

## PERSONNEL

### Past Commodores

Seasons		Surname	Firstname	Initials
1952	1961	Le Maistre	Albert (Jack)	A.J.
1961	1962	Rock	Garnet	G.E.
1962	1963	Smith	Harold	H.J.
1963	1966	Stephen	Ron	R.R.
1966	1968	Court	Barry	B.M.
1968	1969	Fairey	Eric	E.A.
1969	1970	Moore	John	J.H.
1970	1972	Le Maistre	Brian	B.J.
1972	1974	Jorgensen		J.H.
1974	1976	McQoid	Dave	D.A.
1976	1977	Steele		I.W.
1979		Sclater	Jock	J.B.
1979	1982	James	Rod	R.A.
1982	1984	Lipple	Phil	P.A.
1984	1986	Sclater	Jock	J.B.
1986	1988	Seal	Michael	M.E.J.
1988		Doernberg	Ammon	A.
1998	1991	McQueen	John	J.S.
1991	1992	Hall	Kevin	K.
1992	1994	Doernberg	Ammon	A.
1994	1997	Nuttall	Dave	D.E.W.
1997	1999	Weir	Harry	H.T.
1999	2001	Waldie	Chris	C.
2001	2003	Parfitt	Roy	R.
2003		Stephens	Mark	

### Patrons

1953	1972	Court	Charles	Hon
1972	1999	Court	Charles	Sir
1999		Court	Richard	Hon

### Vice Patrons

1979	1982	Smith	Charles
1982	1992	Cruickshank	David
1992	1999	Barns	Colin
1999		Taylor	Laurie

## Life Members

### **Jack LeMaistre B.E.M.**

Jack who died on 9 April 1988 was the first Life Member of the club and gave tireless service for a number of years. Starting as Foundation Commodore of the club in 1952, he held the Commodore's cap until 1961. In its formative years NYC was known as Subiaco-Nedlands Sailing Club and sailed VJs.

Jack also served on the Management Committee and for outstanding service was given a place on that committee for life.

Jack LeMaistre was a builder and with the help of others, including our club patron, Sir Charles Court, negotiated with the City of Nedlands for the necessary permission to erect permanent headquarters for the club on part of the Swan River Foreshore Reserve and in 1954/55 Jack was responsible for what is now the Junior Clubhouse.

Jack was Chairman Works Committee, Yachting Association

Delegate, and on duty for Saturday Rescue Boat since retiring as Commodore in 1961. After helping to build the old and new rescue boats with other club members, Jack continually spent hours on maintenance.

He was awarded a certificate from the National Safety Council for services rendered in the Promotion of Water Safety. Jack was rewarded with Life Membership of NYC in 1962.

Jack was also on Subiaco Council for approximately 25 years and was awarded the British Empire Medal for his 'Services to the Community'.



### **James (Jim) Carroll (1963)**

Jim Carroll was Secretary at NYC and was involved in the club from the late 1950s and took the position at a period when the club was starting to expand. He was adept at dealing with local government authorities, associations, banks etc and put this skill to good use in the development of the club. Jim had a business like attitude to the position and kept the records accordingly. It was at this time that several members of NYC including himself took out debentures to enable the club to proceed with a building program. He also supported the club financially in many of its undertakings with a belief that NYC provided an opportunity for young people to learn sailing. His wife, Eva Carroll, served as Vice President and President of the Ladies Committee whilst son Jim sailed VJs.

### **Garnet Rock (1965)**

Garnet first became involved in yachting when seeking an activity for his young family to enjoy. It was thus he built a VJ – the beginning of a long and fruitful association with sailing and NYC. Garnet was a great innovator and introduced several design changes to the VJ class thus improving their speed and sailability. He was a foundation Flag Officer of the club and Commodore for the 1961-62 season. Garnet also served terms as President of the Yachting Association of Western Australia, the Veejay Association of WA and WA Skate Association.

### **Ron Stephen (1967)**

Ron joined in 1953 when he introduced his son Tony to the pleasures of sailing in the Pelican Class. Almost immediately he found himself infected with the enthusiastic and strong parental participation that existed during the mid 1950s to late 1960s during which period the Club operated Saturday afternoons and all day Sunday. Having had sailing experience pre war Ron soon found himself involved in junior training, some rescue duties, race control, etc. He served on Management and various Sub Committees and was appointed A/Commodore in 1961, V/Commodore in 1962 and Commodore 1963 and this office he held for 3 years to 1966. Ron took up sailing in Moth Class about 1960 to give some respite from shore based duties.

As foundation Commodore Jack LeMaistre and Ron Stephen both had trade backgrounds, they were primarily responsible for the planning and construction of Pelican shed (now M.J) and the two brick sheds to house the Yvonne and Kitty cats. Ron also spent time on the development and maintenance of foreshore rigging area, parking and early grounds development.

Ron was involved as chairman of Organising Committees for 2 National Moth Class series along with a few State series. On request from PFS for assistance he was Chairman of the Organising Committee for 2 National Manly Junior series followed by lesser roles when this section transferred. He was also involved in several of the earlier days Catamaran State & National titles. Ron served as Chairman of the Bar Committee for a year or two in early 1970s.

### **Frank Farrelly (Snr) 1970**

Following P. Holland, Frank took on the position of Honorary Treasurer up until 1967. He was one of the drivers on Wargardo in early 1980s on Saturdays and was always an active with club maintenance and busybee activities.

### **Roy Dewar (1975)**

After promising his daughter a boat when she was able to swim, Roy made arrangements for her to join the Nedlands Yacht Club in 1964 and was told he had to join as well and help run the club. Being a non-sailing member himself, Roy started off as Pelican Handicapper and Regatta Committee member, later being transferred to the Cherub Section and performing the same duties and many more.

1967 saw Roy start the season as Treasurer and apart from one year on holidays was Treasurer until the end of the 1974-75 seasons. He also stood in for the Bosun when Vic was sick or on holidays. As well as assisting in the maintenance of the grounds, Roy spent a considerable amount of time in building and maintaining the rescue boats that he drove on Saturday afternoons for many years.

At the end of the 1974-75 season when Mr Roy Dewar retired from the office of Treasurer (owing to family commitments) his name was put before the committee and unanimously passed for Life Membership of the Nedlands Yacht Club.

### **Gwen Griffiths (1977)**

Gwen had son and daughter who sailed in Pelicans and Cherubs. Gwen was a hard working member who started helping in the canteen and four years later took over on a full time basis and ran it for over ten years, not only on Saturdays and Sundays but also over championships. Gwen also served on the Ladies Committee and the House Committee for a period of 8 years, 6 of these as Vice President. Her husband served on the Management Committee for approximately 12 years. Gwen was rewarded with life membership in 1977.

### **Les Snook (1977)**

Les joined the Club in 1964 when his son Philip started sailing Pelicans. During the next 4 years Les was actively associated with Pelican Section and acted as PSA delegate. He was much sought after by parents for advice and help in repairing and building boats.

Les could be seen working around the club premises doing such jobs as making the pin-up boards for the Junior Club House.

His Rescue Boat interest began in 1965 and continued until 1969 when he was injured during a rescue and these injuries necessitated an operation that temporarily stopped his club work.

When he retired from business as a registered builder in 1971, Les took over sole responsibility for the maintenance of Wargardo 1 and continued with this for many years, including the fitting of a new engine in 1974 and as a backup Rescue Boat to Wargardo 2 on Sundays.

### **John Moore (1979)**

John who joined the club in 1965 so his son could sail in the Pelican Section, almost immediately was asked to be Training Officer for about 60 enthusiastic pupils.

John's approach saw him in the position of Junior Rear Commodore in the 1966-67 and 1967-68 seasons. The following season he was nominated Vice-Commodore and then to Commodore for the 1969-70 season.

Being a lawyer, John had the expertise necessary to arrange and secure the club liquor permit and also had the knowledge needed to help rewrite the constitution and the writing of the Racing Rules in the Mainsheet. As well as being Officer of the Day on numerous occasions, John was the official starter on Sundays. John was active in the Cherub Association being President, Race Committee Chairman and Course Layer for three years.

His wife, Lucy Moore, joined in 1966 and worked in the canteen every Sunday morning for many years before becoming one of the team on duty at the Flag Deck. Lucy filled the positions of Nominator-Recorder and Handicapper for the Cherub Section for 5 years. Not only Nedlands but the association received seven years recording and handicapping from the start boat in all kinds of weather. Lucy gained life membership from the Cherub Association for services she rendered.

### **Wyn Stephen (1977)**

Wyn was rewarded with life membership for many years of loyal service and was President of the Ladies Auxiliary during the 1970s.

In 1983 she managed the club canteen during the Tornado Nationals and organised the afternoon teas for the HMAS Perth Regatta.

### **Beatrice Chivers (1977)**

Beat was the longest serving member of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1977 and was a tower of strength around the club on Saturdays and was never too busy to assist in any way.

Beat Chivers joined the NYC Ladies Committee in August 1958 and took on the position of Secretary/Treasurer. She was a trained secretary and bookkeeper and consequently the Club records were immaculately kept during the period of her tenure on the committee until 1965/66. However Beat was also honoured for all her assistance around the club whether it be canteen duties, organising and helping to cater for National Championships especially in the VJ and Skate classes, or making the Club Championships rosettes/ribbons to pin on the winners' after the last club heat.



Fund raising activities that Beat was involved with included card or games evenings, jumble sales and fetes in the early days of the club.

**Eric (1980), Iris (1986) & Ric Fairey (1996).**

All three were awarded life membership of the club. They were not just sailors but all worked tirelessly as a family for the benefit of the members to make Nedlands a great club. Eric was involved with busy bees, sailing promotion, club maintenance and regatta management. He was commodore for 2 years and a year acting as commodore when Barry Court was away. In addition to offices he held at Nedlands, Eric has been secretary of the Catamaran Association and an enthusiastic member of the Yachting Association of W.A.

Eric's wife, Iris, often sailed forward hand with Eric and consequently joined the Ladies Auxiliary. She was a tireless worker for 25 years actively supporting its endeavours, by assisting in fund raising activities and supplying refreshments for special occasions as well as bringing in many other wives and girlfriends to actively participate in supporting the sailors.

Ric has been a continuous member for 34 years. Being a motor mechanic he volunteered his skills in assisting to maintain the club's rescue boats to keep them in active service. Some of the earlier wooden and fibre glass boats needed considerable maintenance. He has been involved in periods of flag deck and bar management as well as two spells on the Management Committee. Many hours of his time has been spent on general club maintenance and he was active in building the tyre groynes to minimise beach erosion and also helped build the finger jetty. Rescue boat driver training now occupies much of his time and Ric was the club's first accredited training officer.

**Frank Sugars (1981)**

Frank became involved in the club when his son Trevor sailed Pelicans. Frank put many hours of voluntary service into rescue duty and was a regular skipper for many years both on Sundays and midweek twilight sailing. Because of his involvement in the motor and marine maintenance industry, his skills were a distinct advantage to the club. He was rewarded with Life Membership in 1981. Frank also served on the Management Committee.

**Murray Pennifold (1988)**

Murray joined the club in 1972 and took control of the start box on Sundays for two years. From 1974 until 1976 he was a Rear Commodore before being elected Commodore in 1977 and performed this duty for 2 years. During this time there were considerable problems with secretaries and at one time, Murray's wife, Joy acted in this role for 6 weeks to bridge a gap. He was Chairman of Social Committee in 1976.

In 1981 after a break Murray was again elected to committee and served for another six years. Murray volunteered to be Co-ordinator of Special Events and for seven years this entailed organising Opening Days, Hector Waller, Picnic Days and pennants for Prize Nights. In 1986 Murray was responsible for organising a grant to purchase the initial computer for the club.

Murray has been active in helping with busy bees and has put in a lot of work into organising suitable radios for the rescue boats. Over these years Murray and his boys have been regular sailors and he has been ably supported by his wife, Joy, who has also been a tireless worker for the club.

### **Warren Rock (1990)**

Warren was rewarded for his long and continuous involvement with training at the club. He has been one of those responsible for the increase of training and safety in yachting in Western Australia through his activities with the training committee of YAWA where he also held the qualification of a State Coach. During his service at YAWA, he was Chairman of the Youth Committee and represented WA at National level on the AYF Youth Committee. Appointed by AYF as National Coach, Warren represented Australia on the Managerial Support Team for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Warren commenced sailing in VJs as a junior and later progressed to Tornados as crew for Brian Lewis and has participated in events from club to International and Olympic standards.

### **Basil Berry (1992)**

Basil first became involved in NYC in 1970 when his son John and a nephew were crewing on an Yvonne and coerced Basil into acting as recorder for the Open Cat Class. The following year, 3 other sons, Paul, Dominic and Steven all started sailing as crew in the Yvonne section and Basil became both recorder and handicapper. These duties took him to the Flag Deck and he gradually drifted into the position of Starter by filling in for others.

He was a regular on the Flag Deck as a starter in the 1970s and 1980s on Saturdays and for special events and in some seasons ran it single-handedly. Many novice OODs were grateful for his assistance and guidance as well as the efficient way in which he fulfilled those duties.

Basil also helped on rescue boat duty.

The same dedication was also given to the Yvonne Class at both NYC and CYC and his many years of service to the administration side was recognised with a Life Membership of that Class.

### **Bob Paterson (1998)**

Bob Paterson was rewarded with Life Membership of the club for outstanding service rendered by his active involvement in providing a weekly rescue service for the sailing members for a period of approximately 19 years. During those years he has driven, maintained the rescue boats as well as trained many drivers and crews who have become part of the rescue boat roster. Although a non sailing member, he has been a regular attendee of Busy Bees and after easing out of regular rescue duty continued to assist by refuelling the boats and maintaining an active interest in the operation of the club.

### **Sir Charles Court (1999), AK, K.C.M.G., O.B.E.**

Sir Charles Court was elevated to Life Membership in 1999, after stepping down as the Club's inaugural Patron, a position he held with distinction for over 40 years.

His achievements included a close involvement with the Club in its initial development stage including the shift to the current site and planning of the first Clubhouse, now known as the Junior Club House. He introduced his sons to sailing from the NYC where they all spent many happy times as a "sailing family" during the summer months.

Sir Charles was particularly strong in his support for major events at the Club and his passion for the Annual HMAS Perth or Hector Waller Memorial Regatta held since the early 1960's in late February to coincide closely with the annual sinking of HMAS Perth in 1942, was well known. One of the highlights for Nedlands sailors and visitors was listening to the clear message from our patron, Sir Charles, as he clearly spelt out the relevance of sacrifice for the modern city of Perth, and spoke of the dedication of Captain Hector Waller to his crew and his interest in sailing his personal dinghy when home on leave.

Sir Charles' time as Patron was a long and important stage in the development of NYC and his support of all Commodores during this time was much appreciated.

**Don Mullaley (2000)**

Don Mullaley was nominated for the long and dedicated service he has afforded the club over more than twenty years of continuous membership.

Don was a co-founder of the cruiser section about twenty five years ago, served as Section Captain and was handicapper for approximately fifteen years. He has been the driving force behind the Nedlands Marathon from its inception by setting the course, calculating handicaps, and overseeing the sailing instructions. He has served the Manly Junior section as handicapper during the mid 1980s and was a trainer of our junior members before the current training program was established

Using his architectural skills, Don was involved in the installation of the ramp, jetty, finger jetty and pens and was the designer and work supervisor for the groynes in the area of the beach used by the dinghy and catamaran fleets. Don was also involved in managing beach replenishment used by our off the beach classes.

He served on the management committee in past years and serves as a member of YAWA sub committee for trailable yachts. Don has contributed to sailing in general by representing this club with his involvement with the Red Witch Association and as handicapper for the Rolly Tasker Series

Don has always shown a willingness to show other members of the club the art of sailing, and has done this over many years to the present day.

**Molly Nuttall (2000)**

Molly with her husband David joined the Nedlands Yacht Club in 1970.

In the early years Molly sailed on occasions and more especially gave invaluable support to her husband David and children Bob, Bill Felicity, Tim and Kate all of whom sailed at the club.

Her support soon extended to running the canteen and in this capacity provided a service to the members for a period of ten years, commencing in 1979.

When her husband was elected to the position of Commodore in 1994, Molly took on the position of Treasurer. She held this position for a period of three years then for a further five years the onerous position of Secretary/Treasurer.

In recognition of Molly's valuable service to the Club the members awarded her Life Membership.

**Tim Hodgson (2003)**

Since Tim joined the club he has given many hours to the benefit of the club both on and off the premises. He has shown dedication and organisational ability in the many activities he has undertaken concerning the club's wellbeing and maintenance. Tim has made himself available for most busy bees with a utility loaded with tools prepared to take on any task. While on the committee he always looked methodically and practically at any problem and was totally reliable. He was committed to bringing any project he undertook to a satisfactory conclusion thus saving the club considerable funds.