

THE ULTIMATE YACHT ASSOC.Inc.

The Ultimate Yacht Assoc. Inc. was formed in 1974 to promote the Ultimate 18' Class yacht. It is now an Incorporated Association based on four one-design classes of Ultimates, --16', 18'drop keel, 18' swing keel and 23'. Racing, cruising, social and training events form the basis of our yearly sailing calendar. The bi-monthly newsletter ULTIMO*PROXIMO keeps members informed of coming events and articles of general interest – both local and interstate members are encouraged to write of their sailing experiences in their Ultimates, renovations and repairs.

Being a family oriented Association, our aim is to encourage safe sailing and competent seamanship for both racing and cruising. We promote class windcheaters, jumpers and T-shirts and other goods including pennants and monogrammed glassware.

CRUISING:

Cruising events are organised throughout the sailing season and range from day sails to weekend and extended cruises. Both Victorian and Interstate waters provide a variety of excellent locations for organised cruising. Extended cruises at both Eildon and the Gippsland Lakes at Easter and Christmas are very popular. Cruising waters such as Mallacoota Inlet, the Coorong , Lake Macquarie and the Myall Lakes , the Broadwater and the Whitsundays are all regularly sailed by our members.

RACING:

The U Y A Victorian State Titles are held each year, generally in February, at selected Yacht Clubs, alternating between Bay and inland waters. Four races are conducted over two days with each class vying for its own trophy. The State Champion is the overall winner on handicap.

The highlight of the Year is the Annual Dinner-dance and Presentation night, a gala event celebrating the season's achievements. The State Title winners as well as the winners of other racing and cruising events held during the year are also rewarded for their skills.

To encourage family involvement, fun races like the Junior Skippers race and the Lady Skippers race are held. As well, a Singlehanded race is held to test the skill and seamanship of the Skipper.

Class racing is held at Williamstown S C for Ultimate 16's and 18's during the season. A 'crew-pool' is available and newcomers or anyone wanting to try out an Ultimate are welcome to attend WSC for a berth on one of the two classes. (Contact the Secretary for more details)

We encourage participation in Victorian Yachting Council events for Trailable Yachts and also passage races such as the Marlay Point overnigher and the Queenscliff to Geelong race. The Ultimate 16's and 18's regularly take out places in both races.

TRAINING:

To support new members and provide refresher courses for Ultimate skippers, a seamanship Clinic is held when sufficient interest is displayed. Topics covered include launching and retrieving, rigging, safety, manoeuvring, anchoring, heavy weather sailing (reefing etc.)navigation, weather patterns, clouds, tides, night sailing and many more relevant topics.

PARTICIPATION:

The Association is very proud of its strength of membership and relatively high participation rates in all its activities .To maintain the success of the past 29 years, the Committee of 11 dedicated people work hard to set up events of interest and is always available to assist members in any way possible.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership is available to all current and past owners of Ultimate Class Yachts. Current subscriptions are \$30.00 for Victorian members and \$25.00 for interstate members.

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