



## VALE BOB LUCAS

Honorary Life Member and Past Commodore Bob Lucas OAM will always be remembered at Royal Geelong Yacht Club as a true gentleman.

Even though Bob worked for 40 years as a Superintendent of Maintenance at Barwon Water, he always managed to find time to enthusiastically contribute to the club and sailing as a sport itself.

### His achievements include:

RGYC Commodore 1985–1987 • RGYC Club Captain • Race Officer  
Principal Race Officer (World Championships) • RGYC 50 Year Member  
RGYC Life Member • President VYC • President AYF  
Order of Australia Medal (Yachting)

Even though he held high office in the club and in national sailing organisations he was also just an ordinary “knock about yachtie” to his friends.

As a race officer, Bob believed that not only did everything have to be right, it had to be fair to all competitors. He carried this philosophy through life, work and sailing.

Bob enjoyed sailing in the Dragon class with Robbie Robbins and Jack Anderson at Geelong during their heyday. Following this he sailed on “Pepe”, a ¼ tonner, and on the Model 33, “Jillong”, with John Sykes.

Bob stayed on with John Sykes. In particular on the Adams 12, “Jimmy Blacksmith”, which became a retirement home for old Dragon sailors. Bob spent over 20 years with John and Jimmy Blacksmith as navigator and occasional helmsman. A yacht with all that experience in the crew was very hard to beat.

Bob Lucas’ contribution to Royal Geelong Yacht Club was very significant. He will be truly missed.

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