



RGYC FOUNDATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

Why is the process necessary?

The application process involves several steps but it is in itself a demonstration by the applicant that they are serious about their endeavours and the support they are seeking.

Applicants will be welcome to consult with the Foundation Trustees and/or the RGYC Sailing Manager about their application. Younger Members will benefit from reflecting on the reasons they are pursuing their higher goals and how it can be of assistance to others.

The RGYC Foundation is accountable to Foundation Members for the expenditure of Foundation funds and requires a clear and open process for this to be possible.

All applicants will know that there is an opportunity for them to apply and know that the selection process is fair. The Foundation Trustees will accept applications and will then consider each application before making any further recommendations and/or signing off on funding for approval.

The Goals of the Sponsorship Programme:

1.
The Foundation is formed to assist Royal Geelong Yacht Club (RGYC) to maintain, improve, develop and foster the sport of sailing;
2.
To support Members in the pursuit of excellence in their chosen field of yachting and boating;
3.
To support the development of the RGYC through Members' higher-level experiences;
4.
To promote RGYC via Member participation in State, National, International and other championships or events;
5.
The RGYC Foundation aims to attract and retain for RGYC the continuing interest and financial support of the community at large;
6.
To support young people whose access to sailing is limited financially, but who have demonstrated a keenness to make progress in the sport. This support would usually be of a limited duration.

FUNDING:

- 1.

The Trustees will put aside \$5,000 per annum, any residual amount unallocated will not be carried over to the following year. The intent is that \$500 per boat be given in support though this may be changed by the Trustees.

2.

The sponsorship funds granted will be for an individual in an event and/or individuals of an event closing date for an event that occurs within a current budget financial year i.e. July 1 to June 30th. The Trustees may vary this in exceptional circumstances.

3.

The Foundation may decide to support an application for sponsorship of an application in part or in full.

4.

Where funding has been provided via a government grant, details of funds will be provided to the RGYC and all funds granted will ONLY be used in its entirety for which the grant was approved.

5.

The Foundation will consult with RGYC on applications received, on a case by case basis, because clear transparency is required.

ELIGIBILITY:

1.

A person may apply for an allocation of sponsorship from the Foundation if they demonstrate the following:

a.

The Member is a current financial Member of RGYC. Social and Distance Members are not eligible.

b.

The Member has been an RGYC Member for a minimum of two continuous years.

c.

The Member has been an active participant in the life of the Club.

d.

The Member will provide an outline budget for their costs of participation in the event. Appropriate official documentation will be required. The Member will nominate the eligible part(s) of their budget for which they are seeking sponsorship support.

e.

A Member will be eligible for sponsorship support only once in any financial year unless the Foundation advertises that there is an open opportunity for all eligible Members to apply even if they have received financial support from this programme within the past financial year.

f.

A young person who has been introduced to sailing through the Vic Schools Sailing School or other and who has shown a keen interest in pursuing the sport...

Types of events the Foundation may consider as appropriate for funding Through this programme are:

1.

State, National or International (World) Championships, Commonwealth Games or Olympic Games in any recognised type of yachting or boating, particularly classes sailed at RGYC. Applicants will need to have performed at a very high level as demonstrated by competitive selection or finishing near the top of the yacht class in events supported or recognised by RGYC.

2.
Training courses offered for high-performance sailors by or endorsed by the Australian Institute of Sport, Victorian Institute of Sport or Australian Sailing, or other similar suitable courses.

3.
State, national or international conferences, seminars, regattas or other events that are aimed at the development of yachting and boating and are directly relevant to the RGYC Strategic Plan or major events held at RGYC.

THE APPLICATION:

1.
Applicants will use the application form available from the Foundation Trustees or from <https://rgycfoundation.com.au>

2.
Applicant should take note of the information provided in this document describing the Sponsorship Programme, its goals and other elements that the Foundation Trustees need to make their decision.

3.
Applicants will provide all the relevant documentation required in the application document. Failure to do so may delay the decision provided, or result in the application being rejected.

4.
Applicants will support their application with a written recommendation from previously sponsored delegates and/or their Class Teacher/Sailing School Teacher Coach AND School Principal.

5.
Applicants will provide an explanation of how their participation in the event will enhance their yachting and boating skills or the activities of the RGYC.

6.
Applicants will provide an explanation of how they will share the benefits of their experience at the event with other RGYC Members.

7.
Applications may be made at any time but they may arrive outside the time when previous applications have been granted funding and may then not receive funding that year.

8.
An applicant should be prepared to participate in an interview with the Foundation Trustees if that is requested.

9.
An applicant will be required to actively promote the Foundation and provide marketing outcomes such as social media posts, images and footage and/or make presentations that will assist the Foundation in its promotional activities.

10.
Applicants should be aware that the Foundation Trustees meet on a monthly basis. Please allow at least 6 weeks in advance of any activity for which funding is sought.

Applications should be sent to Lynne Johnston, Hon. Secretary RGYC Foundation either via the RGYC Office or info@rgycfoundation.com.au

Approved by Trustees on 16/01/2025

Responsible person Scheduled review date 01/07 2025