



JOIN THE ACTION **VOLUNTEER WITH THE** **CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA**

BECOME PART OF THE COMMUNITY BEHIND AUSTRALIA'S MOST ICONIC SAILING EVENTS





BECOME PART OF THE CYCA

Every great race, regatta and event relies on an incredible team behind the scenes.

At the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, hundreds of volunteers help deliver world-class sailing events - from Wednesday Twilights to youth development regattas and the internationally renowned Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

Whether you're passionate about sailing, looking to learn new skills or simply want to meet great people, there's a place for you in our community.

You don't have to be a CYCA Member - or even have sailing experience - to get involved. We'll provide training, support and opportunities to learn new skills while becoming part of one of Australia's most respected sporting communities.

Why Volunteer?

- Meet new people and become part of the CYCA community
- Learn new skills and gain Australian Sailing accreditations
- Experience major sailing events from behind the scenes
- Flexible opportunities to suit your availability
- No membership or sailing experience required

Join the team behind the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia and experience world-class sailing from the inside.

Go to cyca.com.au/about-the-club/volunteering/ or scan the QR code to learn more & express your interest.



KEY ROLES

RACE OFFICER

**EQUIPMENT
AUDITOR**

UMPIRE

**RACE
COMMITTEE**

**WEBSITE
SUPPORT**

**PROTEST
COMMITTEE**

**BREAKFAST
CLUB**

MEASURER

MARK LAYER

BOAT DRIVER

**ROLEX SYDNEY
HOBART YACHT
RACE**

COMMITTEES

WHAT OUR ON-WATER VOLUNTEERS DO

From setting race courses on Sydney Harbour to helping deliver world-class regattas, our volunteers are at the centre of the action. Whether you're on the water or on land, every role plays an important part in creating exceptional racing experiences.

CLUB RACING



START BOAT

1X SKIPPER
1X PRO
3X RACE
OFFICIALS



MARK LAYING

1X SKIPPER
1-2X DECK HANDS

YOUTH MATCH RACING



START BOAT

1X SKIPPER
1X PRO
4X RACE
OFFICIALS



MARK BOAT

1X SKIPPER
1X DECK HAND



UMPIRES

X6-10 UMPIRES



YOUR FUTURE WITH CYCA

RACE OFFICIAL

No sailing or race management experience? No problem.

Our volunteer pathway provides training, mentoring and opportunities to gain Australian Sailing accreditations as your confidence and skills grow. Whether you simply want to assist at Club racing or aspire to officiate major national and international events, we'll support you every step of the way.

Roles on board



Flags



Time keeping



Scribe



Horn



Results

Club Race Officer

Act as Principal Race Officer for CYCA and Club races/events.



Regional Race Officer

Act as Principal Race Officer for state level races/events.



National Race Officer

Act as Principal Race Officer for national races/events.



International Race Officer

Act as Principal Race Officer for international races/events.





YOUR FUTURE WITH CYCA

Protest Committee

Interested in the rules of sailing?
Joining the Protest Committee is
a fascinating way to deepen your
understanding of the sport.

You can begin as an observer with
no prior experience, learning how
hearings are conducted and how
racing rules are applied in
real-world situations.

For those looking to progress
further, the CYCA can help
support training and accreditation
opportunities that open pathways
to officiating at major national and
international events.

Protest Committee Member

Sits on Protest Committees at Club level.



Regional Judge

Chair Protest Committees at Club level.



National Judge

Chair National Juries and sit on
International Juries.



International Judge

Sit on/chair International Juries.

YOUR FUTURE WITH CYCA

UMPIRE

Love fast decisions and being close to the racing? Umpiring offers a front-row seat to some of the most exciting sailing on Sydney Harbour.

As a trainee umpire, you'll work alongside experienced officials, building confidence and practical knowledge while supporting CYCA Youth Sailing Academy match racing events.

Our development pathway provides opportunities to advance through Australian Sailing accreditation levels and progress to national and international competition.

Trainee Umpire

Assist in umpiring CYCA YSA Match Racing events.



Club/State Umpire

Act as Umpire in YSA Match Racing events.



National Umpire

Act as Chief Umpire at local and state level YSA Match Racing events.



International Umpire

Act as Chief Umpire at international YSA Match Racing events.



YOUR FUTURE WITH CYCA

Equipment Auditor

Club Equipment Auditor

Carry out Category 3-7 audits.



National Equipment Auditor

Carry out Category 1-2 audits.

Equipment Auditors play a critical role in ensuring yachts comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations before heading offshore.

If you enjoy technical detail, problem solving and working closely with sailors, this is a rewarding way to contribute to the sport.

The CYCA can help guide you through the accreditation process and support your development as an auditor.

YOUR FUTURE WITH CYCA

Website Management & Support

Every year, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race draws almost 1 million visitors to our race website. Behind the scenes, a small team works 24/7 during the Blue Water races to bring the event to life – from live boat tracking and start broadcasts to photo galleries, blogs, and updates shared worldwide.

We're looking for volunteers to join this vital team. You'll gain access to our satellite tracking, race management and content systems, with step-by-step guides and checklists, comprehensive briefings and support from the existing experienced team members.

You don't need a technical background – just confidence with technology, a steady approach, and availability for 5-6 hour shifts during races. Offshore racing or cruising experience is helpful but not essential. The best part? You can be part of the action from home via your computer, tablet, or phone.

This is a unique opportunity to support our great race and ensure members, the sailing community, and the public worldwide can follow every moment.





JOIN AUSTRALIA'S ICONIC OCEAN RACING EVENT

ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART

The Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is one of the world's most celebrated offshore races and relies on hundreds of volunteers across Sydney and Hobart each year.

From supporting competitors and assisting visitors to helping deliver race operations and hospitality experiences, volunteers are at the heart of the event's success.

It's a unique opportunity to experience the excitement of the race from the inside and contribute to a sporting event recognised around the globe. Roles include:



- Crew & Yacht liaison
- Merchandise sales
- Event support
- Reception assistance
- Liaison officer
- Information centre
- Ticket sales
- Website management

OFF-WATER AND SOCIAL

EVENT SUPPORT



🔪 Breakfast Club

🎤 Regatta hosting

📋 Event management

🎫 Ticket selling

COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

🚢 Sailing

🤝 Member Engagement

📊 Audit Planning & Risk

🏠 Premises

👥 Associates

📁 History and Archives

🚤 Cruising



READY TO JOIN OUR CREW?

It's a great way to engage with Members and experience different aspects of the sport such as umpiring, protests and social events.

- Heidi Ferguson



Volunteering at CYCA is fun. You meet a lot of new friends and get to make a valuable contribution to the Club we all love.

I encourage any Members who have some spare time to get involved in one of the many opportunities the Club offers.

- Val Mallett



It's thrilling to be a part of the team. I'm surrounded by great people, each single minded in doing their best.

Volunteering is an amazing way to enjoy our magnificent Sydney Harbour. I love it!

- George Astudillo



GET IN TOUCH

The CYCA wouldn't be the Club it is today without its volunteers.

Whether you're looking to meet new people, learn new skills, enjoy Sydney Harbour or become part of Australia's most celebrated sailing community, we'd love to welcome you.

Take the first step today.

- o Complete the Expression of Interest
- o Tell us what interests you
- o We'll help find the right role

Scan the QR code or visit cyca.com.au/volunteering



You can also contact the Sailing Office via email at sailingoffice@cyca.com.au.

