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Welcome to the 2026 AGM

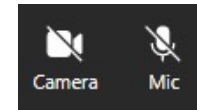
41st Annual General Meeting

13 October 2026



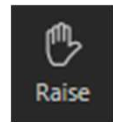
Welcome & Reminders

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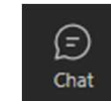


- This session is being recorded

- We will be keeping attendees muted, so please **Raise your hand** (on the panel) or pop any questions into the **Chat** box



- We are not using webcams to preserve bandwidth / video quality



- We will be voting by exception so please write in **Chat** or **Raise your hand** if you object. No response will be interpreted as acceptance.

- We are all required to abide by the ORCV Code of Conduct

Located at www.orcv.org.au/club/governance

- Selecting “View” then “Focus on content” will provide a better experience



Dealing with General Business

What will happen

- Put up your virtual hand and the Secretary will invite you to raise your issue
- It's for you to ask a question or make a statement (max 1 min) but not for a dialogue
- One of the Committee will answer your question, or we will take your question on notice and get back to you and the other attendees with a response when we can.

Agenda

6:45 – 7:00 pm	Chat online, audio check	Vanessa Twigg
7:00 – 7:05 pm	Apologies, Confirm Minutes of the 40th AGM	Vanessa Twigg
7:05 – 7:15 pm	Commodore Report	Cyrus Allen
7:15 – 7.25 pm	Sail Captain Report	Peter Dowdney
7:25 – 7:30 pm	Treasurer Report	Peter Forbes
7:30 – 7.40 pm	Training Report	Paul Roberts
7:40 – 7:50 pm	Officer Nominations, Life Member and Honorary Life Members	Vanessa Twigg & Cyrus Allen
7:50 – 8:00 pm	General Business	Cyrus Allen
8:00 pm	Meeting close	Cyrus Allen

Apologies

Dessie Hristova
Glenn Murgatroyd
Graeme Hart
John Rea
Louise Dann
Neil Sargeant
Richard Scanlan

Confirmation of Minutes

Confirm the Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting held on 14 October 2025 and included on the ORCV website with the Notice of AGM:

[Draft 2025 AGM Minutes.docx](#)



Proposer: Vanessa Twigg, Secretary

Secunder: Paul Roberts, Vice Commodore

Commodore's Report

Cyrus Allen, Commodore 2022~2026



Obituaries – Peter Clancy

In November 2025, the ORCV community was saddened to farewell Peter Clancy, a man whose voice was well known to many in our sailing family.

From 2006 to 2014, Peter was quite literally the voice of the ORCV, providing 24/7 HF and VHF radio coverage, listening, and running skeds for every offshore race. His routine communications were a reassuring presence. Establishing the call sign “Ocean Racing”, his voice across the airwaves and signature sign-off became synonymous with safety to our sailors.

During the 2012 Melbourne to Port Fairy race and the Inception rescue, Peter was vital to the operation’s success, staying on call and supplying critical information to the rescue, which saved six sailors.

A passionate sailor himself, Peter owned a Boomerang 22 and was an active member across Beaumaris clubs before retiring to Gippsland.

Beyond the radio room, Peter was well known and much loved across the sailing community, with many knowing him personally through his 20 years at Anchor Marine Chandlery and often asked for when visiting given his incredible knowledge.

In recognition of his commitment and impact, Peter was awarded Life Membership of the ORCV in 2013, a fitting honour for a man who gave so much of himself for the success of others.

Peter signed off every transmission with the words “Ocean Racing Out.”

Vale, Peter Clancy

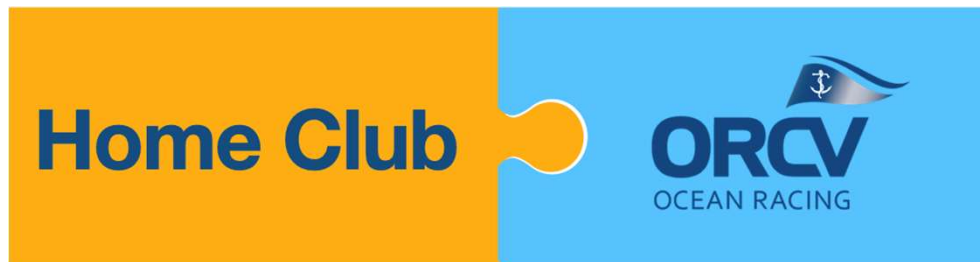


Obituaries – Lillian Stewart

ORCV Volunteer, Sustainability Lead, Melbourne Osaka competitor



Partnership In Sailing



Your club has an OTB committee, a social committee, a cruising group etc.

We are your ocean racing group; we are a part of your club.



We organise races that include all clubs.



We act in the interest of all clubs.



We do not compete, we complement.

FY26 in review



Female membership up

21% to 25% of members



Membership & volunteers sustained

550 members, 115 volunteers



Back in operating surplus

More work to do



New General Committee members

Added expertise and capability



2 new sailing events

Melbourne to Vanuatu and Wilson's Prom Race



Club relationships sustained

Key ties held across sailing clubs



Coast Guard partnership

Their facilities for training and meetings



2 Australian Sailing awards

Victorian Annual Awards

The Score Card

Progress against our FY26 focus areas

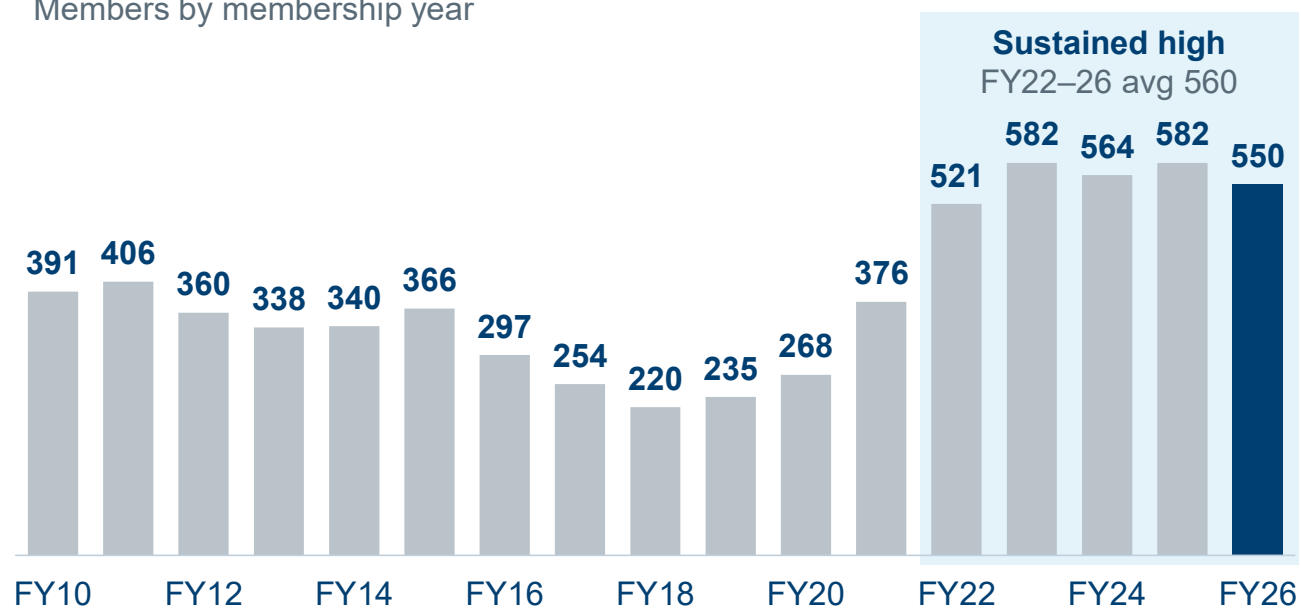
✓ Achieved ✓ Progress, more to do

Focus	FY26 Score Card
Sustain & Grow Our Core Program 1. Destination Events 2. KISS & Women In Sailing 3. Race Management Pathways 4. Expanded online (hybrid) program 5. Continue to explore new formats & races	✓ 1. Sustained ✓ 2. 40 graduates in 2026 ✓ 3. New assistant RDs ✓ 4. No real change ✓ 5. Melbourne 2 Vanuatu, Wilson's Prom
Strong Membership Base 1. Sustain the base 2. Increase female membership 3. Increase youth membership	✓ 1. Achieved (560) ✓ 2. ~25% YoY ✓ 3. Marginal improvement
Solid Succession Framework 1. Fill key positions 2. Clear pathways for succession	✓ 1. 5 new GC members + 4 new SSSC Instructors ✓ 2. Better defined roles, and upcoming talent
Embed & Leverage Sandringham Coast Guard Facility 1. Use for key training events 2. Use for General Committee Meetings	✓ 1. Agreement in place & actively used (e.g. Nav Course) ✓ 2. In use for regular GC meetings
Financially Viable So We Can Continue To Invest In Ocean Racing & Sailing 1. Operating surplus 2. Ongoing investment surplus	✓ 1. Achieved, however more work to do ✓ 2. Achieved, <i>however lower than market average</i>

Membership

Membership has been reasonably consistent over the last 4 years

Members by membership year



25%

of members are female, FY26

Up from 21% in FY25

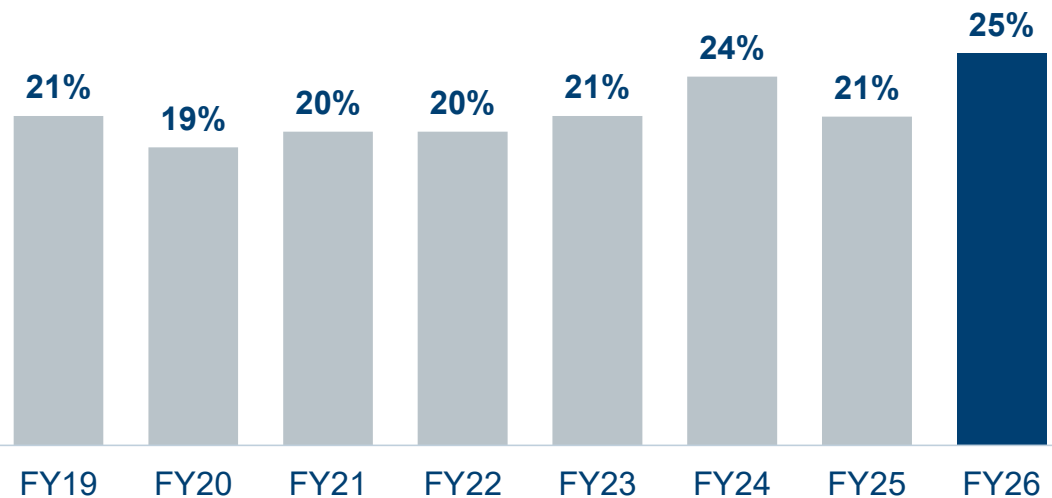
Natural limit: as a virtual club, ORCV draws its members from Victoria's physical sailing clubs



Female Membership

~25% YoY growth – overall positive trend

Female share of members by membership year



Access

KISS Program



Visibility

Leadership positions
More women in RD & IMT roles



Opportunity

More owners recognising the value

Award-winning Efforts

Two wins at the Australian Sailing Victorian Annual Awards

Sports Promotion Award



She Sails Award



Two Marquee International Races Vanuatu Returns 2028, Osaka On For 2030

2028 Reintroduced

Melbourne to Vanuatu

Bringing back a classic

50 EOIs

- Pathway to Osaka 2030
- Renewing our blue-water program

2030 10th double handed

Melbourne to Osaka

Planning well underway

130 EOIs

14 countries

15 person program team



Bass Strait Cup

A New Interstate Trophy Across Two Races



Race 1

Melbourne to Devonport

Queenscliff to the Mersey River

195 nm

- Australia's oldest ocean race, first sailed 1907
- Qualifier for the Westcoaster



Race 2

Three Hummock Island

Hosted by Port Dalrymple YC

- Rounds remote Three Hummock Island off Tasmania's north-west
- Navigator's choice: either direction
- Finishes back in the Tamar River

The Cup Inaugural

Bass Strait Cup

ORCV and Port Dalrymple YC

2 races

2 states

- Best aggregate result wins, low-score points on ORC_c



A successful ORCV Awards night



Guest speakers

Shevaun Bruland

Richard Grant

137

attendees

41%

female attendance

~30

trophies presented

60

mementoes and special
awards

Strengthened Committee

New capability, enhanced capacity



Josh Stuchbery



Peter Dowdney



Katrina Hartman



Kylie Balharrie



Glenda Pillifeant

50–50 female–male board (well, until tonight...)

Retiring Officers

David Schuller

Rear Commodore, Sail Captain

CONTRIBUTION

Sailing Program

RD & IMT Development

Race Directing

Thank you for your service



Retiring Officers

Vanessa Brotto

General Committee

CONTRIBUTION

Governance

Risk

IMT

Thank you for your service



Retiring Officers

Melissa Warren

General Committee

CONTRIBUTION

Youth

Marketing

Thank you for your service



Thank you to the 115 Volunteers in 2025/2026

Agata Kobus
Aiden Geysen
Alison Roberts-Wray
Andrea Parker
Andrew McConchie
Andrew Middleton
Andrew Fisk
Angela Riolo
Anne Delahey
Anne Goodfellow
Anne Hunting
Annette Hesselmanns
Bill Potter
Brian McDermott
Bruce Reidy
Cas Bukor
Cath Hurley
Catherine North
Catherine Dawson
Celestine Eramo
Charles Meredith
Chris Hunting
Christian Kenfield

Courtney Mead
Cyrus Allen
Dale Laurie
Daniel Calou
Dave Logan
David Richardson
David Schuller
David James
Delma Dunoon
Don Fraser
Dorina Armie
Glenda Pillifeant
Grant Dunoon
Greg Patten
Greg Clinnick
Hannah Williams
Hugh Halliburton
Hugh Pilsworth
Ian McGrath
Igor Tesic
James Frecheville
Jane Williamson
Janet Wilks

Jeremy Walton
Jo McKenzie
Joe Bronwich
John Donati
Joe Wetzels
Josh Stuchbery
Judith Clarke
Julie Davis
Julie McKay
Justin Brenan
Kate Woodlock
Katrina Hartman
Kim Lawler
Kylie Balharrie
Lee Renfree
Lucio Pezzimenti
Lyn Skardoon
Malcolm Eaton
Marg Goddard
Marissa McManus
Marnie Irving
Martin Vaughan
Marty Bennett

Michael Blair
Michael Naughton
Mike Coulter
Mike Ferguson
Neville Rose
Nick Lewis
Noel May
Olivia Kipman
Paige Butcher
Paolo Maggi
Paul Roberts
Paul Buchholz
Paul Pascoe
Peter Dowdney
Peter Forbes
Peter Wilson
PJ Davison
Prarantha Karanth
Priscilla Borges
Prudence Britton
Rachel McGuigan
Ray Shaw
Richard Downey

Richard Taylor
Rik Head
Rob Tanner
Rocky Liu
Rod Smallman
Roger Bennett
Rosie Colahan
Ryan Blackstock
Sally Williams
Sara Patrick
Shashi Anjan
Shaun McKenna
Simon Dryden
Stephen Renfree
Tao Hsu
Terry Barridge
Tim Boucaut
Tim Fowler
Tyson Smallman
Vanessa Brotto
Vanessa Twigg
Vicki Bayly
Wesley Thompson



Thank you



**Our large team
of volunteers**



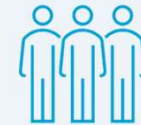
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partners**



Club partners



**Administration
team**



**General
Committee
members**

Sail Captain's Report

Peter Downey, Rear Commodore & Sail Captain



Seasonal participation

Races	23-24 Entrants	24-25 Entrants	25-26 Entrants
Cat 2 Ocean Racing			
Melbourne to Devonport	31	36	26
Melbourne to Hobart	15	20	5
Melbourne to Port Fairy	6	8	
Melbourne to King Island	32	33	22
Cat 3 Racing			
Coastal Sprints	18	21	13
Melbourne to Apollo Bay	44	28	33
Cat 5 Racing			
Winter Series / NR	62/18	57/15	34/14
Double Handed (incl RMYS 2H Race 2)	17	33	33
Women's Helm Navigator Race		8	
Kiss Rally – RBYC to QCYC			11
Cock of the Bay	78	75	75



Season 2025-2026 in review

ORCV Sailing Program and Race Management

SAIL COMMITTEE FOCUS AREAS

Regulatory

Ensuring the ORCV remains current in the ever-changing safety and technical landscape of our sport

Participation

The challenges of delivering better races and an interesting & engaging program

Planning

Finding space for new events in an already crowded sailing calendar; ongoing engagement with bay clubs & partners

Delivery

Developing & training the resources needed to run an expanded events program at the highest possible level

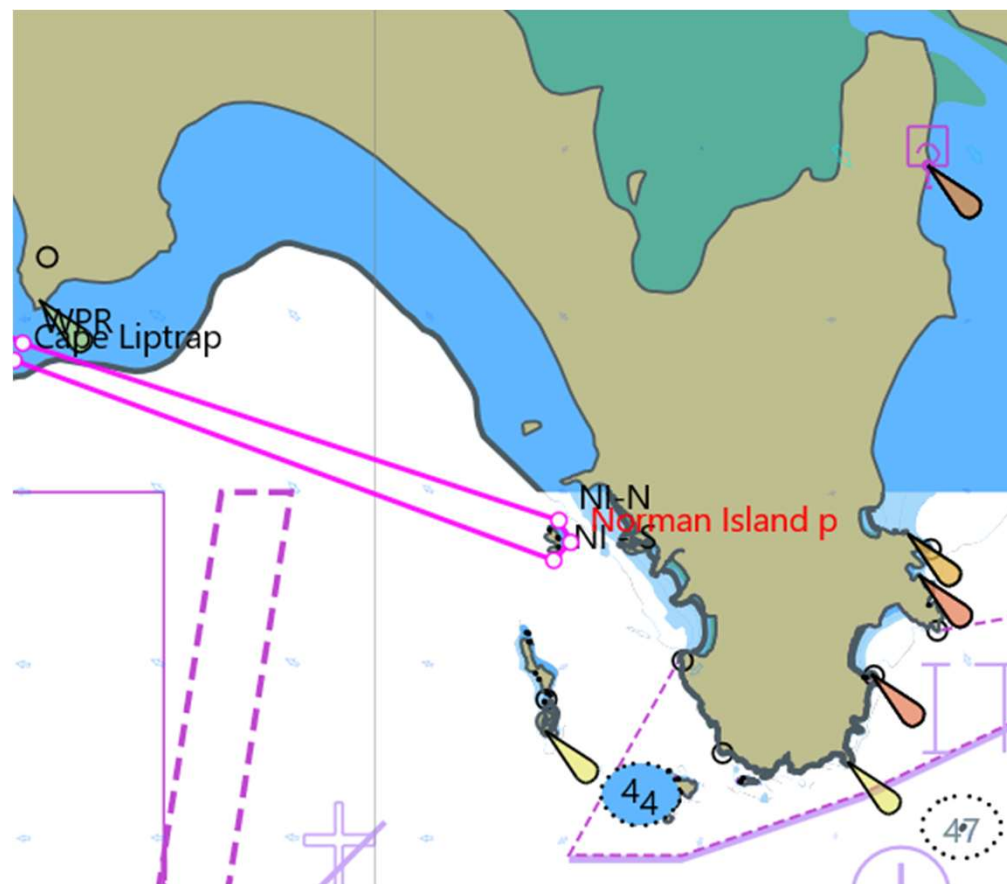
ALSO THIS SEASON

- **All races run** for the season, except the Port Fairy Race and the WHNR, due to low numbers
- **4 RDs sponsored** for AS Regional Race Officer accreditation: Angela Riolo, Peter Forbes, Glenda Pillifeant & Josh Stuchbery
- **Training and mentoring** of the next generation of race officers continues, but we still need more!
- **Race documentation:** simplified, more accurate, fewer changes & earlier availability
- **More engagement with skippers:** informal surveys, newsletter, skippers' season briefing



What's new for 2027 & beyond?

- Change of safety category for Coastal Sprints – moved from Cat 3 to Cat 4
- Introduction of the 185nm Cat 3 Coastal race to Wilson's Promontory and back.
- Improvements to the race program for 2027 Winter Series, NRR, & WHNR
- Kiss Rally – RBYC to QCYC
- Adoption of ORC as our primary handicap system 2027-28 season.
- 2027 Beyond the Bay Program
- Move to Satellite & VHF communication for position reporting and formal race communications.
- 2028 Melbourne to Vanuatu Race
- 2030 M2O Race - planning & preparation well underway.



ORCV Race Director Development Pathway

Our pathway from trainee to accredited Race Director

01

RD development

- Identification & Identification & recruitment
- IMT Training
- RD Training *
- Gain experience – assist with events



02

2026 ARD accredited trainees

Martin Bennett	Andrew McConchie
Andrew Burggraaff	Glenda Pillifeant
Julie Davis	Angela Riolo
Peter Forbes	Josh Stuchbery



03

RD in training

- Race director team experience as ARD
- Mentoring program
- Additional training outside of ORCV – AS Race director course

Accredited ORCV
Race Director

* ORCV delivered. In addition, AS Regional Race Officer Course after experience gained

Move to ORC handicap system

Why are we moving?

- AMS has been a good handicap system for a long time, but it is no longer being updated to remain relevant with changing designs.
- The popularity of AMS has been dwindling for some time with many clubs (local & interstate) moving to other systems.
- We need to ensure that the ORCV stays current and provides fair & consistent racing for all.
- ORC is a more refined handicap that provides options that will cater to different needs of our membership.
- AMS will continue to be available, but ORC will take over as our primary handicap system for the 2027-28 Season.

Why ORC?

- ORC is an internationally popular VPP handicap system that is professionally administered by ORC Australian Sailing.
- Science-based system of modelling a boat's performance with multiple scoring options for different types of races – offer different types of races – offers better flexibility.
- Offers different levels of handicapping within the same system.
 - ORCi – full measurement system for serious racers where every rating point matters.
 - ORCc - self-declared certification for easier & lower cost participation

No system is perfect, but ORC ticks the most boxes for the ORCV.



Sailing wrap for 2025-26 Season

Another successful year of ORCV events behind us and an exciting year with some new challenges & opportunities ahead of us.

And on behalf of the fleet, thank you to those who helped to deliver our Cat 2025-26 Racing program

THE SAIL COMMITTEE, RACE CHAMPIONS, RACE OPERATIONS, IMT , & MEDICAL TEAMS

David Schuller, Martin Bennett, Ryan Blackstock, Justin Brenan, Vanessa Brotto, Rosie Colahan, Peter Davison, Simon Dryden, Jeremy Walton, Neville Rose, Delma Dunoon, Peter Forbes, Marg Goddard, Joanne Harpur, Rik Head, Dr Prarthana Karanth, Nick Lewis, Andrew McConchie, Andrew Middleton, Catherine North, Paul Roberts, Lee Renfree, David Richardson, Angela Riolo, Ray Shaw, Dr Tim Lightfoot, Jeff Sloan, Tyson Smallman, Josh Stuchbery, Vanessa Twigg, Martin Vaughan, Sally Williams

ORCV Office

Annabel and Hannah

Marketing Team

Rachel, Krizza, Delma,
& Melissa

Special thanks: Justin Brenan & Josh Stuchbery

For their analysis of fleet participation which provides the data and insights for the Sail Committee, & for sharing at this AGM.



Treasurer's Report

Peter Forbes, Treasurer



Financial Snapshot

Back to breakeven on operations, with a positive operating cashflow

NET OPERATING RESULT

\$0.3k

From a \$57.4k loss in 2025
(\$8.8k loss in 2024)

Controllable costs down \$51.6k

CASHFLOW FROM OPERATIONS

+\$25.9k

From a \$13.8k deficit in 2025

NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

\$28.5k

Down from \$170k in 2025

Conservative investment approach
in an uncertain, volatile market



Financial Position

	At 30 June	2026 \$	2025 \$
Cash		153,972	136,264
Receivables		19,643	43,067
Investments		1,276,841	1,231,068
Fixed Assets		215,198	278,053
Payables & Advances		(76,430)	(96,992)
Net Assets		1,588,379	1,591,460
Revaluation Reserve		125,000	156,600
Retained Earnings & Reserves		1,463,380	1,434,860
Total Equity		1,588,380	1,591,460

- Receivables down \$23k, no dividend receivable at year end.
- Investments comprise reinvested funds from sale of building \$961k, bequest \$83k and operating funds on deposit \$233k.
- Lower fixed assets mainly depreciation \$33k.
- Trophies were revalued with Rudder Cup valued at \$125k, other trophies of no value. Net \$32k write-down.

Operating Income

For the year ending 30 June	2026 \$	2025 \$
Memberships	110,925	117,765
Training	137,339	108,248
Race Fees	69,332	87,176
Sponsorships, grants, other	49,416	47,787
Total Income	367,012	360,976
Direct Expenses	(98,300)	(125,536)
Operating & Admin Expenses	(268,346)	(293,033)
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	276	(57,413)

- Training income up \$29k, mainly BtB and KISS
- Memberships down \$7k and Race fees down \$18k.
- Total costs down \$52k, mainly race costs \$30k, Marketing \$15k, Audit \$4k
- Result: breakeven, from a \$57.4k deficit

Non-operating Income

For the year ending 30 June	2026 \$	2025 \$
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	276	(57,413)
Bequest		83,172
Dividends and Interest Received	37,513	53,771
Realised P/L on sale of shares	(7,854)	35,913
Unrealised P/L	9,075	63,852
Advisor fees	(10,490)	(9,295)
Net Surplus for the year	28,520	170,000

- No bequest this year (2025: \$83k)
- Investment portfolio modest return of 2.6% for the year. Driven mainly by performance of one fund, now exited.
- Performance since inception 5.9% pa
- Portfolio comprises 51% Australian Equities, 21% Global Equities, 14% Australian Govt Bonds, 9% Corporate Credit and 6% cash.

Training Report

Paul Roberts, Vice Commodore
& Head of Training



Training Highlights



Safety & Sea Survival

Continues to deliver, now with online updates



SSSC instructor pathway

Four new instructors qualified with Australian Sailing



Coast Guard building

Sandringham building now used for storage and training



40 KISS graduates

Special thanks to Lee Renfree and the KISS Committee



New course

Prepare your yacht for Cat 2 & 3 racing



Training sub-committee

Newly formed this year

Training Summary

- **Safety & Sea Survival** 3 dates (full and refresher); 4 new instructors certified
- **Beyond the Bay** with Coastal Bass Strait Sail
- **Navigation Fundamentals & Tactical Navigator** courses
- **Weather Fundamentals** 1 group over 3 nights, online
- **Race Director / IMT Training** 1 session
- **KISS Training**
- **Foredeck Essentials** 1 group, in person
- **Rip Tour** 1 practical on-water tour, in person



Huge thanks to all training volunteers

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME ON

**Content
development &
review**

**Online
development**

Online presenters

**In-person
presenters**

**SSSC practical
day support**



Training Directions - 2027

01

Sustain our core programs

SSSC, Rip Tour, Navigation, Weather, Foredeck Essentials, RD & IMT development

02

Grow our Race Director and IMT teams

Through Race Director and IMT training

03

Keep evolving our online training content

04

Beyond the Bay: aim for 50 participants

05

Roll out SSSC nationally

With Australian Sailing, using our online platform

Governance & Flag Officer Positions

Vanessa Twigg, Secretary



Motions

1. That the Commodore's, Treasurer's, Sailing and Training Reports, and the annual financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2026 be approved.
2. The General Committee recommends Accru Melbourne (Audit) Pty Ltd be engaged to complete an independent Review of our Financial Statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2027. Accru has completed our review for the financial year 2025/2026 on a pro-bono basis and has offered to continue the engagement on the same terms for 2026/2027.

Proposer: Paul Roberts, Vice Commodore

Seconder: Peter Dowdney, Rear Commodore

No voting was required as we received one nomination for each flag position

Vanessa Twigg, Secretary

Officer and General Committee for 2026/2027

OFFICERS

Commodore

Paul Roberts

Vice Commodore

**Richard
Taylor**

Rear Commodore

**Peter
Dowdney**

Treasurer

Peter Forbes

Secretary

**Vanessa
Twigg**

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Josh Stuchbery

Katrina Hartman

Kylie Balharrie

Glenda Pillifeant

Honorary Members

Cyrus Allen, Commodore



Honorary Member

Gary Tomlins OAM

Queenscliff Coast Guard

30+ years of race starts

Boat handling and Rip transit advice

The odd tow



Honorary Member

Lee Renfree

Founder and Program Lead for KISS Women In Sailing

Strong contribution to the ORCV through her leadership, dedication and hard work driving the KISS program.

Australian Sailing Awards winner as the leading SheSails program in Victoria.

Consistently demonstrated values aligned with ORCV and has at every step worked to enhance the reputation of the ORCV as a key delivery enabler of the KISS program.



Nomination: Honorary Life Member

Robert Tanner

Significant and lasting contributions to the ORCV for more than three decades.

Key Race Director for ORCV's local races, including the Melbourne to Hobart and Launceston races, and heavy lifter behind the Club's international events.

Affectionately known to some as “Lord Tanner”, reflecting extensive connections, broad knowledge and ability to bring people together across the marine industry. Using those relationships to support the Club and its members.



Honorary Life Members

Freddie L Cook *	Ken Black *	Simon Dryden
W.L. (Bill) Wakefield *	Ken King *	George Shaw
Jack Livingston *	Ron White *	Ray Shaw
Dr Frank (Bushy) Bennell *	Lionel Wish-Wilson *	Neville Rose
Ron Elliot *	David Spriggs *	Angus Fletcher *
Stan W Gibson *	Robin Hewitt	Martin Vaughan
Henry H Blake *	Peter Clancy *	Grant Dunoon
Ron Langman *	Don Fraser	Delma Dunoon
Warwick Hoban	Noel May	Robert Tanner

* deceased

Any Other General Business

Cyrus Allen, Commodore



Thank you Sponsors, Supporters and Partners

Sponsors



Supporters



Partners



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CA1 [@Annabel O'Connor] can you please double check these sponsors/supporters

Cyrus Allen, 2026-10-11T07:47:56.588

HW1 0 I inserted the latest overview from Canva last week but please check, esp since I don't believe that Doyle are a sponsor

Hannah Williams, 2026-10-12T06:59:19.269

1 1 I've asked Krizza to remove Doyle.

Annabel O'Connor, 2026-10-12T21:11:59.610

1 2 I have coped in the new diagram with Doyle removed

Annabel O'Connor, 2026-10-13T01:39:15.861



Thank you

