

YACHTING NEW ZEALAND

Annual General Meeting 2023 *Agenda Item 9*

Election of Board Directors

Nomination received by the due date for the Yachting New Zealand Board, **Sarah Bacon** who is deemed elected from the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Nomination received by the due date for the Yachting New Zealand Board, **Nicola Harrison** who is deemed elected from the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Nomination received by the due date for the Yachting New Zealand Board, **Greg Knowles** who is deemed elected from the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Nomination received by the due date for the Yachting New Zealand Board, **John Butcher** who is deemed re-elected from the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Sarah Bacon

Yacht club: Worser Bay Boating Club

Nominated by: Worser Bay Boating Club and Royal Port Nicolson Yacht Club



Sarah Bacon is a former lawyer, business owner, and mother of three sailors.

She practiced law for over 20 years, 10 as a partner. She dealt with a wide range of commercial clients and issues and was particularly interested in dispute resolution, maritime law, and entertainment law. She has expertise in policy development and implementation and was a member of the Copyright Tribunal.

Sarah founded a skincare brand in 2017 and is its chief executive. She is also the sole director, so her role encompasses both strategy development and the company's day-to-day running. She is financially literate, understands marketing and has a focus on growth.

She has a wealth of governance experience, including as chair. She is a director of three construction-focussed companies and the chair of the Digital Media Trust. She was deputy chair of the 2020 Trust and Chair of the Seatoun School Board of Trustees. She was a Trustee of Wellington Tennis.

Sarah has a law degree and a Master of Business Administration.

She is a member of WBBC and was the secretary of the club's general committee for seven years. She was a founding trustee of the Boat and Beachwise Trust and lives in Wellington.

Nicola Harrison

Yacht club: Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club

Nominated by: Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club and Lake Taupo Yacht Club



Nicola is a senior project management professional, an active sailor, and a strong advocate for increasing women's and girls' participation in sailing.

She is a Senior Project Manager with Beca, specialising in risk and design management in the construction industry. She guides projects through the design process and provides high-level risk management advice and risk escalation reporting to governance boards.

She started sailing as a teenager on keelboats with her family, and it's been a passion ever since.

She is now actively involved in the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club (TYPBC) on the general committee, as an active sailor, and as the secretary for TYPBC Women on Water.

She regularly competes in the TYPBC's Summer Series, shorthanded races and Women on Water events.

She enjoys introducing people to sailing and is passionate about increasing women's and girls' participation with the hugely successful TYPBC Women on Water program being evidence of that.

Nicola has a Bachelor of Engineering from the University of Waikato and a Master of Engineering Studies Yacht Engineering from the University of Auckland.

Greg Knowles

Yacht club: Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron

Nominated by: Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron and Kohimaramara Yacht Club



Greg is a senior partner at KPMG. In this role, he interacts with senior businesspeople and has advised on some of the largest mergers and acquisitions transactions in New Zealand.

Greg has a governance position on the Board of KPMG New Zealand.

He was a former chair and president of Yachting New Zealand.

With Murray Jones, Greg finished 5th in the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games and 4th in the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games, in Flying Dutchman class sailing. They also placed second in the 1988 and 1992 world championships.

Greg was a Director of Ski Racing New Zealand Inc and worked over an 18-month period to successfully transfer the management of alpine skiing to Snow Sports New Zealand Inc, the national sports organisation (NSO) responsible for the management of all New Zealand snow sports.

Greg is past president of Tongariro Ski Club Inc. with lodges at Whakapapa and Ohakune working with a committee of 12 members and presiding over a major repairs and maintenance project for the club.

Greg and his wife Alison have three sons actively involved in competitive sport including: alpine ski racing, basketball, distance running, club rugby and secondary school cycling.

John Butcher

Yacht club: Gulf Harbour Yacht Club

Nominated by: Gulf Harbour Yacht Club and Weiti Boating Club



John has significant experience in leadership and exposure to governance structures within the navy, defence force and other government departments.

His love of sailing is evident in his 31 years of service in the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) and his commitment to Gulf Harbour Yacht Club as a previous commodore.

John enjoys yacht racing and cruising and investing in people and organisations through making a positive difference.

He held the rank of Commander in the RNZN and was the navy's Fleet Navigation Officer where he enjoyed coaching, teaching, mentoring, encouraging, assessing, and evaluating the RNZN's Bridge Warfare Officers, Navigating Officers, and Commanding Officers.