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Welcome to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

Welcome to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, an icon 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 and show that you don't have to be a 'boatie' to enjoy one of the best and biggest 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 in Manly, on Brisbane's Bayside.



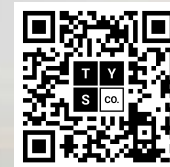
The combination of the Bay's excellent conditions and our love for on-water activities creates the perfect gateway into the various offshore activities - including windsurfing, stand-up paddle boarding and of course, many different types of boating. You might have a youngster interested in learning to sail or would like to learn to sail yourself (you're never too old!). Or, perhaps 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 more.

For those who like to stay ashore, we offer a range of social options across the many indoor and outdoor spaces of our premier location in Manly. Our Bistro and bar with its large boardwalk is situated in one of the most glorious settings in Brisbane, 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 regularly holds themed nights and celebratory events, Member functions, dining experiences and hosts regular live music every Friday night. 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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RQYS Olympians

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' Ron Jenyns Bob Miller	Dragon (5th Place) Dragon (5th Place) Dragon (5th Place) Finn (4th Place) Reserve
1972 Munich	John Cuneo OAM Tom Anderson' 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 ² Ross Healey ² John Cuneo OAM ²	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 (1st Place - Gold Medal) International 470 (1st Place - 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
2024 Paris	Raphael Trujillo	Coach

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

² 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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But the true measure of sailing's success at Iona is the calibre of the young men who leave our College to serve their community.

The lessons learned on the water are just important as those they learn in the classroom.

Sailing teaches our young men discipline, resilience, connection, determination, teamwork and sportsmanship – and creates friendships for life.

They are lessons that support Iona's mission to not just create better students, but to create better men.



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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 Squadron 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.

With continued growth and membership swelling to nearly 4000, the need to continuously develop and evolve our Marina and Club facilities is evident. Master planning is underway for the ongoing development of our bustling blue-chip holding in Manly for the betterment of not just our Members, but for the sport as a whole.

This expansion and upgrading of facilities is 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.

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



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Becoming a Member

Joining 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 being around 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 available to all Members and open to share with their extended community ashore, encouraging all to enjoy spectacular Moreton Bay and all it has to offer.

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 who 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 calendar as well as a power and sail cruising calendar, which will satisfy all levels of participation. Our Sailing Academy and Squad also run learn-to-sail courses for youth in various classes of boat during school terms, holidays and weekends to ensure there is no excuse for not getting involved.

For the non-boating minded, we offer a range of social options - our Bistro and bar feature excellent bistro-style menu options headed by an internationally trained brigade, and a well-stocked 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/membership.

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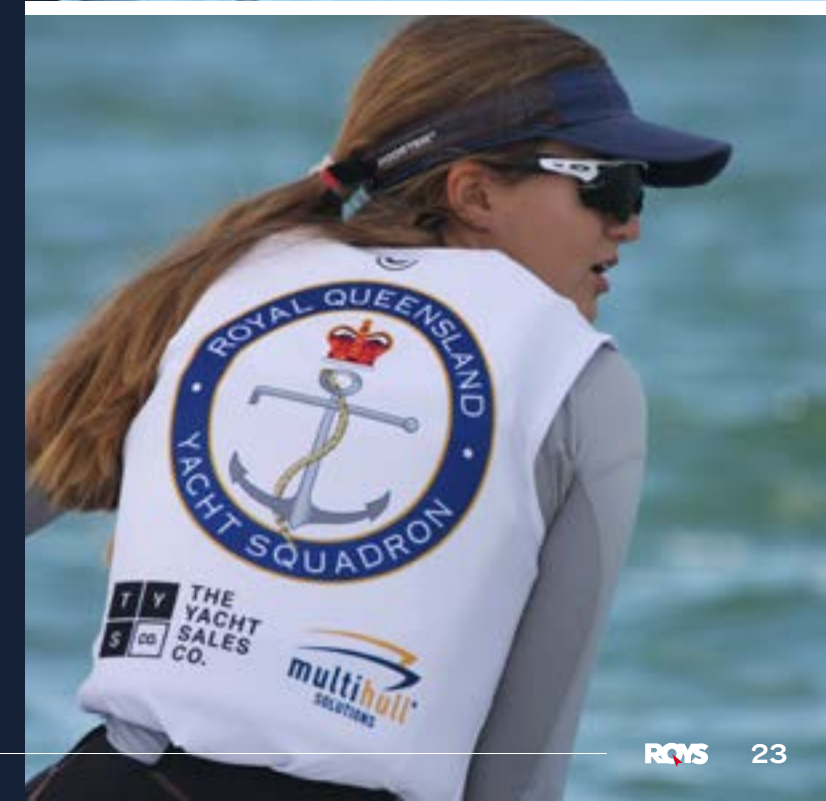
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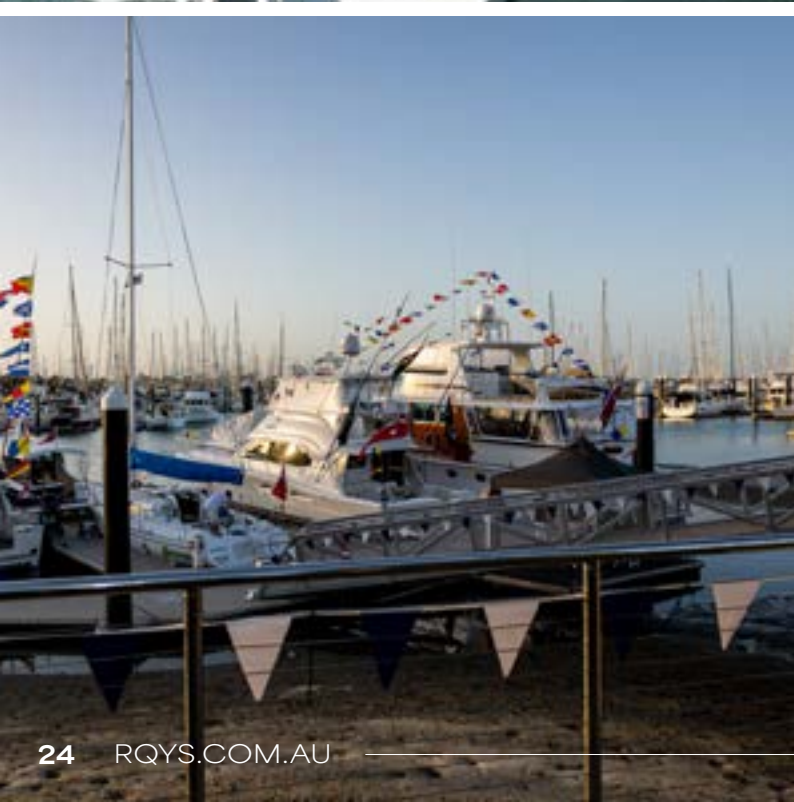
Member Benefits

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron has everything a Member could need, on or off the water. There are many reasons why joining the friendliest, oldest and most successful Club in Brisbane's sailing community is right for you.

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 club, one that takes care of its Members and looks after their interests, be they a competitive sailor or power boat enthusiast
- Exclusive use of RQYS Canaipa, our 'down-the-Bay' retreat on the northeast tip of Russell Island and our jewel-in-the-crown
- Numerous sailing classes offering year-round competition and the opportunity to participate in other Club-run regattas and events
- Spectacular setting with wonderful clubhouse facilities overlooking Manly Boat Harbour on beautiful Moreton Bay only 17kms from Brisbane CBD
- RQYS Bistro offers something for everyone and, with menus that change seasonally along with themed dining nights, there is new and exciting food to enjoy all year round
- RQYS Café is open seven days a week. It offers a seasonal family-friendly menu of snacks, cakes and light lunches and more for all occasions, with breakfast available 7 days a week
- Air-conditioned and recently renovated Member's Lounge and Dining, for a relaxed and comfortable home-away-from-home
- Weekly promotions include live music, and delicious food specials. The Squadron also regularly hosts a variety of unique experiences and regular social events for all to enjoy from workshops, guest speaker talks, wine tastings and much more
- 10% discount on food and beverage and merchandise for all Member categories
- Member prices for functions & events
- Several function rooms and meeting spaces are available - indoor, undercover and outdoor - for intimate gatherings, presentations or larger events and discounted for RQYS members
- On-board Catering for Members' vessels available on request
- Onsite accommodation in the boutique, four-star Manly Marina Cove Motel - discounted for RQYS members and subject to availability
- Modern Marina complex comprising 597 monohull and multihull berths, along with VIP visitor berthing alongside the Clubhouse
- Laundry and bathroom amenities onsite





- Excellent on-land boat storage and access to a repair and maintenance hardstand
- Use of 'Member-only' launching ramps for trailerable boats
- Access to on-site trades, to carrying out boat repair and maintenance
- Discount on fuel purchases at our own 24-hour RQYS fuel pontoon, complete with superfenders for two-sided berthing
- Discount for courses with the RQYS Sailing Academy
- Family-friendly BBQ area available for private bookings and playground for the children
- Onsite gym available to Full Members during opening hours
- Learn-to-sail programs for both adults and juniors, the experienced and the novice. Keelboat and off-the-beach 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'
- 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
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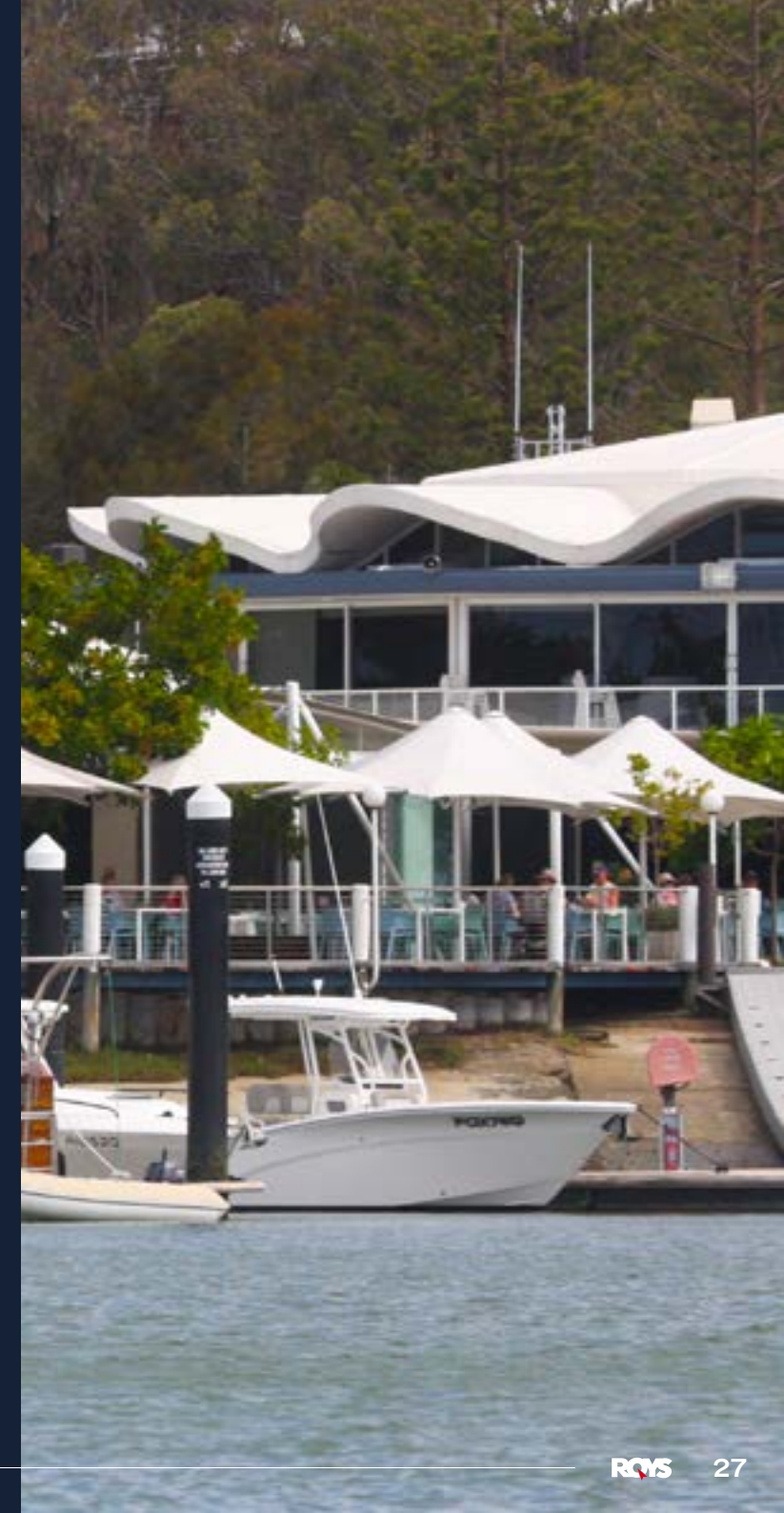
RQYS Clubhouse Facilities

A destination worth enjoying! Stop in and experience spectacular water views and great food with friendly and professional service and where we know your name. 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 a full à la carte breakfast menu and coffee available from 7.00am daily. Al-fresco lunch and dinner dining can be enjoyed in an environment second to none, either within the spacious waterside Bistro or in the comfort of air conditioning.

Enjoy waterfront dining and direct harbour views at the RQYS Bistro with its spectacular overwater boardwalk. 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 and wine list that changes seasonally.

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Awarded as “Fish-Friendly” and re-accredited as a “Level 3 Clean Marina” both Squadron Members and visitors can access a range of facilities – among the best in this area – to enhance their boating lifestyle, including:

- 597 floating berths up to 36 metres
- Multihull berths up to 36 metres
- 175 secure trailer-boat parking areas for trailer yachts and powerboats
- Dry racking for vessels up to 18 metres
- Dry boat storage and sailing lockers for extended time periods
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- Three launching ramps for trailer boats and one dinghy ramp
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For Children

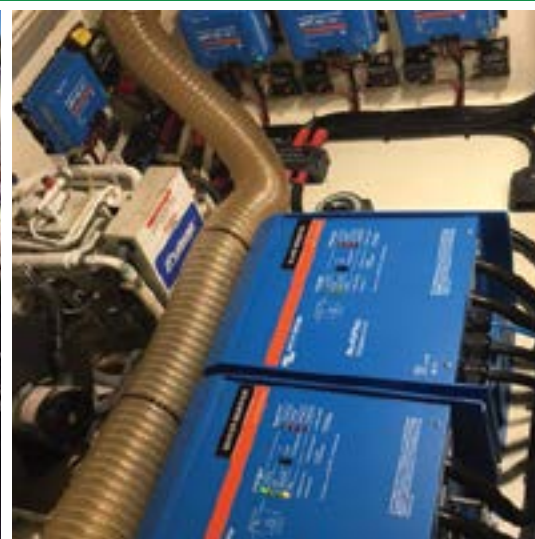
The Squadron has a proud tradition of developing young sailors and offering opportunities to juniors whatever the extent of their ambitions - whether an Olympic hopeful, or purely for fun and recreation. Our children's learn-to-sail courses and programs cater for all ages over six and are delivered both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





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For Teens and Adults

For the young and young at heart, we have a variety of courses, programs and vessels to suit everyone. Whether you are looking to be a champion competitive racer or want to take your family for a cruise on the weekends, we can give you the skills and knowledge you need.

DINGHIES

Small boat sailing courses for the adventurous or competitive. We introduce you to the basics of sailing on a double-handed dinghy, including boat handling, safety, sailing theory and other sailing essentials: weather, tides, rules and regulations.





KEELBOATS

This collection of courses is designed to acclimatise aspiring sailors to bigger boat sailing, we teach you everything you need to know to crew, helm and skipper a larger vessel: boat handling, safety, sailing theory, weather, tides, procedures, rules and regulations.

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!

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.

RQYS is privileged to have Olympic coaches as part of its team, including Head Coach Adrian Finglas, to ensure a legacy of excellence that endures for generations. Adrian has had a long and successful sailing career including three Olympic campaigns, Sydney to Hobart races, National Championships and was also a Paralympic Coach in London where his sailors won Gold and Silver.

WINDSURFING

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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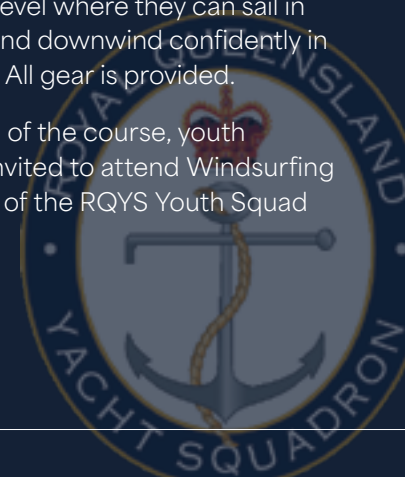
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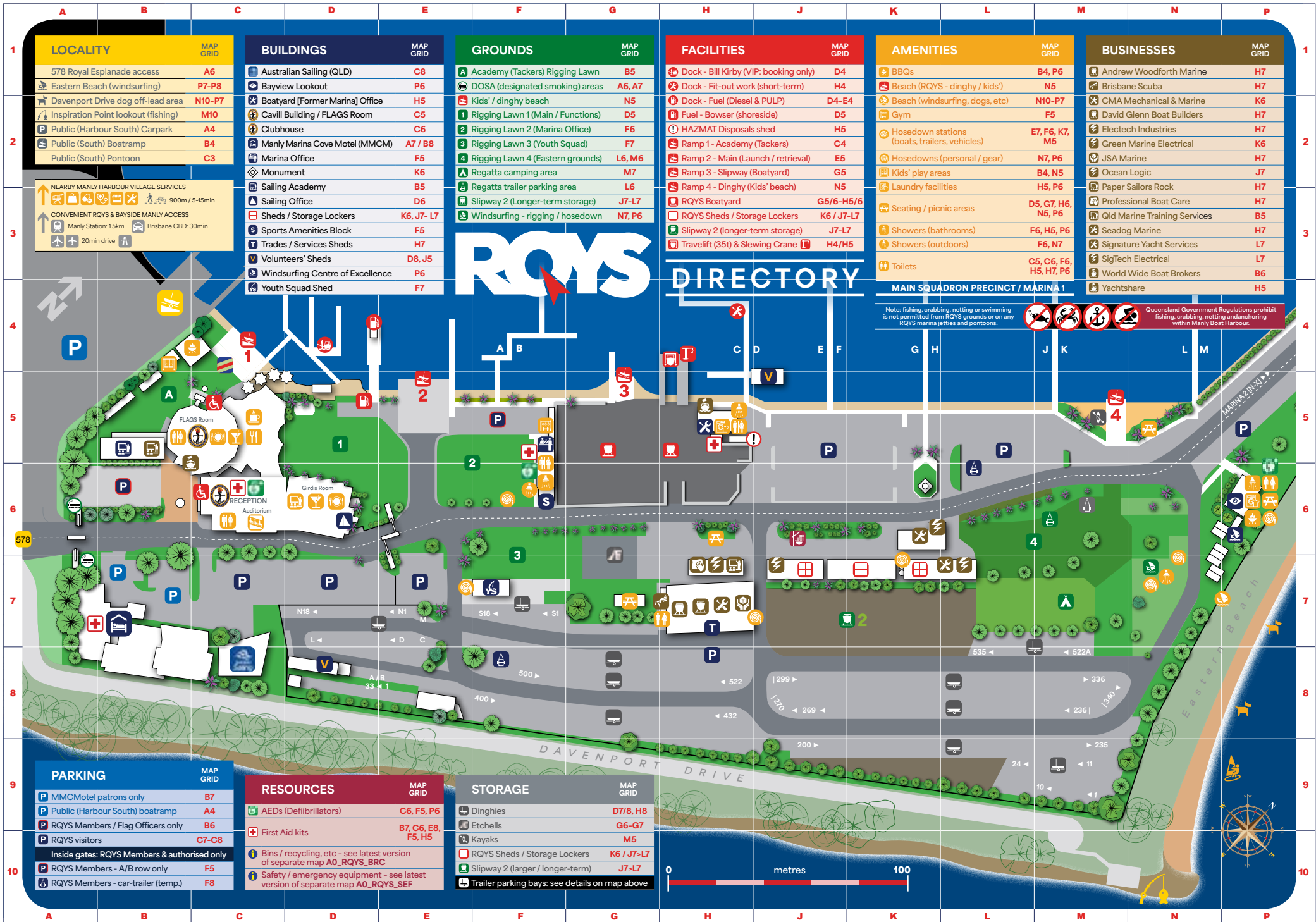
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Regular weekend racing is offered for off-the-beach (OTB) dinghies, windsurfers and Etchells right up to large yachts. There is an abundance of opportunities for our sailors to progress all the way from a novice to expert, either just to enjoy the sport of sailing or to participate in competitive racing.

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron is the home of regattas for a number of classes and categories including Finn, Laser, Optimist, 29er, Hobie, Nacra, Etchell and VXOne and holds many regular sailing events throughout the year, including:

Queensland Youth Week

A junior and youth regatta held during winter with competitors travelling from all over Australia and New Zealand.

Sail Brisbane

A summer regatta for dinghy and board sailors of all ages across five courses and all classes.

Brisbane Race Week

5-days of diverse race formats in Southern Moreton Bay in May of each year.

Brisbane Women's Keelboat Cup

Scheduled to coincide with International Women's Day in March

... and many more State, National & International championships.

Brisbane to Keppel Tropical Yacht Race

Held annually in June and attracting a fleet of 20-30 yachts racing north to Keppel Bay and feeding into the renowned Whitsunday Race Week and other Northern events.

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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 together for the now famous post-race 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.



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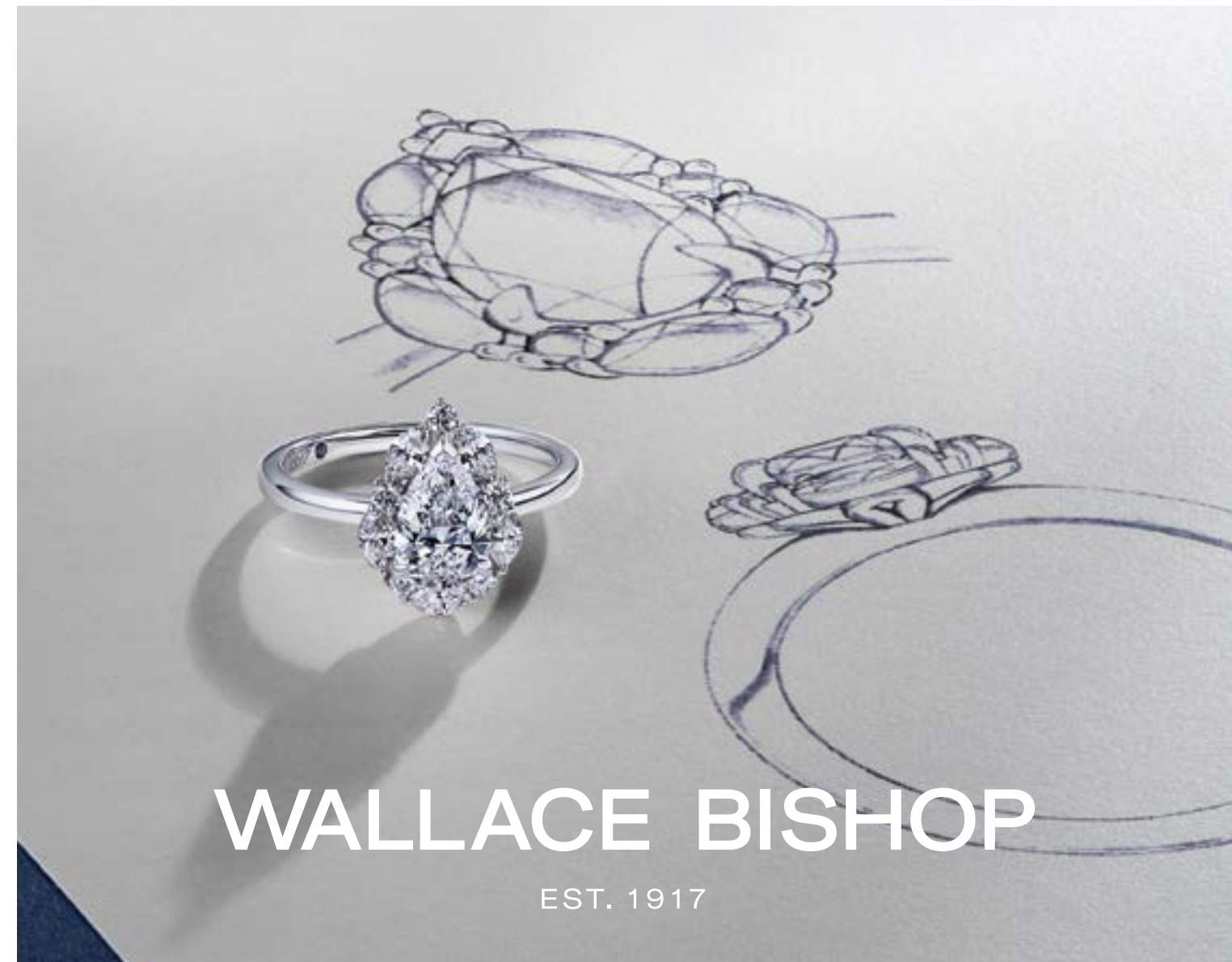
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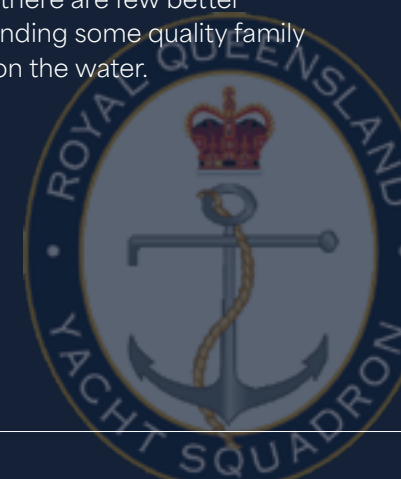


Junior & Youth Sailing

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. Our John Harrison Olympic Support Foundation and Wyuna Syndicate operate for the specific purpose of providing grants to enable sailors to travel and compete in regattas around the country and internationally.

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 on to 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. This is 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/sailing-academy.



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Our Valued Volunteers

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Volunteers contribute across many roles to assist the Sailing Office in conducting the Squadron's sailing program. In addition, we rely on volunteers to run our Finn's Shed workshop, social events, committees and special interest clubs. Our Officer of the Day program is dependent on volunteers to provide a warm welcome to all visitors at Reception - a club highlight of which we are very proud. We have been fortunate to have our strong Volunteer group continue to throw its support behind the Squadron and ensuring that our on and off-water activities are conducted safely and enjoyed by everyone.

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 sailing 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 as an on-water volunteer 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

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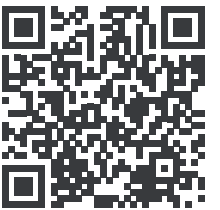
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The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron's Power Boat section caters for a range of boating and on water interests.

If you are looking for a challenge, the RQYS Cruising & Navigation Committee conducts several 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 ground - 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!

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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) and 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.



RQYS Canaipa

(Full Member access only)

Imagine having your own island retreat where you can go to unwind, watch spectacular sunsets, go cycling, enjoy the use of your own swimming pool, and end the day with an open fire, barbecue and a refreshing drink. Maybe even book a glamping tent for your friends while you retreat to your boat for the night.

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 north-eastern 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 more limited on-board amenities. 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 in 2024 saw the launch of a brand new 'Long House' to provide all-weather cover for even larger gatherings of Members and their families. The first-class structure and decking ensures the comfort of all Members at this exclusive facility.

RQYS Canaipa is a private Member facility with no public access permitted. For all inquiries and bookings, contact RQYS on (07) 3396 8666 or email 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.

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 our take-home "What's On" calendar, social media and the RQYS social pages.

Our website is exceptionally user-friendly and provides members with updates to the latest news and events. A 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 webpage dedicated to hosting some amazing videos of Squadron activities created by our own Media team.



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(Ground floor, Girdis Building)

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AUDITORIUM

(Ground floor, Girdis Building)

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TEAM-BUILDING

Try your hand at helping your own boat for the first time or test your skills on a stand-up paddle board. Get out on the water under the watchful eye of our qualified RQYS instructors and in no time you can be steering your own course in Moreton Bay! A sailing session is a unique and memorable experience, whether used for staff team-building or for corporate entertainment. We can pitch the session at whatever level is appropriate, depending on the abilities and needs of your guests.

How to Find Us

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron is located in Manly, a bayside suburb 17kms East of Brisbane and the gateway to Moreton Bay.

GETTING HERE BY CAR ...

We are a 30-minute drive from the CBD, 20 minutes from Brisbane's international and domestic airport terminals and only one hour from the world-famous beaches of the Gold and Sunshine coasts. RQYS has ample on-site parking, together with the adjacent public car park.

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