

Life Membership Proposal
Judy & Karl Evans
SNSWSSA

Judy and Karl Evans both learnt to sail in Sabots and have sailed all their lives. Judy has also raced Thorpe 12's and Lasers whilst Karl has raced a wide variety of boats including Flying Elevens, Cherubs, Lasers, Flying Tigers and represented Australia several times at Inter-dominion 12' Skiff Championships. In 1995 they purchased their first Sabot to introduce their children to the sport and have been involved with junior sailing ever since.

Both were actively involved in the SNSW Sabot Sailing Association, taking on many voluntary positions.

Judy was Treasurer and Registrar and over many seasons coordinated the training programs for SNSW. Through these programs focus was given to both novice and highly accomplished sailors and the practice of using past sabot sailors as assistant instructors was further developed. The outcomes of the training included increased participation at training camps, improved race results for SNSW sailors and the establishment of a group of sabot sailors confident to impart their skills and knowledge to younger sailors.

Judy also took on race official duties at many of the zone and state events even in years when her children no longer sailed sabots. She represented the class for many years on the YNSW Youth Committee and then as an YNSW Board member profiling junior sailing and encouraging participation in the sport.

Karl also supported the association in a variety of roles including ANSC delegate, Secretary, Vice President, assistant Measurer, Publicity Officer and supporting the training programs by driving support boats and offering guidance to some of the junior instructors. Karl initiated the Sprint Series racing that proved to be an exciting way to get sailors new to inter club racing onto the race course in the second half of their first season, mixing it with the travellers returning from State and National Championships.

Both Karl and Judy were heavily involved with the planning and running of the Sabot National titles held at both Georges River in 2001 and Vacluse in 2007. The 2007 Sabot Week Regatta was named after them. Their tireless contributions to the "behind the scenes" operations at both regattas ensured successful events on behalf of SNSWSSA and all sabot sailors.

Their contribution to the sabot class goes far beyond administrative positions with various associations and events. Combining their love of sailing and teaching background, they have been responsible at club and zone level for the development of Sabot training programs. Both were instrumental in the creation of the Cadet Sabot fleet at Abbotsford and the Learn to Sail courses that followed enabled many families who would not otherwise have had the opportunity to experience the thrill of the sport of sailing.

Both are advocates for sabot graduates to be utilised as instructors for intermediate and beginning sailors and have witnessed the development of many experienced sailors into fantastic and effective coaches. This has certainly been evident at the three day training camps conducted very successfully at Drummoyne Junior Sailing Club for several years.

Judy and Karl have always encouraged families with their transparent & inclusive attitude. They have been prepared to help and share their knowledge in the same way that others did for them as children. Karl has assisted many first time sabot buyers by providing valuable information about available boats and has given many hours to others setting up their sabots. This attitude and commitment have continued even though their own children have moved on from the sabot class.

With so many opportunities for children these days to fill their time with different activities, Karl & Judy believe that sailing is more a lifestyle than just a sport. It is an ideal way for boys and girls to compete against each other equally as well as an excellent avenue for parents to socialise and make long- life friendships.

The Sabot class and junior sailing in general, owe a great deal to the efforts of Judy & Karl. Their efforts were acknowledged with Life membership to SNSWSSA.