

Royal Perth Yacht Club x Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

Governor's Cup

The history behind the iconic regatta

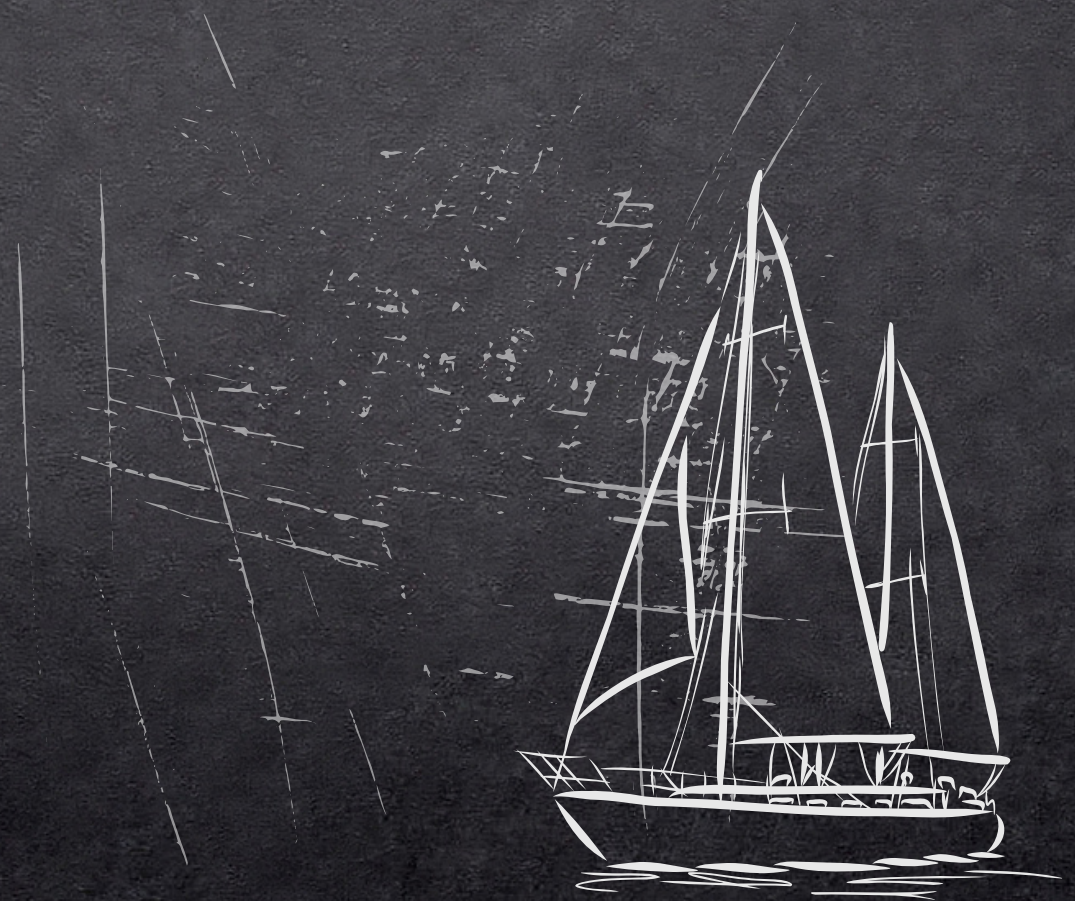


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The Governor's Cup

The Governor's Cup is Royal Perth Yacht Club's oldest perpetual trophy and has traditionally been presented to the winning skipper by our patron, the Governor of the day.



The First Cup

The first recorded race for the Governor's Cup was in 1904, when RPYC Members Carter and Arnotts won sailing "Waitangi"

This trophy, was donated by Governor Bedford and is currently proudly displayed in our Trophy Cabinet.



Waitangi



ROYAL PERTH YACHT CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)

SEASON 1967-1968



PATRON:
HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR, MAJOR-GENERAL SIR DOUGLAS ANDREW KENDREW,
K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

COMMODORE:
J. D. B. FOULKES

VICE-COMMODORE:
G. F. MILNER

REAR-COMMODORE:
J. M. SEABROOK

CLUB CAPTAIN:
A. O. DARNELL

HON. TREASURER:
R. J. MARSHALL

AUDITOR:
I. D. RITCHIE

MANAGING SECRETARY:
Group Captain J. T. O'SULLIVAN, O.B.E. [Ret'd] [Resigned, 1968]

GENERAL COMMITTEE
BOURNE, R. C. LIGGINS, R. ROBINSON, A. D. SCOTT, N. A. STEERE, D. H. STEVEN, R. WITTENOOM

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB will be held
in the CLUBHOUSE, on FRIDAY, the 26th JULY, 1968, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS:

To read the notice convening the meeting.
To read, and if found correct, confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 28th July, 1967 and the
minutes of Special General Meeting held on Friday, 1st September, 1967.
To receive the Committee's Report, Balance Sheet and Report for the year ending 31st May, 1968.
To elect Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
To elect an Auditor and to fix his remuneration.
To consider such other business as may be properly brought forward.

By order of the Committee,

J. D. B. FOULKES,
Commodore.

ANNUAL REPORT

PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON FRIDAY,
26th JULY, 1968

On behalf of the Flag Officers and Committee, I have much pleasure in submitting the Annual Report of the Operations of
Club for the year ending 31st May, 1968.

MEMBERSHIP

1967

1968

Mercedes

The most memorable win in Cup History was RPYC Members Horace Rumble's win in 1962. After 43 years of trying to win, on his beloved 'Mercedes' he finally crossed the finish first. Rumble later went on to win again in 1968.

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RPYC & RFBYC

Following RFBYC's anointment of their Royal title in 1934, they were invited to participate in the esteemed regatta. Since then RFBYC have won the cup on 13 occasions from 82 races.



Programme and Sailing Directions

The Governor's Cup

Kindly Presented by His Excellency
COLONEL SIR WM. CAMPION, K.C.M.G., D.S.O.

OFFICIALS :
 Judge ... His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
 Starter ... A. E. THURSTON, ESQ.
 Timekeepers . C. J. G. GILLESPIE, ESQ., L. ST. J. KENNEDY, ESQ.,
 N. BREMNER, ESQ.
 Official Launch .. MR. W. J. WINTERBOTTOM'S "NOKOMIS"

COURSE :
 From an imaginary line between the Spit Post, opposite the Swan Brewery, and the Brewery Smoke Stack, round Crawley Buoy on the Port hand, thence round Foam Spit Beacon on Starboard hand to the buoy at Bricklanding on the Port hand, thence to Lucky Bay Buoy, rounding same on Port hand, back round Foam Spit Beacon, rounding on Port hand, thence to Crawley Buoy, leaving same on Starboard hand, and finishing at the Starting Line.

EXTRAS :
 Topsails, Spinnakers, and Ballooners only allowed

RECALL :
 Gunfire and Hoisting of Boat's Starting Flag
 Start at 3 p.m. **Handicaps at the Start.**

BREEZE FLAGS :
LIGHT, White; MODERATE, Red; STRONG, Blue; LEADING, Green.
 In the event of an unsettled breeze, the Red and White Pennant will be hoisted on the Starter's Boat at 2.45 p.m., and the boats sent away to a flying start at 3.5 p.m., under the Five Flag System.
 On the fall of the last flag the gun will be fired.
 Change of Skippers must be notified, and Yachts so doing will be subject to re-handicap.

E. RUMBLE,
 Hon. Secretary.

ENTRANTS

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"ROTOHINE" CIRCA 1920's



Yachting on the Swan

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Rotohine

Our most prolific winner of the prestigious regatta was 'Rotohine' who won the Governor's Cup 9 times between 1909 and 1938

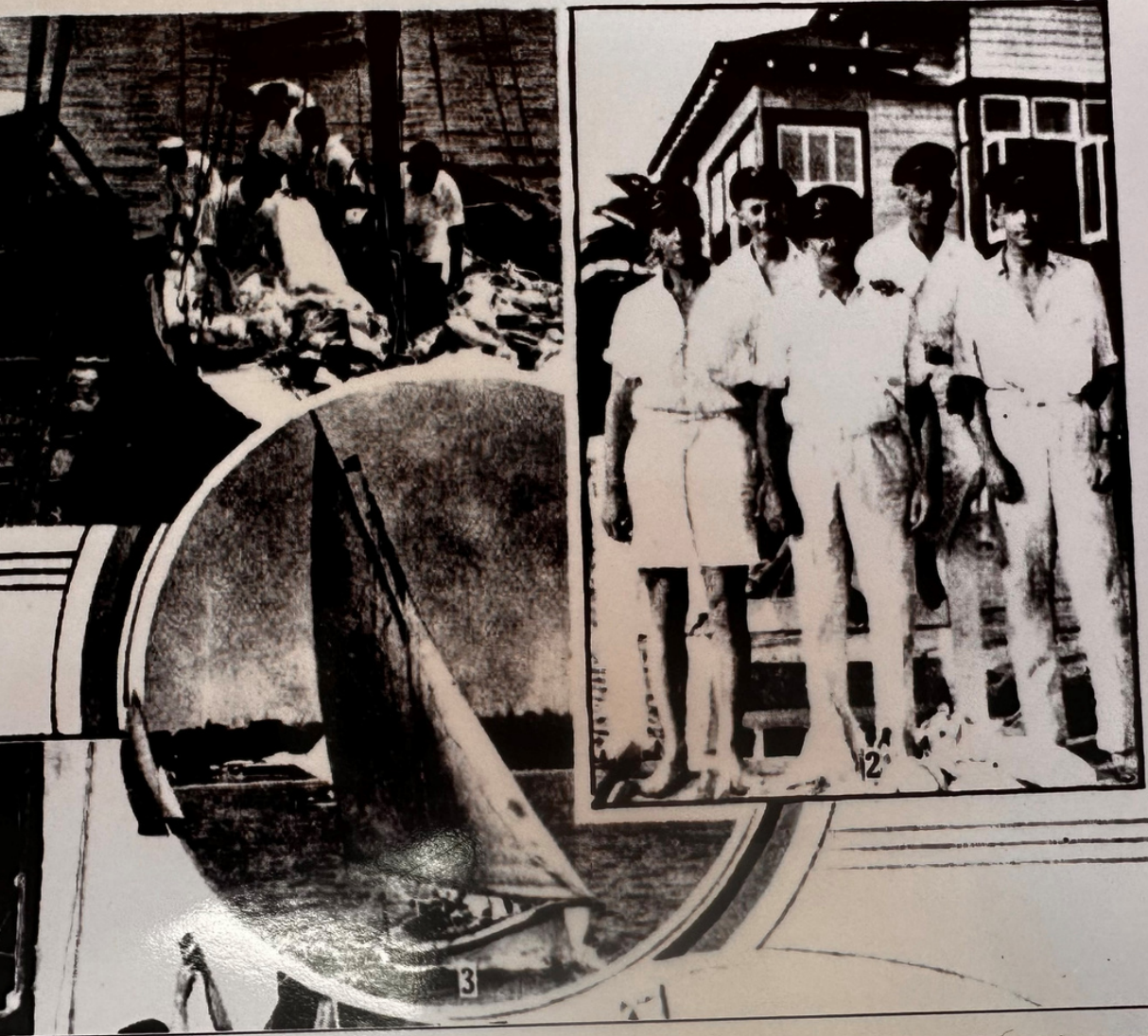


Rotohine Crew

R20 Galatea

Royal Perth Yacht Club vessel, R20 'Galatea' owned by the Governor himself raced regularly in the cup.





Legacy

The Governor's Cup legacy continues between the two Clubs, with the start and finish alternating location every year.

Winning the Governor's Cup is an illustrious achievement for any skipper.

The West Australian (Perth, WA : 1879-1954), Monday 16 March 1931, page 12

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2023

Governor's Cup

The 2023 Governors' Cup is to start at Royal Perth Yacht Club, and to finish at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club on Saturday 11th of November.

Learn more about the Governor's Cup via our website.

