



COUTA BOAT ASSOCIATION INC

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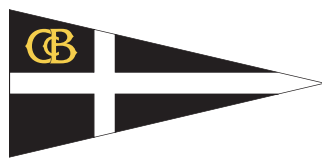


OUR NEW WEBSITE: WWW.COUTABOATCLUB.COM.AU

It is time to pay a visit. Our new site is fully operational and is your direct link to the Committee of the Couta Boat Class Association, access to latest Class Rules, Boat Register, Application Forms and Trade Directory (including crew pool). So please come on board and find the very latest key Couta Boat information. The 'Official Boat Register' now shows all measured boat statistics with conversions from traditional feet and inches into metric and if you have supplied it, a nice picture of your boat. Boats for sale, Couta news, buy CBA gear – all at www.coutaboatclub.com.au

RACING – WHAT GOING ON?

The Committees of the CBA and the SSCBC have recently met to discuss the conduct of Couta Boat racing events held over the past season and have agreed there are aspects that can be improved or enhanced. Both Committees working in partnership will continue this review to ensure these concerns are satisfactorily addressed. SSCBC is currently preparing next seasons draft racing programme which will directly benefit from these discussions.



HERITAGE ISSUES

The main responsibility of CBA is to preserve the integrity of the heritage fleet of couta boats and ensure, through promulgation of Class Rules, that boats comply with the concept of a non-developmental class. To this end the committee is again currently reviewing the rules to constrain any inappropriate manipulation of the heritage concept.

OUR LINKS TO IMPORTANT MARITIME GROUPS

The CBA fosters links with the Couta boats 'Thistle' at the Australian National Maritime Museum in Sydney and the 'Patsy' in the Melbourne Museum, and also maintains membership with the Queenscliffe Maritime Museum.



ON THE WATER

The CBA designates events relating to couta boats and is the owner of the Couta Boat State Titles; Couta Boat National Titles; and Portsea Fishing Boat Regatta (Portsea Cup). It also encourages the participation in wooden boat events to expose the boats to a wide section of the public. Some funds are available at times to assist Couta boats to attend special events.

MEMBERSHIP

In addition to the Full Membership for boat owners the CBA also offers an Associate Membership for crew and friends of couta boats. Go to the website to download this application.

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We are actively seeking your Couta tales (stories about the boats, club life or events) There has been a fantastic response to the online Boat register 137 boats to date So don't miss out on being part of it and register your boat TODAY even if your boat is on the supplementary register.

Preserving the Heritage and promoting the sailing of Australia's unique Couta Boats.