



Name:	Justin Brenan
Year first nominated for ORCV Membership:	Member since the early 1990s
Membership Status:	Senior
Professional Background:	<p>With formal qualification in Economics, Law and Business Management my career included a broad range of work experience in both the private and public sectors including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commodity trading and marketing (Asia) • Industry Rationalisation (Motor Vehicle Industry and Victorian Rail) • Director Private Infrastructure Investment and Capital Expenditure (Victorian Treasury) • 10 years as a private consultant specialising in major project finance and the design and negotiation of associated commercial arrangements. <p>Now retired.</p>
Sailing Experience:	<p>Extensive ocean and bay racing experience with the CYCA, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club, RYCV and the ORCV.</p> <p>Ocean Racer of the Year (2017) and winner of ORCV's offshore championship (2018-9), I participate in most of ORCV's events.</p> <p>Sailing administration roles include a term as Treasurer of Yachting Victoria, and service on the Committee of RYCV including four years as RYCV Club Captain (2004 – 2007).</p>
ORCV Committee Experience:	<p>Appointed to fill a casual vacancy on the ORCV committee in 2018, I was elected to the position of Rear Commodore in October that year. Appointed Sailing Captain in March 2019.</p> <p>Since joining the ORCV Committee, I have "championed" a number of initiatives including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of "autohelm plus 4" in all ORCV races. • Redesign, in conjunction with Matt Fahey, of the ORCV Winter Series. • Introduction of the Coastal Sprint Series. With these three new races the ORCV program now includes four Cat 3 events – as a viable stand-alone series and as a pathway for those wishing to progress to Cat 1 & Cat 2 offshore racing.

	<p>These initiatives were supported by research and analysis including skipper surveys. A simple database has been established providing insight into participation in ORCV events and on the overall activity of the Victorian Cat 1/2 race fleet.</p> <p>The Sailing Committee has also been active in strengthening key resources - the introduction of new people to the Sailing Committee and the Race Director team, succession planning and the appointment of Race Champions to work with our Marketing team.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the impact of the Coronavirus, during my time as Sailing Captain the Club has started to enjoy increased participation in the program as a whole and increased fleet size in most events. This outcome reflects great work by our marketing team working as well as the Sailing Committee's revised program.</p>
<p>Objectives for the next year.</p>	<p>Progress has been severely disrupted by this year's lockdowns and there is much to be done during the next 12 months.</p> <p>When permitted, the immediate task will be to restart the sailing program. Once we have achieved this, the Club's key sailing priorities are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the offshore fleet including in particular Cat 3 racing as a pathway from Bay Racing. • Strengthening our sailing resources including Race Directors, Race Champions and the Incident Management teams. <p>If elected Vice Commodore it would be my intention to continue as Sailing Captain next season, facilitating an orderly handover to Jeremy Walton who has recently accepted the role of "Apprentice Sail Captain".</p> <p>The Sail Captain's job requires a significant time commitment and knowledge of both systems and the waters in which we race. A staged handover is therefore important.</p>