

## Cruising Yacht Club of Australia Social Media Commenting Guidelines

Cruising Yacht Club of Australia ("**CYCA**") strives to serve its principal purpose as Australia's premier yacht club and promote the sport of sailing for the benefit of its members and the community. CYCA values and encourages engagement with the sailing and wider community and this extends to online engagement via CYCA's social media channels.

CYCA welcomes comments that foster positive and constructive engagement.

CYCA will moderate comments on its posts on its channels before they are published.

The process of moderation involves a comment being temporarily hidden until the comment is read (including any links or URLs within) and checked against these guidelines by CYCA moderators before it is either (i) accepted, unhidden and published, or (ii) rejected and deleted.

There may be a delay between the time a comment is made and the comment is moderated, depending on, amongst other things, the volume and nature of the comments received.

Moderators will take into account these guidelines as well as the nature of the post and the context in which the comment is made.

Comments that criticise or provide negative feedback, should focus on criticising ideas and actions, not the person who expressed those ideas or did those acts.

Comments considered to contain trolling, scams, spam, commercial advertising, links or referrals will not be published and will be deleted.

Comments considered to incite hatred or violence or to be discriminatory, inappropriate, insulting, offensive, threatening, defamatory or a breach of copyright will not be published and will be deleted.

Those that continue to breach these guidelines may have their account blocked from accessing our social media channels.