



Name: Peter Gebhardt

Year first nominated for Membership of RBYC: 2003

Membership Term: 21 years

Membership Status: Senior Member

Professional Background:

My professional background is in the hospitality industry, and I have over 20 years of experience operating and managing hotels globally. I have a Bachelor of Business in Accounting and Hotel Management from Victoria University. My hotel career began with the Accor Hotels network, where I worked for 11 years across multiple hotels in Australia and New Zealand before moving to The Ascott Limited for 15 years. Based in Singapore with Ascott for eight of those years, I led the evolution of revenue management across Ascott's global network of properties. Then, I moved back to Melbourne as General Manager of the Citadines on Bourke, Melbourne, a 380 hotel on Bourke Street. I then moved into advisory, working as a Senior Asset Manager and then Director of Operations for Minnett Prime Square, an independent advisory firm dedicated to the hospitality industry.

Sailing experience:

My interest in sailing was ignited when working in the Whitsundays as a deckhand and scuba instructor on a day charter sailing boats and rent-a-yacht companies.

I joined RBYC when I bought a share in a keelboat (Chindrina) with a friend and completed my first Bass Strait cruise in 2005. After selling Chindrina, I bought another share in Nimrod II, eventually owning her outright. In October 2023, I sold Nimrod II after an extensive refurbishment.

Working on both Chindrina and Nimrod II sparked an interest in the marine industry, and I am now working in a repair and maintenance business looking after trailable yachts.

I sail each Saturday as part of the crew on Mirrabooka and try to race Nimrod on other days as well as regattas and races around the bay. Our best results were winning the Costello Cup and finishing 2nd in Cruising Spinnaker at the Festival of Sails in 2018.

RBYC Committee Experience:

Currently serving as a Rear Commodore.
Member of the Sailing Committee, Cruising Committee and Asset sub-committee.

Personal Objectives:

As a keelboat owner at the club for the last 20 years, I am keenly interested in promoting participation in keelboat sailing through cruising and racing. Our marina is an essential asset to the club, and I am motivated to see it filled and maintained so that it continues to provide an excellent service to club members and a revenue stream to the club.

Other keelboat owners helped and encouraged me to start racing and cruising, and I would like to pay this forward by doing the same to new members and boat owners.

Aside from sailing participation, I see my background in hospitality management and consulting as something I can add value to in helping with the success of the hospitality side of our club.