

BILL BELL

Date of Birth 17th Oct. 1942

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Life Member; Black Rock Yacht Club (1999)

Australia OK Dinghy Association (1982)

Australian Finn Class Association (2010)

Inducted into International OK class Hall of Fame 2015

Committee Member of Black Rock Yacht Club; 1959 – 1967, 1982 – 2003

Treasurer; 1961 – 1964, 1985 – 1987

Commodore; 1988 - 1989, 1997 - 1998, 2001 - 2002

Committee Member; Victorian 14' Class Association; 1961 –1969

Victorian OK Class association; 1971 – 1985

Victorian Finn Class association; 1978 – 1982

Committee Member of Victorian Yachting Council (YV); 1990 – 1996

Treasurer; 1995 & 1996

Vice President 1993 – 1994

Member of the VYC Coaching Committee; 1976 - 1982

In 1976 I organised and conducted the first Victorian youth coaching clinic, the first Victorian youth championship and the first Australian youth championship and later I helped instigated the "Go for Gold" coaching regatta at BRYC.

Member of the Sail Melbourne Management Committee; 1995 – present.

Deputy Chairman 2000 – present

Member of the organising Committee 2000 - present

Member of the Yachting Victoria Race Officials Committee; 1994 – present

Deputy Chairman; 2005 - 2009

Chairman; 2010 – present

I have presented of club, state and national Race Management and Judge seminars in Victoria, NSW & Hong Kong

Yachting Australia Race Official Committee; Delegate/member 2005 – present

Member of Yachting Australia Appeals review Panel 2006 – present

ISAF Committee Member; Race Management Subcommittee 1999 – 2004

Judges Subcommittee 2009 -2012

Regional Game Committee 2009 – 2012

International Judge; 1996 – present.

During this time I have officiated at the following class world championships (C = Jury Chairman); Laser, Melges 32 (C), 49ers (C),

OK (C), Snipe (C), Contender (C), 505 (C), Tornado, 420, 470, Dart, Star and also the following events; Sail Melbourne (ten times), Sail Sydney (C), Sail Auckland (C), Whitbread Round the World race, ISAF World Championships in Spain, Sydney Olympic test event (twice), China Olympic test event (twice), Sail the Gulf Qatar, Koh Samui Regatta Thailand, Western Hemisphere and Oriental Snipe Championships, Rolex Big Boat Series (C) San Francisco (four times) in addition to numerous Inter-dominion, National, State and club events.

International Race Officer 1997 – present.

As an IRO I have the Race Officer for Moth, OK, 49er and two Finn world championships, Sail Melbourne twice as well as numerous Inter-dominion, National and state championship events.

Trustee of the Clive Roberts Trust Fund; 1976 – present.

This is a trust which I instigated and helped found in 1976 in the memory of the late Clive Roberts to assist Australian OK class junior sailors to attend OK world championships and other international events. During this time the trust has grown from \$1250 to in excess of \$80,000 and has assisted over thirty juniors to gain international experience.

I have been sailing for fifty seven years in both dinghies and keelboats. I have competed in numerous ocean races including two Sydney to Hobart races, won three Australian OK Class championships and was a member of the Australian pre-Olympic Finn team in 1978-79.

In addition to the above I was a volunteer messenger for the ABC during the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games and a committee member of the Elsternwick Amateur Football Club 1966 – 1971 and 1989 – 1991 (President in 1991)