

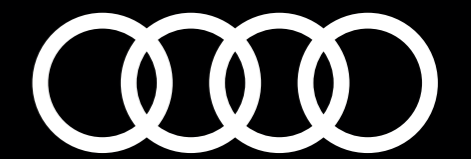
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New CYCA Members

The following have become CYCA Members across August-September 2020, welcome to the Club:

- Jeffrey Andrews
- Joanna Barker
- John Brennan
- Ruth Carr
- Beverly Coffey
- Nicole Cosgrove
- Caroline Crook
- William Crowley
- James Dann
- Ben De Coster
- Safa de Valois
- Andrew Doyle
- Karine Dubois
- Jean Dubois
- Ivan Golem
- Piers Harris
- Anthony Howley
- Gregory Hyslop
- Sharad Loomba
- Alexandra Manon
- Shane McGrath
- Matthew McKenzie
- Robyne Nimmo
- Julia Patterson
- Kaan Peker
- Jessica Power
- Angela Raspass
- Guy Reynolds AO
- Christiana Roberts
- Finn Rodowicz
- Albie Roets
- Sunny Singh
- Helen Springer
- Patrick St John
- Allen Stormon
- Griffin Suters
- Thomas Taylor
- Fernando Tiglio
- David Viney
- Gianni Watson
- Peter Weiley
- William Wood
- David Yuile
- Aaron Zhou

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The recent Winter Series highlights how much talent there is at the Club... but there are opportunities open to everyone! Credit - David Brogan

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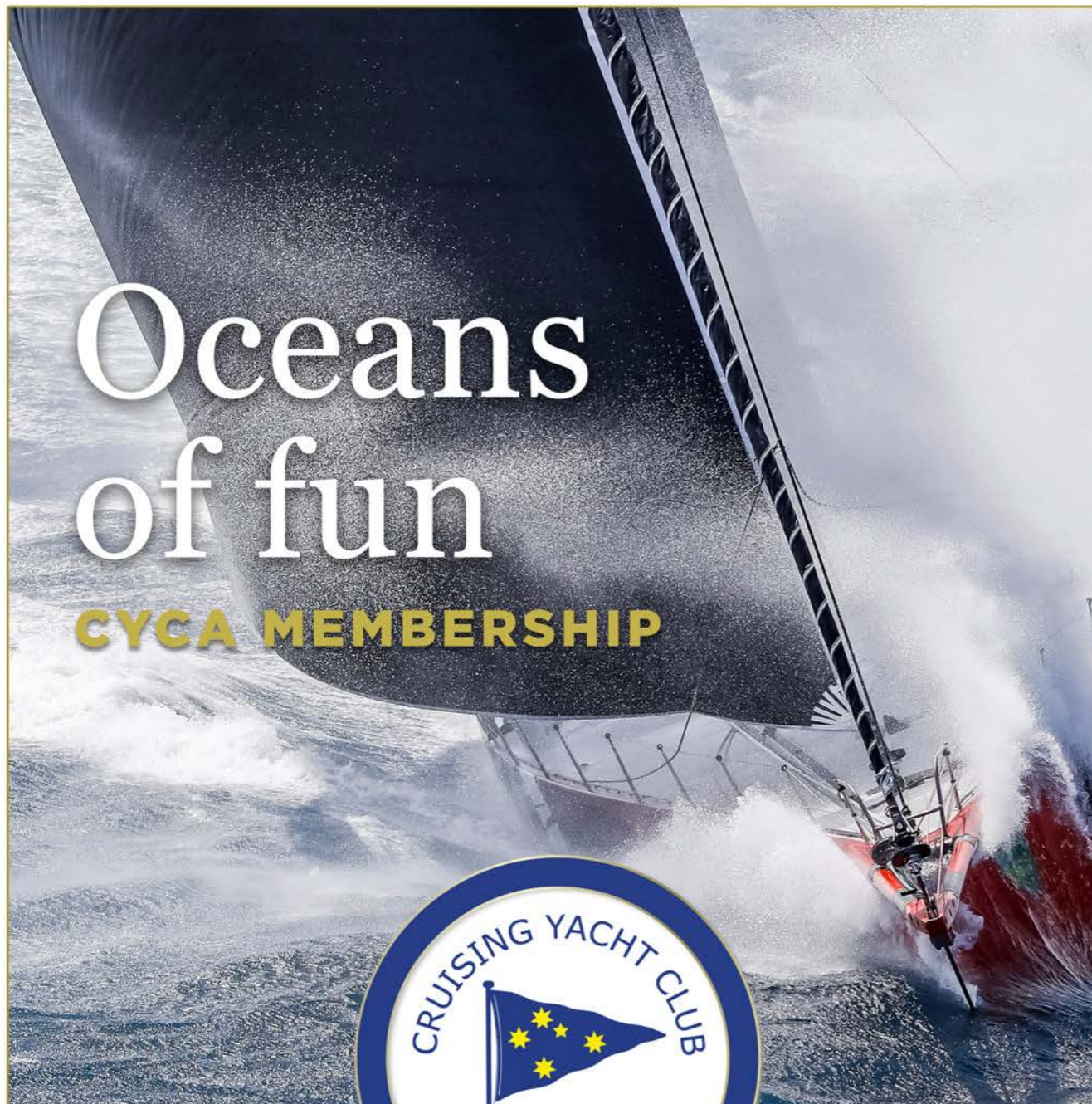
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COMMODORE NOEL CORNISH AM

At the helm

It is a great honour to write my first foreword for Offshore magazine as Commodore of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia following the 2020 Annual General Meeting.



Dear Members,

Thank you for the honour of being elected Commodore of our wonderful Club at the 2020 Annual General Meeting. Accordingly, it's a privilege to be writing my first foreword for Offshore magazine.

We are certainly living in unprecedented times! Heartfelt sympathies are extended to our Members, their families and friends and to our community who have been affected by this global pandemic.

The health and safety of our Members, staff and guests is our number-one priority. At our Club, we have fully embraced the NSW Government's COVID safe requirements and responsibilities. In this context, your board and management are working hard to develop and schedule as many sailing races as possible which includes continuing to undertake all the activities necessary to run this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Our CEO Justine Kirkjian and her team have also diligently applied Government health directions and

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advice to the operations of our Clubhouse and I thank members for cooperating with the staff to ensure that COVID transmission risks are minimised.

The great Club we enjoy today and all the engaging activities associated with it has resulted from the massive contribution of countless years of Club Member volunteering. I would like to acknowledge and thank Immediate Past Commodore Paul Billingham for his dedicated service on the Board for 14 years. During Paul's time there were a number of significant achievements including the Clubhouse redevelopment and

the fantastic 75th-year celebrations. I'd also like to thank former directors Leander Klohs and Justin Atkinson, who did not stand for re-election, for their solid contributions to the Board.

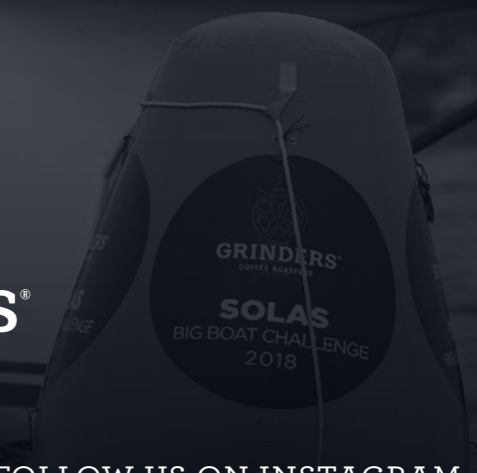
Your new Board, which welcomes the skills and expertise of Tom Barker, Peter Gothard and David Griffith AM, is far from daunted by the current challenges related to COVID-19. The Board and Committees are up and running. We are focused on building an exciting sailing program and off water member engagement activities in a world navigating the pandemic.

As a Board, we're thankful and appreciative of the support and trust you've placed in us, especially in this challenging environment. We are highly energised and committed to building on the legacy created by the many members who served before us.

Take care. Looking forward to seeing you out on the water and at the Club. ⚓

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Winter Series wonderful once again



The CYCA's 2020 Winter Series, featuring more than 100 competitors across nine Divisions, has been run and won, with a host of usual suspects (in addition to some fresh faces) taking top honours.

The ever-popular Winter Series, which saw four races abandoned (three due to COVID-19 interruptions) and a host of challenging conditions, once again drew strong interest from the CYCA and other Clubs across Sydney. This year's Women's Winter Series saw a staggering 63 entrants take part, the largest fleet recorded.

Congratulations to *Denali*, *Little Nico*, *Quetzalcoatl*, *Supernova*, *Krakatoa*, *Windflyt*, *Tea for the Tillerman*, *Eau Well*, *The Goat*, *Emily*, *Finn*, *It Happens*, *Krakatoa* and *Zara* for their Divisional victories in the 2020 Winter Series. Plaudits too must be directed to the placegetters, with competition fierce across the Divisions with as many as 15 competitors in each.

For others, though, the joy of sailing, rather than the lure of silverware is what draws them to the course each week during the coldest months.

"The series has been very challenging and a test of skills, seamanship and tactics on every outing - always enjoyable, always learning something and always rewarding," Quetzalcoatl's Anto Sweetapple says.

"Our owners and crew of James Lee Warner, Anthony Bruce, Richard Hincks, Mark Ayto, Pete Haggitt, Suzy Amaral, Dave Ulm, Lexi Silver, Nick Rock, Jim Bennett, Johannes Le Coutre and myself have found it a great opportunity to get out of the house, leave behind the COVID world for a few hours and do one of the things we all love."

Jason King who skippered the yacht *Emily* also enjoyed the challenge - as well as taking the title in J1. "It has been great, close racing throughout the whole series," King said.

Neil Burling of *Baltic Lady*: "It was wonderful out there, perfect breeze for our boat and just a good [event] for everyone involved."

The full list of Divisional winners and placegetters are as follows. ⚓



50-YEAR MEMBERS HONOURED

Congratulations to 10 CYCA Members who recently celebrated 50 years of Membership.

Ronald Allen, Belinda Devery, Arthur Eady, Mike Fletcher, John Harris, David Herlihy, David Kellett AM, Rob Mundle OAM, Bob Ross and John Walton AM were all officially crowned 50-year Members at the CYCA's 2020 Annual General Meeting.

Devery is only our fourth-ever 50-Year Associate Member - and she's particularly honoured to have received the accolade.

Commodore Noel Cornish AM passed on the Club's congratulations to each of the recipients.

"To receive a 50-year CYCA Member is a huge achievement," Cornish said.

"Congratulations to these wonderful supporters of our Club. Their efforts have had a massive impact on the Club's progression over the years. For their outstanding support for over half a century we say a heartfelt 'thank you'." ⚓

SUMMER SET TO SIZZLE

Entries are now open for the CYCA's summer of sailing, with a packed program of activities bound to suit sailors of all abilities and preferences.

The Club will once again run a huge calendar of activities, including Sharp Monday Twilight Series, the Wednesday Twilight Series, Short-Haul Pointscore Series, Short Ocean Pointscore, Combined Pointscore, Two-Handed Series and Ocean Pointscore Series.

The Combined Pointscore, commencing on 24 October, for instance, consisting of Ocean pointscore races and Short Ocean Races, is for sailors who enjoy a mixture of windward/leeward and passage-style racing.

There's a series for sailors of all abilities, time constraints and desires - don't miss what is bound to be a fun season!

For more on the upcoming summer series visit cyca.com.au/sailing. ⚓

A1			
1	52569	<i>Denali</i>	Damien Parkes
2	52002	<i>Quest</i>	Bob Steel & Craig Neil
3	052	<i>Gweilo</i>	Matthew Donald & Chris Townsend
A2			
1	543	<i>Little Nico</i>	Adrian Walters
2	AUS040	<i>Outlaw</i>	Alan & Tom Quick
3	RUS768	<i>Borderline</i>	Andy Offord
B			
1	2001	<i>Quetzalcoatl</i>	Anto Sweetapple, James Lee Warner & Anthony Bruce
2	248	<i>Wax Lyrical</i>	Les Goodridge
3	7779	<i>Patrice Six</i>	Alexander Flecknoe-Brown
D			
1	6499	<i>Supernova</i>	Matthew Hanning
2	AUS6133	<i>Foreign Affair</i>	Matt Wilkinson
3	6683	<i>Crosshaven</i>	Sean Rahilly & Justin Pelly
E			
1	8383	<i>Krakatoa</i>	Don Young
2	GER46	<i>Clavida</i>	Christian Holle
3	AUS6151	<i>Clewless</i>	Lachlan Irwin
F			
1	8484	<i>Windflyt</i>	Douglas Sturrock
2	5436	<i>Sine Wave</i>	Greg Mason
3	6661	<i>Crystal Cutter III</i>	Charles Parry-Okeden
J1			
1	8577	<i>Emily</i>	Jason King
2	7701	<i>Bliss</i>	Eric Frank
3	6081	<i>Next</i>	Robert Hunt, Jon Short, Miles Bastick & Greg Gleeson
J2			
1	38407	<i>Tea for the Tillerman</i>	Richard Allen
2	MH370	<i>Calypso Magic</i>	Jeff Mercer
3	6652	<i>Baltic Lady</i>	Neil Burling
K			
1	7094	<i>Eau Well</i>	Lee Hawksley
2	1612	<i>Zara</i>	John Griffin
3	6268	<i>Morning Calm</i>	Ken McKenzie
SYDNEY 38s			
1	7027	<i>The Goat</i>	Mitchell Gordon, Daniel Hawkins & Antony Clift
2	MH20	<i>Advanced Philosophy</i>	Peter Sorensen
3	3060	<i>Thirlmere</i>	Mike Logan & Daniel Belcher
WOMEN'S DIVISIONAL WINNERS			
DIV	SAIL	BOAT	OWNER
Div 1	6508	<i>Finn</i>	Janey Treleaven
Div 2	9889	<i>It Happens</i>	Bridget Canham
Div 3	8383	<i>Krakatoa</i>	Jenni Barker
Div 4	1612	<i>Zara</i>	Kirstin Reblin

Hobart heroics awarded top gong

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, alongside finishing partner The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, has claimed the 2020 Australian Sailing NSW/ACT Sports Promotion Award for its promotion of the 75th Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

In 2019 the CYCA took the historic 75th Sydney Hobart Yacht Race to more people across Australia and around the world than ever before. Through a strategy of proactive collaboration with print, broadcast and digital media in addition to creating never-before-seen CYCA-produced broadcasts of the race finish alongside AeroMedia, the historic Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race reached a staggering number of people and greater-than-ever race exposure across Australia and around the world. The figures of media exposure are phenomenal – the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race reaching an Australian Print media audience of 124.4 million; online worldwide news reach of 3.6 billion; a social media reach of 337 million; and 24,332 broadcast ‘hits’ with 23,581 in Australia alone.

A key to the success was the creation of a first-ever race-end broadcast, live from the Derwent, covering both the line-honours finish and the overall battle, that was syndicated on a number of domestic and international TV platforms (the broadcast, controlled and managed by the CYCA, reinforced a number of participation key messages, including the display of promotional ‘slugs’ encouraging Membership that went to air during the telecast.). The result saw the end of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race – Australia’s most famous yacht race and an advertisement to the sport in general – broadcast in more detail, to more people, than ever before, including full broadcasts to the likes of Fox Sports Australia, Fox Sports Asia, ABC International channels around Australia, Asia, Oceania and worldwide via CYCA-owned digital platforms. 📌

New female series set for Sydney

The 2020-21 Sydney Harbour Women’s Keelboat Series will bring together female sailors from across Sydney – and we want your participation too!

This year marks the inaugural edition of the event, with four races to be run by Manly Yacht Club, Middle Harbour Yacht Club and the CYCA. Crews will be able to compete in full female crew or female helm divisions as well as nominate spinnaker or non-spinnaker racing.

The first race commences on 25 October, as part of the MYC Women’s Challenge, before Race 2 and 3 are hosted by MHYC and CYCA in November and February 2021 respectively. The final race of the Series, in March 2021, will be staged again as part of the MYC Women’s Challenge.

Entries are available in a block, or on a per-race basis by 1200hrs the Thursday prior to each race. For more information and to enter visit cyca.com.au. 📌



2020 NOAKES SYDNEY GOLD COAST YACHT RACE CANCELLED

The 2020 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race, the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia’s annual 384-nautical-mile challenge due to commence on Saturday 3 October, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following Queensland border restrictions imposed earlier in the year, the Club resolved it would not be possible to conduct the race.

“We’d love to run the 2020 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race but the restrictions and risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic are simply too great,” then-CYCA Commodore Paul Billingham said in August.

“The health and safety of the participants, staff, other stakeholders and the community in general is the CYCA’s number-one priority.

“Our thoughts go out to all those who have been affected by the pandemic – it’s been an incredibly tough year for many.”

Noakes Group Managing Director Sean Langman supported the Club’s decision.

“We absolutely understand why the decision to cancel the 2020 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race was made – and we back it 100 per cent,” Langman said.

“We are long-term partners of the Club and are eagerly awaiting the 2021 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race next year... and a return to normality.” 📌

SeaBins making their mark

This year the Club took delivery and installation of six SeaBin units around the premises in Rushcutters Bay, building on the Club's sustainability initiative and ongoing commitment to the environment.

The six SeaBins, located in various spots around the Marina, have been working to collect debris, contaminants and rubbish from Rushcutters Bay. These six units have been working with great success.

Between 19 April and 21 July 2020 (103 days) the six SeaBins collected an astounding 1063.3kgs of items. During those 103 days, the six units were also able to filter through 61.8M litres of water, which works out to 24.7 Olympic swimming pools.

A Seabin can catch an estimated 1.4 tons per year or 3.9kg per day of floating litter. It is capable of collecting 5L bottles, microplastics down to 2mm small and surface oils. Microplastics and cigarette butts are the most common items caught! The Seabin catch bag, which can hold up to 20kg, is checked daily and emptied as needed. The entire Seabin is pulled out and cleaned quarterly.

We'll continue to share more results from our SeaBins - and our other environmental initiatives - in coming issues of Offshore. 📌



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Looking for crew... or wanting to put up your hand? Never fear - our sailing matchmaking solution is here!

It can be challenging to find a yacht on which to sail - and equally to source enough crew to hit the high seas. Whether you are new to sailing, or an experienced sailor, the CYCA may be able to assist you in finding your next crewing opportunity.

The CYCA has linked with the Mysail.Team community to help find sailors searching to join a yacht, as well as yachts looking for crew to join their team... so your crewing problems are solved!

Full details, including how to sign-up as a crew member or a boat contact, are on our website - cyca.com.au/crewing-opportunities. 📌

Congratulations and thank you John Allan

John Allan, one of the CYCA's most reliable volunteers, has been crowned the 2020 Australian Sailing NSW/ACT Volunteer of the Year.

John has, for many years, given up his time not only for race management duties on our start boat but also volunteering his time with the Breakfast Club on Sunday mornings before racing. The Breakfast Club raises money which it donates back to the Club, including the Youth Sailing Academy.

John is a regular on the CYCA start boat, who can jump into any role on board easily, whether it be as a PRO or

time calling. This makes him an invaluable part of the CYCA's volunteer team. John is always willing to give up his time to help out in regular rostered positions and as a last-minute fill in. It is rare to not see John on the CYCA Start Boat, whether it's during Summer Twilight Racing, finishing boats late into the night after an offshore race or during the Winter Series.

He is always ready to work with the Sailing office to learn about new results programs and his constant support is always appreciated. It is volunteers like John who keep our clubs running and we are very grateful for his endless commitment. Congratulations John! 📌

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New Board Confirmed

The CYCA's 2020 Annual General Meeting, held in August and delayed due to COVID-19, saw the Club's Flag Officers elected unopposed with three new directors welcomed to the Board.

Newly elected Commodore Noel Cornish AM thanked retiring Commodore Paul Billingham for his achievements and outstanding contribution over his two-year term as Commodore and 14 years of commitment on the CYCA Board.

Along with this, Commodore Cornish also commended Leander Klohs and Justin Atkinson for their contribution as Board Members with both not standing for re-election.

"Please take the opportunity to thank with me, Immediate Past Commodore Paul Billingham for his dedicated service to our Club," Cornish said.

"Paul has volunteered his time as a Director for 14 years. During that time there have been many significant enhancements and achievements such as the renovation of the Clubhouse and the fantastic celebrations of our 75th year.

"Leander Klohs and Justin Atkinson have chosen to step

down from the Board this year. On your behalf, I thank them for their solid contributions during their time as Directors."

"A very warm welcome to new Directors Tom Barker, Peter Gothard and David Griffith AM. They each bring a wealth of skills and experience, both on and off the water, to Board deliberations."

“ Please take the opportunity to thank with me, Immediate Past Commodore Paul Billingham for his dedicated service to our Club ”

The newly appointed Board have hit the ground running in recent weeks with a number of challenges and considerations, most related to COVID-19, before them.

The Board has agreed the existing Standing Committee structure would continue with the following appointments made:

- Sailing Committee – Chair Dr Sam Haynes; Deputy – Bradshaw Kellett
- Member Engagement Committee – Chair David Jacobs; Deputy – Arthur Lane
- Premises Committee – Chair Arthur Lane; Deputy – David Jacobs
- Audit Planning and Risk Committee – Chair Janey Treleaven; Deputy – Peter Gothard

CYCA's New Directors

Tom Barker

Tom comes from a sailing family and grew up racing and cruising the Queensland coast aboard his parents' yachts. He progressed through various junior dinghy classes before joining the CYCA Youth Sailing Academy in 2004, competing at state, national and international levels. With his eyes set firmly on offshore yacht racing, Tom subsequently competed in a number of the leading yacht races around the world including: 14 Rolex Sydney Hobarts, the Newport to Bermuda Race, Caribbean 600, Auckland to Fiji, Lord Howe Island as well as multiple Sydney Gold Coast races and other CYCA blue water events. In addition, Tom has raced in several one-design classes, including multiple Etchells and Farr 40 world championships.

Over the past 10 years, Tom has been a Member of the CYCA's Training & Development Committee overseeing the strategy and future of the YSA. In 2018 he joined the Audit, Planning & Risk Committee.

In his professional life, Tom is a Senior Manager with Accenture – a global consulting and technology firm. He is part of the cross-industry Technology Strategy team and is focused on helping clients identify how technology, data and analytics can be better aligned with overall business objectives and can be used to grow new business value. He has worked across multiple industries including telecommunications, government, aerospace & defence and financial services.

Tom races aboard a number of CYCA Members' yachts with his main focus being the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore aboard the TP52 *Zen*.

Peter Gothard

Peter is a partner at KPMG and currently leads the Restructuring Services practice for NSW. Peter has worked as an insolvency practitioner and restructuring expert for more than 30 years. He is a Chartered Accountant, a Registered Liquidator and a Fellow of INSOL International.

Peter spent most of his career with Ferrier Hodgson working in Australia, the United States, South East Asia and Japan. In that role he has overseen a number of major international and domestic restructuring cases. In 2019, Peter worked to effect the merger of the Ferrier Hodgson business into KPMG.

In his youth, Peter was an avid skiff sailor, working his way up from Flying Ants, Cherubs and 16ft Skiffs and competed in a number of State, National and World Titles. Upon returning to Australia from overseas in 2007, Peter began sailing at the CYCA and has been active in both the inshore and offshore programs including the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore Series. He has competed in the past two Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Races.

Peter joined the CYCA in 2017 and has been an active Member of the Audit Planning and Risk Committee since that time. Peter is keen to continue to contribute to the advancement of the Club and the sport of sailing.

David Griffith AM

David started sailing at Lane Cove 12 ft Skiff Club in sabots in 1958 and has since been a long-term, active competitor in numerous blue water races. He became a CYCA Member in 1991 and he presently owns the JV62 *Chinese Whisper*.

David holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical Engineering) (Honours) from UNSW, is a retired Patent Attorney and has held numerous senior roles in business and industry throughout his career. David has high-level experience in international business, audit and risk, HR, ethics and financial management.

David has sailed with many of the great and successful owners and crews at the CYCA over the past 45 years. Having sailed in skiffs, Etchells, classic yachts and Grand Prix racing yachts. David has broad experience of the various areas of yachting that the CYCA offers. David has also been involved in various official roles in professional and sailing administration over many years. Being an owner of a racing yacht with a large crew brings many challenges. Understanding the needs of owners and crews is critical to the success of the club and our sport. Communication and engagement with all stakeholders are fundamental to the success of any organisation. David feels he can offer some new initiatives in this area.

With David's active business career mainly behind him, he now has time to be able to contribute his experience and knowledge to the ongoing development of this great Club.

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Matt Allen winning the Rolex Sydney Hobart for the second time in three years. Credit - Rolex/Studio Borlenghi

CYCA LIFE MEMBER MATT ALLEN



Time of his life

New CYCA Life Member Matt Allen AM has achieved plenty – on and off the water – in his time at the Club

When new CYCA Life Member Matt Allen – a three-time Tattersall Cup winner, three-time Blue Water Pointscore winner and former Commodore – first caught a glimpse of Sydney Harbour and the Club, it was love at first sight.

“My first memories of the Club was delivering a boat for Kim Jaggar, who had a East Coast 31’ called *Vanessa*,” Allen says.

“We’re going back to 1978 and I’d helped him bring the boat back after the 1977 Hobart race. Coming round on a January morning, turning left into Sydney Heads, I fell in love with the Harbour and the Club.”

Allen has achieved more than even the most ambitious – on and off the water – during a celebrated career.

Matt has been a Member of the CYCA since 1999, serving as a Board Member from 2002-2005, Vice Commodore from 2005-2007 and as Commodore from 2007-2010. During that time, Matt also served on a large number of Committees - AP&R 2002-2010; Training & Development 2003-2007; Member Services 2003-2005; RSHYR Planning 2004-2011; Disciplinary 2005-2007; Archives 2008-2010; and Redevelopment 2008-2016. In addition to this, Matt has also acted as Trustee of the SOLAS Trusts from 2005-present, and as Chairman of the SOLAS Trusts from 2008-2017.

Away from the Club, Matt has made a huge impact on sailing across the country and internationally, serving in a range of roles for Australian Sailing, the Australian

Olympic Committee and World Sailing Oceanic & Offshore Committee. At Australian Sailing he served as a Board Member from 2011-2019; as Vice President from 2012-2013; and as President from 2013-2019. He has been a Hall of Fame panel Member from 2017-present.

Matt has served as both a member of the Australian Olympic Committee and as the AOC’s Finance Commission Chair from 2017-present. He is currently the Vice Chair of the World Sailing Oceanic & Offshore Committee as well as President of the Australia Day Regatta and acted as an Arbitration Panel member for the 35th America’s Cup. He was Rear Commodore of the Royal Ocean Racing Club from 2013-2015, and Chair of Australia’s only Volvo Ocean Race Challenge 2005/06, representing CYCA.

On the water, Matt has achieved phenomenal success, particularly in recent years. He has raced in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race 30 times, for three wins, his first as the boat captain for Lou Abrahams in 1983. Matt has been the owner/skipper in 19 of the past 20 ‘Hobarts’, the past three in his immaculately prepared *Botin 52, Ichi Ban*, for two overall victories and a fifth. He has claimed a plethora of awards including Ocean Racer of the Year 2004, 2005 and 2018; CYCA Blue Water Champion in 2004, 2018 and 2019; RORC Yacht of the Year (First Australian Yacht) 2018; IRC National Champion in 2004, 2018, 2019 and 2020; ORCi National Champion in 2018 and 2019.

“Winning the Blue Water Pointscore three times and the Hobart three times, albeit in different years, is probably the highlight,” Allen says.

“Being a Commodore and a Life Member, not many people have those accolades... I’m incredibly proud. So too with the CYCA’s only genuine entry in the Round the World Race, something that probably wasn’t front of

mind to many Members in those days, representing the CYCA in that was a particularly proud moment and it launched a lot of people’s around the world careers.”

For Allen, the CYCA represents the home of yacht racing as well as other things.

“The Club embodies a lot – friendships and kindred spirits – for many people who have sailed in the ocean and the ocean racing side of the sport. It’s the leading offshore racing club in the southern

hemisphere and the role it plays there, particularly on Boxing Day, is huge,” Allen says.

“There are a lot of great people to meet, a lot of great boats to go sailing on if you’re joining as a crew member, or if you’ve got a boat there’s no better place to keep it than the CYCA. There’s no better place to race with the diversity of racing... the racing is important but the people are crucial too.”

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A lifetime achievement

New Life Member Martin James has played an integral part in so many facets of the CYCA's operation

It's hard to believe newly badged CYCA Life Member Martin James – an integral part of so many of the Club's achievements and improvements over the past 30 years – feared he wouldn't be granted full Membership to the Club after moving from Western Australia.

"Back in the day I was initially a Provisional Member for a period, and at that stage we still used to interview those that had been proposed for membership, presumably to weed out applicants like me but I slipped through anyway," James says.

"I joined the CYCA shortly after arriving in Sydney from Perth and acquiring the Beneteau 45 *Infinity II* in place of the Northshore 38 I then had. I was introduced to the Club by Tim Messenger, Ian Broad and others and through them I met other Members and started racing in CYCA events. Members were prepared to go out of their way to make new Members feel welcome, for which I was very grateful."

James has made a significant impact across a number of areas at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia in almost 30 years of Membership. He joined the CYCA in 1992 and joined the CYCA Board in July 1998. He was elected as a Flag Officer in 1999, ultimately being elected Commodore in 2004. James has a long history as a representative on the Club's various Committees – he sat on the AP&R Committee from 1998-2010 and acted as Chairman from 1998-2005; on the Disciplinary Committee from 1999-2005; on the RSHYR Planning Committee from 2002-2014, Chair of the Committee from 2002-2005; is currently serving on the Special Events Committee and the History and Archives Committee; and recently joined the Race Committee for the Club's long races.

He has been instrumental in the development, over many years, of the CYCA's race websites and the race tracker for the offshore fleet and has spent and continues to spend countless hours before, during and after races perfecting and operating this tracking system. This was always done with the recognition that this was a CYCA initiative, which certainly enhanced the Club's recognition on the world stage. Many other Clubs have now followed our lead.

James has also provided the Club with significant legal assistance and guidance over many years. He was instrumental in guiding the Club through litigation resulting from the 1998 Sydney Hobart and the outcomes of the Coronial enquiry; he was part of the team that improved the Club's approach to risk management, following the 1998 Sydney Hobart and the coronial enquiry; and he was heavily involved with the re-writing of the Club's NoRs, Sailing Instructions and other race documents and in fact still reviews current Sailing Instructions when asked. His knowledge and expertise in the legal field is still being called on by the Club today, advice that is provided willingly and freely.

James' contribution, however, doesn't end there – he was part of a small group responsible for negotiating the initial

arrangement with Rolex in 2001 and then the signing of the naming-rights sponsorship agreement around the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in 2002; in 2005 he was heavily involved in the negotiations to bring Channel 7 on board as the host broadcaster of the Rolex Sydney Hobart, and has assisted since then with extensions and changes to the arrangement; he worked with Hugo van Kretschmar and Alan Green to establish the SOLAS Trusts and then served as the initial Chairman of the trustee, a significant and successful initiative of the Club following the 1998 Sydney Hobart; and he also developed the financing structure for the Club's floating marina, working with John Messenger over many years on the arrangements with Waterways on the development and determination of the Club's rent.

"The one [achievement] that still stands out to me today is the establishment of the SOLAS Trusts after the tragedy of the 1998 Sydney Hobart," James says. "The Trusts have made a meaningful difference in Australia with the assistance they have given to Search & Rescue organisations over the years.

"Speaking of achievements, I should mention that I played no part in the one remaining race record held by my previous boat *Infinity III* (Wollongong to Sydney Race) – I was working in London at the time!"

James credits the Club for a number of enduring friendships – and memories that'll last a lifetime.

"The CYCA is a club with a deep and storied history run by sailors for sailors," James says. "It organises, with important partners such as RYCT and Rolex, not only the Rolex Sydney Hobart but also other key blue water keelboat races and yet also offers a programme of other events in which all sailors, both competitive and social, should find something that appeals to them. The programme of events evolves over time to try and remain relevant to as many sailors as is possible, as shown by the recent introduction of two-handed boats into our races. The facilities are fantastic and Boards over the years have sought to develop those facilities to provide the best Member experience possible.

"Existing Members of CYCA are friendly and helpful and go out of their way to meet new Members and assist them find their way in the Club and the sport.

"[The CYCA] has created for me many strong friendships that endure to this day. I have had the pleasure to meet many Members over the years, drawn together by our sport and the shared passion for the sport and our club."

"The CYCA and the sport of sailing has played an enormous part in my life." ⚓

Pathway membership

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Just imagine it: the sun on your back and the wind in your sails, the sparkling blue water beneath you and your friends and family around you... bliss.

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food, beverage, merchandise, event tickets and function room hire, entry and guest sign-in privileges including to Coasters Retreat Members' Bar, access to our global network of affiliated Clubs and also a subscription to the Club's Offshore magazine.

"Pathway Membership is a wonderful way to experience our Club and what we offer," said CYCA Commodore Noel Cornish AM.

"We hope to grow our CYCA community, allow more people to enjoy the amazing facilities our modern Clubhouse provides, and most importantly, get out on the water and enjoy our sport."

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Pathway Membership is open to anyone 30 years of age or older who hasn't previously been a Full Member. If you're under 30 don't worry, we've got you covered with Crew Membership which is easy on the budget too!

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Welcome aboard! 🚢

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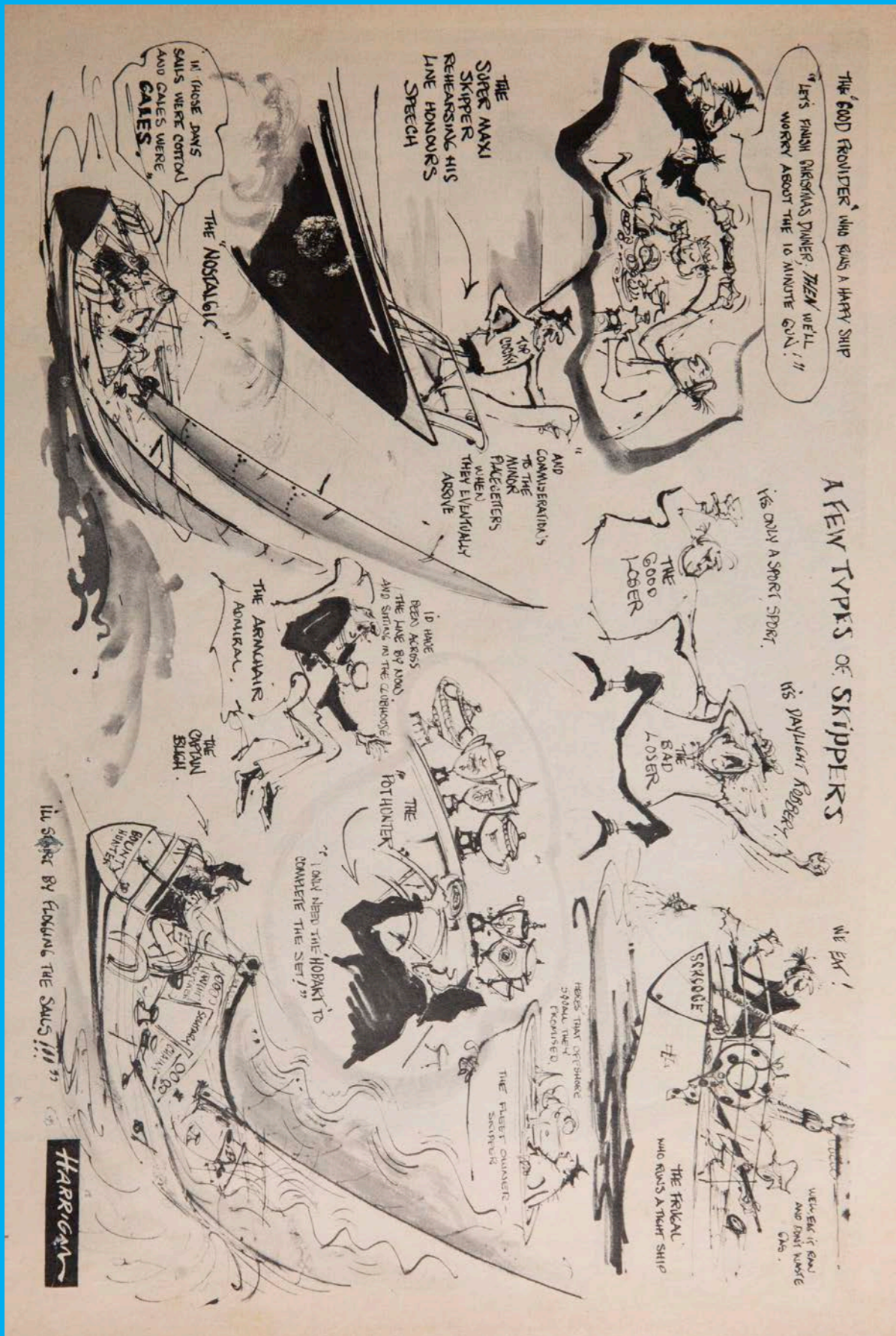
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