



## **Anthony (Tony) John Rickards**

With regret Members are advised of the death of MHYC Senior member, Tony Rickards, on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 Tony was a Member of MHYC for over 48 years.

Tony commenced racing with MHYC as a boat owner in 1966 on his Bluebird - Mona Mia. From there he moved to a Daydream - Truant II named after his VJ - Truant from MHASC adjoining MHYC. About 1970 he purchased a Clem Masters built ex-Sydney to Hobart racer - Truant III. Next was a Cavalier 26 - Truant IV which raced on Saturdays and Cruised on Sundays, which he enjoyed for 24 years. Tony's final yacht was a South Coast 36 - Truant V, which is now moored in Mosman Bay, under new ownership. There are many MHYC skite plates to testify to Tony's competitive spirit and skill.

After early sports of tennis and swimming, Tony, who was a Lieutenant in the CMF, took up sailing with a passion.

He was Captain of MHYC in 1976 when he was asked by Commodore Tig Thomas to start a Cruising Division within the Club.

The Cruising Division is still a strong group within the Club.

Tony was in poor health for the last few years and was a resident of Elizabeth Jenkins Aged Care Facility at Collaroy in recent months.

A private cremation will be held with a Memorial gathering at the Club at a later date to be announced.