



96th Stonehaven Cup 2026

PROGRAMME

RS Quest Dinghy Class
6th to 10th January 2026
Hosted by
ROYAL BRIGHTON YACHT CLUB



Commodores' Welcome

It is with great pride and pleasure that I welcome RS Quest sailors to Royal Brighton Yacht Club to contest the 96th Stonehaven Cup for youth sailors,

We extend a very warm welcome to the Australian Navy Cadets, Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts ACT, King Island Sailing Club and Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron.

Spectators will enjoy the spectacle of 26 dinghies racing on Port Phillip Bay

We hope you enjoy our club's hospitality, our restaurant and facilities as you take in this memorable event.

Peter Demura
Commodore RBYC



96th Stonehaven Cup Organising Committee

Commodore – Peter Demura

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Club Captain- Marnie Irving

General Manager- Phil Hall

Boating/Regatta Manager – Colin Burgess

Events Manager – Caroline Hollingsworth

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Race Officer – Rod Mckenna

Stonehaven Cup - History in the Making

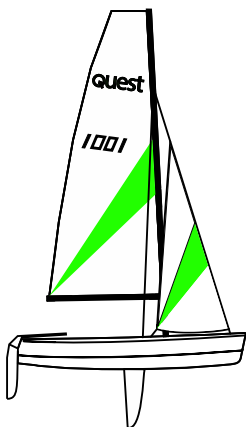
After 89 years, the Australian 12 Foot Cadet Dinghy was replaced as the equipment platform for the Stonehaven Cup. Generations of teenage sailors have trained, raced, shared fun and adventures, and developed lifelong friendships in the Cadet Dinghy, and through the Stonehaven Cup competition.



12 Foot Cadet Dinghy

The Cadet Dinghy has gone through an extraordinary number of changes over time: from heavy wooden hull through light-weight Western Red Cedar hull to fibreglass hull, from gaff rig to bermudan rig, from fully open boat with no added buoyancy to fore and aft buoyancy tanks and ultimately to fully integrated side buoyancy tanks, from steel centreplate to aluminium alloy centreplate, and from fixed blade rudder to swing blade rudder.

The constant thing in all of this has been the hull, which has preserved its external shape and load carrying capacity. It is the fact that the Cadet Dinghy was designed to carry a team of three adolescents which has been a core distinguishing feature of the design and a great enabler of the social interaction so important to teenagers.



RS Quest

The Quest is very modern, having been designed over 2014 and 2015, and launched into production in November 2015. With its clean lines, white hull, coloured sail patches, and square-topped mainsail, it has a striking, contemporary look.

While it was designed primarily as a three or four crew trainer, the high aspect rig, combined with a large sail area, provides exciting sailing in a moderate wind, and presents handling challenges in a heavy wind.

As a sign of the world-wide rate of sales of these boats, RBYC's first boat "QUESTIONable" has hull number "133", and 18 months later, its most recent acquisition "John Akhurst" has hull number "1472".

Transitioning to the RS Quest

In January 2017, the Stonehaven Cup National Council agreed in principle to the transitioning of the equipment platform from the Cadet Dinghy to the RS Quest, subject to equipment acquisition approvals at each of the competing clubs. It was understood then that the duration of the transition period to the new platform would be determined by the time to acquire the new boats, and that this might take several years.

As it has turned out, the January 2018 regatta became the last Stonehaven Cup to be contested in the Cadet Dinghy. All of the competing clubs have now managed to acquire RS Quests, and so the January 2019 Stonehaven Cup was the first to be contested in the RS Quest. This is a substantial achievement for the clubs individually and for the competition overall.

Stonehaven Cup – Previous Winners

Year	Location	Dinghy Name	Skipper	State
1924	Hobart	Mayfly	HP Newman	Tasmania
		Penguin (Tie)	B Fulton	NSW
1925	Sydney	Mistral II	A Robertson	Tasmania
1926	Adelaide	Eunamara II	HP Weymouth	NSW
1927	Hobart	Rangare	A Robertson	Tasmania
1928	Sydney	Gumnut	HN Batt	Tasmania
1929	Brisbane	Pixy	L Vickery	NSW
1930	Melbourne	Gumnut	HN Batt	Tasmania
1931	Hobart	Gumleaf	J Alderton	NSW
1932	Perth	Monsoon	Jock Sturrock	Victoria
1933	Adelaide	Kittiwake	EJ Muir	Tasmania
1934	Sydney	Rangare	G Gibson	Tasmania
1935	Melbourne	Kittiwake	M Muir	Tasmania
1936	Brisbane	Joy	R Wright	Queensland
1937	Adelaide	Scamp	J Olsen	NSW
1938	Hobart	Kittiwake	Edis Boyes	Tasmania
1939	Brisbane	Victor	N Howard	NSW
1940	Not run (WWII)	-	-	-
1941	Not run (WWII)	-	-	-
1942	Not run (WWII)	-	-	-
1943	Not run (WWII)	-	-	-
1944	Not run (WWII)	-	-	-
1945	Not run (WWII)	-	-	-
1946	Melbourne	Victor	Bruce McGregor	Victoria
1947	Perth	Victor	Geoff Spackman	Victoria
1948	Hobart	Gumnut	RP Ikin	Tasmania
1949	Adelaide	Dainty Too	J O'Grady	WA
1950	Melbourne	Danae	Tony Manford	WA
1951	Perth	Koala	J McCreary	Tasmania
1952	Hobart	Rangare II	J Stopp	Tasmania
1953	Adelaide	Lady Dainty	D Wedderburn	WA
1954	Melbourne	Boomerang II	Norm Baker	Victoria
1955	Perth	Victor	John Pound	Victoria
1956	Hobart	Noctoo	F Neill	South Australia
1957	Adelaide	Rhoda	Kelvin Hack	Victoria
1958	Melbourne	Defiance	Martin Bunny	Victoria
1959	Perth	Flight	R Deacon	South Australia

1960	Hobart	Taipan	D Jones	Tasmania
1961	Adelaide	Everest	John Needham	Victoria
1962	Melbourne	Margo	Bruce Crossley	Victoria
1963	Perth	Aeolian	Graham Crabbe	WA
1964	Hobart	Venom	R Muir	Tasmania
1965	Adelaide	Storm	K Roy	South Australia
1966	Melbourne	Avenger	H Piggott	Tasmania
1967	Hobart	Kittiwake II	G Muir	Tasmania
1968	Adelaide	Nerida	T Hardy	South Australia
1969	Melbourne	Kittiwake II	Angus McBriar	Victoria
1970	Hobart	Venom	Glenn Stanway	Victoria
1971	Adelaide	Kestrel	Gary Davidson	Victoria
1972	Melbourne	Kestrel	Gary Davidson	Victoria
1973	Hobart	Pandora	Ross Kennedy	Victoria
1974	Adelaide	Pandora	Rob Weir	Victoria
1975	Melbourne	Kittiwake II	Lou Perrin	Victoria
1976	Hobart	Pandora	Alister McCaskill	Victoria
1977	Adelaide	Syndication	Anthony Butcher	South Australia
1978	Melbourne	Zest	Nick Chapman	Victoria
1979	Hobart	Aeolian	John McCreary Jnr	Tasmania
1980	Adelaide	Kittiwake II	Nick Chapman	Victoria
1981	Melbourne	Pandora	Rob Ekins	Victoria
1982	Hobart	Volante II	Gary Williams	Tasmania
1983	Adelaide	Savannah	Tony Hennessy	Victoria
1984	Melbourne	Mollie G	R Gough	Tasmania
1985	Hobart	Mollie G	R Gough	Tasmania
1986	Adelaide	Avenger	M Cooper	Tasmania
1987	Melbourne	Volante II	Warren Young	Tasmania
1988	Tasmania	Volante II	Warren Young	Tasmania
1989	Adelaide	Bunyip	T Read	Tasmania
1990	Melbourne	Volante II	Warren Young	Tasmania
1991	Hobart	Aussie II	D Laughlin	Tasmania
1992	Adelaide	Buccaneer II	Sean Carey	Tasmania
1993	Melbourne	Triton	Chad Elsegood	South Australia

1994	Hobart	Syndication	James Lucas	South Australia
1995	Adelaide	Thomas E. Ward	Jason Flak	South Australia
1996	Melbourne	Thomas E. Ward	M Flak	South Australia
1997	Hobart	Thomas E. Ward	M Flak	South Australia
1998	Adelaide	Chappy	J Burkett	South Australia
1999	Melbourne	Yellow Fin	Hannah Keage	Victoria
2000	Hobart	Thomas E. Ward	Matthew Banks	Tasmania
2001	Adelaide	Zest	Adam Woodman	Victoria
2002	Melbourne	N. H. Taylor	Drew Latham	Tasmania
2003	Melbourne	Catani	Ari Sherr	Victoria
2004	Adelaide	Catani	Ari Sherr	Victoria
2005	Melbourne	Magpie	Ilona Flockhart	South Australia
2006	Adelaide	Thomas E. Ward	Adam Common	South Australia
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2008	King Island	Mary-Alice Auxiliary	Shea Wilding	Victoria
2009	Adelaide	Tasmania One	Bryce Haneveer	Tasmania
2010	Melbourne	Kittiwake IV	Tiernan Lacey	Victoria
2011	King Island	Tasmania One	Bryce Haneveer	Tasmania
2012	Melbourne	Dorothy Linacre	Angus Roney	Victoria
2013	Adelaide	John Nielsen	Pablo Borboa	Victoria
2014	Melbourne	Jock Sturrock	George Walch	Victoria
2015	King Island	Lyla	Pablo Borboa	Victoria
2016	Melbourne	Mary-Alice Auxiliary	Tristan Cole	RBYS
2017	Melbourne	Mollie G	Nelson Dean	RMYS
2018	Melbourne	Aussie 2	Connor Rush	KIBC
2019	Melbourne	QUESTionable	Eliza Ewart	RBYS
2020	Tasmania	Scarlett	Patrick Walby	RMYS
2021	Not run (COVID)			
2022	Melbourne	ASC RS Quest	Hamish Gilsenan	ASC
2023	Melbourne	Heather	Ashley Wahlqvist	RMYS
2024	Melbourne	Scarlett	Hayden Gold	RMYS
2025	Melbourne	Raffle	Oscar Waldron	RBYS

Otto A Meik Perpetual Teams Trophy

(Awarded to the best performing team for the series, including the Invitation Races)

Otto Alexander Meik was a member of Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron from 1943 until his passing in 1979, and Commodore for nine continuous years from 1957 to 1966. He was the Squadron's greatest fleet owner, chartering many of his yachts for others to sail. During this time, he built the Cadet fleet at RMYS with the purchase of 10 dinghies.

1969	VIC	1988	TAS	2007	VIC
1970	VIC	1989	TAS	2008	VIC
1971	VIC	1990	TAS	2009	VIC
1972	VIC	1991	TAS	2010	VIC
1973	VIC	1992	TAS	2011	VIC
1974	VIC	1993	SA	2012	VIC
1975	VIC	1994	SA	2013	VIC
1976	VIC	1995	VIC	2014	VIC
1977	SA	1996	TAS	2015	VIC
1978	VIC	1997	TAS	2016	RBYC
1979	TAS	1998	SA	2017	RBYC
1980	VIC	1999	VIC	2018	KIBC
1981	TAS	2000	TAS	2019	RMYS
1982	TAS	2001	VIC	2020	SHBC
1983	VIC	2002	VIC	2021	N/A
1984	VIC	2003	VIC	2022	RMYS
1985	TAS	2004	VIC	2023	RMYS
1986	VIC	2005	SA	2024	RMYS
1987	TAS	2006	VIC	2025	RBYC

Jock Sturrock Memorial Trophy

*(Awarded to the line honours winner of the First Invitation Race
when run in Victoria)*

The late great Jock Sturrock MBE, life member of Royal Brighton commenced his sailing life in the 12 Foot Cadet Dinghy class, and in 1932 became the first Victorian winner of the Stonehaven Cup. His training and experiences in the Cadet dinghy enabled him to progress to Olympic, Admiral's Cup and America's Cup competitions during his lifetime.

It was with great pleasure that the 12 Foot Cadet Dinghy Group at Royal Brighton donated this trophy to the Stonehaven Cup series of races. The trophy will be permanently displayed at Royal Brighton Yacht Club. The winner will be engraved on the trophy board.

1999	Kittiwake III	B Groom	TAS
2002	NH Taylor	D Latham	TAS
2003	Catani	A Sherr	VIC
2007	Thomas E Ward	A Common	SA
2010	Tasmania One	B Haneveer	TAS
2012	Dorothy Linacre	A Roney	VIC
2014	Jock Sturrock	G Walch	VIC
2016	Dorothy Linacre	N Smith	RBYC
2017	John Akhurst	C Carew	RBYC
2018	OAM	J Moeller	RMYS
2019	Scarlett	P Walby	RMYS
2022	ASC RS Quest	H Gilsenan	ASC
2023	Kestral	L Skerritt	RMYS
2024	Heather	A Wahlqvish	RMYS
2025	Greg Hennessy	Nathan Stanford	RBYC

Andrew Linacre Memorial Trophy

(Awarded to the winner of the Second Invitation Race)

The trophy presented for the Andrew Linacre Memorial has a wealth of yachting history. It was first presented at the Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Victoria, some 64 years ago as the “Commodore’s Cup” by Andrew’s grandfather, and won by the 21 Footer “Royalist”, sailed by Jock Sturrock’s father.

After the passing of Andrew whilst competing in the 1973 Stonehaven Cup as the skipper of “Kittiwake II”, Jock Sturrock graciously provided this cup for John and June Linacre to perpetuate the memory of their son.

1974	Kittiwake	L Perrin	VIC		1999	NH Taylor	M Banks	TAS
1975	Kittiwake	L Perrin	VIC		2001	Zest	A Woodman	VIC
1976	Kestrel	L Mulligan	VIC		2002	NH Taylor	D Latham	TAS
1977	Pandora	N Chapman	VIC		2003	Catani	A Sherr	VIC
1978	Celtic	N Black	SA		2004	Mary-Alice	L Barbier	VIC
1979	Guiding	A Gumley	TAS		2005	Magpie	I Flockhart	SA
1980	Volante	G Williams	TAS		2006	TE Ward	A Common	SA
1981	Pandora	R Ekins	VIC		2007	TE Ward	A Common	SA
1982	Volante	G Williams	TAS		2008	Dorothy Lin.	R Bell	VIC
1983	Celtic	I Flockhart	SA		2009	Dorothy Lin.	R Bell	VIC
1984	Avenger	S Burrows	TAS		2010	Cry Havoc	A Parker	VIC
1985	Camilla	A Palfrey	VIC		2011	Mach III	C Ekins	VIC
1986	Kestrel	D Wilson	VIC		2012	Dorothy Lin.	A Roney	VIC
1987	Savannah	S Tedstone	VIC		2013	Dorothy Lin.	J Lapthorne	VIC
1988	Mayfly	A Logan	TAS		2014	J Sturrock	G Walch	VIC
1989	Volante	W Young	TAS		2015	Mary-Alice	T Cole	VIC
1990	Volante	W Young	TAS		2016	Dorothy Lin.	N Smith	RBYC
1991	NH Taylor	F Read	TAS		2017	Mollie G	N Dean	RMYS
1992	Buccaneer	S Carey	TAS		2018	Aussie 2	C Rush	KIBC
1993	Triton	C Elsegood	SA		2019	QUESTionable	E Ewart	RBYC
1994	Syndicate	J Lucas	SA		2020	Robert McIntyre	D Matzolic	TAS
1995	TE Ward	J Flak	SA		2021	N/A COVID		
1996	Kittiwake	B Latham	TAS		2022	ASC RS Quest	H Gilsenan	VIC
1997	Kittiwake	B Latham	TAS		2023	Heather	A Wahlqvist	VIC
1998	Chappy	J Burkett	SA		2024	Scarlett	H Gold	VIC
					2025	Raffle	O Waldron	VIC

Boats and Crews 2026

Royal Brighton Yacht Club

Boat Name	MARGO	Boat Name	Greg Hennessy
Skipper	Alex O'Neill	Skipper	Nate McFarlane
Main	Nathan Rodrigues	Main	Daisy Martin
Forward/Jib	Ethan Rodrigues	Forward/Jib	Alexis Chandler
Boat Name	Katie lou	Boat Name	Raffle
Skipper	Mark Gynesi	Skipper	Francesca Wewer
Main	Michael Simopoulos	Main	Tess Nutter
Forward/Jib	Hugo Jarry	Forward/Jib	Abbey County
Boat Name	Tilt	Boat Name	Emma
Skipper	Aiden O'Connell	Skipper	Tim Goussard
Main	Eddie Barron	Main	Zelie Goussard
Forward/Jib	Edward Jukes	Forward/Jib	Clovis Goussard
Boat Name	Paul 4	Boat Name	Harmony
Skipper	Amy Robb	Skipper	Xavier Spence
Main	Joey Bennett	Main	Will Husband
Forward/Jib	Harrison Elmer	Forward/Jib	Alice Virtser

Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron

Boat Name	1023
Skipper	Tomasz Tamowicz
Main	Zoe Vlasic
Forward/Jib	Ava Sheehan
Boat Name	1029
Skipper	Aristotle Rassias
Main	Nolwenn Charrett
Forward/Jib	Alex Zhao
Boat Name	1035
Skipper	Josh Hall
Main	Obi Munkley
Forward/Jib	Steven Kenug

Boats and Crews (cont.)

King Island Boat Club

Boat Name	Oyster Catcher	Boat Name	RBVC Boat Hire 1 133
Skipper	Charlie Stellmaker	Skipper	Stella Smith
Main	Max Poulsen	Main	Alex Perry
Forward/Jib	Elsey Pinfold	Forward/Jib	Lucy Schuurung
Boat Name	Pacific Gull	Boat Name	RBVC Boat Hire 2 134
Skipper	Angus Poulsen	Skipper	Holly Smith
Main	Oliver Martin	Main	Heidi Smith
Forward/Jib	Jemma Mead	Forward/Jib	Emily Fisher
		Extra	Wendy Fisher

Navy Cadets

Boat Name	Attack	Boat Name	Moreton
Skipper	Darcy Strahan	Skipper	Reilly Crockett
Main	Kailen Aguilar	Main	Isabella Gee
Forward/Jib	Bailey Callaghan	Forward/Jib	Zech Williams
Boat Name	Daring	Boat Name	Taipan
Skipper	Zarra Cunningham	Skipper	Jenna Mackeen
Main	Joon McMahon	Main	Ivy Dehnert
Forward/Jib	Nat McClintock	Forward/Jib	Shaedon Wheeler
Boat Name	Gallipoli	Boat Name	Torrens
Skipper	Harrison Clarke	Skipper	Bailey Bourne
Main	Brodie Mesagno	Main	Lavinia Romani
Forward/Jib	Anthony	Forward/Jib	Oscar Wellings
Boat Name	Lonsdale	Boat Name	Westralia
Skipper	Josie	Skipper	Charli Wright
Main	Elijah	Main	Fynn Bradley
Forward/Jib	Oscar	Forward/Jib	Jiaman Sun

Boats and Crews (cont.)

Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts

Boat Name	Aqua De Vida
Skipper	Hogan
Main	Pike
Forward/Jib	Gloag
Boat Name	The Colonel
Skipper	Cockburn
Main	Godschalx
Forward/Jib	Yates
Boat Name	RBYC 1472
Skipper	Morrison
Main	McCann
Forward/Jib	Hogan

Results 2026

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