

## Roger Bennett

### Nomination for Commodore

As current Vice Commodore and for the many members who know of my contributions to the running our Club and its programs since 2003, I seek your support and vote for the position of Commodore.

For our newer members, a summary is below:

While our Club has come through a difficult period well, having returned to a full sailing and events program last year, we still have many challenges ahead.

If elected as this Club's next Commodore, I propose to move our Club's attention towards doing things better, governance, service to members, sailing programs, operations, timeframes for fixing things, membership recruitment, more opportunities to join in, and value for money.

I am currently a member of a number of key management committees, including Finance, Sailing and Boating, Chair of the Festival of Sails, and lead the Race Management Team.

The measure of our success will be whether more members participate more often in club activities and our financial position strengthens as a result.

Importantly, I seek to ensure that our development project progresses firmly in the Club's favour, for all our members.

I appreciate that we come together and do some special things as a club, such as the Festival of Sails and Wooden Boat Festival, and that we have fabulous members who make all that, and our major events and club sailing programs work. There will be some exciting times ahead for the Club with opportunities for significant regattas, perhaps even involvement in the Commonwealth Games. It is now time to focus on ensuring this Club is a great club for all members every day of the week and for us all to ensure its future. That way, when those opportunities come about, we will do them well.

## Summary of Recent Achievements:

- 2020- 2022 RGYC Vice Commodore, member of Finance, Strategic Planning, Sailing and Boating, Chair of Festival of Sails, and Leader of the Race Management Team.  
Principal Race Officer  
Club Equipment Auditor, Power Boat Instructor, Safety Boat Instructor.
- August 2021 Passed theory examination for Australian Sailing National Race Officer Accreditation.
- 2020-2021 Chair of Victoria's Club Captain Committee
- 2018 -2020 Club Captain. Race Officer, Chair of Sailing and Boating, Lead role in RGYC's Race Management Training Program.  
Coordinated training programs for Lasers, Nacra and 49ers Oceania and Worlds  
  
Member of Committee for Wooden Boat Festival
- 2013- 2015 Commodore of Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club.  
During this term we completed a major building refurbishment program.  
And instigated QCYC lease discussions with Parks Victoria
- 2003– 2006 RGYC's Committee of Management.