



# THE CARBINE CLUB of NEW ZEALAND

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## Newsletter to Members

### **OBITUARY – Ralph Hamilton ROBERTS MBE, JP.**



Sadly, Ralph Roberts passed away on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 aged 87. Ralph competed at the Olympic Games in Rome 1960 finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the Finn class and at Mexico 1968 finishing 8<sup>th</sup> in the Flying Dutchman class. He was Sailing Manager at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games where New Zealand sailors won 2 golds and a bronze medal. He was appointed Chef de Mission for the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.

His involvement with yachting spanned decades. He won numerous national yachting titles and made a major contribution to the administration of yachting, including as a past President of the New Zealand Yachting Federation. In 1993 he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire for his services to yachting and sport. He held several positions with the International Sailing Federation (now World Sailing) becoming an international judge and was the first New Zealander to be appointed to an Olympic Jury in 1988. He later became an international umpire. Ralph was made a life member of Yachting New Zealand in 2010 and as a longstanding member of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron was involved in several international yachting campaigns. In 2011 he was made a New Zealand Olympic Order Holder.

Our sincere condolences to his wife Penny and his family.

A service for Ralph will be held at St Mary's Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 11am.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and MEMBERS ONLY LUNCHEON – *Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023***

Please ensure you have the date of the AGM and Members Only luncheon noted in your diary. We need our members to attend to provide input into the future direction of the Club.

With Vicky Latta standing down as Secretary and Peter Jeffares not standing again for the Committee, there are 2 vacancies to be filled. If you are willing to be involved or have any suggestions for filling these positions, please contact Murray McKinnon at [murray@mckinnon.co.nz](mailto:murray@mckinnon.co.nz) or on 027 480 6086.

Regards

VJ Latta

Secretary

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