

PRESIDENT

John Winning AM



Born in Sydney in 1952, I completed the school certificate at Sydney Grammar School in 1968.

I undertook an apprenticeship as a carpenter and a joiner with James Wallace Pty Ltd from 1969 to the end of 1974.

In 1975, I joined the family business of R W Winning Pty Ltd / Winning Appliances Pty Ltd, eventually becoming managing director. I retired in 2006.

I have an extensive sailing background from the age of 7 in sabots, VJs, FLYING 11s, VSs, 12ft skiffs and 18ft skiffs inclusive of club, state and national championships.

I crewed in the 1975 Transpacific Race and competed in the 1974, 1976, 1977, 1994, 1996, 2018 and 2022 Sydney to Hobart Races. In the 2022 Race I was a member of the crew of Andoo Comanche which took line honours.

I have served on the following committees:

- Vaucluse Yacht Club: 1968 to 1970
- Vaucluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club: 1971 to 1974 & 1985 to 1995
- Australian 18ft Sailing League: 1976 to 1986 & 2001 to current
- Sydney Flying Squadron: 2016 to current
- Sydney Maritime Museum Governors: 2014 to current.

I have an extensive background in member-based not-for-profit organisations, decades of senior commercial management experience and am well known within Sydney's harbour fraternity and maritime industries.

I was made a Member of the Order of Australia in January 2016.

I bring a new balance of volunteering and commercial activity oversight to the Sydney Heritage Fleet Board and provide valuable assistance with and insight into the strategic future of the fleet.