JOIN OUR CREW!

VOLUNTEER WITH THE CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

HOME OF THE ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE

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ABOUT THE CLUB

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia is Australia's premier yacht club and home to what is considered yachting's 'Everest' - the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

Nestled along the beautiful Rushcutters Bay foreshore, the Club is in a superb location, with world-class facilities for its 3,100+ Members and many visitors.

The CYCA caters for all, from the most passionate ocean racer to the social sailor, and the future of the Club through the Youth Sailing Academy (YSA).

The CYCA is particularly proud of its amazing crew of volunteers, who give their time selflessly to make these many events possible.

KEY ROLES AT CYCA

RACE OFFICER

AUDITOR

UMPIRE

RACE COMMITTEE

PROTEST COMMITTEE

EVENT SUPPORT

BREAKFAST CLUB

ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE EVENT SUPPORT

COMMITTEES

WHAT OUR VOLUNTEERS DO

CLUB RACING

Monday Twilight Series
- 1 Skipper
- 1 Principal Race Officer
- 3 Race Officials

Wednesday Twilight Series
- 1 Skipper
- 1 Principal Race Officer
- 3 Race Officials

Summer Offshore Racing
- 2 Skippers
- 1 Principal Race Officer
- 3 Race Officials
- 2 Deckhands

Winter Series
- 2 Skippers
- 1 Principal Race Officer
- 4 Race Officials
- 1 Deckhand

Blue Water Pointscore
- 1 Skipper
- 1 Principal Race Officer
- 3 Race Officials

Summer Offshore Series
- 1 Skipper
- 1 Principal Race Officer
- 3 Race Officials

Corporate/Charity Regattas
- 1 Skipper
- 1 Principal Race Officer
- 2 Race Officials

YSA Match Racing Regattas
- 2 Skippers
- 1 Principal Race Officer
- 4 Race Officials
- 1 Deckhand
- 6-10 Umpires

WHAT OUR VOLUNTEERS DO

MAJOR EVENTS

Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Yacht Race
- 2 Skippers
- 1 Principal Race Officer
- 6 Race Officials
- 4 Race Committee Members

Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race
- 2 Skippers
- 1 Principal Race Officer
- 6 Race Officials
- 1-2 Deckhands
- 10 Race Committee Members

CYCA Trophy
- 1 Skipper
- 1 Principal Race Officer
- 3 Race Officials

SOLAS Big Boat Challenge
- 1 Skipper
- 1 Principal Race Officer
- 3 Race Officials

Musto International Youth MR Championship
- 2 Skippers
- 1 Principal Race Officer
- 3 Race Officials
- 1 Deckhand/Mark Layer
- 1 Maintenance
- 6-10 Umpires

Club Marine NSW Youth MR Championship
- 2 Skippers
- 1 Principal Race Officer
- 3 Race Officials
- 1 Deckhand/Mark Layer
- 1 Maintenance
- 6-10 Umpires

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Protest Committees
Club: Protest Committee Members
National Jury: National Judges
International Jury: International Judges

Auditing
Category 1-2: National Equipment Auditors
Category 3-7: Club Equipment Auditors

YOUR FUTURE WITH CYCA

RACE OFFICIAL

You don't need any previous experience to join our team as a Race Official.

Our long-term volunteers will provide all the training you need and our pathway program offers the opportunity for additional training and Australian Sailing accreditation if you wish to progress your skills.

Roles on board

Flags | Time keeping | Scribe | Horn | Mark laying

Club Race Officer

Act as Principal Race Officer for CYCA and Club races/events.

National Race Officer

Act as Principal Race Officer for national races/events.

International Race Officer

Act as Principal Race Officer for international races/events.

YOUR FUTURE WITH CYCA

UMPIRE

CYCA is the perfect starting point if you're looking to become an Umpire.

Join our team as a trainee/observer and we'll pair you with an experienced Umpire, who can train you and build your experience. Umpires are used in our Youth Match Racing Regattas.

Our pathway program also provides plenty of opportunities to progress through the ranks, all the way to umpiring at international YSA Match Racing events.

Trainee Umpire
Assist in umpiring CYCA YSA Match Racing events.

Club/State Umpire
Act as Umpire in CYCA YSA Match Racing events.

National Umpire
Act as Chief Umpire at local and state level YSA Match Racing events.

International Umpire
Act as Chief Umpire at international YSA Match Racing events.

YOUR FUTURE WITH CYCA

Protest Committee

You don't need any previous experience to join our Protest Committee team as an observer!

You'll learn the basic rules and processes associated with protests.

We will also provide support for additional training and accreditation if you wish to progress into any of these roles.

Protest Committee Member
Sits on Protest Committees at Club level.

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Regional Judge
Chair Protest Committees at Club level.

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National Judge
Chair National Juries and sit on International Juries.

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International Judge
Sit on/chair International Juries.

Equipment Auditor

Each boat that races with the CYCA needs a current equipment audit to ensure the boat meets the requirements in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations.

To become an Equipment Auditor, Australian Sailing offers Auditor courses and the CYCA can help you get accredited.

Club Equipment Auditor
Carry out Category 3-7 audits.

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National Equipment Auditor
Carry out Category 1-2 audits.

OFF-WATER AND SOCIAL

EVENT SUPPORT

- Breakfast Club
- Regatta hosting
- Event management
- SOLAS Corporate Lunch
- Ticket selling

COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

- Sailing
- Member Engagement
- Audit Planning & Risk
- Premises
- Associates
- Sustainability
- History and Archives
- Cruising

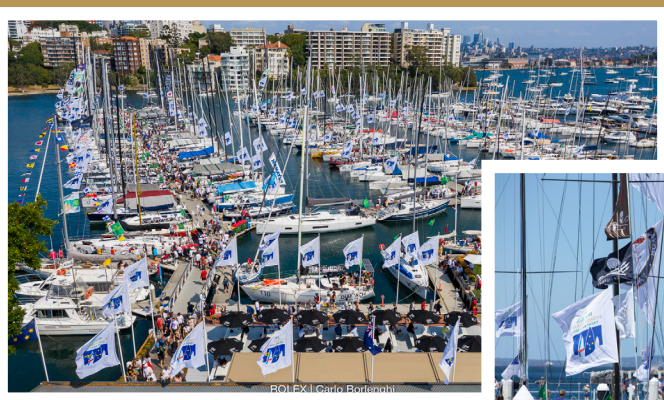
ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE

The Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's flagship race.

Since the inaugural race in 1945, the Sydney Hobart has become an icon of the world sailing calendar, attracting competitors and viewers from across the globe.

The great race wouldn't be possible without the many volunteers in Sydney and Hobart, who take on exciting roles:

- Crew & Yacht liaison
- Merchandise sales
- Event support
- Reception assistance
- Liaison officer
- Information centre
- Ticket sales
- Website management



JOIN THE CREW

Don't just take our word for it! Here's why our volunteers love being part of the CYCA crew.

It's the culture here, the people, the Members, the friendliness, the welcoming.

It's been an absolutely excellent experience, it's wonderful.

- Eric Blake

Volunteering at CYCA is fun. You meet a lot of new friends and get to make a valuable contribution to the Club we all love.

I encourage any Members who have some spare time to get involved in one of the many volunteer opportunities the Club offers.

- Val Mallett

It's thrilling to be a part of the team. I'm surrounded by great people, each single minded in doing their best.

Volunteering is an amazing way to enjoy our magnificent Sydney Harbour. I love it!

- George Astudillo

GET IN TOUCH

Do you want to join our passionate crew of volunteers?

Scan the QR code to complete an expression of interest, or visit cyca.com.au for more information.

You can also contact the Sailing Office via email at sailingoffice@cyca.com.au.

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