



Name: MARK BUCKLEY

Year first nominated for Membership of RBYC: 1988

Membership Term: 37

Membership Status: SENIOR

Professional Background:

Mark is a seasoned executive with over 35 years of experience in multinational corporations and startups. He is skilled in strategic thinking, business development, and corporate strategy, known for his innovative problem-solving and negotiation abilities.

Currently, he serves as Chairman of Mobius Energy Storage in Cleveland, focusing on sustainable battery technology for renewable energy. Other roles include and not limited to; Chairman of Fusion Energy and Vantage Systems which Mark Smart founded in 1995, a video conferencing equipment and services provider which was acquired in 2019 by the UK multinational, Midwich.

Sailing experience:

Mark's sailing journey began as a teenager at the Rosebud Yacht Club, where he learned to navigate various boats. He later joined the Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC), serving as owner and/or skipper of notable vessels like DeJa Blue "Northshore 33", Simply Red "Farr 40", Vantage "Etchell", and Moana "Beneteau First 45".

He has participated in numerous offshore races, including four Sydney to Hobart races, Melbourne to Devonport and Melbourne to Hobart events. Sailing is a family affair, with his sons involved in the Sabot and Optimist classes at RBYC, continuing the tradition. Beyond sailing, Mark maintains an active lifestyle, dedicating 28 years to fitness through gym workouts and swimming, blending his passion for sailing with a commitment to health and community at RBYC.

RBYC Committee Experience:

While I haven't sought a position on the RBYC committee, I've been actively involved in not-for-profit organizations. My leadership roles include:

- **President** - Mt Buller Sports & Recreation Association
- **Vice President** - Mt Buller Race Club
- **General Committee** - Mt Buller Rate Payer Association
- **General Committee** - Aline Resorts Industry Advisory Group

These roles have deepened my engagement with the sporting community, promoting growth and collaboration. My commitment to local sports drives my continued involvement.

Personal Objectives:

During my formative years, I enjoyed sailing and competed in races, but personal and career commitments led to a significant break from the sport until my forties. My return to keelboat racing was influenced by the birth of my children and a shift from Etchell racing to model boat racing.

A friend introduced me to early morning workouts at the Brighton Baths, transitioning some 20 years ago to RBYC, which has become vital to my daily routine. This shift raises important sustainability considerations for the club, as it must adapt to the changing dynamics of family responsibilities to attract and retain members.

My active involvement in sailing and aquatic activities provides a unique perspective on the club's offerings, which can help foster a diverse membership as RBYC evolves.

If elected as Honorary Treasurer, my goal is to enhance the community at RBYC by:

- Supporting the Commodore and Flag officers in governance.
- Ensuring financial viability and understanding of revenues versus expenses.
- Increasing participation in various sailing and water sports.
- Maintaining high service and hospitality standards for members and guests.
- Mentoring future leaders within the club.