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# Royal Brighton Yacht Club COMMODORE'S WELCOME



## *Greetings.*

*It is my very great pleasure as Commodore of Royal Brighton Yacht Club to invite and welcome members and visitors alike to our Club on the shores of Port Phillip. Royal Brighton Yacht Club has a long and distinguished history going back to 1875, growing from a small lean-to shed on the beach here in Brighton to the large modern facility you see now.*

Our passion for the sport of sailing has remained undiminished. The style of yachts may have changed, but the wind in our sails, friendly competition and adventurous cruising further afield, continue to attract countless Melburnians and visitors to our Club on the water.

We have an extensive sailing program, which provides opportunities for young and old, male and female, racer and cruiser to go sailing. For those new to sailing there are children's or adult learn to sail programs, while for the more experienced there is racing, or cruising, or a combination of both. Besides our active keelboat and one-design fleets, I am pleased to report that our off-the-beach dinghy classes are strongly re-establishing themselves.

Many members also find great satisfaction in volunteering in the wide range of roles on and off the water, and we always welcome and mentor new volunteers, should you be interested in such a rewarding role. Some prefer the Club's active social program with numerous functions and live musical entertainment without venturing out on the water, whilst our Aquatic members have found a home here for their daily swims in the waters of Port Phillip.

May I also recommend our catering and hospitality to you. We have a beautiful Members' Lounge and a stylish function room with views over the water upstairs to suit all your wedding, dining, party and conferencing requirements.

The forecourt, deck and bistro have become a wonderful new social hub for Club members, their guests and members of the public.

I welcome you all, and invite you to take full advantage of everything our friendly and welcoming Club and Marina have to offer you.

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## A BRIEF HISTORY

*It is said to have all begun as a result of a chance race challenge between two gentlemen cleaning their boats on the beach at Middle Brighton in August 1875.*

One month later, the Brighton Sailing Club was established with fifteen members. By April 1876 the Club (now Brighton Yacht Club) had fifty-seven members and thirteen boats on the register. In 1877 the first modest building was erected on the site.

Keenly competitive, those early members enjoyed spirited Club racing. An inter-club regatta was a great success, attracting spectators from all parts of the city. It was to establish the Club's reputation of excellence in race management that continues today.

The Royal Warrant was granted in 1924 by His Majesty King George V, and Brighton Yacht Club became Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

Then, as now, the Club's facilities had constantly to be expanded, upgraded, rebuilt and refurbished to ensure they met members' needs and kept Royal Brighton at the forefront of sailing in Victoria. Our membership has consistently become more diverse and inclusive, welcoming people with varied backgrounds and sailing experience.

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The marina was completed in the late 1960s and was further extended in 1979 and 2004. The addition of the hardstand in 1987 accommodated a large one-design fleet, still flourishing today.

RBYC has produced many fine sailors, some of whom have gained international success. Jock Sturrock twice challenged for the America's Cup in the 1960s, including skippering Australia's first challenge in 1962.

A multiple national champion, he represented Australia in four successive Olympic Games and was elected one of the five inaugural "Legends of

Australian Sports" on the establishment of the Sports Australia Hall Of Fame in 1985. Jock died in 1997.

John Bertrand AO, who is still an active sailor at the Club, was skipper of Australia II – the yacht that won the America's Cup in 1983. The victory broke 132 years of American domination and in the process the longest running record in modern sports history. John represented Australia in five America's Cups and two Olympic Games, winning a bronze medal at the Montreal Olympics of 1976. He was also the 2010 and 2016 Etchells class sailing world champion.



# FACILITIES

*Royal Brighton Yacht Club boasts one of the best floating marinas on Port Phillip Bay.*

There are 245 wet berths ranging from 8m to 18m as well as hardstand accommodation. This concrete deck has occupancy for 60 boats and has two jib cranes that ensure a very fast and reliable service to members. Our new totally redeveloped forecourt and basement offer space for sailing dinghies for off-the-beach storage.

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## CLASSES SAILED

*Royal Brighton Yacht Club caters for numerous classes of boat, enabling sailors of all standards to come and enjoy competitive racing. Here are just some of the classes sailed regularly:*

- RS100
- VX Ones
- 49er and 49erFX
- Lasers
- 2,4mR
- Dragon
- Etchells
- Keelboats
- Optimist
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# SAILING PROGRAM

*The Club has a highly active all year-round racing calendar engaging in various events across Port Phillip Bay. Bring your yacht or join a crew and enjoy the thrill of sailing and the facilities at RBYC.*

Saturdays see a full schedule of racing including inshore and passage races across the keelboat divisions and one-design classes. The keelboat divisions are well catered for with several aggregate and non-aggregate series, a mixture of passage and windward leeward courses and a number of races run in conjunction with neighbouring yacht clubs.

RBYC hosts Melbourne's largest one-design fleet. VX Ones, 2.4mR, Dragons and Etchells can be found racing on the Centre Course every Saturday afternoon throughout the sailing season. RBYC is the home of the Etchells Melbourne Fleet, which has, over the years, included World Champions, Olympic gold medallists and America's Cup legends.

Wednesdays are also an important day in the Club's sailing calendar with year-round pursuit racing and the twilight series run throughout the daylight-saving period. The Wednesday afternoon race is for those who have flexibility in their day with a 1:30pm start, meet with your crew over lunch and then enjoy a pursuit race on the Bay.





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The twilight series is a fantastic weekly event consisting of a short fleet and pursuit race with a sunset finish, followed by a presentation over a few drinks and a meal on the clubhouse deck. New sailors and casual yacht entries are always welcome to join in on the Wednesday festivities.

On Sunday, the junior and youth sailors partake in RBYC instructed training sessions followed by off-the-beach racing where several different classes of dinghies participate in short course racing.

The Club offers members as well as non-members the opportunity to upskill their sailing abilities and improve their overall sailing performance by offering private coaching

and tailored courses to suit a wide range of individuals, which in return raises the overall standard of sailing at the Club and makes for even more competitive racing.

The Club's website is where the sailing calendar can be found which outlines further details regarding events, along with online entries, results, notice of race and sailing instructions to up and coming events.

For further information regarding sailing at Royal Brighton Yacht Club visit [www.rbyc.org.au/](http://www.rbyc.org.au/) sailing, alternatively call (03) 9592 3092 or email [sailing@rbyc.org.au](mailto:sailing@rbyc.org.au).

# CRUISING

*With well in excess of 100 members and a comprehensive programme of activities, the Royal Brighton Yacht Club's Cruising Group is the envy of the other yacht clubs on Port Phillip Bay.*

Formed in 1991, the group exists for those who enjoy sailing's more relaxing and social aspects, along with the pleasures of exploring our waterways, bays and coastline by boat.

Regular get-togethers are enjoyed on the third Friday of each month. These meetings are well attended with 50 to 60 people sharing a meal and listening to a guest speaker or engaging in many other activities such the annual Carols at Christmas BBQ, roving dinner parties in the marina, an annual music night, trivia nights, and lunch and dinner cruises away from the Club.

Guest speakers cover a wide range of topics including cruising destinations, voyages undertaken, boat maintenance and safety equipment. Sharing a meal beforehand gives everyone a chance to catch up with friends, meet other "boaties", and to share ideas.

The group endeavours to organise a 'Monthly on Water' activity, usually the last weekend of the month, depending on the weather, and in late February/early March of each year it facilitates an annual two week long "Bass Strait Cruise in Company".

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## RACE MANAGEMENT

*Royal Brighton is proud of its heritage and has a rich history of offering championship racing to some of the best sailors in the world.*

The Club is highly regarded by those seeking a venue for regattas and major sailing events and has had an excellent record for many years of hosting world, national and state championships.

Events hosted include the likes Sail Melbourne International, the Finn Gold Cup, the Dragon, Etchells and RS 100 World Championships, the 9er Nationals for the 29er, 49er and 49er FX classes, and Optimist class States. The club hosts the very popular George Mac regatta in December.

The Club can count on a dedicated, wide-ranging, hardworking race management team who have considerable experience to draw upon, both on and off the water. This level of expertise is what allows organisers of important events on the national and world stage to feel assured that their event is in good hands.

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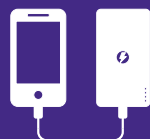
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The Club's facilities and the excellent waterfront allow to teach sailing to young people in a fun and safe environment, running group courses as well as private coaching sessions all throughout the year and at all levels.

Children from six years old upwards learn to sail and perfect their skills in a variety of different types of boats.

The success of the program speaks for itself, both in the number of young sailors visible at the club every day of the week and the number of RBYC youngsters being selected to represent the State in National championships.

For more details about our Junior Sailing Program, please call (03) 9592 3092 or email [otb@rbyc.org.au](mailto:otb@rbyc.org.au).





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- Family Membership - (husband and wife/partner, with no additional charge for children under 21 years except for Association fee)
- Crew Member
- Crew Plus Member - includes use of gymnasium, sauna and steamroom
- Country Member (reside more than 100k from the Club)
- Youth Member - under 18
- Intermediate Member - aged 18-29

## **Non-sailing categories are:**

- Social Member
- Gym Member
- Aquatic Member



Members are welcome to sign in up to eight guests at a time, the same guest up to 12 times in one year.

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- Off the Beach, Junior and Youth Programs
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- Excellent club catering
- Friendly membership
- Ability to sign in guests
- Private members' area and bar with open fire, lounges and balcony
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There is also the option of hiring more than one room, for break-out or so-called green room usage, giving all the flexibility and convenience required.

Refreshments, mid-session snacks, working lunches, buffets or sit-down meals can be provided.

For event, conference or catering enquiries or an information pack visit [rbyc.org.au/functions-and-events](http://rbyc.org.au/functions-and-events) or contact RBYC on (03) 9592 3092 or email [events@rbyc.org.au](mailto:events@rbyc.org.au)



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# AQUATIC MEMBERS

*Royal Brighton Yacht Club is proud to have more than 100 Brighton Icebergers call our club home.*

We believe our group of hardy Icebergers who do year-round bay swimming without wetsuits is the largest on Port Phillip Bay. These are joined by a growing contingent of wetsuited swimmers. We swim in temperatures which range from 8 C in winter to 22 C in summer.

The majority of Aquatic Members do their swimming in the morning, sometimes in the dark before work, such is their dedication/commitment. The swimmers make regular use of the sauna and steam room and love the Club's Olympic Room. This is proving to be a great venue at which to meet for a post-swim coffee/ breakfast and the chance to warm up,





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have a chat and de-brief on the day's swim. Icebergers are an adventurous lot and many of them travel far and wide to swim.

Six of our swimmers were involved in successful relay crossings of the English Channel in 2018 and many more participated in various swims held around the Mediterranean region.

Closer to home, the Icebergers hold two major swims during winter and have an annual summer-handicap race in December, which is followed by our annual Christmas brunch at the club. We work closely with the Club's sailing department who assist us in the running of our major races.



# WHEN WAS YOUR LAST SKIN CHECK?

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## The best criterion is - if it's changing, get it checked!

If a spot changes in shape, size, colour, or if it starts to itch or bleed and doesn't heal properly, it should be investigated further. New moles or growths should also be monitored closely.

### THE **ABCD** RULE FOR SKIN CANCER CHECKS

Melanoma can have any one of the following features:

	Benign	Malignant	
<b>A</b> - <b>ASYMMETRY</b> This benign mole is not asymmetrical. If you draw a line through the middle, the two sides will match, meaning it is symmetrical.			If you draw a line through this mole, the two halves will not match, meaning it is asymmetrical, a warning sign for melanoma.
<b>B</b> - <b>BORDER</b> A benign mole has smooth, even borders, unlike the one on the opposite page.			The borders of an early melanoma tend to be uneven. The edges may be scalloped or notched.
<b>C</b> - <b>COLOR</b> Most benign moles are all one color - often a single shade of brown.			Having a variety of colors is another warning signal. A number of different shades of brown, tan or black could appear. A melanoma may also become red, white or blue.
<b>D</b> - <b>DIAMETER</b> Benign moles usually have a smaller diameter than malignant ones.			Melanomas usually are larger in diameter than the size of the eraser on your pencil (6mm), but they may sometimes be smaller when first detected.
<b>E</b> - <b>EVOLVING</b> Common, benign moles look the same over time. Be on the alert when a mole starts to evolve or change in any way.			When a mole is evolving, see a doctor. Any change - in size, shape, color, elevation or another trait. Or any new symptom such as bleeding, itching or crusting points to danger.

### THE **EFG** DETECTION GUIDE

The **EFG** rule was created to improve detection of nodular melanoma which does not meet the ABCD criteria. These melanomas often begin as a red nodule. While their appearance can be mistaken for a pimple, they are much firmer to touch. Nodular melanoma usually has all three of the following features:

- E** - **ELEVATED**
- F** - **FIRM**
- G** - **GROWING for more than a month**





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## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

*Royal Brighton is known as the Friendly Club and members can experience just as enjoyable and rewarding a time out of the water as they can on it.*

The social calendar is packed with events for all the family to enjoy and good food and good company are guaranteed. Among the highlights are the annual presentation night, seafood nights and live acoustic music on the deck during the summer period.

Friday night is Club night where members and guests can come and enjoy great food, fantastic views or maybe even a cold beer to watch the sun go down. The evening also features a Membership Draw with a substantial cash pool.

Early December sees the annual hardstand Christmas Party, a much-enjoyed Club event held outside on a Saturday night with traditional Christmas carols and a barbecue, as organised by the Cruising Group.





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## LOCATION

*Royal Brighton Yacht Club is alongside Brighton Pier, around 12km south of Melbourne's CBD.*

### DIRECTIONS FROM MELBOURNE CBD

Take St Kilda Road beside Flinders Street station south over the Yarra River and out of the city for around 4km. When reaching the intersection with Princes Highway, turn right on to Nepean Highway (state route 29). Turn right at Glen

Huntly Road and then take the first left onto St Kilda Street. Follow this road for around 3km and you will come to the Club on your right.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Frequent trains run from Flinders Street Railway Station to Middle Brighton station, which is a short walk from the Club. Journey time is 20 minutes by foot.

### COORDINATES AND VHF CHANNEL

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