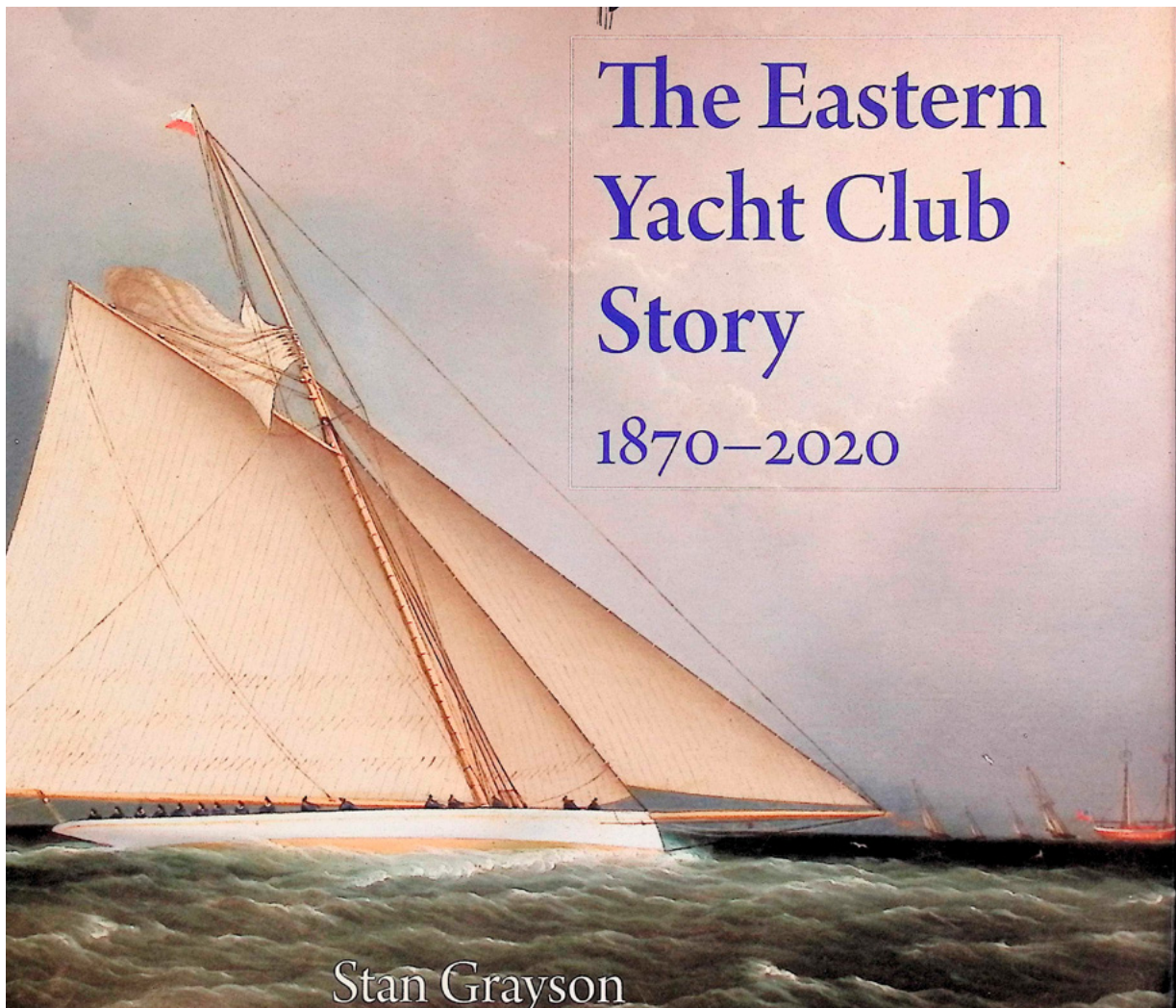
The book was research-based, drawing on extensive archival materials. It was compiled thanks to the efforts of the Club's Historical Committee, including Sue Connolly and others, who conducted interviews and archival dives to build a comprehensive narrative up through 2020. Full of extensive historical photos of the clubhouse, yachts, personalities and events, it is well worth thumbing through just for the pictorial content. However, it's a hard read if you are going cover-to-cover, it is

very detailed and statistical on all aspects of the club's history and yachting achievements. I found myself skimming certain sections and chapters, just to get through it. Don't let that put you off, it's well worth a look. Available in the Library to peruse, or take home if signed out with Reception (two-week return).

*Topic:* Recent addition to Club Library

*Item:* Book

*Title:* The Eastern Yacht Club Story 1870 to 2020



# MEMBERSHIP

## NEW CLUB MEMBERS



### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

We welcome new applications for membership.

Applications need to be endorsed by two current members with at least five years of eligible membership.

Members, login to MyRFBYC and navigate to the Join RFBYC page to nominate a person for membership.

The proposing member is asked to enter the applicant's name, email address and include the seconder.

This action will send an email to the nominee inviting them to complete an application for membership form.

Further information about completing an application for membership is available on the Club website, or by contacting the Membership Coordinator for assistance.

Go to [rfbyc.asn.au](http://rfbyc.asn.au) or scan the code.



### DATES TO BE AWARE OF:

- Submit completed application forms to the Club by the last Monday of the month.
- General Committee reviews applications on the last Tuesday of the month. Successful applicants are selected into the process of becoming a member.
- Names of the applicants for membership are displayed on the Ballot Sheet (except Juniors).
- Applicants for Ordinary and Reciprocal membership will be invited to attend an interview with the Membership Committee, usually on the second Monday of the following month.
- All membership applications which progress to the final stage of the membership process will be ratified by General Committee on the last Tuesday of the month.
- Applications for Junior membership are not required to go through the selection process and are tabled at the next General Committee meeting for election (last Tuesday of the month).

If you would like assistance with our membership process or have a few questions about the Club activities and benefits of membership please get in touch with Susan, our Membership Coordinator. Use the contact form on our website, phone the Club (9286 8200) or send an email to [membership@rfbyc.asn.au](mailto:membership@rfbyc.asn.au).

# MEMBERSHIP

## NEW CLUB MEMBERS



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Alan Tribe  
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Carmelo Bontempo  
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Linda Horner  
Robert DeJoode  
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Laura McEntoggart  
John Worsfold  
Beverley Martin  
Victoria Larkins  
Pascale Whiting

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Martin Jurat  
Geoffrey Hick  
John McKay  
Sean Houthuysen

### JUNIOR MEMBERS

#### Member

Darby Passmore  
Noah O'Donovan

#### Member

Cadel Reid  
Jack Lucarelli

#### Member

Adam Richards

# MEMBERSHIP

## YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS



# VALE 2025

## PAST CLUB MEMBERS

CONDOLENCES are extended to the families of the following Members whose recent passing is known to the Club

Trevor Stone 1931–2025, joined in 1949 • John Brazier 1943–2025, joined in 1971  
 John Milne 1941–2025, joined in 1973 • Barry Newton 1935–2025, joined in 1985 and resigned 2018  
 Terry Jackson 1939–2025, joined in 1996

# MEMBERSHIP

## NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT AND YOUNG ADULT MEMBERSHIP EVENING

**H**ELD AT THE CLUB on a Friday evening several times a year, our New Members' Nights are a lot of fun. We hear from a Club member guest speaker, introduce a group of our newest members, then celebrate with a traditional bell ring and some time to mingle.

Our new members are accompanied by one of the members who nominated them for membership, and they walk forward together to be introduced to the Flag Officers. Every now and then, we host a similar evening to welcome our young adult members. Most have been members for a while as Juniors and have transitioned to adult membership of the Club. Our young adults are accompanied by one of their parents or one of their member friends, in this case usually a member who has been a mentor to them through their years as a Junior member. We encourage all members to attend to welcome our newest

members to the Club community. The evenings are hosted upstairs in the beautiful Athol Hobbs Room and the ceremony is followed by a dinner. At the young adult event in September, the guests enjoyed a long table dinner on the balcony.

**IN AUGUST**, New Members' Night heard from Rear Commodore Stephen Lewis. Steve gave an entertaining insight into his journey to sailing and boating and life connected to the Club.

After missing the camaraderie of competitive sport, he was bitten by the sailing bug and didn't look back. It started as a spectator sport

for him and quickly became a fully immersed experience. He loves that yacht clubs give you an instant community of likeminded people. When moving interstate for work this helped him to settle in too. He said the friends he has made are lifelong. These days he is an active sailor, volunteer and excels in power yacht activities.

He encouraged the new members 'don't wait for tomorrow but get stuck into it today!' and offered a 'well done for joining, we will make sure that you get the absolute best out of it. Get involved, what you put in you absolutely get back tenfold'.



**AT THE SEPTEMBER** young adult event, our 'Old Salt' was Will Boulden. His experiences in competitive sailing afforded him many opportunities to travel overseas and interstate and this gave him a great insight into how great things are here at RFBYC.

Will has grown up with helpful networks at the Club. He too said about Club membership that 'you get out what you put in' and he im-

plored the young adult members to get involved, meet their fellow adult members and make the most of the opportunities that come from it.

He explained that there is so much more than just sailing. There are opportunities in social activities, rowing, boating and a lot more. You have great people around you. Enjoy the Club, use your membership and be part of the great community.

Commodore Tim Cummins closed the evening which was in the newly renovated Athol Hobbs Room and said 'take a moment to admire the effort and skill to modernise while still respecting our history. This is your space now, your Clubhouse, your hangout, your home away from home...especially if your own home doesn't come with a bar and panoramic views of the Swan River!' ■



# TRAVEL GRANTS

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## INFORMATION

RFBYC Travel Grants are awarded to assist and encourage our members to participate at national and international competitions. The funds are derived from member donations and are awarded to help offset the costs incurred when travelling away. The following members received travel grants between July and September 2025:

APPLICANTS	CLASS/TEAM	EVENT NAME	AMOUNT
ISSAC BICZO	ILCA 7	2026 ILCA OCEANIA & AUSTRALIAN OPEN & YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS. TASMANIA	\$300.00
ASHLIE DUFFIELD	420	AUSTRALIAN YOUTH SAILING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING EVENT. ADELAIDE	\$300.00
SUSAN GHENT	HOBIE 16 OPEN	HOBIE CAT MULTI EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2025. USTKA, POLAND	\$450.00
ROSIE ROWELL	EDGE WOMEN'S MATCH RACING (NZ)	NORDEA WOMEN'S TROPHY - MATCH CUP SWEDEN	\$550.00
JASPER STAY	ILCA 6	ILCA 6 YOUTH WORLDS, LOS ANGELES, USA	\$550.00
			<b>\$2,150.00</b>



## VALE

# NOEL TREVOR STONE 1932 – 2025



Trevor joined the Club in 1949 and quickly became a familiar face on the water and around the grounds. He built his own Mirror dinghy in the garage before moving into keelboats, and in 1985 purchased *Iolanthe*, a Spacesailer 27. For

**L**ONG-TERM SENIOR MEMBER of RFBYC, Noel Trevor Stone, known to everyone simply as 'Trevor', passed away peacefully on 15 August at the age of 93, surrounded by his family.

many years Trevor helmed *Iolanthe* in Saturday races, and after his retirement in the late 1990s he happily added Thursday racing to his weekly routine.

In 2016 Trevor reluctantly stepped back from sailing, but with typical determination ensured that *Iolanthe* remained on the water by encouraging long-time crew member, Mal Cronstedt, to keep the boat at the Club and active.

Trevor was widely admired as a true gentleman – calm and measured at the helm, yet always quietly competitive. Beyond sailing

he was also an astute businessman, having founded and guided a paper company recognised as one of the fastest-growing private firms in Australia during the 1990s.

He is survived by his beloved wife Trish, daughters Kate, Anthea and Caroline, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Club honours Trevor's remarkable 76 years and seven months of membership and contribution, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family.

Rest in peace, Trevor. ■

## VALE

# JOHN BRAZIER 1943 – 2025



John began sailing at the age of 13 in a cadet dinghy named *Diana* at Royal Perth Yacht Club and later joined RFBYC in the late 1960s. His passion for sailing was lifelong, taking him from dinghy sailing through to ocean racing, and everything in between.

He crewed with Michael Ahern in the Soling class, where their teamwork and shared competitive spirit

**A**PROUD member of Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club for nearly 55 years, John Brazier, or 'Braiz' as he was affectionately known, had a deep love for the water: to be near it, in it, and especially, on it.

led to two State Championships and a third-place finish at the Australian titles. The Soling, an Olympic class, required strength and precision – qualities John brought in abundance, not least thanks to his background as a champion rower.

In later years, John continued sailing with Michael on a Couta boat, where he remained a valued and knowledgeable crew member. Together, they enjoyed great camaraderie and numerous race wins, including a Club Championship. John also sailed Etchells with Rob Perrin and Geoff Black, relishing the competition and friendships made along the way.

Ocean racing was another great passion. John competed in four

Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Races, including his first aboard Neil McAllister's *Starfire of Perth*. These experiences were among his most cherished sailing memories. While living in Sydney, John was never far from the water. He loved the harbour and spent many happy hours aboard his beloved powerboat, *PrimeTime*.

John's life on the water was honoured at his funeral, fittingly concluded with the song *Sailing*. He is lovingly remembered by his wife Jo, children Caroline, Sarah and David, his five grandchildren, and many friends across the sailing community.

Fair winds, Braiz. ■

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

02 OCTOBER	VOYAGER ESTATE MIDWEEK WINTER SERIES	20 NOVEMBER	JARRAHWOOD ESTATE MIDWEEK SUMMER SERIES
09 OCTOBER	VOYAGER ESTATE MIDWEEK WINTER SERIES	23 NOVEMBER	ETCHELLS SYD CORSER REGATTA
12 OCTOBER	DINGHY TRAINING CENTRE BUSY BEE AND AUDIT INFORMATION DAY	23 NOVEMBER	GREEN AND ORANGE FLEET TRAINING
12 OCTOBER	DRAGON WOMEN'S HELM REGATTA	23 NOVEMBER	OFF THE BEACH FLEETS CLUB RACE - THE VICE PATRONS' TROPHY RACE DAY
16 OCTOBER	VOYAGER ESTATE MIDWEEK WINTER SERIES (FINAL)	26 NOVEMBER	TWILIGHT SAILING
18 OCTOBER	SAILING SEASON OPENING DAY & FLAG OFFICERS TROPHY - KEELBOATS AND OTB FLEETS	27 NOVEMBER	JARRAHWOOD ESTATE MIDWEEK SUMMER SERIES
19 OCTOBER	OFF THE BEACH FLEETS NOT RACING	28 NOVEMBER	FOILING FLEETS SLALOM EVENT
22 OCTOBER	TWILIGHT SAILING	28 NOVEMBER	OFF THE BEACH FLEETS INTERNATIONAL CLASSES REGATTA OPEN TRAINING SESSION
23 OCTOBER	JARRAHWOOD ESTATE MIDWEEK SUMMER SERIES & VOYAGER ESTATE MIDWEEK WINTER SERIES PRESENTATIONS	29 NOVEMBER	INTERNATIONAL CLASSES REGATTA
25 OCTOBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACE	29 NOVEMBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACE (REFER SPECIAL COURSES)
29 OCTOBER	TWILIGHT SAILING	30 NOVEMBER	INTERNATIONAL CLASSES REGATTA
30 OCTOBER	JARRAHWOOD ESTATE MIDWEEK SUMMER SERIES	03 DECEMBER	TWILIGHT SAILING
01 NOVEMBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACE - THE AMANDA ENERGY TROPHY RACE DAY	04 DECEMBER	JARRAHWOOD ESTATE MIDWEEK SUMMER SERIES
02 NOVEMBER	TERM 4 LEARN TO SAIL COURSES AND TRAINING	05 DECEMBER	DINGHY CLUB FRIDAY SOCIAL
02 NOVEMBER	BW8 GALACTIC CUP	06 DECEMBER	OFF THE BEACH FLEETS ADVENTURE SAIL
02 NOVEMBER	GREEN AND ORANGE FLEET TRAINING	06 DECEMBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACE - THE LYNN FAMILY TROPHY RACE DAY
02 NOVEMBER	OFF THE BEACH FLEETS CLUB RACE	07 DECEMBER	OFF THE BEACH FLEETS CLUB RACE - THE PROFILE ORTHODONTICS TROPHY RACE DAY
05 NOVEMBER	TWILIGHT SAILING	09 DECEMBER	TRAINING CENTRE WEEK 1 DEC/JAN SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSES AND TRAINING COMMENCES
06 NOVEMBER	JARRAHWOOD ESTATE MIDWEEK SUMMER SERIES	10 DECEMBER	TWILIGHT SAILING
08 NOVEMBER	GOVERNOR'S CUP (NOMINATIONS TO BE LODGED BY 5PM WED 29 OCTOBER)	11 DECEMBER	JARRAHWOOD ESTATE MIDWEEK SUMMER SERIES
08 NOVEMBER	WAIDA DRAGONS TEAMS RACING	13 DECEMBER	O'PEN SKIFF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
09 NOVEMBER	TERM 4 LEARN TO SAIL COURSES AND TRAINING	13 DECEMBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACE - THE EURO TECHNIK TROPHY RACE DAY
09 NOVEMBER	GREEN AND ORANGE FLEET TRAINING	14 DECEMBER	O'PEN SKIFF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
09 NOVEMBER	OFF THE BEACH FLEETS CLUB RACE	14 DECEMBER	OFF THE BEACH FLEETS CLUB RACE - THE GLAMOUR BUOYS TROPHY RACE DAY
12 NOVEMBER	TWILIGHT SAILING	16 DECEMBER	TRAINING CENTRE WEEK 2 DEC/JAN SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSES AND TRAINING COMMENCES
13 NOVEMBER	JARRAHWOOD ESTATE MIDWEEK SUMMER SERIES	17 DECEMBER	TWILIGHT SAILING
14 NOVEMBER	DINGHY CLUB FRIDAY SOCIAL, #TEAMRFBYC LAUNCH & CELEBRATION	18 DECEMBER	JARRAHWOOD ESTATE MIDWEEK SUMMER SERIES
15 NOVEMBER	OFF THE BEACH FLEETS ADVENTURE SAIL	20 DECEMBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACE - THE NINGALOO CORAL BAY TROPHY RACE DAY
15 NOVEMBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACE - THE PELAGIC TROPHY RACE DAY	21 DECEMBER	OFF THE BEACH FLEETS NOT RACING
15 NOVEMBER	TERM 4 LEARN TO SAIL COURSES AND TRAINING	31 DECEMBER	NEW YEAR'S EVE TWILIGHT SAIL
16 NOVEMBER	WINDWARD LEEWARD RACE DAY - BW8, ETCHELLS, DRAGONS AND FLYING 15S	03 JANUARY	KEELBOAT CLUB RACE - (REFER SPECIAL COURSES)
16 NOVEMBER	GREEN AND ORANGE FLEET TRAINING	04 JANUARY	OFF THE BEACH FLEETS NOT RACING
16 NOVEMBER	OFF THE BEACH FLEETS CLUB RACE - THE AMANDA ENERGY GIRLS WHO SAIL RACE DAY	06 JANUARY	TRAINING CENTRE WEEK 3 DEC/JAN SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSES AND TRAINING COMMENCES
19 NOVEMBER	TWILIGHT SAILING		

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- Live Band

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- Dinghy Racing
- St Ayles Skiff Parmelia Ball Challenge
- Keelboat Racing
- Power Yacht Raft-Up
- Power Yacht Sail Past
- Presentations

