

BERNARD BRAYTON

26/1/1928 – 10/6/2012

Bernard Francis Anthony Brayton ('Redda') was the third of 4 children, born to Edward and Ethel Brayton. He was born on Australia Day 1928. Bernard got his love of the water from his father Ted who was an engineer in the Royal Navy and came to Australia on the J5 submarine and was billeted to Osborne House. He later joined the Royal Australian Navy.

Bernard spent most of his childhood in Geelong, living in the family home in Alexandra Avenue just a short walk to the Yacht Club. Bernard joined the RGYC in 1939 as an 11 year old.

Bernard's passion for sailing continued through out his life and he used to say he had salt water running through his veins. Sailing provided 'Redda' with the opportunity to meet many stand in father figures including the McAllister brothers, Eustace Wilson and John Fisher amongst others.

Bernard travelled and worked overseas for extended periods but wired money home for his mother to pay his RGYC subscription in order that he would have a continual membership.

After jamming his finger in the door of a ship he was working on, he met his beloved English nurse Pam in an English hospital after surgery. She was taken by the good-looking red headed Australian in his silk pyjamas and dressing gown. They married in 1956 after a long distance courtship and came to Australia aboard the ship SS Strathnaver. Initially stepping on Australian soil in Freemantle, they were met by Neil and Hilary McAllister and arrived in Melbourne on Caulfield Cup Day 1956. Although Pam was unable to swim she embraced the Yacht Club and Bernard's love for the sea. The yachting fraternity providing Pam with a great support and an Australian education. Bernard and Pam had 3 daughters De, Andrea and Lynda.

Redda sailed on many yachts throughout his lifetime including Yeulba, Sonia, Petrel, Alkirie, Pintado, Nimrod, and Simply Red. Sailing resulted in the formation of great friendships with many people including Sir Frederick Somerset, Ray Walters, Eric Gibson, Alan Crawford, Gerry & David Baker, Steven Wightman, Kim Murphy, Ian Watson, John Sykes, Gail Carnell and Anthony Heath amongst others.

Bernard competed in 7 Sydney to Hobart yacht races and a number Melbourne to Devonports. The family fondly remembers the mad dash to the airport on Christmas afternoon for Bernard to catch his flight. They would then sit around watching the television of the start of the race. Spotting the small boats at the start was as tricky as it is today. Watching the start of the Sydney to Hobart yacht race remains a Brayton family tradition.

Bernard was an Australia Day baby & thus celebrated his birthday each year on ANA weekend. Each Friday night of this weekend the crew would eat at the Pearl of China in Williamstown where they would inevitably be asked to leave after dinner for being too rowdy.

Sailing provided Bernard & Pam with a great avenue for relaxation & socialising. They were regulars at RGYC social events and Bernard often used to pinch roses for Pam from the rose garden that used to be outside the Yacht Club.

He used to say that sailing was great for blowing the cobwebs away. He always used to tell his daughters, "You can feel the wind here." - pointing to his cheek and on the water could regularly be heard whistling Hewie to send us more wind. This also usually included lots of wriggling of the tiller in light winds to propel us forward and the occasional calling of starboard even when we were on port "just to confuse them". Bernard continued to sail up until 1999 when a stroke affected his balance. He was honoured to be an RGYC member for over 50 years.

Bernard has passed on his love of the water and sailing to his daughters whose second home became the Yacht Club when they were growing up. They joined the throng of children who sat outside with their faces pressed up against the glass of the main bar asking anyone who passed to get their Dad to buy raspberry lemonade and a bag of chips. His eldest daughter De started sailing with him but preferred the social side of sailing like her Mum and was happy waiting for the family to come in from racing. Andrea and Lynda sailed with their father and recall tips such as look up at those halyards. Andrea (Newman) continues to sail with her husband Geoff on their yacht Seabreeze from RGYC and Lynda sails from HBYC and SYC. Redda was very proud of his daughters and grandchildren and introduced them all to sailing. De's daughters also prefer watching from the shore. Lucy is a helmswoman in the making and the (boy child) Will Newman who is a Cadet sailor is preparing to relaunch his newly rebuilt Cadet.

Red was very good friends with Maurice Jacobs who introduced him to sailing. They did a lot of dingy sailing together as children and continued to share many sailing adventures into early adult life. They remained good friends even though Maurice bought a 'stink boat' instead of a yacht.

"Redda" was farewelled by many who knew and loved him on June 17th 2012 in a wonderful celebration of his life.



Bernard sitting centre

DARREN DUNKLEY-SMITH *Joined November 2008*

26/10/1961 – 23/6/2012



(Excerpt from media releases from Jeni Danks (Lidgett))

It is with great sadness that the Olympic community is advised of the sudden and tragic passing of Darren Dunkley-Smith, a passionate and tireless contributor to the development of sailing.

Although not an elite sailor himself, Darren became deeply involved in the sailing scene while supporting his wife Addy Bucek in her two Olympic representations for Australia in the International 470 class with her sailing partner Jeni Lidgett.

Alongside his work for ISAF Darren Dunkley-Smith was the President and driving force of the 470 Class Association in Australia and travelled extensively with his wife Addy and their children as she campaigned around the world with her sailing partner Jeni Lidgett.

As well as his long and tireless support of the 470 class, Darren:

Served on several ISAF Committees, most notably ISAF's important Centreboard Committee;

Actively contributed to the drive for ISAF to establish a world ranking system, with the ultimate objective being the establishment of an annual world cup series;

Was a member of the core team that drove the concept and bid to stage the inaugural 'Combined Olympic Class World Sailing Championship' (now known as the ISAF World Sailing Championship) in the year prior to an Olympic Games - a concept that started life as the '99 Worlds' in Melbourne; and

Received an Order of Merit from the Victorian Olympic Council for his contribution to the Olympic movement.

Darren was 50 years old and well travelled. Most recently he made it to Base Cape at Mt Everest. Darren is survived by Addy, and their three children Josh, Addy Jnr and Connie. Their family's Olympic involvement continues as Joshua Dunkley-Smith represented Australia, winning silver at the London Olympics in rowing in the Men's Four.

TERRY HEYWARD *Rejoined July 2008*

25/5/1949 – 6/7/2012

PHIL JARVIS *Joined March 1999*

23/9/1955 – 5/5/2012



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