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# WELCOME TO THE ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON

Welcome to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, an institution that has forged a proud, enduring tradition of success and community in Queensland's boating fraternity.



Established in 1885, the Squadron has grown into a world-class facility for Members to enjoy their boating interests, as well as providing a venue for them to enjoy the times when they are not on the water.

This book is not just a snapshot of the Club for its existing Members to share with friends and family, it is an opportunity for the Club to reach out to its extended neighbourhood, both for Members and the public. We will give you an insight into what we have to offer by showcasing our great facilities, our camaraderie with fellow Members and show you that you don't have to be a 'boatie' to enjoy one of the best yacht clubs in Australia.

For those who live for the water, The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS) is on the doorstep of beautiful Moreton Bay. The combination of the Bay's excellent conditions and our love for on water activities creates the perfect gateway into the various offshore activities - including windsurfing, stand-up paddle boarding and of course, many different types of boating. You might have a

youngster interested in learning to sail or you would like to learn to sail yourself (you're never too old), or you have thought about buying a boat and becoming a member of a Club where current members are only too pleased to 'show you the ropes'. Whether your interests are competitive or recreational, the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron can offer all this and much, much more.

For those who like to stay ashore, by the water, we offer a range of social options across the many indoor and outdoor spaces of our Boardwalk Bistro and bar, in one of the most glorious settings in the world, overlooking Manly Boat Harbour adjacent to the Moreton Bay Marine Park. Our Members frequently enjoy the various Club social events throughout the year. The Squadron often holds themed nights and celebratory events, Member functions and hosts regular live music events. We hope you enjoy the tour this book provides, and we look forward to seeing you at the Squadron soon, where a warm welcome awaits.



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The RQYS recognises and takes pride in our Olympians which include sailors, measurers, coaches and high-performance directors who have been involved in every Olympic Games since 1956.



1956 Melbourne	Ron Wright P/Cdr Jock Robinson MBE	Reserve (12m2) Olympic Measurer Manager
1960 Rome	Ron Jenyns Dick Howard	Finn (4th Place) Reserve (Finn)
1964 Tokyo	Ron Jenyns	Reserve (Finn)
1968 Mexico City	John Cuneo OAM P/Cdr John Ferguson OAM OLY Tom Anderson <sup>1</sup> Ron Jenyns Bob Miller	Dragon (5th Place) Dragon (5th Place)  Dragon (5th Place) Finn (4th Place) Reserve
1972 Munich	John Cuneo OAM Tom Anderson <sup>1</sup> John Shaw John Anderson	Dragon (1st Place - Gold Medal) Dragon (1st Place - Gold Medal) Dragon (1st Place - Gold Medal) Star (1st Place - Gold Medal)
1976 Montreal	P/Cdr John Ferguson OAM OLY	Reserve (Finn)
1980 Moscow	P/Cdr John Ferguson OAM OLY <sup>2</sup> Ross Healey <sup>2</sup> John Cuneo OAM <sup>2</sup>	Reserve (Star)  Reserve (Finn) Coach
1984 Los Angeles	P/Cdr John Ferguson OAM OLY	Manager
1988 Seoul	Brad Schafferius P/Cdr John Ferguson OAM OLY	Tornado (11th Place) Manager

1992 Barcelona	Christine Bridge Simon Gorman P/Cdr John Harrison AM Adrian Finglas	Europe (20th Place) Reserve (Finn) Manager Personal Support
1996 Atlanta	Christine Bridge P/Cdr John Harrison AM	Europe (11th Place) Manager
2000 Sydney	P/Cdr John Harrison AM Victor Kovalenko OAM	Team Manager Coach
2004 Athens	Graeme Roberts- Thompson Victor Kovalenko OAM	Section Manager Coach
2008 Beijing	Daniel Fitzgibbon OAM  Michael Jones Adrian Finglas  Victor Kovalenko OAM	Mixed Two Person SKUD 18 (2nd Place - Silver Medal) High Performance Director Coach - Yngling & SKUD 18 (2nd Place - Silver Medal) Coach
2012 London	Mathew Belcher OAM Malcolm Page OAM Daniel Fitzgibbon OAM  Peter Conde Adrian Finglas Victor Kovalenko OAM	International 470 (Gold Medal) International 470 (Gold Medal) Mixed Two Person SKUD 18 (1st Place - Gold Medal) High Performance Director Coach Coach
2016 Rio de Janeiro	Daniel Fitzgibbon OAM  Mathew Belcher OAM Will Ryan OAM  Jake Lilley Ashley Stoddart Jaime Ryan  Peter Conde Victor Kovalenko OAM Jared West	Mixed Two Person SKUD 18 (1st Place - Gold Medal)  International 470 Men's (2nd Place - Silver Medal) International 470 Men's (2nd Place - Silver Medal) Finn (8th Place) Laser Radial Women's (9th Place) International 470 Women's (13th Place) High Performance Director Coach Laser Radial Coach
2020 Tokyo	Mathew Belcher OAM  Will Ryan OAM  Jake Lilley Jaime Ryan Mara Stransky Malcolm Page OAM Victor Kovalenko OAM Raphael Trujillo Caroline Brisebois	International 470 (1st Place - Gold Medal) International 470 (1st Place - Gold Medal) Finn (7th Place) 49er FX (13th Place) ILCA 6 (14th Place) Coach Coach Coach Support

<sup>1</sup> Tom and John Anderson are the only twins in Olympic history to have each won a Gold Medal at the Olympic Games

<sup>2</sup> 80 nations boycotted the 1980 Moscow Games in protest of the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan in December 1979. Australia did compete, though many athletes chose (or were pressured) not to attend and withdrew from the Games.



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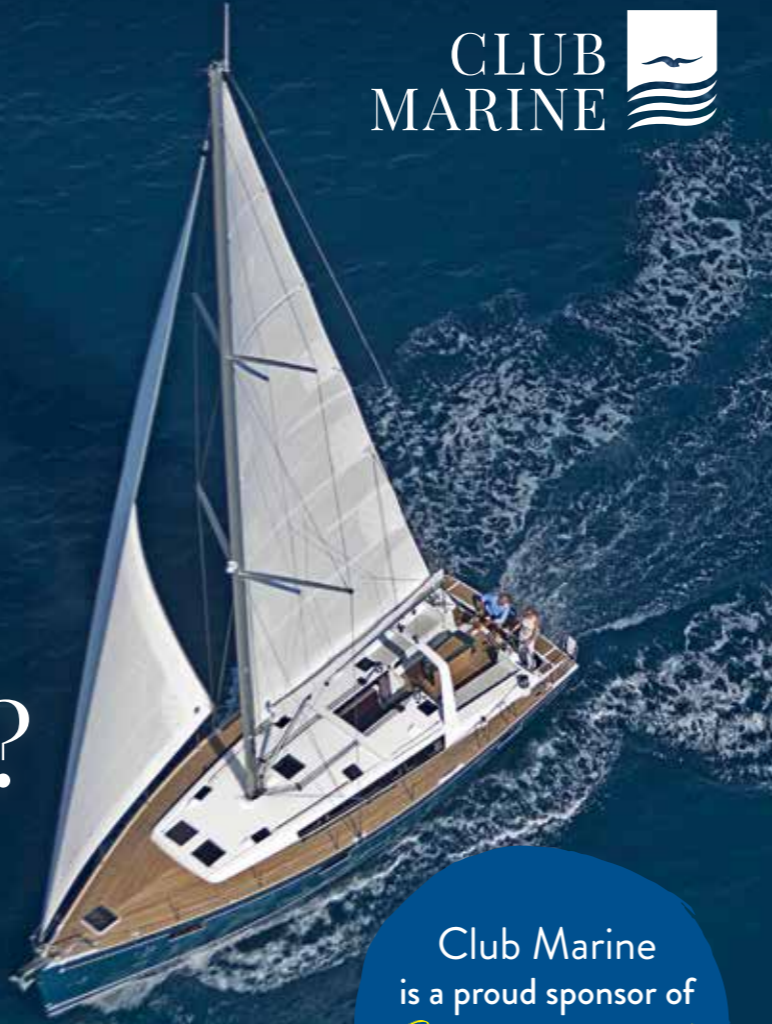
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## RQYS - PROUD HISTORY & TRADITIONS

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron was established in 1885 when a group of like-minded people interested in water sports formed the Brisbane Sailing Club. Sailing quickly grew in prominence and popularity within the Club and, within a few years, the Club began competing with other sailors from around Australia. The inaugural inter-colonial sailing race in 22-footers set the pace for our proud competitive tradition.

By 1894, the restriction of 'Brisbane' was amended, and the Club took the title of Queensland Yacht Club. In that year also, the Admiralty granted the Club permission to fly the Blue Ensign of Her Majesty's Fleet. In 1902 His Majesty King Edward VII bestowed the title 'Royal' on the Club and, in 1961, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II approved a change of name to the Royal Queensland Yacht Club (subsequently amended to Squadron).

The final step came in 1991, when the Club was registered as an incorporated company and became the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Limited.



The Club occupied various premises in and near the centre of Brisbane, prior to moving to Manly in 1964 for both clubhouse and sporting activities. The marina was constructed, commencing in the early 1980s, and the premises at Manly were converted to freehold in 1994.

This expansion and upgrading of facilities have been mirrored in our sporting achievements, with Olympic gold medals, world and national championships, participation in America's Cups, Admiral's Cups and many fine performances in blue-water events.

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron is proud of its enviable record of having been involved in every Australian Olympic team since the Melbourne Games of 1956. Ron Jenyns was the Squadron's first competing Olympian, in the Finn class at the Rome Games of 1960. Twelve years later, John Cuneo OAM, Thomas Anderson and John Shaw won Olympic Gold in the Dragon class in that class's final appearance at the Olympic Games.

Since this monumental Olympic achievement, the Squadron has been represented at every subsequent Olympic Games - through the work of either competitors, coaches or team managers.

With RQYS Members reaching the very pinnacle of the sport, our founders would be justifiably proud of just how far their Club has come.



## BECOMING A MEMBER

**Choosing the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron means becoming part of a vibrant community united by a shared passion for water and boating in all its forms. If you are drawn to the water, take pleasure in the wind or simply love messing around in boats, you belong at RQYS.**

As a member of RQYS you join a community that welcomes your friends, family, children and colleagues. The excellent facilities are provided to our extended community ashore, encouraging people to enjoy spectacular Moreton Bay and beyond.

Yes, the sailing and cruising is indeed “spectacular”, and the location is stunning, but that’s only part of it. Our Members and our people make the Squadron a special place. Arguably the most compelling reason of all to join is because it presents the opportunity to belong to one of Australia’s great yacht clubs – and the chance to make many new friends and to enjoy their company in an open and welcoming environment.

RQYS has a strong and growing membership base which come from all walks of life. New Members are instantly made to feel a part of the Club and are encouraged to play an active part in Club life. No matter whether

you’ve never set foot on the deck of a boat or you’re an accomplished mariner, the Squadron is here to instruct, guide, support, host and facilitate all on-water activities.

The Squadron offers a comprehensive year-round, competitive sailing, power and sail cruising calendar, which will satisfy all levels of intended participation.

For the non-boating minded, we offer a range of social options – our Boardwalk Bistro and Bar featuring excellent bistro-style menu options, and a coffee shop – as dining alternatives.

The joining process is quick and easy. Details of membership options and current rates can be found on our website, [www.rqys.com.au](http://www.rqys.com.au)

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Here are just a few:

- Feel proud of belonging to one of Queensland's leading sailing clubs, one with a rich tradition and an enviable Olympic heritage
- Belong to a thriving, successful club, one that takes care of its Members and looks after their interests, be they sailor or power boat enthusiast
- Exclusive use of RQYS Canaipa, our 'down-the-Bay' retreat on the northeast tip of Russell Island
- Numerous sailing classes offering year-round competition and the opportunity to participate in other Club-organised regattas and events
- Spectacular setting with wonderful clubhouse facilities overlooking Manly Boat Harbour on beautiful Moreton Bay



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- A delicious menu so you can enjoy the views and great food all day long, seven days a week.

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- Weekly promotions include live music, and delicious food specials. The Squadron regularly hosts a variety of unique experiences and regular social events for all to enjoy
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- Onsite gym available to Full Members during opening hours
- Learn-to-sail programs for both adults and juniors, the experienced and the novice. Keel boat and OTB options available
- Windsurfing lessons and sailing at our specialist windsurfing precinct, complete with amenities
- Receive weekly e-newsletters to keep you up to date, and our annual yearbook 'Mainsheet'
- Full range of RQYS-branded merchandise
- Cruising groups, both power and sail, regularly explore the Bay and surrounds in company
- Wide range of traditional trophy and other annual events, including navigation log courses, for both sail and power cruisers
- Reciprocal arrangements with Southport Yacht Club and a growing list of reciprocal yacht clubs both within Australia and overseas
- A membership in ICOYC - the International Council of Yacht Clubs - offering news and opportunities from like-minded organisations around the world
- Friendly and welcoming staff, always happy to help

## RQYS CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES

A destination worth enjoying! Stop in and experience spectacular water views and great food with friendly and professional service. The RQYS Clubhouse has these and many more options available for our Members and guests.



The Clubhouse facilities are open seven days a week - with full à la carte breakfast menu and coffee available from 7.00am daily. Al fresco-style lunch and dinner dining in an environment second to none, overlooking the busy waters of Manly Boat Harbour.

Enjoy waterfront dining and harbour views at our Boardwalk Bistro. A dedicated team of industry professionals will complement your dining experience, no matter what the occasion. Sourcing the freshest meats and produce, our Chefs provide an exciting menu that changes seasonally. Exclusive to the Bistro, enjoy a specially curated wine list.

For that special occasion, and to avoid disappointment be sure to make a reservation: visit [www.rqys.com.au](http://www.rqys.com.au)



## MARINA & BOATYARD SERVICES

The Squadron is proud of its accredited “5 Gold Anchors” world-class marina, with a superb location on Brisbane’s doorstep at Manly, providing easy access to Moreton Bay and its many beautiful anchorages.

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## SAILING ACADEMY

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron offers a wide range of nationally recognised learn-to-sail and sailing-related courses in dinghy, keelboat and board classes - no matter where you are in your sailing journey, the Squadron has a pathway to get you where you want to go.



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## *For Children*

The Squadron has a proud tradition of developing young sailors and offering opportunities to juniors whatever the extent of their ambitions, whether an Olympic hopeful, or purely for fun and recreation. Our children's learn-to-sail courses and programs cater for all ages over six and are delivered both during the school term and during school holidays.

Our qualified instructors are experienced sailors who are also vigilant about safety and sun protection. They will not only make sure your child is safe, but that they have the time of their lives exploring the sport of sailing.

### SCHOOLS PROGRAM

RQYS hosts and supports many schools around Southeast Queensland in delivering on-water sailing programs for students aged 7-12 years, with more than 2,000 young sailors starting their sailing development afloat every year.

### SAIL & PLAY

A single day school holiday program that introduces kids to the fun and excitement of boating, helps them meet new people and make new friends, and has kids aged 6-12 years enjoying the great outdoors.

### TACKERS 1, 2 & 3

This is a fun program designed to progress children through the basics of sailing - including sailing theory, safety, boat handling, maintenance and racing fundamentals - until they are ready to race all on their own! The staging of this program ensures that children have the flexibility to progress through, repeat and complete competencies as needed. RQYS is one of Australia's leading Tackers centres, often ranked number one in participation numbers.





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### SAIL OUR BOATS

#### Our most popular introduction to boating!

Sail our Boats is designed for RQYS Club members who have successfully completed the Australian Sailing Start Crewing, Start Helming and Start Skippering keelboat courses on our Elliott 6 and wish to continue their sailing journey but don't yet have their own sailing boat. On successful completion of a competency assessment, members will be able to purchase a 10 or 20 sail package to take their family and friends sailing in the beautiful Moreton Bay! Each session is 3hrs and can be booked 0900 - 1200hrs or 1300 - 1600hrs.

This is the perfect option for people who have learnt how to sail and wish to independently - use the boats to cruise around the Bay without the supervision of instructors, or for competent sailors who do not own a boat. It is extremely flexible and incredible value!





## Join The Moreton Bay Colleges Sailing Squadron

The Moreton Bay Colleges Sailing Programme, in partnership with the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS), have been developing aspiring young sailors since 1996. The The Moreton Bay College aim to inspire and empower our students to explore a diverse range of sports and activities. Our students have the opportunity to participate, challenge themselves, achieve and have fun.

Our sailors have competed at State, National and International events, achieving outstanding results and representing the Colleges with pride. With close proximity to the bay, Moreton Bay College and Moreton Bay Boys' College have always maintained a strong partnership with RQYS.

*Many young Moreton Bay Colleges students have their first experience of the Moreton Bay waters through the College's Sailing Programme. The Moreton Bay Colleges have a long history of working with RQYS in developing students' passion for the ocean and sailing. Students have been racing and learning to sail at the Squadron since 1996.*  
- Adrian Finglas, Head Coach Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron.

Our experienced coaches work in conjunction with our passionate Sailing Support Group to develop high performing sailors who share the College values of Care, Teamwork, Engagement and Character.

Our Racing squads compete in both Fleet and Teams racing regattas in Terms 1 and 4, and selected sailors compete in higher level regattas in Terms 2 and 3.

To learn more about our Colleges and our Sailing Programme, please contact our Sailing Coordinator at [sailing@moretonbaycolleges.qld.edu.au](mailto:sailing@moretonbaycolleges.qld.edu.au)





## COACHING

Professional coaching is available for all ages and abilities. From learn to sail to elite, dinghies to offshore, our qualified instructors can tailor a course to suit. We also teach many budding coaches how to coach others and are accredited to enable you to also attain relevant qualifications.



## WINDSURFING

(Children AND ADULTS!)

Want something a bit different? Give windsurfing a go! Our Start Windsurfing course covers everything from sailing theory, wind awareness, board handling, rigging and launching to retrieving gear and self-rescue - plus all the basic sailing techniques required to progress a complete novice to a level where they can sail in and out, and upwind and downwind confidently in up to 12 knots of wind. All gear is provided.



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Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron is the home of several regattas for a number of classes and categories and holds many regular sailing events throughout the year, including:

- Brisbane Etchells Fleet Championship

The squadron is home to a large fleet of regularly competing Etchells. The Brisbane Etchells Fleet Championships is held annually and attracts worldwide entrants.

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### SQUADRON REGATTAS

Longstanding events such as the Goodwill Cup, Myora Cup, Canaipa Cup and many more - all with rich Squadron heritage behind them - give the opportunity to compete close to home in our local waters.



### WAGS

#### Wednesday Afternoon Go Sailing

Every Wednesday, all year (weather permitting), enthusiastic yachties take the afternoon off and head down to RQYS for a sail on one of a number of courses around Green Island or out to the Hope Banks, just for the fun of it!

Rearrange your schedule and get on down to the RQYS Bar from 11.00am to enter your yacht or register your interest to crew.

A small fee applies and the WAGS (Wednesday Afternoon Go Sailing) fleet - often more than 40 boats! - is back in harbour before dark and join us for the now famous sausage sizzle.

Our WAGS team will do their best to place visiting sailors on a yacht, but this is sometimes dependent on weather conditions and boat availability, and we cannot guarantee that a position will be available. A visit to the Squadron though will not disappoint, providing an opportunity to enjoy a lunch by the water and soak up the atmosphere of the surrounds.

## JUNIOR & YOUTH SAILING

**The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron has a proud tradition of developing young sailors and offering opportunities to juniors whatever the extent of their ambitions, be it as Olympic hopeful, club sailor or purely for fun, recreation and lifetime activity.**

The Squadron has continued to support this long-term commitment to the future of the sport with a focus to increase participation of juniors and guide them along a Sailing Pathway to further develop their skills.

Sailing is the perfect recreational or competitive sport for all ages and there are few better experiences than spending some quality family or personal time out on the water.

Several years ago, the Club introduced Tackers, a wonderful training program and a fantastic way for children to get onto the water and enjoy the safe, fun and adventurous world of sailing. The Tackers program at RQYS has grown rapidly to become one of the largest in the country. The Junior classes fleet is today enjoying strong participation in the Optimist, Feva, Laser 4.7, 29er and junior raceboard classes.



Life Member Mathew Belcher OAM and Honorary Member Malcolm Page OAM attended the Squadron in 2023 to celebrate an Olympic countdown event bringing the gold medals they had so gloriously won at previous Olympics with them. Having such role models would inspire any child, and every weekend it's a pleasure to see a whole new crop of would-be Olympic sailors displaying and crafting their skills.

Juniors progress through three stages of Tackers, gaining certificates along the way and acquiring new skills in the process, after which participants graduate into the Green Fleet - the developing ground for racing skills - as well as the comradeship of being involved in the Squad as Junior Members of the Squadron.

It doesn't stop there, however. As you might expect from a club that has produced gold medallists at several Olympic Games, every encouragement is given to the high-fliers demonstrating the drive and passion to take them to the pinnacle of the sport. The world-class performances of Squadron Members Jake Lilley (Finn class) and Mara Stransky (Laser Radial class) at the Tokyo Olympics underscored Australia's 15th gold medal of the Tokyo Games, claimed by Mathew Belcher OAM and Will Ryan OAM (470 class).

The RQYS Youth Squad enjoys training on a Saturday morning and racing the same afternoon, as well as specific squad training through the week. The Squad has already developed several talented young sailors who may well be flying the Australian flag at future Olympic Games - and in the meantime, flying the Squadron burgee at the range of events across the country where youth sailors participate.

In addition to Tackers, RQYS offers Sail & Play, our most popular school holiday program, which runs from 9.00am to 3.00pm each day during the break. Sail & Play is aimed at 6-12-year-olds who think sailing, island adventure, windsurfing, stand-up paddle boarding, water games and navigation sounds like a load of fun! It is a great way to introduce the kids to the water, go sailing, make new friends and enjoy the great outdoors.

Not surprisingly, the program has proved very popular and it's absolutely essential to book early to reserve your place.

For details of upcoming dates on any of our learn-to-sail events or courses, call the Sailing Academy Office on (07) 3396 8666 for more details or visit the Squadron website: [www.rqys.com.au](http://www.rqys.com.au)





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## OUR VALUED VOLUNTEERS

*“Volunteers are not paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.”*

Volunteers contribute across many roles to assist the Sailing Office in conducting the Squadron’s sailing program. We have been fortunate to have our strong Volunteer group continue to throw its support behind the Squadron and ensuring that our on-water events are conducted safely and enjoyed by everyone. Participants in both sailing numbers and our volunteer base are on the rise.

The emphasis on volunteering at the Squadron is ‘having fun’ and this is also the theme of our training sessions, which have been embraced and enjoyed by many new and experienced Volunteers. The lead-up to any of our events involves team training, including on-shore and on-water roles, so there is something for everyone.

There are plenty of chances to try out new skills including:

- Race Officers
- Patrol Boat Skippers
- Crew on-water
- Radio Operators
- Ramp Marshalls

Our Volunteers range from the dedicated who volunteer on a regular basis, to those who might volunteer only once or twice a year for special events. There is no minimum time commitment or experience level, and an added bonus is that our training sessions are free, with equipment and tools of the trade provided.

Volunteers say that what they enjoy about being a part of the RQYS team is:

- to have fun and make new friends
- explore career opportunities
- earn ‘volunteer credits’
- develop new and practise existing skills
- achieve personal satisfaction by being a part of a team providing a service to our community



*Don't get stuck on shore!*

Come down and see for yourself how much fun it is to watch the racing up close and how welcoming our Volunteers are.

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The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron's Power Boat section caters for a range of boating and on water interests.

If you are looking for a challenge, the RQYS Cruising & Navigation Committee conducts several of competitive navigation events each year, providing a true test of your navigation skills:

- Goodwill Cup (established 1962)
- Myora Cup (established 1949)
- Past Commodores' Cup
- Night Raid Navigation Event

The first three events attract points towards the annual Squadron Champion award and other perpetual trophies. These events are also major social occasions, with the Goodwill and Myora Cups each spread over a weekend, culminating with breakfast and presentations on the Sunday morning at RQYS Canaipa, our down-the-Bay facility. The other events are held in close proximity to the Squadron, allowing for a return to the Clubhouse for lunch and prize-giving.



There are two classes of competition, one using modern-day GPS and the other using traditional navigation methods of dead-reckoning.

Navigation events involve travelling over a set course at a nominated speed over the bottom - hence tidal and weather conditions have to be reckoned with to maintain this speed and to reach the finish at the correct time - so it isn't about how fast you get there, instead how close you are to your predicted time. Not as easy as it sounds!



## CRUISING GROUPS

When not involved in racing, the Squadron offers two highly active and popular cruising groups - Sail and Power - available to Members who prefer the relaxation, support and camaraderie of social boating over the action and exhilaration of racing.

Both groups have a calendar of events and regular trips away together, with cruises generally held monthly. These weekends are a fantastic way to meet new people, have some fun and enjoy the company of other Members.

Wherever the vessels ultimately drop their anchors, locally or on longer cruises, one thing is guaranteed: a good time will be had by all! Members like nothing more than to spend time in each other's company, sharing experiences, conversation, fine wine and great food.

Presentations on boating-related subjects, trips to the Squadron's Island retreat, RQYS Canaipa, tours of historic locations, a traditional Christmas Party (or Christmas in July) an extended Easter cruise are just some of the get-togethers enjoyed by the cruising groups. Increasingly, the Sail and Power groups are enjoying combined cruises together, both around Moreton Bay and beyond - sometimes as far as the southern Great Barrier Reef!

Learn more about our cruising groups on the RQYS website or follow both groups on their Facebook and Squadron website pages: RQYS Sail Cruising Group and RQYS Power Cruising Group.



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### It sounds idyllic, doesn't it?

This is not a dream for RQYS Members, it is a reality. RQYS Canaipa is the jewel in the RQYS crown. It is the Squadron's 'down-the-Bay' property on the northeastern tip of Russell Island. This exclusive haven is part of the Club's sporting facilities and is available for use by all Full Members.

The premises cover some 1.1 hectares and include shower, toilet and laundry facilities, large swimming pool, 3 large undercover barbecues, picnic areas and extensive lawns, making it particularly attractive to Members with smaller vessels with more limited on-board accommodation.

A full-time caretaker lives onsite and ensures everything is 'just right' for Members' visits:

- An all-weather anchorage is located for boats in the near vicinity and mooring is available for tenders at the pontoon.

- A courtesy car is available free of charge for Members' use
- Fire pit for crackling chilly winter nights
- Camping permitted - a fee and conditions apply

Limited catering services may be available for our Members at Canaipa, but only by prior arrangement with Squadron management. Major enhancements of the property currently underway will feature a 'Long House' to provide all-weather cover for even larger gatherings of Members and their families.

This construction has been made possible through generous Member donations and the Squadron's own funds and anticipate the building to be completed by May 2024.

RQYS Canaipa is a private Member facility with no public access permitted. For all inquiries and bookings, contact RQYS on 3396 8666 or email [reception@rqys.com.au](mailto:reception@rqys.com.au)

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Sailing clubs the world over are renowned for their friendliness and the fun, social atmosphere. If you've never belonged to a sailing club before, you've missed out. If you've never belonged to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, then you've really missed out!

The Squadron is a constant hive of activity. There is always something exciting taking place and the social calendar is extensive and caters for all tastes, with new events being added all the time.

Start the weekend early - every 'Winedown Friday' afternoon and evening the Squadron hosts live music to help take the strain off the week, with a special prize draw for one lucky Member if they are in attendance!

The Squadron likes to ensure that its newest recruits get the RQYS sense of belonging in their new surroundings with the hosting of frequent New Members' Nights with drinks and nibbles where newcomers have the opportunity to meet and mingle with fellow Members and Squadron Sponsors.

Of course, we celebrate all the regular annual events like Australia Day, Mother's and Father's Day, Melbourne Cup and New Year's Eve - with inventive and entertaining twists! Following tradition, the Squadron

hosts family-friendly events including the RQYS Family Easter and the popular Children's Christmas Party.

Our December calendar also includes a new shared 'Manly Harbour Lights' Christmas festival, which sees boats of all kinds, with masts tall and short, arrayed with colourful strings of illuminations on display for everyone to see.

Squadron Members receive news of social and nautical events and dates in the weekly email newsletter 'In the Wind' and updates via social media and the RQYS Facebook page. Our website has a fresh new look providing members with updates to the latest news and events. A new, Members only portal allows you to manage your account online and provides visibility to Club purchases in real-time. Our local, National and World Class events can be viewed on RQTV, a website dedicated to hosting some amazing videos of Squadron activities created by our own Media team.



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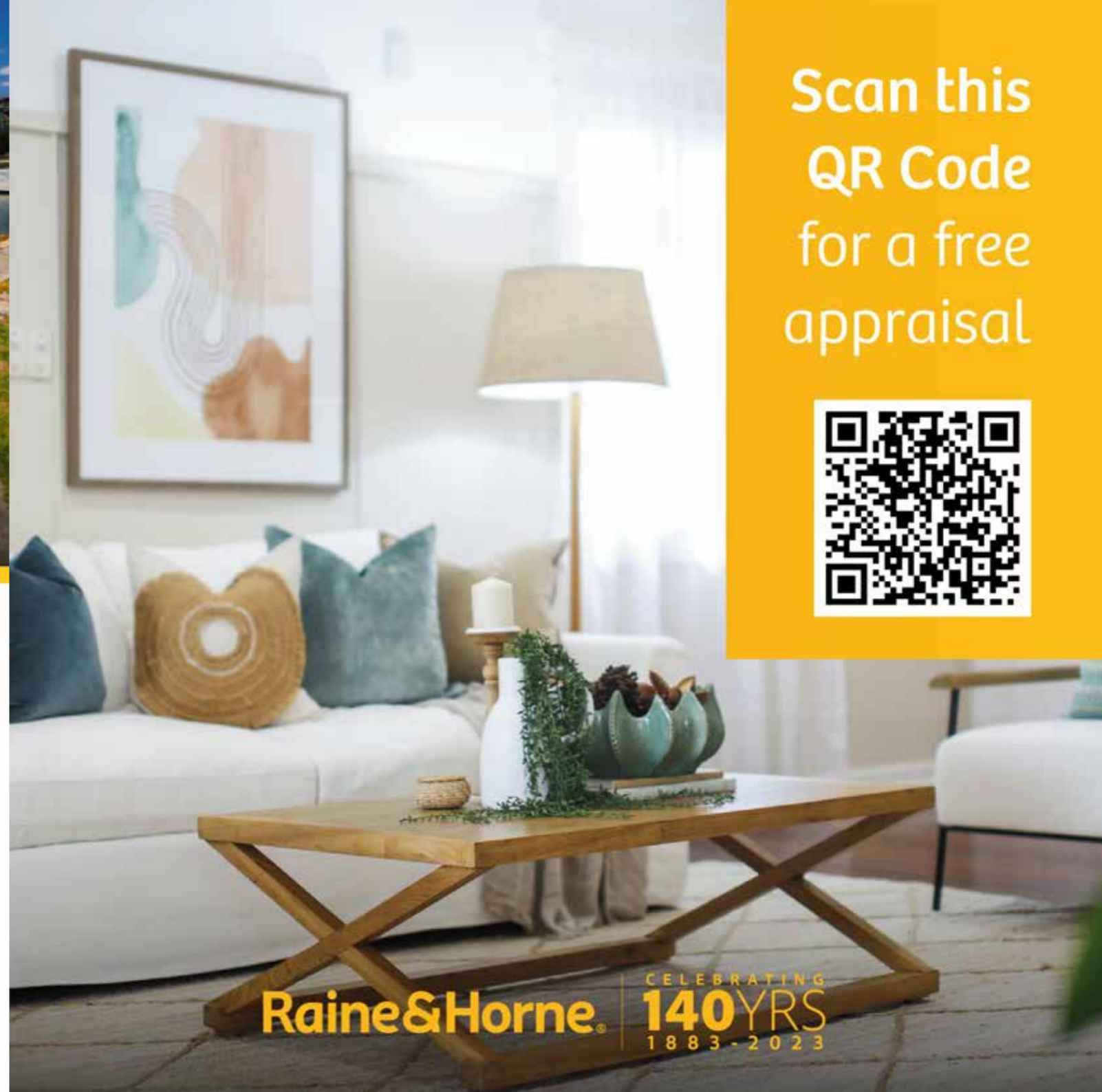
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### AUDITORIUM (Ground floor, Girdis Building)

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### COMMODORE'S LOUNGE (Ground floor, Girdis Building)

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### ACCESSIBILITY

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