

Shirley Freeman Memorial Trophy (phs)
Lady Skippers (phs)

Alice Varaday Trophy



Dr Shirley Freeman

21/10/1924 – 28/12/2014

'All her life Shirley had shocking eyesight.... But she saw the world more clearly than those blinded by custom and prejudice.'



The first woman to own a boat at HBYC and in Victoria

Yasadhora 1975

- a Triton 24



Shirley successfully competed in her second boat Pazazz

Designed by Bob Miller
(Ben Lexcen) 1974
- A 2/4 tonner



Shirley achieved:

- 1983 Second in the Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy
- 1985/86 First in the Bernie Kavanagh Trophy
- 1988/89 First in the Michael Wilson Memorial Trophy
- 1992 First in Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy Shirley

By PETER McEACHERN

Victoria's only woman ocean racing skipper, Dr Shirley Freeman, today won the VYC division of the Petersville regatta in her three-quarter tonner, *Pazazz*.

The win was the first success in a major regatta for Freeman, who has been sailing *Pazazz* with the Hobson's Bay Yacht Club for several years. In addition to bay races, she has sailed *Pazazz* in the Melbourne to Devonport ocean race.

Before retiring from racing in 1996

Shirley won:

- Commodore's Cup
- Vice Commodore's Cup
- Nicholas Maina Trophy
- Lady Skippers' Race.

Shirley competed in 5
Melbourne to Devonport races.



Shirley Freeman - the Scientist



Shirley's scientific achievements

- Research into the nature of toxins in Blue Ring Octopi and Sea Lice.
- The forefront of the development of a blood clotting mechanism that led to Warfarin.
- Became an international expert advisor on early negotiations towards chemical disarmament.



Shirley the Sailor/Scientist

- Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy 1984 & 1985
The 'best Logs' award.
- Shirley developed an antifouling formula that killed all signs of life on the keel of her yachts.



Shirley was awarded:

- Member of the Order of Australia (in recognition of public service, 1989)
- The naming of the Shirley Freeman Hobsons Bay Yacht Club rescue boat (1994/95 season)
- Life Membership at HBYC (2000)



The Freeman- Endeavour Award

The Freeman-Endeavour Community Award, recognizes the achievements of a HBYC member who has facilitated and enabled the wider community involvement at the club.



Shirley Freeman Memorial Trophy

- 2024/25 - Up N Go - Cath Beaufort (RYCV)
- 2023/24 - Outlaw - Liz Thom
- 2022/23 - Up N Go - Cath Beaufort (RYCV)
- 2021/22 - James of Vanuatu - Edel Doyle
- 2020/21 - Swallow - Sue Burke (WSC)
- 2019/20 - Red Dog - Yvette De Haan (RMYS)
- 2018/19- Serious Yahoo - V Twigg (RBYC)
- 2017/18 - Moonraker - Sally Neilson
- 2015/16 - Frenzy - Stephanie Strong



Lady Skippers Race 1979 - 2025

- 2024/25 - Rage - Lulu Dumergue-Smith
- 2023/24 - Outlaw - Liz Thom
- 2022/23 - Noeleen III - Katie Wylie
- 2021/22 - James of Vanuatu - Edel Doyle
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Alice Varaday HBYC
Manager
1980 - 2006

Alice is fondly remembered as:
'Ruling with an iron fist' and 'Never going on a boat'.