

## TIG THOMAS DISTINCTION TROPHY



Gilbert (Tig) Thomas was not only just a great champion of our club, but also a champion sailor. He competed in World (1973 Half Ton Cup in Denmark), Country and State Championships as well as many other major regattas and offshore race. Tig in “*Plum Crazy*” won the inaugural 1972 South Solitary Island race and again in 1974. This was a race from Sydney to South Solitary Island, back to Pittwater (500nm). He also won his division in the 1971 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race and set a record in 1975 Sydney-Hobart race for boats under 9.5m (31ft) that took many years to build.

The Tig Thomas Distinction Trophy is in recognition of Tig’s feats and to recognise MHYC members (non-social) who have competed in interclub events and major championships both in Australia and around the world. Points are awarded for both participation and placings. MHYC and other pointscore races are not counted as we already have recognised these trophy winners.

To be eligible for the Tig Thomas Trophy, a Senior, Full, Sailing or Youth member must have competed in a State, National or World Championship, Major Regatta or Major Ocean Race within the last year (1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026).

Candidates can be nominated either by a Senior, Sailing or Full member, or self-nominate. In order to do so, please send through information on the nominee’s participation in one or more of the above events and any other relevant information that celebrates his or her outstanding achievements, to [sailing@mhyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@mhyc.com.au).

All nominations must be submitted by 5pm on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026 along with the nominee’s full name, boat, class, event, date and placing. Please note they do not have to be the skipper.

Previous winners are:

- 2018 – Martin Hill
- 2019 – Gordon Ketelbey
- 2020 – Mitch White
- 2021 – Mitch Miller
- 2022 – Will Wilkinson
- 2023 – Gordon Ketelbey
- 2024 – John Crawford
- 2025 - Sebastian Hultin

The Award will be announced and presented at the Annual Prizegiving on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025.

## Nomination Form for the Tig Thomas Distinction Trophy 2025-2026

In recognition of Tig's feats, MHYC awards his *Half Ton Cup Trophy* to recognise MHYC sailors who have competed in interclub events and major championships and / or major ocean races. In the assessment of nominations, points are awarded for both participation and placings. MHYC pointscore races will not be counted as we already recognise these trophy winners.

**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):

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**Signed by Proposer:**

**Date:**

Nominations close at 5pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Deliver to the MHYC Sailing Office or email to [sailing@mhyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@mhyc.com.au)