

THE CLASSIC YACHT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC

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CLASSIC YACHT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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1. INTRODUCTION

In January 2024 the Committee of the CYAA developed a Strategic Plan for the next 3 years which identified the following objectives, which are forged within our Mission.

- Increase participation in CYAA Melbourne Regatta as the flagship event of the CYAA calendar.
- Provide services to members, with participation in other racing and non-racing activities, at a national level, to strengthen the value of membership.
- Create opportunities for the community to engage with Classic Yachts and the craftsmen and women who maintain them.
- Achieve a sustainable financial model for CYAA for the next 4 years through increased sponsorship and membership.
- Maintain an active racing calendar and achieve a succession plan for the volunteers who conduct those events.

AGM REPORT

The following achievements and progress are reported for the AGM in November 2024.

- CYAA has negotiated a potentially very successful agreement with an insurance broker for lower cost but higher quality of service from the major insurers for members of CYAA. We would be using our “buying power” as an Association with an exceptional quality of yachts. This will be subjected to a final review by the Committee and announcement in early 2025.
- Tech Talks have been launched as a service to Members nationally with access to specialist guest speakers. Unfortunately, Tech Talk No. 1 was postponed but will occur in the near future, with Frank Brown of Jotun.
- ‘Tumlaren Challenge’ was launched in the 2024 CYAA Regatta to foster a spirited level of competition between States and New Zealand in the same class of yachts. The aim is to extend this further around Australia for a series of Regattas, with regional distinction in class of yachts.
- CYAA has attracted a significant level of sponsorship for the 2024 Regatta that has made it fully funded as a project for the year. Donor support has been extended to a new Trust and an application for local government funding has been initiated.
- The membership list has been refreshed and reactivated by the Treasurer and Secretary. There are an increased number of financial members in 2024.

- A programme for a day sail destination for Members from around Port Phillip Bay has been drafted and will be launched in 2024 to allow yachts to enjoy sailing without the obligation to race. The first destination will be Portarlington.
- Three new awards have been created in 2024. Joe White Bequest Yacht Restoration Trophy and Boat Restoration Trophy and a Waitangi Life Ring Award for best performance by a NZ sailor in the Regatta.

2024 REGATTA

In 2024, with great support from Southern Wooden boat Sailing, the Regatta was conducted 1 – 4 November 2024.

- Friday 1 November 2024
 - Tumblaren Challenge with entries from QLD, NSW, TAS, VIC and NZ. Six yachts sailed.
 - Welcome function for 160 guests at FJ Darley Shipwrights Shed.
- Saturday 2 November 2024
 - 2 Races with 3 classes for a total of 24 vessels.
 - Concourse for all yachts and boats at RYCV, a total of 32 vessels.
 - Jazz music evening.
- Sunday 3 November 2024
 - 1 Race with 3 classes.
 - Presentation of Trophies.
- Monday 4 November 2024
 - Lunch for NZ guests at Royal South Yarra Tennis Club.

It has been estimated that over 250 yachties and guests participated in the Regatta which included:

- 16 from NZ
- 4 from NSW
- 3 from QLD
- 3 from TAS
- 1 from Canada!

Sadly, one yacht, Avian lost its mast in a gust during the Regatta. There were no serious injuries.

The Regatta was fully funded by sponsors and yacht entry fees.

Photographs to record the Regatta and a website entry will be established in the w/c 18 November 2024.

Craig Brown
CYAA Committee