

# KISS 2026

## BOAT TEAMS INTRODUCTION

**Presented By: Lee Renfree,  
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# KISS 2026

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# TONIGHT'S AGENDA

7:00 Open session

Welcome to Country- RBYC Club Captain  
Marnie Irving and Welcome from  
Cyrus Allen ORCV Commodore

7.05 ANOTHER CHAPTER Boat Team Success

7:30 Introduce the Boat Teams

7:45 Boat Team exercises

8:15 Boat Team Chats - Answers to warm up

8:45 Close



# CLUB CAPTAIN



# ORCV COMMODORE

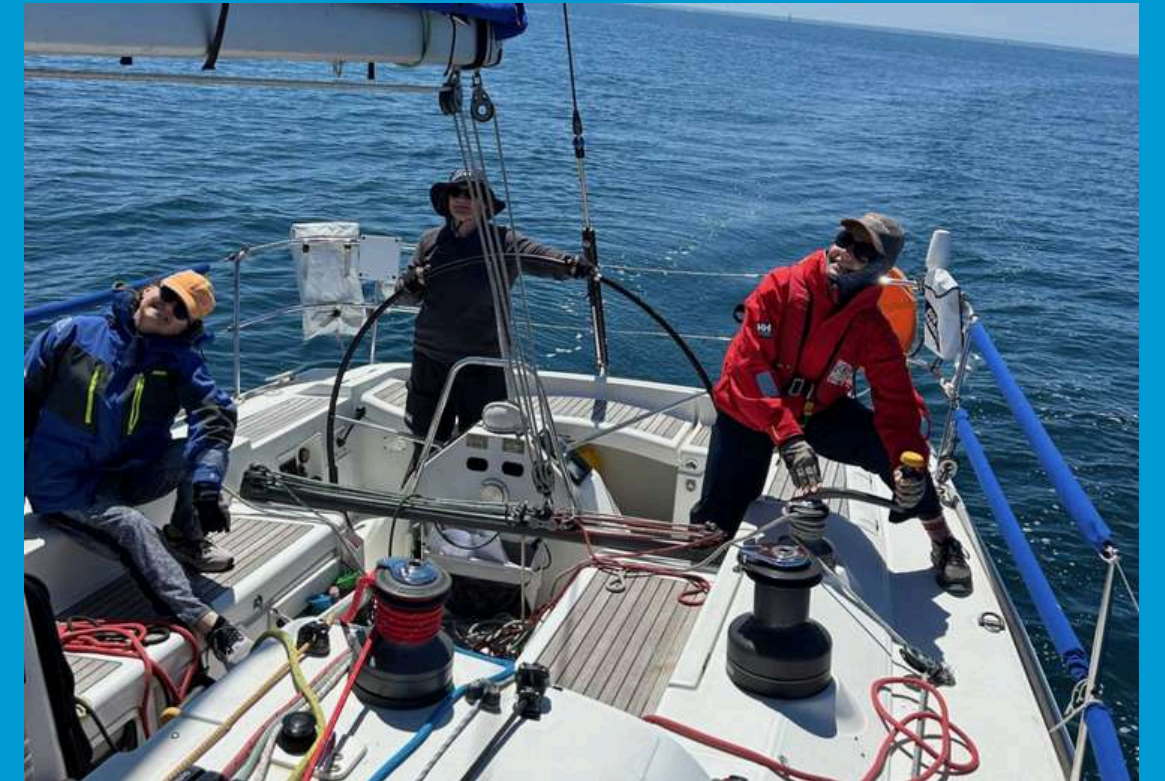


# THE SUCCESS OF A KISS TEAM

Skipper – Greg Clinnick

Mentor – Julie McKay

KISS Alumni – Monique Bennett



# ANOTHER CHAPTER

Skipper –  
Greg Clinnick



# JULIE'S KISS EXPERIENCE

Why KISS?

How did KISS change your sailing experience?

What did you learn about yourself during KISS?

Would you recommend KISS to others?

Is the dynamic on the boat different since KISS?

Where have you been sailing since KISS?



# MONIQUE'S KISS EXPERIENCE

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# ANOTHER CHAPTER

**OWNER** GREG CLINNICK

**CLUB** RBYC

**MENTOR** JULIE MCKAY

**TEAM**

ALISON BLACKET

IRINA USTOVYTSKA

NATALIYA OSIPOV

ROBYN SOOD



# ATMOSPHERIC

**OWNER** MIKE FERGUSON & ANDREA  
PARKER

**CLUB** SYC

**MENTOR** PRISCILLA BORGES

**TEAM**

REBECCA DEVASAGAYAM

MELANIE SHORTLAND

LOUISE DU PRE-ALBA

CAT MAHONEY



# CAVARLO

**OWNER** MARNIE IRVING

**CLUB** RBYC

**MENTOR** CATH HURLEY

**TEAM**

NILGUN VARDARLI

AYLIN SEVEN

NES SRIJUMNONG

CATHERINE IRWIN



# DUXELLE

**OWNER** CATHERINE NORTH & MICHAEL

MCTAVISH

**CLUB RYCV**

**MENTOR – MIKE WHITE**

**TEAM**

PRUDENCE BENNETT

KATE BLASZAK

ANGELA CASSAR

AMY BANNER



# PACEMAKER

**OWNER** WAYNE SEAWARD

**CLUB** SYC

**MENTOR** TAO HSU

**TEAM**

CARLEY WRIGHT

CATH DOVE

KATIE VANNISSELROY

CHARLOTTE ALLE



# ENCORE/TIME

**OWNER** ROSIE COLAHAN &

JAMES FRECHEVILLE

**CLUB** RBYC & GLYC

**MENTOR** ANNE DELAHAY

**TEAM**

DEBORAH CULHANE

YVONNE FRANCE

LYNNE RIXON

LYNDEE OWENS



# L'ETOILE

**OWNER** CELESTINE ERAMO &  
WES THOMSON

**CLUB** RBYC

**MENTOR** CELESTINE ERAMO

**TEAM**

SARAH SHEAHAN

OLGA LUKASIEWICZ

LARISSA KONOPKA

MICHELLE FOX



# KIELA II

**OWNER HUGH PILSWORTH**

**CLUB SYC**

**MENTOR KIM LAWLER**

**TEAM**

MELANIE KONTZE

CAROLYN MEAD

LARA STEVENS

ALLY MCNEIL



# MINNA

**OWNER** RICHARD DOWNEY

**CLUB** HBYC

**MENTOR** BILL POTTER

**TEAM**

CAS BUKOR

CATHERINE DAWSON

ANITA CLOHERTY

MADELINE RODE



# STREETCAR RACING

**OWNER** AIDAN GEYSEN

**CLUB** SYC

**MENTOR** ANNE GOODFELLOW

**TEAM**

DIANA COHEN

LARA SCHENDZIELORZ

LINDA PICKETT

JANICE FRENCH



# WHITE SPIRIT

**OWNER** CYRUS ALLEN

**CLUB** RYCV

**MENTOR** COURTNEY MEAD

**TEAM**

EMMA BALL

SASCHA SURGEY

CAROL SMITH

LOU ROCCHI



# WHAT MAKES GOOD A TEAM

1. Trust
2. Open Communication
3. Shared goals & vision
4. Diverse perspectives
5. Safe, secure environment
6. Clear roles & responsibilities
7. Strong leadership
8. Mutual respect



# WHAT MAKES A GOOD TEAM

## TRUST

It's about feeling safe to share ideas without fear of criticism.



# WHAT MAKES A GOOD TEAM

## OPEN COMMUNICATION

Everyone communicates openly,  
listens actively and provides constructive  
feedback.



# WHAT MAKES A GOOD TEAM

## SHARED GOALS & VISION

Talk about why each of you joined KISS.

Then give your team a nautical name that defines your shared vision.



# WHAT MAKES A GOOD TEAM

## STRONG LEADERSHIP

Elect your Boat Team Manager to write down the answers to these riddles.

1 I always point north, yet I never move.  
What am I?

2 I guide sailors across the sea but am not alive.  
What am I?



# WHAT MAKES A GOOD TEAM

## STRONG LEADERSHIP

3. I measure distance traveled over water but leave no footprints. What am I?

4. Sailors follow me to avoid danger in unknown waters. What am I?

5. I have degrees and points but never speak. What am I?



# WHAT MAKES A GOOD TEAM

Questions?  
Comments?



# QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Compass
2. Charts
3. A Log
4. Channel markers
5. Compass rose



# KNOWLEDGE PACKS

KISS Logbooks – a printed copy is in your bag.  
It contains resources for you to refer to  
during the Program eg. Boat Audit form

KISS Workbook – designed to help you keep track of  
your personal learning experience,  
capture any questions you need to ask your  
mentor or boat owner.  
It will be emailed to you as an editable pdf.



# KNOWLEDGE PACKS

A list of useful resource information contained in a letter to you.

A sail tie courtesy of North Sails.

Samples of Nutrimeretics, great products from our sponsor Mandy Jackson.



# DIARY ENTRIES

## EVENTS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 KISS TRAINING PROGRAM:

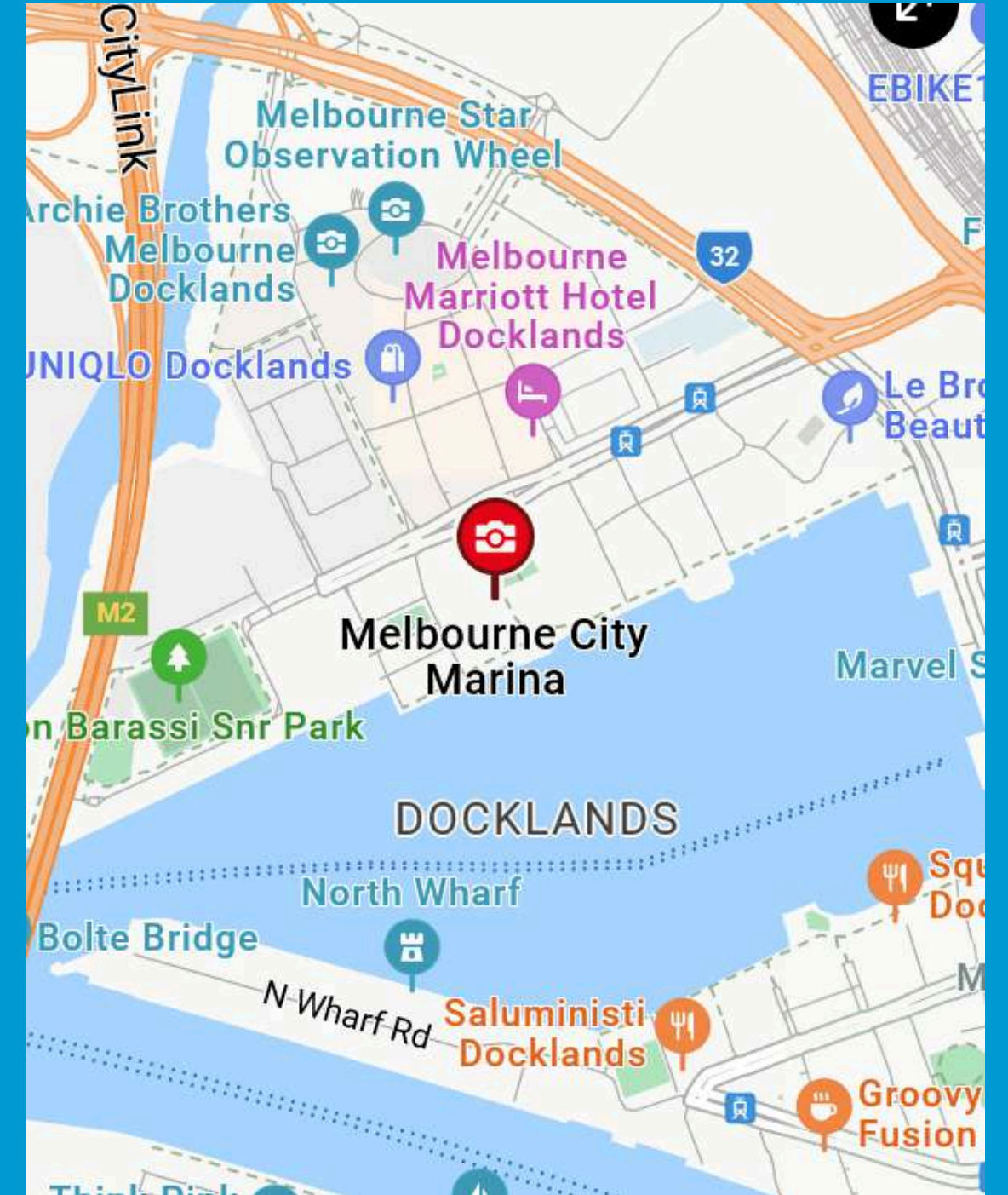
Date	Event	Venue
7 pm Wednesday 15 April 2026	Introductory session - Meet your KISS Boat Team	In-person Royal Brighton Yacht Club
7 pm Tuesday 21 April 2026	Personal gear and boat preparation	In-person Melbourne City Marina, Docklands
7 pm Tuesday, 5 May 2026	Weather and tides	Online
7 pm Tuesday, 12 May 2026	Intro to Navigation	Online
7 pm Tuesday 26 May 2026	Navigation with Navionics	Online
9 am Sunday 14 June 2026	Safety Workshop	In-person Elwood Sailing Club
7 pm Tuesday 7 July 2026	Passage planning	Online
7 pm Thursday 30 July 2026	KISS Rally briefing	Online
Saturday 1 August to Sunday 2 August 2026	KISS Rally to Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club	On-water



# WHAT'S NEXT

Our next session:  
Personal & Boat Preparation  
Tuesday 7:00pm 21 April, 2026  
Melbourne City Marina Club Room

Our presenters are:  
Annette Hesselmanns –  
Paper, Sailors, Rock  
Andrew Nielson –  
Boating Central



# THANK YOU



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