

THE JULES TROPHY

for the

MHYC YACHTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR



Donated by Julie Hodder, the “Jules Trophy” is dedicated to the memory of ex Commodore (from 1984 to 1987) Alan Sweeney (Diamond Cutter) who gave her such a great start in the yachting world at a time that not a lot of women sailed offshore in major yachting events. Julie sailed her first Hobart with Alan on Diamond Cutter in the 1984 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race and is still racing offshore 40 years later.

The trophy is to be awarded to a woman who:

- Is a member (other than a General Member) and sails regularly from MHYC
- Is enthusiastic and active participant in the sport of sailing
- Shows good seamanship and sportsmanlike conduct
- There is no minimum age required to win the award and activities can relate to any aspect of sailing from Youth, Racing or the Cruising Division Programs
- The nominated person must demonstrate one or more of these qualities:
 - Outstanding involvement
 - Significant contribution/Promotion of women sailors
 - Excellence in local, national and/or international sail competition
 - An extraordinary feat (i.e. Ocean Voyage)
 - Focus on improvement.

The trophy will be awarded annually based upon participation and achievements between 1st April to 31st March each year.

Candidates can either be nominated by a Senior, Sailing or Full member, or self-nominate. In order to do so, please send through information on the nominee’s participation, achievements and any other relevant information to sailing@mhyc.com.au.

All nominations must be submitted by 5pm on 18th April 2026 along with the nominee’s full name, boat, class/es, event dates and placings. Please note that nominees can be a skipper or crew member.

The Award will be announced and presented at the Annual Prizegiving on Saturday 2nd May 2026.

Past Winners: 2022 Tracy Richardson
 2023 Katie O’Mara
 2024 Eve Stadler
 2025 Celina Rumbelow

Nomination Form for the Jules Trophy 2025-2026

Donated by Julie Hodder, the “Jules Trophy” is dedicated to the memory of ex Commodore (from 1984 to 1987) Alan Sweeney (Diamond Cutter) who gave her such a great start in the yachting world at a time that not a lot of women sailed offshore in major yachting events. Julie sailed her first Hobart with Alan on Diamond Cutter in the 1984 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race and is still racing offshore 40 years later.

The trophy will be awarded to an MHYC Member annually based upon participation and achievements between 1st April to 31st March each year.

Member Name:

MHYC Membership No.

Proposer:

MHYC Membership No.

Achievements:

Yacht Name	Division	Event Name	Event Date/s	Place	Role

Citation / Reasons for Nomination (maximum 100 words):

Signed by Proposer:

Date:

Nominations close at 5pm on Wednesday 15th April 2026. Deliver to the MHYC Sailing Office or email to sailing@mhyc.com.au