

**Ryan Marshall**

**1. Tell us a bit about yourself. What is your background?**

I relocated from Canberra a bit over a year ago to be closer to Mum, Eldest brother and his family and youngest sister and her family, I was a funeral director in Canberra and car salesman here. Growing up I sailed Herons out of Clontarf beach opposite the Spit Bridge in Middle Harbour. I have many happy family memories with Sundays including a kids' race in the morning picnic lunch and competitive racing in the afternoon. Stan Zemanek's Sydney to Hobart yacht was moored opposite our club and this led to him becoming a bit of a childhood hero. I competed against the likes of Rob Brewer the Olympic Sailor and sail maker. Over the years I've made many life lasting friendships from club involvement. When living in Canberra I purchased a laser on eBay after a late night of watching Tom Slingsby's tacking duel with the Cypriot Olympian.

**2. What drew you to sailing & RMYS?**

Originally, I joined and am also a member out at Hampton next to Sandringham. I also own a 420 (But it's for sale!!!). I met remedy co-owner Aurelie at this club and it was her who invited me to come along and try the keel boat. Im very impressed with our club, its history and friendly members. I think ours is the best located club on the bay. Kudos to Allicia, Matt and team and Charles and committee - We sure have a club we can all be very proud of.

**3. What made you want to get into race management?**

No race starters or volunteers means. - No racing! - We are lucky to have the tower team who regularly get us all underway, but for me I'm keen to learn some ropes and make myself available should any be away or sick etc. - Happy to help when needed. It's great to compete and race but it's also very entertaining to sit back and watch races too.

**4. What do you like about volunteering as part of the RMYS team?**

Meeting new people, learning new skills and to also give back to our club, who I'm very appreciative to be a part of.

**5. Do you have a favourite memory or highlight?**

So far, my favourite memory was a race recently on Espresso with Skipper Steve Thompson and Mike where we won the alcohol prize for first over the start line and then same race the funny prize - (More alcohol) for going to R2 instead of R3. I joked with him he's an alcoholic and wants to keep his handicap low! Haha. Also being a part of Remedy is a real family atmosphere and great team to be a part of, I call my skippers on Remedy my 'Mums of the sea'. Thanks Mums and Remedy - Aurelie Nadine, Kevin & Cloud ten, Les & Phil & Mrs O, Steve & Espresso, David & Vagrant for allowing me to also sail on your boats.