



Good afternoon,

World First for a Yacht Race?

The Presentation Ceremony for the Melbourne to Osaka Double Handed Yacht Race (M2O) will be held on the Saturday 3rd May 2025 in the Australian Pavilion at the 2025 EXPO on Yumeshima Island Osaka Kansai District Japan.

The 2025 Expo's theme is 'Designing Future Society for our Lives'. The Australian Pavilion will have the theme of 'Chasing the Sun'.

The Expo site will cover 383 acres, and it is anticipated there will be 28 million visitors.

M2O Entrants, families and friends will have a wonderful opportunity to visit EXPO and see in advance the technology being planned for our future.

There will be no access (for security reasons) to the Expo site from the temporary marina.

Those wishing to attend the Award and Presentation Ceremony will need to purchase admission tickets to the EXPO.

Please check this [link](#) to arrange the purchase of admission tickets and note the discounts for advance purchases.

Vale Trevor Huggard

We were very sad to learn of the passing of Trevor who was the driving force behind establishing the Melbourne to Osaka Yacht Race. The ORCV prepared an article setting out Trevor's extraordinary association to ocean racing in addition to his contributions to the wider community. You will find it [HERE](#).

For me, Trevor provided support and encouragement and will be remembered especially for his beautiful hand- written correspondence in 'cursive' script.

Trevor retained his interest in the M2O right up to his final days and his lifelong friend Robin Hewitt told me his eyes would light up whenever the M2O was mentioned.

Regards,

George Shaw

Melbourne Osaka Cup Chairman.

Training Monday 7th October 2024 7.30pm

“Ships Biscuits and Weevils” and ‘Clean Oceans”

Our next training session is scheduled for Monday 7th October at 7.30pm, with registration open from 7pm. Note the change of day to accommodate the start of the summer racing season and our twilight sailors!

- Come and listen to past M2O competitor and avid ocean sailor, **Robyn Brooke**, provide you with plenty of useful and entertaining information around provisioning for the race.

“Two hundred years ago sailors had a variety of techniques to deal with preserving food on long distance voyages. A typical seaman’s diet in the royal Navy of the early 1800s was salt-preserved beef, dried peas, oatmeal and the ubiquitous ship’s biscuit, supplemented with a gallon of beer a day. Often this preserved food was spoiled and barely edible. Sailors developed the practice of tapping their ship’s biscuit on their plate to dislodge the weevils.

Two hundred years of food preservation technology has given the modern day yachtie a far better diet than the sailor of old. That doesn’t mean that the competitors in the Melbourne to Osaka yacht race won’t be keeping a weather eye open for the presence of the odd weevil or two.”

- **Lilian Stewart** is a co-skipper in the 2025 M2O race and the ORCV Clean Oceans Co-Ordinator. Lil has championed protection of the marine environment through initiatives including water sampling projects, re-using and re-cycling of old boat gear and waste management aboard among other items. Recently, the ORCV won the Australian Sailing Victorian Sustainability Award – a credit to Lil and her Clean Oceans volunteers and the support of ORCV sailors.

Join us to hear Lil’s wisdom and knowledge in applying these principles to the 2025 Melbourne Osaka Cup.

A Message from the ORCV Sail Captain/On-water Race Management Team

Your Preparation and Planning.

The official Close of entry for the 2025 M2O by the NoR has come and gone. However, the opportunity to enter remains. If you are undecided and need clarification around the suitability of your boat to meet the requirements of the NoR, please reach out to [Paul Roberts](#) or [Sally Williams](#)

Preparation and planning are key to your success for the Melbourne Osaka Cup, and the ORCV has some great opportunities on the calendar for your training and/or qualifying.

The Melbourne to Devonport “Rudder Cup”, Australia’s oldest ocean race, gives sailors the experience of crossing Bass Strait from north to south, starting off Queenscliff, Victoria and finishing at the entrance to the Mersey River in Tasmania. More information [HERE](#).

The Melbourne to Hobart “Westcoaster” is a blue-water ocean classic, traversing Bass Strait, the rugged West Coast of Tasmania, the Southern Ocean and finishing in the Derwent River. It is a qualifying race for the 2025 Melbourne Osaka Cup and highly recommended for your training. Race Entry and documentation [HERE](#).

Sea Safety and Survival Certificate.

Remember, all crew shall have completed an Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Course (SSSC) or an approved equivalent by World Sailing. The ORCV has scheduled courses for the Full Course and /or the Refresher Course on:

Sunday 9th December 2024 e-learning + one day in-person attendance. Book [HERE](#).

Sunday 9th February 2025 e-learning + one day in-person attendance.

The ORCV encourage you to register for the December course. If you are unable make this date, please [email](#) us ASAP to confirm your attendance at the February course, as this will be dependent on numbers and pool availability on the day.

Preparing for your safety audit.

For those of you who struggle with the concept of the getting organised for your safety audit, the ORCV has prepared a great article to make the process easier for you and your NEA. Check it out [HERE](#). We have a list of Auditors for the 2025 M2O event, so [contact](#) us if you need some help.

Paul Roberts

ORCV Vice Commodore/Sail Captain.