



Name: Josh Stuchbery

Year first nominated for Membership of RBYC: 2019

Membership Term: 7 years

Membership Status: Senior

Professional Background:

I founded Lantern Corporation in 2005 and have led it for 21 years. Its work brings together organisational strategy and management, digital systems, communications and engagement. I have advised organisations ranging from small businesses, membership bodies and community organisations to multinational companies, governments and United Nations bodies, across more than 30 sectors and over 60 countries.

Most relevant to RBYC is that I have rich experience in: strengthening strategy and governance, improving member experience and participation, supporting volunteers and staff, and navigating complex change skillfully. I also bring experience relevant to marine businesses, hospitality and events. My approach is to listen carefully, turn complex issues into workable choices, collaborate well, and help teams deliver.

Sailing experience:

I began sailing at Mordialloc and joined RBYC when I became keen to sail keelboats. Since then I have raced extensively on Port Phillip and in interstate and offshore events, including the 2024 Rolex Sydney Hobart aboard RBYC yacht Another Chapter. I also enjoy cruising. I own a Tayana 48 that I delivered from Townsville to Hobart and have spent the past two years refitting, with the goal of bringing her to Melbourne in 2027.

I currently serve on the General Committee of the ORCV and as one of its Race Directors. I have completed incident-management and race-officer training, recently passed the national-level theory examination, and am building the practical experience required for Australian Sailing accreditation. I teach advanced race navigation through ORCV, contribute to weather education and race briefings, and presented RBYC's 2026 SMART class on weather. I have also sailed with the 2.4mR fleet and own an ILCA/Laser that is still awaiting some attention.

RBYC Committee Experience:

I have not previously served on RBYC's General Committee. For the past several years I have volunteered on the Club's Inclusion and Diversity Advisory Group, contributing to strategic and member-engagement work. That experience has given me useful exposure to RBYC's committee system, member feedback and the importance of working constructively across different perspectives.

Personal Objectives:

I am standing because RBYC has given me friendships, sailing opportunities and a strong sense of community, and I would like to give something back. As a member in my thirties, I have a particular interest in helping the next generation find the same sense of belonging, engagement, and opportunity at the Club. If elected, I would bring a listening, practical and collaborative approach. My priorities would be to help sailing, cruising, aquatic and social members feel valued, connected and proud of their Club; strengthen pathways for new and younger members while respecting the traditions, knowledge and relationships long-standing members value; support safe, enjoyable and well-run sailing, training, cruising, hospitality, events and volunteering; and contribute to clear strategy, sound governance, financially responsible decisions and open communication.

I am not standing with a fixed agenda. I want to work constructively with fellow General Committee members, staff, volunteers and members to build on RBYC's proud history and help keep it welcoming, vibrant and sustainable for current and future generations.