



Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Limited

ACN 053 989 272

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – 2026/2027 ELECTION YEAR

The Board of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (Squadron) hereby invites nominations from eligible members for positions on the Board and Squadron Committees for the 2026/2027 Election Year. Where an election is required, results will be announced at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for **Thursday 30 July 2026**.

VACANT POSITIONS

In accordance with rule 13.2(a) of the Constitution, nominations will open on **Friday 12 June 2026** for the following positions:

Committees

All current committee members shall retire at the AGM:

- Sailing Committee
- Cruising & Navigation Committee
- Membership Committee
- Finance, Audit & Risk Committee
- Works, Maintenance & Special Projects Committee
- House, Marketing & Events Committee
- Youth Advisory Sub-Committee

Each Committee must have no less than five (5) and no more than seven (7) members. The Sailing, Membership and Cruising & Navigation Committees must each include at least three (3) yacht owners.

Board of Directors

In accordance with rules 14.3 and 14.7 of the Constitution, three (3) Board positions are declared vacant at this AGM:

- **Nigel Spork** – Eligible to stand for re-election
- **James Tuma** – Casual appointment made by the Board in December 2025. Subject to election in accordance with rule 14.7 and eligible to stand for election
- **Ben Barnes** - resigning as an Ordinary Board Member and Treasurer

Treasurer

Following the Constitutional amendments passed by Special Resolution on 28 May 2026, the role of Treasurer is no longer a separately elected position. Members wishing to be considered for the role of Treasurer should nominate for an Ordinary Board Member position. The Board will appoint one of the elected Ordinary Board Members to the role of Treasurer at its first meeting following the AGM.

The Board acknowledges and sincerely thanks outgoing Treasurer **Ben Barnes** for his years of dedicated service to the Squadron in this role.

Remaining Directors of the Board

It is noted that Directors P/Cdre David Redfern (Chair), Melissa Hardy and Andrew Northcott will continue in their respective roles in accordance with the Director's Terms of Appointment (rule 14.1).

Flag Officers

The Flag Officer positions of Commodore Curtis Skinner, Vice Commodore Todd Anderson and Rear Commodore Chris Land are not due for election this year. All three will continue to serve their current terms in accordance with the Constitution.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Committee Members

As per clause 13.1 of the Constitution, all nominees must:

- Be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age
- Hold a Voting Category Membership of the Squadron (e.g. Full, Country, Senior – Long Term, etc.)

For Ordinary Board Members (Directors):

To be eligible for election to the role of Ordinary Board Member, the person nominating must (as required by clause 13.1 and 12.10(b) of the Constitution):

- Be eligible to be appointed and formally consent to act as a Director under the Corporations Act
- Not, at the time of nomination, have exceeded the maximum tenure of a Director (refer clause 14.3)
- Have been a Voting Category Member of the Squadron for a minimum of one (1) year immediately preceding the date of nomination; and

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Committee Members:

- Obtain a nomination form from the Squadron Reception, download it from the RQYS website, or refer to the enclosed form if this notice was received by post.
- Complete all required sections of the form.
- Each nomination must be proposed and seconded by two (2) current Voting Category Members.
- Submit completed forms to the Chief Executive Officer via email (ceo@rqys.com.au), post or by hand to the Squadron Office.
- Once eligibility is confirmed, nominations will be displayed on the Squadron Notice Board in the Reception lobby.

Board of Directors:

- Obtain and complete the nomination form (as above) and submit along with your current CV and a covering letter summarising your professional background, key skills, experience and reasons for nominating.
- Submit to the Chief Executive Officer via email (ceo@rqys.com.au), post or by hand to the Squadron Office.
- Eligible candidates will be contacted to arrange an interview with the Nominations Committee.

CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations must be received by **5:00pm on Thursday 25 June 2026**. Late nominations will not be accepted.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Members are encouraged to refer to the Constitution for full details. A copy is available on the Squadron website via the link here (must login via the Members' Section of the website):

<https://www.rqys.com.au/members-area/documents-and-policies/>. For further queries, please contact the Squadron Office.

By order of the Board,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'KBald', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Karen Baldwin
Company Secretary & Chief Executive Officer
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Limited

Dated: Friday 12 June 2026