



Name: Cath Hurley

Year first nominated for Membership of RBYC: 2012

Membership Term: 14 years

Membership Status: Senior Member

Professional Background:

Senior Executive with 30 years working experience at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, managing 300+ staff working in a changing media environment with a focus on Regional Reporting.

Sailing experience:

- 2004 completed Competent Crew Certificate at the Derwent Sailing Squadron in Hobart, Tasmania
- 2010 - 2026 crewed on Jubilees and Couta Boats at Sorrento Sailing and Couta Boat Club
- 2012 – 2026 Regular crew member on keelboats in Brighton, currently on Adams 10 Serious Yahoo in Club Marine series, Association Cup, Festival of Sails, Petersville Regatta and Port Phillip Women's Series and 8 Australian Women's Keelboat Regattas, twilight races on a range of boats
- 2015 - 2022 crewed and helmed on a 45' and 52' yachts in European summer
- 2018 completed Day Skipper Certificate and bought a share in a Swarbrick 9.9 "Rampallion"
- 2019 Crewed on 40' keelboat at the St Barth Regatta in the Caribbean.
- 2021 - 2022 Cruised from Hobart to Melbourne after assisting with the media for the Westcoaster
- 2023 - 2026 Cruised in the US and raced in Airlie Beach, Magnetic Island and Townsville Gals Regattas.
- 2026 Mentor for KISS program for women run by the ORCV on Cavarlo

RBYC Committee Experience:

- Elected as a member of the General Committee in 2018
- Chair Membership committee 2018 - 2020
- Member of Inclusion and Diversity Sub Committee 2019, 2026
- GC representative on Social Sub Committee 2024 - 2025
- Elected as Rear Commodore in 2024
- RBYC representative on women's sailing and leadership forums
- GC representative on the Aquatic Sub Committee 2024 - 2026

Personal Objectives:

- Lead a talented and committed team of members elected to the General committee and support the General Manager in implementing club policies and priorities.
- Build on RBYC's reputation as a friendly, welcoming club for all members and the Brighton community
- Involve members in developing strategies to position the club for the future making the most of our world class facilities and beach front location.
- Strengthen the use of facilities to cross subsidise club activities improving our financial position in challenging economic times.
- Support RBYC as the home of Australian Sailing's high performance coaching and host of major sailing events with excellence in race management and running regattas.
- Improve pathways into sailing and racing.
- Build racing, OTB/keelboat Sunday program, enhance BLiSS, Port Phillip Women's Championship
- Strengthen partnerships with other clubs creating opportunities for our sailors e.g. KISS and ORC
- Focus on keeping members and growing membership, parents and visitors to the club, social members, aquatic members into sailors/Race Management Team members