



RGYC SAILING ACADEMY

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE: HOWARD HUGHES

The RGYC Sailing Academy has achieved huge growth and development in learn to sail programs during the 2015/16 season largely due to the professionalism and friendliness of the RGYC instructors. From the club's growing instructor group there is one of our very popular instructors, Howard Hughes, who has a unique sailing heritage.

"My dad was a fisherman at Queenscliff and when he had a bigger boat built, his Cousta boat (Deborah D) was not being used. So my sister and I motored around the harbour. I was about 11

years old then. When I was 13 I started sailing her all around the bottom of the Bay. I was able to buy DD about 8 years ago and spent a year restoring Her. She is moored in the river at Barwon Heads where I take her out fishing."

Howard's Sailing Academy students appreciate his approach and personality.

"Great instructor, Howard has an excellent approach and a super sense of humour, looking forward to the next course!"

– Start Crewing Student, 2016.

Howard has commented on the enjoyment he has interacting with the students and the relaxing elements of sailing. He has been teaching sailing for 2 years, also spending time boatbuilding, rock climbing, fishing and of course sailing himself.

Howard's family continues to pursue the passion for sailing as his son Elliot is crew on Brothers In Arms going to the Cadet Worlds in Argentina later this year.

