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Welcome to the Cruising Yacht Club Of Australia

On behalf of the Board and Members of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, I extend a warm welcome to the CYCA.

The CYCA is proud to be home to the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and to a vibrant sailing community that celebrates both tradition and innovation. Whether you're joining us for a drink in the Clubhouse, enjoying the Marina facilities, or simply taking in the view, we hope you feel at home among fellow sailors.

We are a proud Club with a strong community and a rich history of sailing in Australia and abroad. We currently have over 3,500 Members and warmly welcome international and local visitors and guests.

Our superb facilities include a Marina located close to the Sydney CBD, a recently renovated lower deck, a clubhouse with multiple bars which include dining facilities, flexible event spaces for conferences, corporate and social events.

As a club, we value sportsmanship, making the sailing sport more accessible and the spirit of adventure that unites sailors around the world. It's a pleasure to share those values with new Members or visitors alike. I encourage you to explore all the CYCA has to offer and to make the most of your time with us.

We are also home to a world-renowned Youth Sailing Academy (YSA) that has excelled in competition over the past 30 years and introduced thousands to the sport.

For those with an interest in sailing or who simply enjoy the ambience of a beautiful club on the foreshore of Rushcutters Bay's parkland, we look forward to welcoming you to the Club.

**Dr Sam Haynes
Commodore**





Find out more



About the Club

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) is Australia's premier yacht club and home to what is considered yachting's 'Everest': the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

Nestled along the stunning Rushcutters Bay foreshore, the Club boasts unparalleled Harbour views and world-class facilities, providing its Members and numerous visitors with compelling reasons to visit regularly. Just three kilometres from Sydney's CBD, this convenient location is a major draw for the local community.

CYCA's international reputation attracts yachts and crews globally, especially for the pinnacle of the sailing calendar, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

Established in 1944, the CYCA has evolved into Australia's leading proponent of ocean racing and sea safety. Its race management expertise is sought after for international sailing events such as the Olympic Games, World Championships and round-the-world races.



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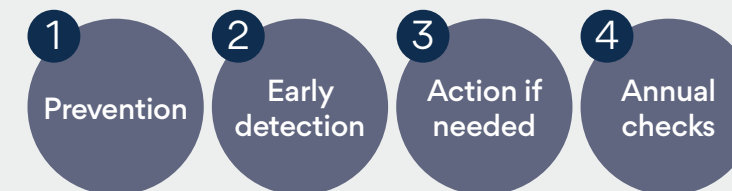
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Routine Checks	Hull inspections ▶ Regular skin checks Engine servicing ▶ Mole mapping Rigging checks ▶ Dermoscopy
Preventive Coatings	Antifouling ▶ Sunscreen Waxing ▶ Barrier creams Propspeed ▶ Protective clothing
Record Keeping	Logbooks ▶ Skin records Service records ▶ Pathology reports Insurance reports ▶ Risk assessments
Cost of Neglect	Expensive repairs ▶ Advanced treatment Resale devaluation ▶ Cosmetic disfigurement Breakdown ▶ Potential risk of complications

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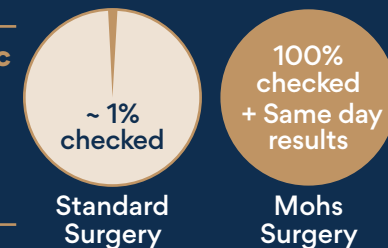
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CYCA boasts a rich history of Members excelling in top-tier sailing events worldwide, including the America's Cup, Olympic Games, Admiral's Cup, World Championships, skiff and dinghy sailing, and global ocean races. This legacy of success continues with our current Members achieving global recognition.

CYCA welcomes passionate ocean racers and social sailors alike, offering a packed calendar of mid-week summer twilight, weekend offshore, and Sunday winter racing.

In collaboration with various Sydney Harbour yacht clubs, these races ensure spirited competition. From leisurely non-spinnaker sailing to the challenging Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, through Bass Strait, our world-class sailing programs cater to sailors of all levels.

While some seek the thrill of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, others enjoy the camaraderie of shorter ocean races.

Embracing the popularity of one-design racing, CYCA hosts regattas for diverse classes. Our Youth Sailing Academy which celebrated 30 years in 2023, has shaped countless sailors, with many making their mark internationally.

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A Brief History

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) was formed in 1944 and, despite its name, quickly became the leading exponent of ocean racing in Australia, at that time a little-known sport both here and elsewhere.

Eight founding Members formed the Cruising Yacht Club (CYC) after an informal meeting in a photographic studio in Sydney. They soon acquired a boatshed in Rushcutters Bay.

The Club's name was changed to the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) in March 1946. Jack Earl, one of the original Members, designed the Southern Cross burgee which the CYCA still proudly flies today.



During May 1945, while Jack Earl was planning a cruise to Hobart, the CYCA Commodore invited prominent English sailor Captain John Illingworth R.N. to dinner to give a presentation. After dinner, Illingworth was invited to join the cruise and replied "Why don't we make a race of it?". Later in 1945, the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania agreed to host the finish of the race. Thus, the now world-famous Sydney Hobart Yacht Race was born and the destiny of the CYCA changed forever.

Nine yachts set off in that inaugural race on a beautiful summers day on Boxing Day 1945 only later to encounter gales that played havoc with the fleet. Two yachts were reported missing for four days and the fledgling event made front page headlines in Sydney and Hobart every day. Everyone, though, came through safe and well, the race captured the imagination of the Australian public and soon developed into an international yachting classic, attracting competitors from around the world.

THE CRUISING YACHT CLUB'S FIRST OCEAN RACE

The CYCA's first ocean race was held on the first weekend in October 1944 (today the Labour Day weekend, but then known as the "8-hour-day weekend"). The course was from Sydney to Broken Bay. The race started off the Quarantine Station, nineteen yachts taking part and racing off "scratch", with handicaps adjusted at the end. There is no record of the results, but in the fleet were a number of Sydney's best known racing vessels including Archina, Asgard, Julnar, Horizon, Kathleen Gillett, Moonbi, Saltair, Stormbird, Thetis, WhiteWings, Wayfarer and Zephyr.

Following the race there was a raft-up in The Basin, a feature of many CYCA races in early years. They were family picnic affairs, with the element of competition injected to liven up the journey. The co-founders, Peter Luke and Charlie Cooper, the following year donated a perpetual trophy, the Founders Cup, and the race became an annual fixture.

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Joining CYCA

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia is recognised as the nation's premier yacht club, offering an unmatched blend of sailing and social experiences.

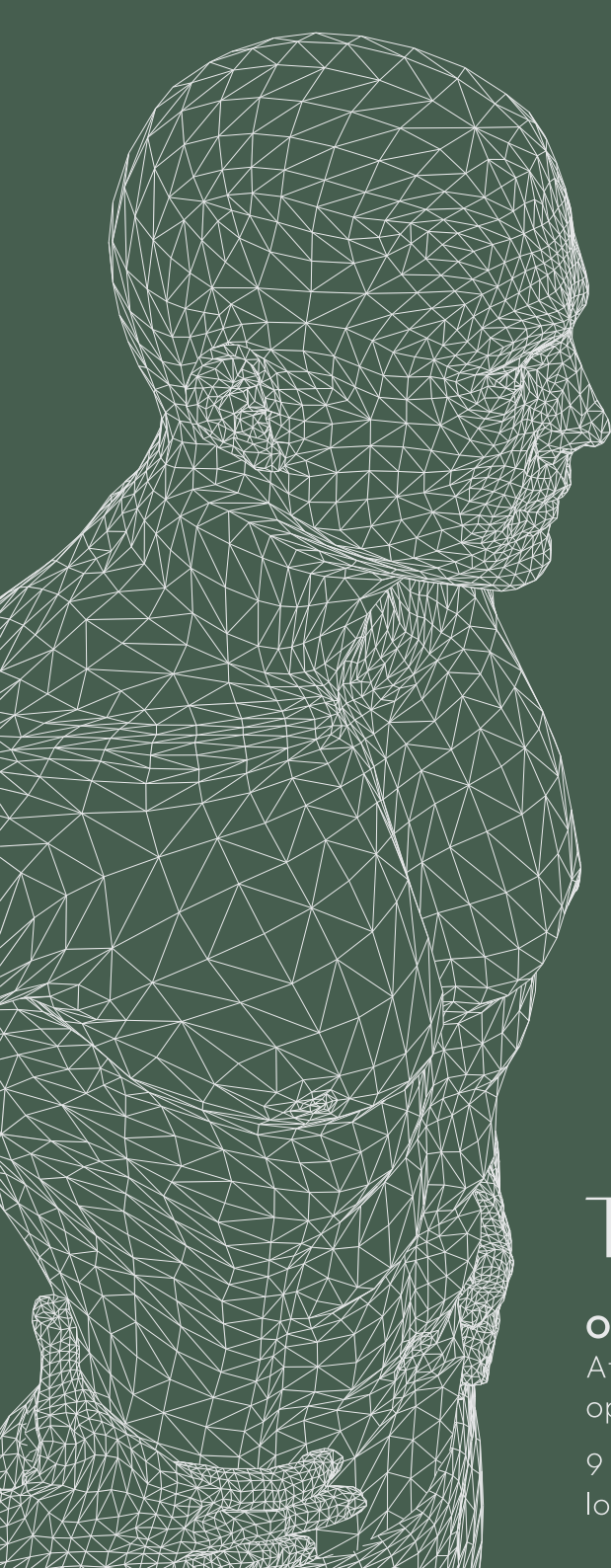
Members enjoy world-class racing programs, a spectacular waterfront Clubhouse and a welcoming community with a rich history.

More than just a club, CYCA is a place to belong, a home away from home where friendships are formed and memories made. With a variety of Membership options and benefits, there's a pathway for everyone to join and share in the unique spirit of the CYCA.

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JUNIOR

5-17 years old and engaged in CYCA racing

YOUTH SAILING ACADEMY

Enrolled Youth Sailing Academy student (Junior aged up to 18 or Crew aged 18-25)

► **The current Membership subscription rates can be viewed on the Club website where you can also complete an online Membership application form.**

Member Benefits

Interested in becoming a Member of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia?
Here are just a selection of the many benefits you could be enjoying:

SAILING

- ▶ First-hand exposure to the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, the most iconic race in Australia - known worldwide as the 'Everest' of ocean racing
- ▶ Access to the most comprehensive sailing program in Australia
- ▶ Access to on-site learn-to-sail provided by Pacific Sailing School
- ▶ Discounted race entry fees
- ▶ Access to the Youth Sailing Academy (YSA), providing on-water and classroom training for talented, development and advanced sailors aged between 12 and 25
- ▶ Access to a large and active Cruising Group which operates a packed calendar of events
- ▶ Membership to Australian Sailing, including racing insurance and certifications
- ▶ Easy access to on-site or nearby chandlery, rigging, brokerage and chartering services

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- ▶ Three superb upper-level function rooms cater for large or intimate parties and corporate events offering balconies with breathtaking city skyline and northern harbour views

ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ▶ 20% discount on function room hire for private events
- ▶ 20% discount on official Club and Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race merchandise
- ▶ 15% discount on Helly Hansen merchandise and accessories

- ▶ 10% discount on ticketed Club events *(excluding events principally aimed at raising funds for the Safety of Life at Sea Trust or YSA)*
- ▶ 10% discount on beverages
- ▶ 10% discount on food purchases

EXTRAS

- ▶ Quarterly subscription to Offshore, the official magazine of the CYCA
- ▶ Weekly subscription to Onshore, the official newsletter of the CYCA
- ▶ Member-exclusive promotions
- ▶ Reciprocal rights to the Club's global network of affiliated Yacht Club Partners
- ▶ Access to two on-site car parks
- ▶ Wireless internet access across the site *(conditions apply)*
- ▶ The ability to sign in guests to enjoy world-class facilities
- ▶ Invitations to Member-only functions and prizegivings
- ▶ Enjoy an active and varied social calendar providing the opportunity to get to know other Members



Clubhouse Dining

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia offers a dining experience that matches its world-class reputation on the water.

Food & Beverage operations are managed in-house by a dedicated team who deliver exceptional service and quality on every occasion. This is enhanced through CYCA's partnership with the renowned Dedes Waterfront Group, whose expertise in premium hospitality elevates the Club's culinary offering to new heights.

With a focus on seasonal produce and contemporary flavours, the Club continually refines its menus and introduces new experiences that keep dining fresh, engaging, and memorable. Seasonal tasting evenings are a highlight, where the Head Chef personally presents new creations in an intimate setting, giving Members a first taste of dishes before they appear on the menu.

The Clubhouse welcomes Members and their guests for both bookings and walk-ins, while non-Members residing outside the 5km radius are also invited to enjoy the stunning waterfront dining experience that sets CYCA apart.

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Functions and Special Occasions

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) offers world-class facilities and unrivalled Harbour views, making it one of Sydney's most sought-after venues for celebrations and events.

Overlooking the iconic CYCA Marina, the Club's event spaces provide a truly unique waterfront setting that leaves a lasting impression on guests.

At the helm of the Functions and Events team is Rebecca Fleet, whose expertise and creativity ensure each occasion is seamlessly planned and beautifully executed. Rebecca's focus is on showcasing the versatility of CYCA's spaces and tailoring every detail to deliver bespoke experiences that exceed expectations time after time.

The Club boasts two elegant function rooms with undercover balconies and sweeping marina views.

These spaces can be connected with the adjoining Training Room to accommodate larger gatherings, or styled individually for more intimate occasions. From harbourside weddings and milestone celebrations to corporate events, meetings and workshops, CYCA provides the perfect backdrop.

With flexibility, creativity, and an unwavering commitment to quality, the CYCA team also facilitates corporate breakfasts, brunches, photoshoots, filming and more, all with the same attention to detail and premium service that defines the Club.



Find out more

Sailing Overview

The CYCA understands that sailors have a varying range of skill, interests, and involvement.

Taking this into account, the CYCA has devised a sailing program designed to meet the needs of all its Members, whether they are committed ocean racers, occasional competitors, or social sailors who prefer leisurely cruises with family and friends.

The CYCA's year-round sailing program includes:

- ▶ Ocean racing of varying lengths
- ▶ Weekend Harbour racing
- ▶ Weekday twilight racing (spinnaker and non-spinnaker)
- ▶ Cruising events
- ▶ Crewing opportunities for sailors without a boat
- ▶ Youth Sailing
- ▶ Match Racing

Crew positions on the top racing yachts are highly coveted and fiercely contested amongst the sport's best sailors and it is true there is no substitute for competitive experience.

But, equally, many boats welcome novice sailors, and are willing to train and mentor new crew and future skippers who are reliable and keen.

Don't think you need to be a sailor to play an active and meaningful role in Club life. The Club's passionate volunteers make the CYCA the special Club it is and without their dedication there would not be year round-racing, events and off-water activities.



Volunteers

A diverse range of volunteer roles are available and the CYCA pathway program provides volunteers with plenty of opportunities to progress through the ranks.

The Board of Directors, who are all volunteers themselves, are always looking for Members to donate their time and particular skill set to enhancing the CYCA's reputation as Australia's premier yacht club.



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Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race has become an icon of summer sport, standing proudly alongside the Melbourne Cup, the Australian Open, and the Boxing Day Test as one of the nation's great annual events.

No other yacht race in the world attracts the level of global attention commanded by the Boxing Day start on Sydney Harbour. In Australia Channel 9 broadcasts the start live, while international viewers can follow the action live on CYCATV on YouTube.



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Hundreds of spectator craft fill the harbour, thousands of people line the foreshore and helicopters buzz overhead, capturing one of the most recognisable sights in Australian sport.

From the adrenaline-fuelled start, the fleet embarks on the legendary 628-nautical-mile course, out through Sydney Heads, down the rugged New South Wales coast, across the notorious Bass Strait, and around the east coast of Tasmania before turning into Storm Bay and sailing up the Derwent River to Hobart.

Often described as the most gruelling ocean race in the world, the Rolex Sydney Hobart is the ultimate test of skill, endurance and teamwork.

For competitors, the rush of the start and the drama of the final run to Hobart provide moments of unforgettable intensity. For spectators, it is compelling viewing, both on water and on screen.





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Hobart welcomes the fleet with a festival atmosphere as crowds fill Sullivans Cove to cheer the yachts home. Volunteers from the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania greet weary crews with warmth and hospitality as they berth in Kings Pier Marina, a tradition as cherished as the race itself.

More than 30 historic trophies are awarded each year, from the coveted Tattersall Cup for the overall winner on corrected time, to Line Honours, design, and crew achievement awards.

Among them is the Jane Tate Memorial Trophy, presented to the first female skipper to finish, a tribute to Jane “Jenny” Tate, who made history in 1946 as the first woman to start and finish the race.

2025 SYDNEY VILLAGE EVENTS

The Sydney Race Village returns to the CYCA this December with fan-favourite events and re-imagined past favourites. The vibrant village offers the chance for competitors and spectators alike to engage in the exciting Sydney sailing community.



Find out more



2024 ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE WINNER

CYCA Commodore, Sam Haynes, was declared Overall winner of the 2024 Rolex Sydney Hobart. He never dreamed he would hold the Tattersall Cup in his hands again, after selling his TP52 Celestial in 2023.

However, a mid-December charter of Willow, a Volvo Open 70 owned by Jim Cooney and Samantha Grant, made his target a reality. He also became just the third Cruising Yacht Club of Australia Commodore in history to win the Club's race, following in the footsteps of Mervyn Davey in 1949 (Tradewinds) and Sir Robert Crichton Brown in 1970 (Pacha).

"I always wanted to sail a Volvo 70 and I wanted to do the race as a Commodore, so when the chance came up, I took it," Commodore Haynes said.

The CYCA Commodore was doubly blessed, as one of his sons, William, was aboard with him.

"William and I sailed the 2016 race together (on what is now Smuggler and placed fifth Overall) and I got him to come back on the V70. He always wanted to sail on one. It's fantastic to have him on for the win. It's special for the family, it's made a stronger bond between us," he said.

Commodore Haynes was still taking stock of the fact he has won what was a difficult race.

"It's dawning on me that I nearly won in 2021, won in 2022, one year break and then won in 2024 – on a boat we only signed up to charter mid-December," he said about the little time to practice and get to know the boat.

"With the crew I've got, I knew they would dial it in very quickly, because they have the experience. Some have sailed Volvos before. Then the weather played in our favour – but it's so awesome to do it.

"I just give the crew my utmost respect. And I thank them."

► More information can be sourced on the race website, rolexsydneyhobart.com



Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race is an event that is second only in status to the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race among long ocean races conducted by the Club.

CYCA introduced the Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race in 1986 as the 'great winter escape'.

Since its conception, the 384 nautical mile race has attracted fleets of between 60 and 70 yachts each year, with entries coming mainly from New South Wales and Queensland, but also from Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and New Zealand.



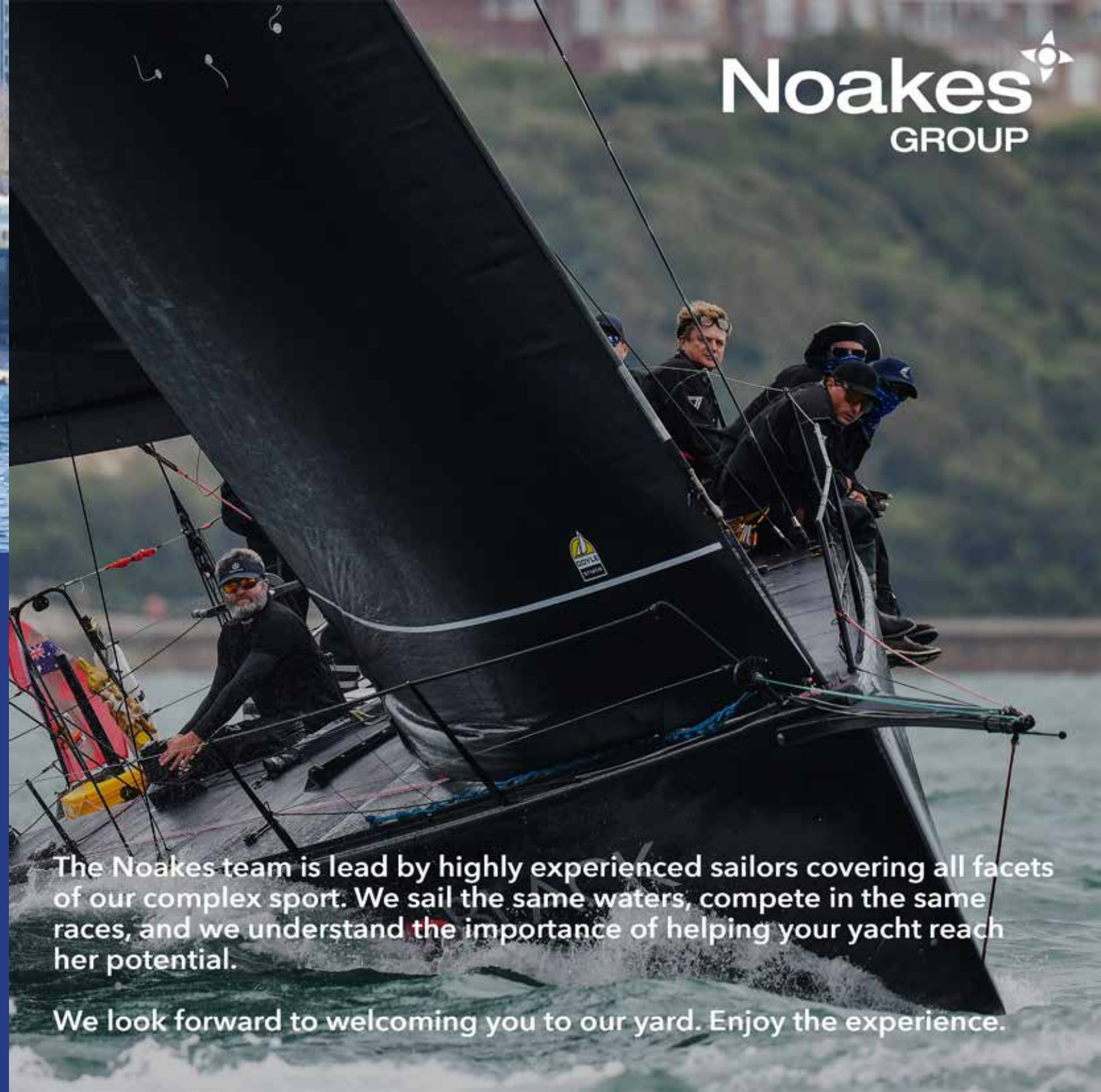


Most of Australia's best-known ocean racing yachts, their skippers and crews have competed at some stage and winners have included past Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race winners.

The Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race marks the start of the Club's six-month Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore which is regarded as an important stepping-stone for owners and crew to gain vital offshore racing experience for the final race of the series, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

The race is staged with the support of Southport Yacht Club, which provides outstanding club and marina facilities for the visiting yachts in a relaxed semi-tropical setting.

► **For more information about the race and contestants visit the dedicated website: goldcoast.cycaracing.com**



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A distinctive feature of this event is the staggered start, spread across three days from 27 February to 1 March 2026. Start times will be allocated based on boats' IRC and PHS ratings, adding a unique tactical element to the race.

The goal is for competitors to converge on the finish line around the same time, creating the opportunity for the ultimate celebration of sailing at the race's end.

► **The fleet can be continuously tracked via trans-tasman.cycaracing.com.au/tracker/ and regular updates are posted on the CYCA's social media channels. The dedicated website is also the place to get race information, news and profiles of the participants.**



Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore

The Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore consists of six races, opening with the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race and finishing with the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

Points accrued over the six races determine the winners of the overall Pointscore.

The current Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore calendar consists of:

RACE 1

NOAKES SYDNEY GOLD COAST YACHT RACE (JULY)

A 384nm race, starting in Sydney Harbour and finishing in front of Main Beach on the Gold Coast. See preceding pages for a more detailed description.

RACE 2

FLINDERS ISLET RACE (SEPTEMBER)

The 88nm race starts near Point Piper before tracking south down the coast to round Flinders Islet, approximately 1nm east off Port Kembla and then returning to finish in Sydney Harbour.



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TOLLGATE ISLANDS RACE (OCTOBER)

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RACE 4

BIRD ISLAND RACE (NOVEMBER)

The 83nm race sees competitors sail from Sydney Harbour to Bird Island (approximately 3nm north east of Norah Head) and back.

RACE 5

CABBAGE TREE ISLAND RACE (DECEMBER)

The 172nm race is a season favourite. Starting near Point Piper, the fleet heads north to Cabbage Tree Island and returns to finish in Sydney Harbour. Many competitors use this race to qualify for the RSHYR and as crew training.

Please note: Some events may be subject to change. Visit cyca.com.au for up to date information and details of race entry.

RACE 6

ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE (BOXING DAY)

Simply put, the 628nm Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is one of the most famous and iconic yacht races in the world.



Racing Series & Regattas

The CYCA Sailing Program has something for everyone.

LGT WEALTH MANAGEMENT WINTER SERIES (APRIL-JULY)

This popular Series began in its current format in 1949 and has grown over the years to become Australia's largest ongoing series, with fleets averaging more than 100 boats. Run on Sundays from 1130hrs and limited to a maximum of five hours, it includes ten pointscore races, which are bookended by two of three Women's Winter Series races.

GREAT VETERANS RACE (MAY)

Open to single-hulled self-righting displacement Classic Yachts with a launch date prior to 1976 and Modern Classics and launched after 1975 and before 1996 that have competed in a Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. The presentation of the Windward Trophy and Vic Meyer Trophy takes place at the CYCA Clubhouse after the event.



SPRING SERIES (AUGUST)

Introduced in 2013 as an exciting initiative to bridge the gap between winter and summer racing, the Spring Series is comprised of four pointscore races on Sydney Harbour.

Racing (spinnaker and non-spinnaker) includes divisions in IRC along with the traditional performance (PHS) handicap. A Women's Spring Pointscore is also conducted within the series.

Races are a scratch start and commence at 1400hrs, allowing competitors to enjoy lunch at the CYCA, before heading out on the water to enjoy the best of the afternoon spring breeze.

AUSTRALIAN MAXI CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia hosts the Australian Maxi Championships at the start of December over a 5 day period.

The Australian Maxi Championship consists of up to 6 races and will feature Maxis (80-100 foot) and Mini Maxis (60-79 foot) with a minimum IRC TCC of 1.450.

SYDNEY HARBOUR WOMEN'S KEELBOAT SERIES

A series consisting of seven races, with one race hosted by each of the CYCA, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), Manly Yacht Club (MYC), Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club, Balmain Sailing Club, Royal Australian Naval Sailing Association (RANSA), and Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC). Crews are able to compete in full female crew or female helm divisions, as well as nominate spinnaker or non-spinnaker racing.

NOAKES 7S SERIES (MARCH)

Held on Tuesday evenings in the vicinity of Rushcutters Bay and Sydney Harbour, with up to four sprint windward/leeward races each evening using the Club's fleet of Elliott 7m keelboats. Open to CYCA Members and non-Members, this series is targeted at crews who want to improve teamwork and skills for the Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore, Network Marine Insurance Summer Offshore Series or Twilights or just want to have some good, clean, competitive fun with mates!

CLUB MARINE SYDNEY HOBART CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA (DECEMBER)

This is a unique regatta that recognises the contribution of classic yachts to the traditions and history of the blue water classic and is open to:

- Classic Yachts: A yacht that has a launch date prior to 1976 that has competed in a Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.
- Modern Classics: a yacht that has a launch date after 1975 and prior to 1996 that has competed in a Sydney Hobart Yacht Race; and
- Any other Veteran Yacht invited by the OA.

The event features an invitation Race (non-pointscore, non-spinnaker), a Pursuit Race and a Scratch Race over successive days.

AUSTRALIA DAY CITY OF SYDNEY CUP

The City of Sydney Cup carries a separate entry fee and is sailed as a part of the Network Marine Insurance Summer Offshore Series. The course involves a sprint out of the Harbour from the start near Shark Island, south past Bondi and Coogee to Botany Bay before turning toward home, finishing back in Sydney Harbour. The overall winner is the yacht with the fastest corrected time on PHS. Additional winners are recognised for each respective divisional winner of the day's CYCA Pointscore Races, while the Geoff Lee Ocean Race Trophy is presented to the Line Honours winner of the day.



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The biennial Category 1 yacht race will run from Sydney to Auckland and will include a diverse range of boats – from Double Handers, large racer/ cruisers, TP52s and other racing yachts.

The Trans-Tasman Yacht Race is set to become a highlight of the Australian and New Zealand offshore racing calendars.

NETWORK MARINE INSURANCE SUMMER SHORT OFFSHORE SERIES

The Network Marine Insurance Summer Short Offshore Series is a newly-introduced series which replaces the Club Marine Ocean Pointscore, Short Ocean Pointscore and Short Haul Pointscore, consolidating the racing into a single, diverse Series.

With 11 races held fortnightly from September to March, the series features a mix of five coastal windward/leeward races and six passage races. The series is open to Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker boats with multiple divisions each race day.

PITTWATER PASSAGE SERIES

The Pittwater Passage Series is now a standalone event on the sailing calendar, offering two weekends of spectacular racing. Crews are able to enjoy a passage race north to Pittwater, an overnight stay and the return race back to Sydney Harbour. With divisions for both spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets, and results under IRC and PHS, it's an event that combines competition with the camaraderie of an offshore adventure.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS REGATTA (APRIL)

The regatta is an invitational event featuring a maximum of 10 teams on identical Elliott 7m class boats supplied by the CYCA Youth Sailing Academy. Boats that place 1st-3rd in the Summer Pointscores receive invitations.

Asymmetrical spinnakers are used and total crew (including the skipper) is four or five.



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CLUB MARINE MONDAY TWILIGHT SERIES

Runs on Monday evenings from October to March, with an extended break over the Christmas period. This Series makes for excellent crew training as spinnakers are permitted. This Series also has an IRC handicap for Division 1 competitors.

Separate Spring and Summer Pointscore series of 6 and 8 races respectively are conducted within the Series.

NIGHT HARBOUR RACING SERIES

This dedicated night racing series starts at 1845hrs and consists of evening passage races on Sydney Harbour. This twilight racing series offers the best of twilight Sydney Harbour sailing and is the perfect training ground for overnight offshore passages, or a fun end to the work week.

WEDNESDAY TWILIGHT SERIES

The races are strictly non-spinnaker and take place in an ideal setting – a warm summer's evening, as the sun sets. After the race, sailors return to the CYCA Clubhouse for a refreshing drink and perhaps a bit to eat, while enjoying the company and networking opportunities with fellow sailors.





Cruising

For those who enjoy sailing at a more leisurely pace, relaxing in an idyllic location, and even enjoying the occasional sundowner, CYCA cruising is for you.

CYCA cruising activities are organised by the CYCA Cruising Committee for Members and their sailing friends. The aim of these events is to encourage participation in organised cruise events, to share interesting and educational sailing information and to give Club Members additional opportunities to meet other Members and use the facilities of the Club.

The Cruising Committee organises a comprehensive event schedule which includes education evenings with expert and informative speakers, social events and sailing activities.

Information evenings: At these events, the CYCA Cruising Committee organises speakers who are experts on a diverse range of subjects from heavy weather sailing or electronics, to guests sharing experiences of travelling to far-flung cruising ports.

Cruise in company: Involve yourself as much or as little as you wish. Venues vary and include Refuge Bay, where the CYCA has two permanent moorings, Middle Harbour and Port Hacking.

All cruising activities are announced through the CYCA weekly newsletter, Onshore and online.

Two CYCA Cruising Trophies are awarded on a discretionary basis each year, one for the Best Cruise Overseas and the other for Best Cruise in Australian Waters. Neither trophy is presented unless the cruise is considered sufficiently outstanding.




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Regattas and Event Hosting

With the CYCA conducting ocean races such as the Rolex Sydney Hobart Race for some 80 years, the Club has amassed an expertise in race organisation and sea safety which is internationally acclaimed and widely emulated, with some techniques being adopted world-wide following CYCA development.

Experience the excitement of our sailing regattas and series at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia. We take immense pride in our deep commitment to professionalism, setting a high standard for all competing yachts.

Racing with us offers competitors an unparalleled experience, with iconic landmarks like the Opera House, Harbour Bridge, and Hornby Lighthouse providing a breathtaking backdrop to every manoeuvre. After the excitement on the water, Sydney's vibrant CBD, just three kilometres away, awaits to provide the perfect setting for unwinding.

The CYCA's management expertise is globally renowned, contributing to the success of prestigious events such as the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, the World Sailing Youth and Open Match Racing World Championship, the Rolex Farr 40 World Championships and many more.

Join our racing fleet in one of our diverse series and enjoy our professional approach to exceptional racing.



Youth Sailing Academy (YSA)

Established in 1993, the CYCA Youth Sailing Academy is regarded both nationally and internationally as one of the world's leading full-time sailing academies.

Thousands of young sailors have graduated from the Academy to date, with many going on to compete in some of sailing's premier events, including the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, Olympic Games, America's Cup, SailGP, World Match Racing Championships and The Ocean Race.

The Academy also has won four (2017, 2019, 2020 & 2024) World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championships.

Among the YSA graduates are:

Will Ryan (Olympic gold and silver medallist – 2020 & 2016)

Olivia Price and Lucinda Whitty (Olympic silver medallists – 2012)

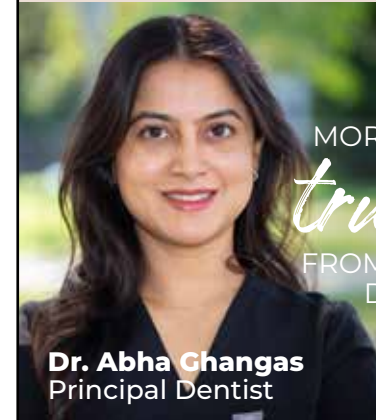
Sam Newton (Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race overall and line honours winner, SailGP champions 2021 & 2022)

Kyle Langford (Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race overall and line honours winner, SailGP champions 2021 & 2022, The Ocean Race and 2013 America's Cup champion – ORACLE team USA).

The CYCA Youth Sailing Academy, which celebrated its 30-year anniversary in 2023, offers a wide range of courses for participants, from learn to sail through to advanced sailing courses for sailors aged between 13 and 25.

Using a fleet of ten identical Elliott 7m keelboats, the Academy also hosts a number of world-class youth sailing events each year, including the CYCA International Youth Match Racing Regatta in January.

Over the years, the Youth Sailing Academy has provided scores of young girls and boys with the opportunity to either learn the basics or to help make the successful transition from dinghies to keelboat sailing.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE

The CYCA Youth Sailing Academy School Holiday Course provides an ideal introduction to keelboat sailing for sailors aged 13-18 whose sailing experiences range from very limited to reasonably competent. Conducted four times a year during school term breaks, each course is four days in length and uses the CYCA Youth Sailing Academy's fleet of Elliott 7m keelboats, crewed by four sailors with an on-board instructor.

WINTER SQUADS

The CYCA Youth Sailing Academy conducts winter training squads in conjunction with other sailing clubs to allow sailors to participate and build their skills across multiple disciplines and classes within the sport of sailing. Winter Squads are open to Members and non-Members of the CYCA and are tiered into three levels.

Sailors are recommended to have participated in at least two CYCA School Holiday Courses before attending winter squads. Sailors are also strongly encouraged to participate for two years in each squad, focusing on different positions across those years. Sailors will agree to the CYCA Athlete Code of Conduct.



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REGATTAS

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INTERCLUB CHALLENGE

Created in 2001 as a way to help identify and build youth sailors' experience in fleet racing events, the Interclub Challenge is a fleet racing series contested by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron with each club hosting a stage of the series.

► Visit our website for more information on the Youth Sailing Academy.



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The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia strives to offer the best possible services in every area, and this extends to its waterfront and boatyard operation. The CYCA offers comprehensive support aimed at making owning a boat a pleasure.

Members have access to deep water berthing facilities, comprising a floating marina for 213 boats and hardstand facilities for Etchells, J/24s and J/70s, with a crane available for use by boat owners. Bookings are essential and subject to availability.

Full Members, Life Members and Country Members of the CYCA are able to apply for either a 3 Year licence or quarterly licence. Additionally, the Club offers a visitors' licence for short stays of days or a few weeks.

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The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia believes sailing should be a sport for all and one of its core values is to ensure the benefits of sailing can be appreciated by everyone in the community.

The CYCA established the CYCA Sailing Foundation with the goal of breaking down barriers to sailing for those with limited access. They focus on four strategic priorities:

- ▶ To grow sailing infrastructure, both on water and on shore.
- ▶ To create and enable opportunities to sail for those with limited or no access.
- ▶ To identify and support disadvantaged sectors of the community.
- ▶ To promote a community-oriented focus.

By fostering broader sailing opportunities and increasing participation, the Foundation aims to remove perceived barriers, particularly for women and school-aged children.

▶ If you are interested in making a donation please visit the Sailing Foundation page of the Club website.



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The CYCA Safety of Life at Sea Trust (SOLAS) was established by the Club and a number of its then directors in 1999 following the tragic loss of six lives in the 1998 Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

The Trust's objectives are threefold:

- ▶ Assist the immediate needs of families of those lost at sea during Australian Sailing sanctioned races.
- ▶ Provide assistance to search and rescue organisations.
- ▶ Foster research and training to improve procedures and equipment.

To date, the CYCA SOLAS Trust has raised more than \$1.6m, the majority of which has been distributed to search and rescue services around Australia.

If you think your organisation meets the criteria to qualify for a grant from the CYCA SOLAS Trust, please email your detailed proposal to the CYCA.

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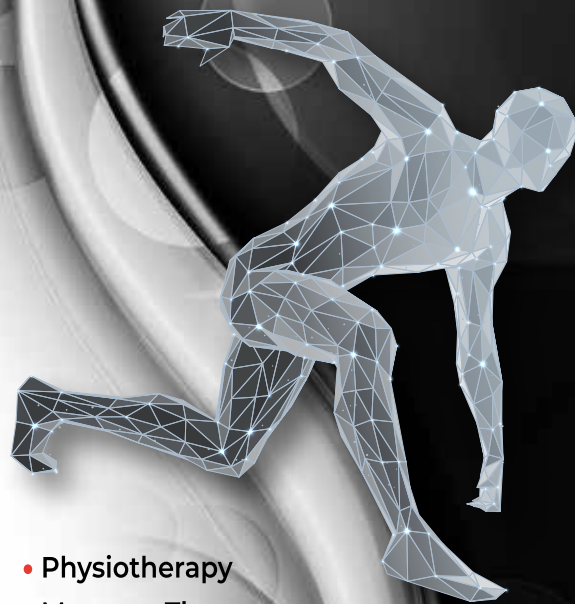
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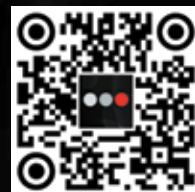
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The Club is conveniently close to the city (less than 10 minutes by taxi in non-peak times), airport (less than 30 minutes by taxi) and public transport facilities including buses and trains.

Edgecliff is the closest train station, less than 10 minutes' walk from the Club, and services on the Eastern Suburbs line run frequently.

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