



SAILING ACADEMY



RGYC FOUNDATION

Assisting Royal Geelong Yacht Club to foster the sport of sailing & give back to our community



RGYC Sailing Academy Programs Receive a Boost from the RGYC Foundation

The Royal Geelong Yacht Club is proud to announce a significant new partnership with the RGYC Foundation, marking the first major collaboration between the two entities. This partnership represents a shared commitment to expanding access to sailing and strengthening the Club's programs that inspire, educate, and empower the next generation of sailors.

The RGYC Foundation's investment plays a vital role in supporting the RGYC Sailing Academy and its ongoing efforts to provide opportunities for people of all backgrounds to experience sailing. This support strengthens the Academy's capacity to maintain programs, recruit and train instructors and volunteers, and deliver inclusive initiatives for disability groups, youth from disadvantaged communities, and local schools, helping to ensure sailing remains accessible to all.

"This partnership is an exciting step forward for both the RGYC and the Foundation," said Jon Apted, RGYC Foundation Chair.

“It allows us to bring our shared vision to life: assisting the RGYC to foster the sport of sailing, using sailing as a platform for growth, inclusion, and community engagement.”

The RGYC Sailing Academy is one of the leading community sailing programs in Victoria, offering pathways from beginner courses through to competitive sailing. With the Foundation’s support, the Academy will be able to expand its reach, provide better equipment and facilities, and introduce more participants to the joy of being on the water.

Beyond the immediate impact on sailing programs, this partnership also strengthens the connection between the RGYC and the RGYC Foundation. It represents a unified approach to community development and reinforces the Club’s reputation as a leader in fostering social inclusion and maritime education.

“The RGYC Foundation’s support not only helps to enhance our programs but also strengthens our identity as a club that gives back,” said Commodore Paul Buchholz.

“It demonstrates the positive outcomes that can be achieved when different arms of our organisation work together toward a common goal.”

By investing in the Sailing Academy, the RGYC Foundation is helping to shape a stronger, more connected future, one that celebrates both the sport of sailing and the community spirit that defines Geelong. Together, the Foundation and the Club are charting a course toward a more inclusive and sustainable future for sailing in the region.