

Personal Profile: Commodore Nominee
Kerry Lewis Member No 1507

Dear Members

I am submitting this profile to express my interest in nominating for the position of Commodore for a further year.

The experience of owning and running a successful scientific instrument company and working with huge companies such as Rio Tinto has given me the know-how for managing the business of HYC.

My understanding has been well and truly enhanced by my years served as Commodore from 2003 to 2005 and recently over the last 2 years.

Since assuming the position of Acting Commodore 2022 and Commodore 2023, I am pleased to say that some of the things I'd like to highlight as having achieved, or am seeing well underway, are as follows:

- Have been part of the team establishing a newly structured Management Committee responsible for running the business of the Club.
- Am working with both Management and Flag Officer Committees to clearly establish their roles and responsibilities within HYC.
- Have successfully seen HYC through a very difficult financial crisis and can announce that HYC is in a much better place today and is solvent.
- A project initiated by me is examining the profitability of bars and functions in HYC which is of course crucial to maintaining our financial viability and growing the business. A sub-committee has been formed to ensure this. I am active on this sub committee.
- Established a sub-committee overseeing the operation at the Lifters with the aim of working towards profitability via sourcing specialized tenants who can meet the needs of Club members and for that matter the wider boating community. Under my watch, all plant and equipment has been brought up to proper operational standards. I am active on this sub committee.
- My aim/Management's aim has been to ensure that the Club's combined assets of Alibi and the RIBs, a \$400,000 asset, can be utilised by all sections and that the operational costs are fair and affordable for the Club itself and for the Sections and their members.

I have been asked by many to nominate for the role of Commodore 2024 and I thank you for your confidence in me.

I am doing so to see through as far as is possible what has been started under my role as Commodore.

➤ See the above dot points.

One of my key aims is looking after our members and one thing I have started recently with Brent Griffith is HYC Caravan Cruisers. The numbers are growing with 15 vans and others hiring cabins at its upcoming trip.

Fundamental to this aim:

- Is making HYC a Club that members enjoy and that others want to join. Some suggested changes to our membership categories are part of this.
- Also, I see it as important to support the work of our House and Social Committee whose focus is on Members and attracting more and making our Club a go-to venue.

- I want to support and assist the Sections, where necessary, in maintaining and attracting members and I am keen to work with the F.O.C and individual Rear Commodores and their sections to achieve this.
- A sponsorship sub- committee has recently been established to increase the number of sponsors and enhance the benefits to those who choose to offer their sponsorship for the Club. It is important that this gets off to a good start and that our sponsors are acknowledged. I am active on this sub committee.

- And then there's Q Jetty that has been a bit of an obstacle course but work is in progress and requires sound managing alongside Q Jetty Working Group.

I don't work on my own – I chair the Management Committee of HYC and as Commodore, there is a responsibility to lead and direct this committee. I believe I fit that role. I am a team player and have a good understanding of the HYC Constitution having spent 2 years on the committee rewriting the Constitution, and then on the Constitution Compliance Committee for 7 years. I am and have always been passionate about HYC and ensuring the Club abides by the Constitution, By Laws and Club Policies.

I am of course fully aware of the workload and time commitment that being Commodore involves and am willing to continue and lead our committees and members into a fruitful 2024. My darling wife, Maree, is supportive of my decision and will be there cheering me on.

I would be proud were you to vote me in to serve another year as Commodore of Hillarys Yacht Club.

Personal Profile: Commodore Nominee
Mark Taylor Member No 7099

My Wife Corinne and I are currently running our successful mechanical family business we established in Joondalup in March 2000 and relocated down the road to a purpose-built facility in January 2009. We have raised three young adults we are proud of, and I am currently Chair of the ARD Committee - an advisory body to the Motor Trade Association WA. I compete regularly in most Club sailing events and have been involved in HYC social groups like the "Fat boys" cycling group.

I have served as one of your Flag Officers for the last 6 years during which time I believe I have made a positive difference to the Club during one of its most challenging periods.

During this time, I was instrumental in advocating for a new primary Club boat for use by various sections. This boat is vital for maintaining our strong Dive Section, helping to sustain and grow our Angling Section, and supporting our Junior and Senior Sailing Sections. Without it I have no doubt we would have lost many valuable Members - numbers we need to grow if we want to survive and flourish as a Club.

I have championed the four new RIBs and the floating docks - a project commenced by my predecessors over 15 years ago - which now provide for safer and much quicker launching. These RIBs are a necessity and replaced boats that required several re-inflations while in use, along with extremely unreliable motors that often wouldn't start or would fail whilst at sea. Without these RIBs Saturday dinghy sailing and future sailing courses would be jeopardised whilst also posing personal risks to our staff and volunteers. Your Boat Committee is now compiling a stringent maintenance program for all HYC on-water assets, something that will be further strengthened, I am sure, by our incoming Boat Committee Chair. Put simply, these assets are essential to the growth of our Club.

I believe the majority of Members support and want to maintain our Club's inclusive and relaxed atmosphere and would oppose electronic gaming such as TAB and constant revolving number draws. I support positive change but fail to see how such an expensive development is essential to the future for our Club.

The Club's recent history means funds will need to be tightly controlled over the next few years, but I believe you have a good, strong mix in your management team that will manage the available resources wisely to continue improving your enjoyment of our Club.

I hope you have experienced the improvements that have started around the Club in relation to our hospitality and ambiance, and although we still have some way to go in some areas, your staff have been working very hard to give you the quality of service you as Members deserve. We will continue to strive to live up to our motto "The Premier Club on the Coast".

Going forward, I strongly believe the position of Commodore represents the "whole-of-club". Importantly, I want to see our Club strongly and consistently focused on increasing community awareness and membership growth, ensuring our finances and assets are responsibly managed and maintained, and Member services and facilities are the best that we can afford.

I seek your endorsement for Commodore so I can continue to help guide this amazing Club towards a bright future.