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Royal Yacht Club of Victoria

# Yearbook

2023





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# From the Commodore



Dear Members,

I would like to start by acknowledging the Boonwurrung People of the Kulin Nation as the traditional owners of these lands and waterways, and pay my respects to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.

I would also like to acknowledge all the Members and leaders of this Club who, over the past 170 years, built and developed the Club culture and facilities into what we have today. Many of the things we enjoy at this Club were created by past Members and some of our more senior current Members. We should take the time to recognise this and thank them for their efforts, while at the same time recognising that the future of the Club now lies in our hands. We must always be thinking about what we can do now for our current Members and those who are yet to join the Club and enjoy all the benefits that flow from that.

As we head towards the new sailing season and my second year as Commodore, it is pleasing to see

that the Club continues to grow in membership and diversify the types of activities and services provided. Sailing activity is stable, marina occupancy is high, and the food and beverage service continues to grow in quality, popularity, and size.

In short, at an operational level, we are traveling well with modest annual surpluses that have allowed us to reinvest in some new equipment and some sorely needed repairs to the marina. The funds spent on the marina have been augmented by a huge effort by Club volunteers, with special mentions for Lucas Brown and his team of volunteers, Past Commodore Colin Johnston, Rear Commodore Guy Schofield, and many others. We thank all of you for the time and skills that you contribute to the Club.

Unfortunately, we are now facing some headwinds that are putting our financial performance under pressure. We are not immune from the rising costs that are affecting all parts of the economy. Increases in wages,

purchased goods and services, and most particularly insurance is eating into our operating surpluses. This affects our capacity to borrow funds or invest directly in Club infrastructure. This means that we will have to increase membership subscription fees for the first time since 2018.

As an offset to an increase in membership, we are looking to see where we can provide additional benefits to Members that will increase convenience and, hopefully, patronage of our F&B service. To this end, we are proposing changes to Members' parking rights. There are many times of the week when the car park is less than half full, but we still stop some of our own Members from taking advantage of our substantial car park. We hope to find a balance between the rights and privileges of full membership and the need to make access to our Club as convenient as possible for all Members. We would ask you to support the sensible changes to parking rules which will only allow Sailing and Social Members access to the car park during peak hospitality service times such as after 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Friday nights, etc. This measure will help increase patronage for our hospitality services outside of our sailing times and, by doing so, increase profitability and minimise any price increases to our food and beverage offerings that would otherwise be required.

Looking further into the future, the General Committee is contemplating the big investments that we will need to make in our Club over the coming decades. This includes investments in the marina, the hardstand areas, and the clubhouse.

We are actively looking at ways we can raise extra funds while minimising membership subscription fee increases. This includes lifting overall membership numbers, different pricing structures for non-member services, increasing the number of contractors tenanted on site, and other measures. As we develop these ideas, we will share them with you and put any properly considered proposals forward for a vote at future meetings. As always, I am more than willing to speak with Members should you wish to know more.

Finally, I would like to extend a big thank you to all Members of the General Committee, subcommittees, and volunteers who, year on year, make a massive contribution to our Club. Also, a big thank you to our wonderful staff who provide great hospitality, boating, and administrative services to our Members.

In the meantime, I would encourage you to enjoy and support our Club at every opportunity.

**Tim Olding**  
**Commodore**

# From the Rear Commodore Sailing



## Sailing Committee

- Rear Commodore Sailing – Cath Beaufort
- Off the Beach Club Captain – Ryan Grieve/Owen Church
- SheSails – Liesl Petterd
- Cruising – Lynda Christophersen
- Ocean Racing – Matt Fahey
- Club Equipment Auditors – Duncan Rae, Ian Fox, Andy Warner
- Sailing Manager – Andy Warner
- Handicapper – Gary Fell
- Training and Development – Ian Fox
- 2022 Cadet Worlds Chair – Jen Coram

It's been great to start moving on from COVID-disrupted sailing programs and spend more time on the water.

We've had a busy calendar, with the most notable events being the Cadet Nationals and Worlds held in December last year. A massive thanks

and congratulations to all the team and volunteers who helped make it a success. The overwhelming feedback was that it was a great event and really well organised. Thanks in particular to Michael Neumann, our General Manager; Jennifer Coram, who was Chair of the Cadet Worlds Sub Committee; Ryan Grieve, the OTB Club Captain at the time; and the following Sub Committee members: Guy Schofield, Owen Church, Peter Layton, Amanda Rawstron and Andy Warner. There were over 70 volunteers each day that helped make these two regattas happen, which we couldn't have done without, plus the staff at the Club, who all worked furiously to help put the event on.

It'd be great to see more events of this kind at the Club in the future.

While talking Off the Beach, I'd like to say a particular thanks to Ryan Grieve, who has been the OTB Club



Captain for many years and recently stepped down. His enthusiasm and energy have been incredible, and we've been lucky to have him build up and strengthen the OTB part of the Club.

Thanks to Owen Church for stepping into the role. He has already contributed so much to the Club over the years, so we appreciate him taking on even more.

It is this time of year that we celebrate some achievements from our Members, both on and off the water.

#### Annual Awards

- Sailor of the Year -Clare Olding (VERTIGO)
- Cruising Sailor of the Year – Sandy Doull (NEXT MOMENT)
- Club Member of the Year – Ann Goodwin
- Crew Member of the Year – Jeff Owen (AFFIRMATIVE ACTION)
- George Low Trophy for best performing boat – Ray Borrett (LAURELLE)

We've had some great keelboat racing over the year.

Some of the results over the season include:

Peter McFarlane (LOCH SLOIDH 2) who won the Jeffrey Gray Memorial Trophy; Dennis Clark (X & Y) for the Palliser Trophy; and Peter Layton (G'NET), who won the Phoenix

Trophy race to Queenscliff.

In the single-handed Black Bottle Trophy, congratulations to David Barnett on NUNYARRA.

Other Royals boats taking out prizes include Noel Williams (YOUNG @ HEART) for the Tripe and Onions series, Peter Dusing (VALIANT 9) for the Steak and Mushrooms series, Dan Morrow (AFFIRMATIVE ACTION) for the Andrew Bell Trophy on Wednesday nights, and Paul Lindemann (BIDDY-HU II) for the Essendon Trophy Series. For those fortunate to sail on Wednesday afternoons, the Rivers Cup for Summer was won by Steve Standen on SILVER CLOUD.

A big shout out to all the novice skippers who participated in the 150th Jubilee Trophy, and congratulations to Tina Schofield who won this on AOI TORI.

There has been some great participation in the Women's events this year, and it was brilliant to see 10 Royals boats in the Val Hodge Trophy. It was a particularly memorable event as it was the 10th anniversary of the race, and only a few weeks prior to this, we were saddened to hear of Val's death. Her family, including her husband, Past Commodore Arthur Hodge, joined us for the post-race lunch and presentation. Given the significance,

I was honoured to win the race in my S80 UP 'N GO.

The Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta was held on the King's birthday weekend with 30 boats from all around Australia. I entered on UP 'N GO as well as Catherine North on DUXELLE and Clare Olding on VERTIGO, who finished 2nd.

Some of the ORCV results for RYCV boats.

Melbourne to Hobart - Justin Brenan (ALIEN) - 4th in PHS, 5th in AMS and 4th ORC.

Coastal Sprint Series - Leo Cantwell (AILERON) - 2nd AMS, 2nd ORC and 3rd PHS

Apollo Bay Race - Douglas Lithgow (SOIREE BLEU) - 2nd PHS

Of course, so much of our racing is reliant on volunteers to assist Andy, our Sailing Manager, and we're incredibly thankful to all those who have helped out over the season, on or off the water. We had five Club Members attend the AS Race Officers' course in June and were happy to pay the course registration fees in exchange for running races for us over the season. We're also looking at introducing a system to allocate each boat to assist with running a race over the season to share the load around.

We're also working with our kindred clubs, HBYC, RMYS, RBYC and SYC, to run some series across the clubs to promote different types of races and share this around. We're all trying to get more people out sailing and want to work together to achieve this.

We're mindful that there were nearly 120 expressions of interest for the Osaka race in 2025, so we're looking at running more 2-handed races, or at least creating divisions in races for 2-handed racing.

I'd like to thank the Members of Sailing Committee who have all been volunteering their time.

Thanks to Liesl Petterd, who is our SheSails rep. Liesl did an amazing job (with help and thanks to Melissa Wisbey also) running a successful Val Hodge Trophy this year.

As above, big thanks to Ryan Grieve, who has been our Off the Beach Club Captain.

Thanks to Duncan Rae, who has been undertaking safety audits on boats.

Thanks to Lynda Christophersen, who has recently become the cruising rep. We had a lull in the cruising program for a variety of reasons but are planning on getting it back up and running in the spring.

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Thanks to Matt Fahey, who has recently joined as a rep for the ocean racers.

Thanks to Andy Warner, our Sailing Manager, who has been running many of our Club races as well as being responsible for most of our sailing administration.

Thanks to Ian Fox, who has been flat out running our training and development program.

**Cath Beaufort OAM**  
**Rear Commodore Sailing**



# Club Results

## 2022 - 2023 Season

TROPHY	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
LIVINGSTON TROPHY	LAURELLE	RAY BORRETT
LIPTON CUP	AFFIRMITIVE ACTION, MAINSTAY & IKON	DAN MORROW, JOHN ARNOLD & BRUCE MCCRAKEN
CHALLENGE 12 TROPHY	NOT AWARDED	
DIVISION 1 AGGREGATE TUI HALL MEMORIAL TROPHY	X&Y	DENNIS CLARK
VICE COMMODORE'S TROPHY AMS DIV 1 SEASON AGGREGATE	X&Y	DENNIS CLARK
DIVISION 2 AGGREGATE	PRIVATE EQUITY	TIM CAMPBELL
REAR COMMODORE'S TROPHY AMS DIV 2 SEASON AGGREGATE	LAURELLE	RAY BORRETT
DIVISION 3 AGGREGATE	NOT AWARDED	
REAR COMMODORE'S AMS DIV 3 SEASON AGGREGATE	NOT AWARDED	
THE JEFFREY GRAY MEMORIAL TROPHY	LOCH SLOIDH 2	PETER MCFARLANE
McCUTCHEON CUP	VELOCE	PHIL SIMPFENDORFER
E O DIGBY TROPHY	IKON	BRUCE MCCRAKEN
LORD BRASSEY TROPHY	X & Y	DENNIS CLARK
LORD FORSTER TROPHY	FASTER FORWARD	MATT FAHEY
COMMODORE IN CHIEF'S TROPHY	YOLLA	PATRICK CLARKE
COMMODORES TROPHY	WHITE SPIRIT	CYRUS ALLEN
ELWOOD HUON TROPHY	PRIVATE EQUITY	TIM CAMPBELL
PALLISER TROPHY	X & Y	DENNIS CLARK
HAROLD WARD TROPHY	AILERON	LEO CANTWELL
AWINYA CUP	LOCH SLOIDH 2	PETER MCFARLANE
GEOFFREY EVANS TROPHY	PANACEA	MARK CUNNINGTON
PHOENIX TROPHY	G'NET	PETER LAYTON
PHOENIX TROPHY WOODEN SPOON	SILVER CLOUD	STEPHEN STANDEN
BLACK BOTTLE TROPHY	NUNYARRA	DAVID BARNETT
150th JUBILEE TROPHY	AOI TORI	TINA SCHOFIELD
VAL HODGE TROPHY	UP 'N' GO	CATH BEAUFORT
SONIA TROPHY	MERAK	BAS HUIBERS
SUN THEATRE	NOT AWARDED	
TRIFE AND ONIONS SERIES	YOUNG @ HEART	NOEL WILLIAMS
STEAK & MUSHROOMS TROPHY	VALIANT 9	PETER DUSTING
BILL HALES TROPHY	IKON	BRUCE MCCRAKEN
ANDREW BELL TROPHY	AFFIRMITIVE ACTION	DAN MORROW
ESSENDON TROPHY SERIES	BIDDY-HU II	PAUL LINDEMANN
ESSENDON CUP AMS WINNER	LAURELLE	RAY BORRETT
ALWYN HILL TROPHY	IRISH LOGIC	DOUG PROSSER
LAURA GLORIA TROPHY	ONYX	STEPHEN CHENEY
RIVERS CUP	SILVER CLOUD	STEPHEN STANDEN

# Off The Beach (OTB) Report



The Off-The-Beach (OTB) season has proven to be an outstanding success, reaching its pinnacle with the hosting of the International Cadet World Championships, a regatta that stands as one of the most remarkable events the Club has orchestrated in years. With a legacy spanning six decades of hosting cadets, the Worlds marked a significant first for us, rekindling the spotlight on our ability to host top-tier events.

The World Championships served as a unifying force, bringing the Club together to craft an exceptional regatta under the leadership of Jen Coram, who chaired the organising committee. This event will be remembered as one of the most exemplary in the history of Cadet competitions, a feat made possible by the unwavering dedication of our General Manager, Michael Neumann. His positive 'can do' attitude was instrumental in orchestrating an event that combined a sense of enjoyment with a hassle-free execution.

A heartfelt thank you extends to the Club's entire staff, who rallied during a challenging time of year, a period when most businesses struggle to expect their employees to be at their best. The commitment displayed by all the staff members, their willingness to contribute, and their steadfastness in fulfilling the necessary tasks deserve our utmost admiration. The Club can stand tall knowing that its staff's collective efforts have once again upheld its reputation and standards.

This was the first season since 2019 not to be affected by any restrictions or lockdowns, which allowed us to conduct a full sailing season. While the Worlds naturally absorbed much of our attention, our commitment to the Cadet class and bolstering our ranks remained our focus. Our volunteer group has demonstrated exceptional fundraising abilities, channeling these funds into enhancing the Club cadets and ensuring a seamless introduction for budding young sailors to the sport.



Junior Cadet Coach Clare Olding has done an amazing job with the kids, getting them ready for their competitions. This has led to some impressive outcomes in recent events. The regular training sessions have been vital in keeping up the quality of our group of sailors, and these sessions have kept going even during the winter months. Being a top-notch sailing coach isn't just about showing how to sail; it's also guiding and supporting the group all along. We are proud to have Clare in charge of this group.

Our Club Captains organised the annual OTB movie night, which turned out to be a tremendous success. This event is always a highlight, uniting Junior Members and parents for an enjoyable evening of movies and pizza. Our dedicated captains, Leo Church and Ellie Fazakerley, have truly excelled this year, representing the Junior Members with honour and enthusiasm.

The OTB Presentation Night was a triumphant return to full capacity as our group reserved the entire dining room for the occasion. The adept staff, led by the consistently positive Simone, orchestrated this event with great success. As the night concluded, we transitioned the role of Junior Club Captains from Leo and Ellie to the incoming 2023/24 Captains, the sibling duo Arjay and Eliza-Jane Layton.

### **International Cadet Nationals @ RYCV results**

Congratulations to all competing Royals Cadets in a tough field peppered with a host of international entries.

Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew
24	CHILL	Arjay Layton	Matthew Cross
31	PEPSEA	Leo Church	Zachary Cross
56	SNIPER	Ellie Fazakerley	Mairin Lloyd
57	FOXY LADY	Leo Loftus	Poppy Loftus

### **International Cadet World Championship results**

While we were unable to achieve a spot in the Australian team, our Royals team members sailed proudly and achieved some great results in the Promotional Regatta. Team PEPSEA gaining a podium and missing out on the silver only on a countback.

Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew
3	PEPSEA	Leo Church	Zachary Cross
6	CHILL	Arjay Layton	Matthew Cross
23	SNIPER	Ellie Fazakerley	Mairin Lloyd

### **Senior OTB**

We have not been in a great position with the senior fleet this season with only a handful of entries. Losing some of our 29er teams and i14s has had a negative impact on numbers and feed-in classes for our juniors to transition. The committee are working on ways to improve numbers and get some traction with seniors. We were recently gifted a fully working laser which is ready to be used to assist anyone wanting to get on the water. We still have an active Waszp group sailing regularly, a couple of 29ers and Lasers, but we will need to work on developing those fleets to be stronger.

With the Waszp Worlds at the end of 2023 in Sorrento, we will be expecting 3-4 regularly training and racing.

After three years as OTB Club Captain, I am standing down and handing over to Owen Church. At the time of writing, Owen has begun his duties with gusto and getting the OTB into ship shape form for the coming season. It has been a pleasure to serve as OTB captain and a time I will cherish.

### **RYCV trophy winners 2022/23**

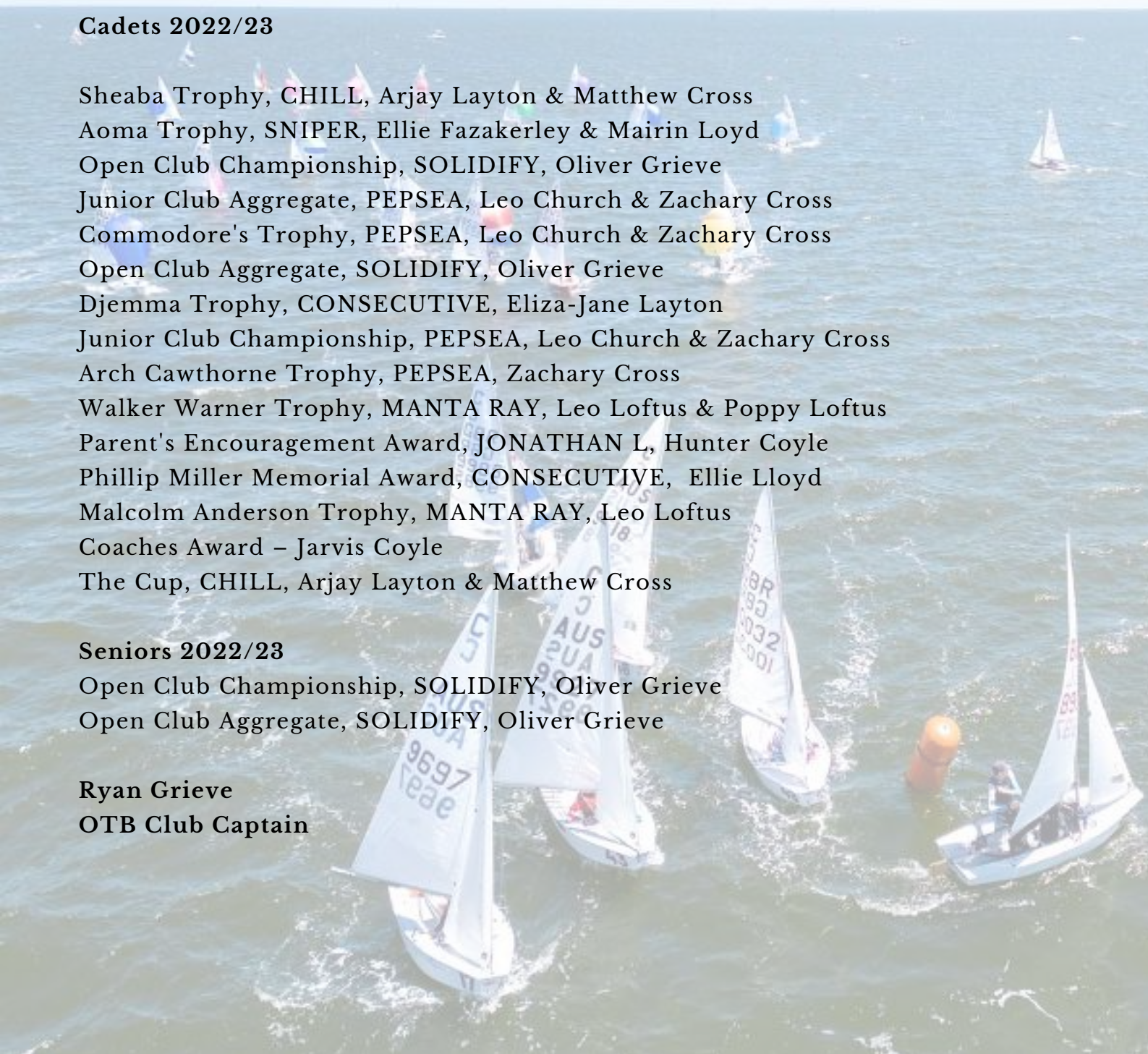
#### **Cadets 2022/23**

Sheaba Trophy, CHILL, Arjay Layton & Matthew Cross  
Aoma Trophy, SNIPER, Ellie Fazakerley & Mairin Loyd  
Open Club Championship, SOLIDIFY, Oliver Grieve  
Junior Club Aggregate, PEPSEA, Leo Church & Zachary Cross  
Commodore's Trophy, PEPSEA, Leo Church & Zachary Cross  
Open Club Aggregate, SOLIDIFY, Oliver Grieve  
Djemma Trophy, CONSECUTIVE, Eliza-Jane Layton  
Junior Club Championship, PEPSEA, Leo Church & Zachary Cross  
Arch Cawthorne Trophy, PEPSEA, Zachary Cross  
Walker Warner Trophy, MANTA RAY, Leo Loftus & Poppy Loftus  
Parent's Encouragement Award, JONATHAN L, Hunter Coyle  
Phillip Miller Memorial Award, CONSECUTIVE, Ellie Lloyd  
Malcolm Anderson Trophy, MANTA RAY, Leo Loftus  
Coaches Award – Jarvis Coyle  
The Cup, CHILL, Arjay Layton & Matthew Cross

#### **Seniors 2022/23**

Open Club Championship, SOLIDIFY, Oliver Grieve  
Open Club Aggregate, SOLIDIFY, Oliver Grieve

**Ryan Grieve**  
**OTB Club Captain**



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# Cadet Worlds Wrap Up

Report by Tony Bull

Well, the World Championship for the International Cadet Class 2022 has been completed. It ended up being a success for Team GBR with Toby Bush and Kemmel Thorogood winning with a race to spare! Runners up were Will and Annabel Shepherd also from Team GBR. Rounding up the Podium finish was AUS pair Luca Grove and Adela Thomas whose first race together was the Invitation race prior to the Worlds, amazing effort to jump straight in and do so amazingly well. Next best Australians were Evie McDonald and Jack Jones following on from their win in the Australian Championship the week prior. Evie also took out the trophy for the best performed female helm at the World Championship.

With such a large contingent of Australian team members (14 boats, a double quota as home country), I will not go through individually but suffice to say as a coach any regatta with a group of sailors under your charge it is always a bittersweet scenario! As I came alongside each boat on the way in after last race, there was a combination of cheers and tears.

Success, last race as a cadet sailor or as a crew combination and disappointment at performance were all factors. But be proud you got the right to represent Australia at the highest level (the Cadet class has a selection process; you must qualify for the team with results). There is no doubt you are all good sailors, and one bad regatta does not change this “form is temporary, class is permanent”.

The last day's racing comprised of one race, after a delay ashore waiting for the southerly front to arrive. Racing got underway in a medium breeze on a Windward leeward course, a departure from the trapezoid course usually preferred. It was a good note for the Australian team to finish on with Luca/ Adela winning and Lily Johnston/ Dillan Barnes and Evie/ Jack making it a stacked podium. All crews who have future in the class (the Cadet is an under 18 class). Future looks bright!

In these troubled times with war and covid, it was great to see overseas sailors make the effort, a large party of English along with Germany, Poland, and Belgian competitors. We look forward to seeing fleet sizes grow again as the world returns to normalcy.

Thanks to Royal Yacht Club of Victoria and all the amazing volunteers who made this Worlds happen. The race

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committee led by Steve Aulich and assistant Dave Le Roy who did a great job to get a full quota of races in testing conditions. The jurors who attended were very good, making a big difference with their thoroughness and explanations to participants (and coaches).

Personally, I would like to thank Drew Malcolm, my fellow coach. Drew filled in for me on one of the training camps and was so well received he was seconded into the big dance and did a fantastic job. A wealth of knowledge and information. Simon Willcox our team manager, who was very supportive and ran the team so well. Ed Johnston the treasurer and Monika Suda who did a great job organising the uniforms also deserve a special mention.

To our team sponsors Musto Australia and Discount Yachting, a very big thank you, junior sailing is so important to the future of the sport.

The World Championship was the selection process for the next World Championship in Nieuwport Belgium 2023. Congratulations to all those who qualified!



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# LIPTON CUP REGATTA

18 - 19 November 2023

*The Regatta for Everyone*





# Another Chapter Wins Slow Dance in Melbourne to King Island Race

Report by ORCV Media

Another Chapter, Neil Sargeant's Beneteau 44.7, has won the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria's slow and fluctuating Melbourne to King Island Yacht Race, while Paul Buchholz's Extasea took line honours.

Sargeant can breathe easy now after an extremely close race between the top three overall, decided under AMS. Just 11 seconds decided the winner from Scarlet Runner (Rob Date) and Solera (Stuart Richardson), which placed second and third respectively.

Sargeant, who was surprised when told Another Chapter had won, gave a good synopsis of the 114 nautical mile

race that started off Queenscliff at 5pm on Friday, "The worst of it was bobbing up and down going nowhere – and backwards - for eight hours," he said.

"The best part was coming into Grassy (where the race finishes) on the wind in a nice breeze. The crew was on the rail, we were fully powered up and going like a dream. We finished while it was still daylight (at 7.12pm)."

Paul Buchholz from Royal Geelong Yacht Club got an early jump with his Cookson 50. Extasea increased her lead in the weak and capricious conditions to take line honours at 1.26pm on Saturday. Rob Date's Scarlet Runner was next, at 4.14pm. Charles Meredith's multihull, Peccadillo, was next.

Extasea's result means Primitive Cool's (John Newbold) now 10-year-old race record of nine hours 50 minutes 21seconds stays intact for yet another year.

"It was a bit slow and painful. We did a couple of 360s and spent an hour and a half going round in circles," confessed Buchholz, who also won IRC and ORC overall.

"It was fine when we left the Heads, but at 10pm it started to fizz out. By 2am it was all over the place. We just kept going south in the easterly and it paid off for us, because a south-

westerly breeze came in. When I say 'came in', it was only 3 to 4 knots."

If you followed the Blue Water Tracks race tracker, the tracks of the yachts were a mass of contradictions, loop the loops, backwards, sideways and sometimes forward were part and parcel of this frustratingly difficult race.

These conditions explain why Extasea sailed 175 nautical miles to complete the 114 nautical mile course with an average speed of 3.8 knots! The rest of the fleet had similar and even more extreme times.

The breeze finally reached some of the fleet before midday on Saturday and at least it was a beautiful sunny day in Bass Strait – and it's not often you can say that!

Michael Culhane's Northshore 38, Weekend Option, brought the race to a close, crossing the line at 2:37am this morning.

The King Island Race started off Queenscliff at 5pm on Friday. At the end of the difficult race, competitors received manna from heaven - sirloin steak sandwiches with the various winners also on the receiving end of prizes that comprised of crayfish and King Island cheeses. Way to go!

## Results:

Overall AMS

1st *Another Chapter*,

2nd *Scarlet Runner*,

3rd *Solera*

AMS Div 1,

1st *Another Chapter* (Neil Sargeant),

2nd *Scarlet Runner* (Rob Date),

3rd *Solera* (Stuart Richardson)

AMS Div 2,

1st *How Bizarre* (Scott Robinson)

2nd *Aileron* (Leo Cantwell)

3rd *Foggy Drew* (Robert D'Arcy)

IRC

1st *Extasea*,

2nd *Solera 3*

3rd *How Bizarre* (Scott Robinson)

ORC Div 1,

1st *Extasea* (Paul Buchholz),

2nd *Ryujin* (Alex Toomey),

3rd *Solera* (Stuart Richardson)

ORC Div 2,

1st *How Bizarre*

2nd *Aileron*

3rd *Maverick* (Anthony Hammond)

Overall ORC

1st *Extasea*,

2nd *Ryujin*,

3rd *Solera*

PHS Div 1,

1st *Soiree Bleu* (Douglas Lithgow),

2nd *Another Chapter*,

3rd *Arcadia*

PHS Div 2,

1st *How Bizarre*

2nd *Maverick*,

3rd *Foggy Dew*

PHS Overall

1st *Soiree Bleu*,

2nd *Another Chapter*,

3rd *How Bizarre*



# 50th Melbourne to Hobart Yacht Race

Report by ORCV Media

Maritimo 11 has been through the highs and lows of racing over the last few weeks, but capped 2022 off perfectly by winning line honours and every handicap category in which they were entered, in the 50th anniversary Melbourne to Hobart Yacht Race.

AdvantEDGE, skippered by Andrew Jones from the Port Dalrymple Yacht Club, was second across the line and Damien King's MRV was third.

Michael Spies, the skipper of Maritimo 11, accepted the prestigious Heemskerck Perpetual Trophy today which is awarded to first place overall on corrected time on AMS, the handicap category which had the largest number of entrants in this year's race.

Maritimo 11 was also awarded the Wrest Point Abel Tasman Trophy as line honours winner, took out Division 1 on ORC and overall, won on IRC overall, and was awarded the City of Melbourne Perpetual Trophy for first

on corrected time on performance handicap.

Skipper Michael Spies was full of praise for the event and the competitors and regards the race, which is affectionately known as the Westcoaster, as one of the world's great ocean races.

"Until you have actually competed in it, you don't realise what a challenging race it is, the love that there is for the race, and the history of the race... it is truly one of the world's great ocean races," said Spies.

The Zeehan Trophy was awarded to Murray Spence as the navigator of the line honours winner, Maritimo 11.

The Edward Henty Perpetual Trophy was awarded to Ginan, skippered by Cameron McKenzie from the Mornington Yacht Club, for second place overall on AMS.

Patriot, skippered by Jason Close from the Sandringham Yacht Club and a first timer down the West Coast, was awarded the Batman Perpetual Trophy for third place overall on AMS and was happy with Patriot's performance.

"We had a really good race and had good fun. The race had its challenges, but it wasn't as windy as forecast. I also don't think I've ever sailed an offshore race on the one tack before... the wind just stayed with us from the same direction and followed us

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around the bottom of Tasmania, we two-sail reached up the coast and cracked sheets to the finish,” said Close.

Close was full of praise for Maritimo 11, which he described as a ‘two-sailed reaching-machine’ and skipper Michael Spies. “Maritimo is narrow with a long waterline length, sailed by an extremely good yachting. The two-sail reaching just suited them - if it had been a bit deeper, there would have been other boats in the play,” said Close.

Close is keen to participate in another Westcoaster.

Alex Toomey and Andrew Hibbert from the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, co-skippers of Ryujin, were awarded the Double-Handed Perpetual Trophy for their win in that category with Unprecedented, skippered by Andrew McGrath, winning Division 2 Double Handed.

In Division 2 of the Unrestricted Monohull group, Unprecedented had a terrific race winning on AMS and ORC, while How Bizarre, skippered by Peter Amarant from the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, took out first place on performance handicap.

Rob Date’s Scarlet Runner received the Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy for the first yacht to exit Port Phillip Heads.

The Alan Collins “Rookie Skipper” prize was awarded to Clare Olding, who was selected by the Race Committee as the best performing ‘first-time’ skipper.

ORCV Commodore, Cyrus Allen, is delighted with this year’s event.

“The 50th Melbourne to Hobart has been a magnificent success, bringing together teams from across the country to compete in one of sailing’s iconic events. From the excitement of the race start at Portsea Pier to the cheers of the crowds lining the dock in Hobart, the Westcoaster continues to be a race that both challenges and rewards those prepared to give it a go. And we’re particularly happy on this 50th anniversary to see an increasing number of talented young women amongst the crews and skippers and look forward to attracting even more sailors to this unique event in future years,” said Allen.

The 435 nautical mile Melbourne to Hobart Yacht Race, is organised by the ORCV with the cooperation of the Derwent Sailing Squadron.







After 9 completed races in the Winter Series, it was the Laurent Giles Brittany, WANITA, with one point over MERCEDES III, a further one point over with ASTRUD, the ex Norrie II from Royal Prince Alfred.

Congratulations...

1. R54 WANITA Richard Gates
2. R450 MERCEDES III Martin Ryan
3. KA544 ASTRUD Robert Pullin



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# ORCV Double Handed & Teams Race

## ORCV Media

This year saw a record number of double-handed entries from across the bay, with a number deciding on the day that the weather wasn't for them. We had 2 courses for Division 1 and Division 2. Well done to all who raced!

### AMS Division 1

1st SURPRISE SM63 Skippers James Russell/Ralph White  
2nd EXECUTIVE DECISION R1121 Skippers (Ben Frenchville/James Paterson)  
3rd MRV SYD5 Skipper (Damien King)

### AMS Division 2

1st LOCH SLOIDH 2 Skipper Peter McFarlane  
2nd NOTHING TOO SERIOUS, Skippers Chris Arnold / Pat Archer

### ORC Division 1

1st SURPRISE  
2nd EXECUTIVE DECISION  
3rd MRV

### ORC Division 2

1st REFLECTION H381 skipper Jim Scott  
2nd LOCH SLOIDH 2  
3rd ROZINANTE II R458 Skipper Andrew Middleton

### PHS Division 1

1st SURPRISE  
2nd JOKER X2 M133 Skippers Grant Chipperfield / Peter Dowdney  
3rd EXECUTIVE DECISION

### PHS Division 2

1st LOCH SLOIDH 2  
2nd NOTHING TOO SERIOUS B673 Skippers Chris Arnold / Pat Archer  
3rd ROZINANTE 11

There were insufficient starters on each team to provide a team's result this year.





# Lipton Cup Regatta

After a great 2 days of racing, the 2022 Lipton Cup was won by Team Affirmative Action comprising of IKON, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION and MAINSTAY. Well done to all involved.

It was great to see so many boats entered in the 2022 Lipton Cup and there was some great racing in both OTB and keelboat divisions. Congratulations to the following entrants.

## Division AB

PHS

Division 1

1. AUS31 PPI
2. H1010 IKON - Bruce McCracken
3. R33 CHUTZPAH - Bruce Taylor

Division 2

1. AUS216 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION - Dan Morrow
2. R6785 AILERON - Leo Cantwell
3. R880 ALIEN - Justin Brennan

AMS

Division 1

1. H1010 IKON - Bruce McCracken
2. R33 CHUTZPAH - Bruce Taylor
3. AUS31 PPI

.Division 2

1. AUS216 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION - Dan Morrow
2. R935 VERTIGO - Timothy Olding
3. H35 ONYX - Stephen Cheney

ORC\_AP

Division 1

1. H1010 IKON - Bruce McCracken
2. AUS31 PPI
3. R1318 STORM - Tony Johnson-Sneddon

Division 2

1. AUS216 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION - Dan Morrow
2. H35 ONYX - Stephen Cheney
3. R6785 AILERON - Leo Cantwell

## Lipton Cruising EF&G

PHS

1. R6257 MAINSTAY - John Arnold
2. H2621 DE JA BLUE
3. KA11 KOOKABURRA - Guy Thomas

## Lipton Bluebirds

1. R241 SHADOW - Tim Blunt
2. R815 BUNYIP DREAMING - Michael Rehfisch
3. R471 NUNYARRA - David Barnett

## OTB Bravo

International Cadet

1. 9559 RESISTANCE - Ben Garner/Will Garner
2. 9614 TEMPEST - Evie McDonald/Jack Jones
3. 9921 AMBITION - Kylan Thompson/Sienna Miller

**Optimist**

- 1. 1879 CHICKEN DINNER - Sam Henderson
- 2. 1858 TENACIOUS - Lottie Griffith
- 3. 1720 SAILINN - Zoe Jackson

**OTB Charlie**

**Division 4 Line Honours**

- 1. 37 TRES JOLIE - Paul Leitinger/Paul Jolly/Laure Leguy
- 2. 1 SPUR - Terry Bartels/Andrew Kaleski/Paolo Nicolai
- 3. 77 THE QUEST - Ian Wight/Geof Doube/Andrew Niere

**Division 5 - Yardstick**

- 1. 680 LATE ARRIVAL - Roger Blasse/James Lanati
- 2. 3141 DISCOUNT YACHTING - Elliot Hughes/Khan Harris Moore
- 3. 2447 TAILWIND - Liam Stevens/Ethan Hosking

**Division 6 - Yardstick**

- 1. 115105 GEORGE - Campbell Weddell/Naomi Chiu
- 2. 260 VENOMENAL - Howard Brooke
- 3. 114203 KEVIN - Fletcher Warren-Myers



# 2023 Tumlaren State Championship



The Tumlaren State Championship ran annually from 1937 to 1997. It was reinstated as a biennial event in 2017 and sailed at RMYS last weekend over 3 races. This fleet of classic Knud Reimers yachts is growing every year as boats are restored. Last year YVONNE was relaunched from Ferdi Darley's shed in Williamstown and this year VAHINE (SAGA) will be ready. Tumlaren racing was prominent on Port Phillip for 60 years with YVONNE skippered by Selim Nurminen, winning the State title 17 times.

Two races in blustery 20 knot SSW winds and heavy Port Phillip seas were completed on Saturday. Close one design sailing upwind was a feature of the fleet. With gusts to 25 knots, boat handling of a classic yacht downwind is a choice between preservation and risk. Tumlaren have a reputation for dealing with tough conditions so those who chose to hoist spinnakers drew away.

Sunday was a perfect autumn morning with a light 10 knot SW and strong current offering a very different test. YVONNE helmed by Carol Frecheville with shipwright husband Jim crewing, skipped away early and was never headed. They restored the 1937 St Kilda Tumlaren TARNA and sail her at Paynesville.

YVONNE won the Knud Reimers Plate while SIROCCO took out the one design State Title and PHS.







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# 170th Opening Day

It was a glorious spring day for our 170th Opening Day last Saturday! The Club was abuzz as Members and guests enjoyed the festivities.

After Rev. Marg Goddard blessed the fleet, IPC Doug Shields, joined by our OTB Captains Leo Church and Ellie Fazakerley, fired the cannon and raised the Burgee officially opening the 2022/2023 sailing season.

As part of the celebrations, we were thrilled to be able to present Life Membership to Dr Cyril Curtain, Dr Robin Kerr, Mr Peter Lumb, PC Arthur Hodge and Mr Barry Horsfall, as well as present Club Awards from 2019 - 2022.

The Sail Past was conducted in perfect conditions. Numerous boats saluted and cheered Commodore Tim Olding and the official party who were on board Vice Commodore Damian Purcell's yacht SCIMITAR.

Chef Rob whipped up amazing paella on the deck, and the Club was bustling as Members enjoyed lunch and drinks whilst listening to live music. The festivities kicked on well into the evening!





# Santa by Seaplane (Boat)

It was a fabulous, fun morning when Santa arrived at the Club last Sunday. Due to the wind, Santa had to arrive by boat not seaplane, but that certainly didn't dampen the excitement and festivities!

It was wonderful so many children and families enjoying the face painting, jumping castle and of course, Santa and his elves.





# PPWCS

As is tradition, last November, HBYC hosted the **Shirley Freeman** race being the first of five race days in the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series (PPWCS) for season 2022/2023. It was great to see Royals being represented by three crews skippered by Catherine North on DUXELLE, Prue Standen on SILVER CLOUD and Cath Beaufort on UP N GO.

Congratulations to Cath Beaufort and crew for winning PHS and AMS and to Prue Standen and crew for finishing third in PHS.

Off the water tradition continued with Hobbos hosting a post race event with Mexican being the theme for this year. The post race event hosted by HBYC is always a highlight on the PPWCS & Shesails calendar – thanks to Sally Nielson and HBYC committee for organising.



## Jennifer Goldsmith Trophy (RMYS)

The Jennifer Goldsmith Trophy for lady skippers was held at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron on Sunday, 5 February 2023.

It is also the second race in the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series, which combines the women's races of each club around the top of the bay.

Congratulations to the following Royals entrants.

- 3. R182 UP N GO - Cath Beaufort
- 6. R362 DUXELLE - Catherine North



## Val Hodge Trophy

Course Race Officer Amanda Rawstron had a nervous wait due to an almost total calm half an hour before the race was due to start.

A 5 to 7 knot south-westerly sprung up and allowed 17 boats to start on time.

2 laps saw the fleet spread out over 32 minutes.

Line Honours went to BULLET - Robyn Ragauskas from SYC and they also took out AMS and ORC handicap divisions. YOLLA - Belinda Pike took out 2nd in ORC, and VERTIGO - Clare Olding took out 2nd in AMS.

Cath Beaufort had the biggest smile however as she won the Val Hodge Trophy in PHS on its tenth running, just in front of 2nd placed BLUE VOLVO - Samantha Paige, and 3rd placed BULLET - Robyn Ragauskas.

A great time was had having lunch and catching up with others on the lawn after the race.

It was an honour to have the Hodge Family to present the Val Hodge trophy.



## BLISS Regatta

Following on from the Val Hodge RYCV race, the BLISS female helm race hosted by RBYC was held on 30 April as part of the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series. It was fabulous to see five boats entered from Royals, with over 25 female crew. In particular it was fantastic to see our staff members Melissa, Camilla, Tina and Simone on the water and able to enjoy some sailing. Thank you very much to all involved and for supporting these races.

While the day commenced with light conditions and a delayed start, we were able to get three races completed as planned. Congratulations to Clare Olding and crew on VERTIGO for coming first in AMS, and second in PHS. Congratulations also to the crew from SERIOUS YAHOO from RBYC for winning the event overall on PHS.





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