

# Kim Klaka

## Sailing c.v

### Personal details

Swimming: Weak  
Diving: No  
Seasickness: Never yet

### Formal sailing qualifications:

- Long Range (radio) Operator Certificate of Proficiency (MROCP) 2025
- International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft Cert. No. 527340, RYA, UK. 2024-2029
- Yachting Australia National Equipment Auditor, August 2018 – 2023
- Yachting Australia Keelboat Instructor Level 2, 2013-18
- Yacht Safety & Survival Course, 2012-17. Cert no: 58598
- Senior First Aid Certificate, current
- Coxswain Restricted, 2009-2014
- WA Recreational Skipper's Ticket, 2006
- Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate (HF and VHF), 1997 TAFE
- Small Pleasure Vessel Safety Certificate, 1996 TAFE
- Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate, 1983 RYA, UK

### Sailing club memberships:

- Wanderers Radio Sailing Club 2022- present day
- Austin Lakes Radio Sailing Club 2023 - present day
- Kimberley Coast Cruising Yacht Club 2015 – present day
- Fremantle SC 1995 - present day.
- South of Perth YC 1988 - 1995
- Marchwood YC (UK) 1981 - 1986
- Royal Ocean Racing Club (UK) 1979 - 1987
- Holyhead SC (UK) 1964 - 1974

### Sailing experience

Regular crew since 1966, regular skipper since 1975, Monohull and multihull yachts from 6m to 13m LOA. Geographical coverage includes Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, West and East coasts of Australia, Irish Sea, English Channel, Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Baltic Sea.

### *Racing Offshore:*

5,000M overnight races 1966 - 1984.

<b>voyage</b>	<b>distance</b>	<b>year</b>	<b>Vessel length</b>	<b>position</b>
Naturaliste Race	200	1984	13m	crew
Approx. 10 RORC races	2000	1974 - 1981	11m	crew
Approx 4 RORC races	800	1979-1981	11m	skipper
Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association week	150+ short races	1976	8m	skipper
RORC Commodore's Cup	200+short races	1976; 11m	10m	crew
1/4 Ton Cup;	100+short races	1975	8m	designer/builder/skipper
Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association week	200+100+short races	1974	11m	Winning crew
1/4 Ton Cup;	180+100+short races	1973	8m	crew

### ***Racing Inshore:***

*500 Club level races, over 35 years.*

- Torbay Race week (UK) 2012 ; 10m
- Geographe Bay Race Week 2004, 2006, 2008, 2014, 2018-22; 10m (winning skipper once)
- Cockburn Sound Regatta 1986, 1987, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2020; 6m & 10m
- Redwitch State Championships 1985 - 2000; 6m (winning skipper once, winning crew twice)
- Little Wheel Match Racing 1989 -1991; 6m (winning skipper twice)
- SPYC Redwitch Club Champion 1990, 6m
- Twister Class Championships 1983, 1984; 8m (winning skipper twice)
- J24 UK National Championships 1984; 7m
- Cowes Week 1973, 8m and 1975; 9m
- Irish Sea Folkboat Week 1969,1970,1972; 8m (winning crew thrice)

**Cruising:**

>15,000M cruising, as crew since 1966 and skipper since 1975. Summary of main voyages below:

voyage	distance	year	Vessel length	position
Cyclades, Greece	250	2025	12	skipper
UK - Channel Islands - UK	250	2022	11m	crew
S. France – Barcelona (Spain)	150	2018	12m	crew
Brittany (France) – La Coruna (Spain)	500	2014	12m	2 i-c
Fremantle - Bali	1400	2013	12m	2-i-c
Fremantle – Jurien Bay- Fremantle	200	2013	12m	crew
Gdansk (Poland) – Copenhagen (Denmark)	230	2012	13m	watch leader
Perth- Abrolhos-Perth	400	2012	12m	watch leader
Thursday I. - Darwin	670	2010	12m	crew
Perth- Abrolhos	200	2008	13m	crew
Monkey_Mia- Exmouth	150	2007	35m	(paying crew - STS Leeuwin)
Perth - Dampier and Sydney – Whitsundays	2000	1998/9;	10m	skipper
Nine Quindalup cruises	1800	1996-2007	10m	skipper
UK: Southampton- Isle of Man - Southampton	1000	1984	8m	skipper
UK - Azores non-stop	1100	1983	8m	skipper
Azores - UK non-stop	1200	1983	8m	single-handed
UK – Spain	500	1981	7m	single-handed

**Delivery voyages:**

- Port Denison - Fremantle (180M) 1989; 9m. (crew)
- Fremantle - Geraldton (220M) 1988; 9m. (crew)
- Brest (France) – Holyhead (UK) (300M) 1982; 7m. (skipper)
- Bangor (UK) - Southampton (UK) (380M) 1981; 7m. (skipper)
- Chichester (UK) - Holyhead (UK) (360M) 1978; 9m. (skipper)
- Southampton (UK) - Holyhead (UK) (350M) 1976; 8m (skipper)

**Yachting teaching qualifications & experience:**

- Yachting Australia Keelboat Instructor Level 2. 2013-18
- Initiator, leader and lecturer, Fremantle Sailing Club Cruising Section Learning Sessions; 2011- 2017
- Supervisor of yacht design research students, Curtin University; 1989 – 2012

- Lecturer in naval architecture, University of WA; 1996, 1998
- Lecturer in yacht design and hydrodynamics, Curtin University; 1986 – 2002.
- Reserve lecturer, RYA Yachtmaster Offshore theory, Southampton Institute; 1983-1984
- Lecturer in naval architecture & yacht design, Southampton Institute, UK; 1978 – 1984
- Certificate in Education, Higher & Further Education (CNAA, UK); 1982
- Teaching Certificate (Portsmouth Polytechnic, UK); 1981

## **Sailing and Boating Administration**

- Editor, Western Australian Cruising Guide (publ. Fremantle Sailing Club) 2014 – present day
- Volunteer, Marine Rescue Fremantle (2024- 2026)
- Committee Member, Australian DF Radio Sailing Association (2024- 2025)
- Commodore, Wanderers Radio Sailing Club 2022- 2023
- Awarded Fremantle Sailing Club Commodore's Commendation for exceptional services 2019 – only fourth recipient of this award since its inception
- Australian Sailing National Equipment Auditor 2018- 2023
- Member, Finance Committee, Fremantle Sailing Club 2018 – 2019
- Member, Yachting WA Safety Committee 2015- 2016
- Member, WA Dept of Transport Recreational Vessel Safety Equipment Review external response group 2015- 2020
- Awarded Yachting WA David Walters Medallion for contribution to yachting 2015 - only the fourth recipient of this award since its inception
- Editor, Cruising Section Safety Recommendations "Green Book" (publ. FSC) 2007-2014
- Safety Officer and Member, Risk Management Committee, Fremantle Sailing Club 2004-2014
- Safety Officer, Bali International Yacht Rally 2009-2011
- Cruising Captain, Fremantle Sailing Club 2013-2014
- Member, Fremantle Sailing Club Participation sub-committee 2012
- Member, Rottnest Island Marine Waste Management Facility Steering Committee 1999
- Member, Murdoch TAFE Marine Waste Management Policy Steering Committee 1999
- Member, Cruising Committee, Fremantle Sailing Club 1997- present day.
- Member, South of Perth Yacht Club sailing committee 1989-1993
- Member, Redwitch Yachting Association committee 1987-1991
- Members' Representative, Yachting WA 1988-1990
- Member, Trailable Yacht sub-committee Yachting WA, 1988-1990
- Founder and Secretary, Twister Class Owners Association 1983-1985

## Professional qualifications and experience

### **Profession:**

Naval architect

### **Affiliations:**

- Member, Royal Institution of Naval Architects

### **Academic:**

- BSc (Ship Science), University of Southampton (UK); 1974
- MAppSc (Yacht Design), Curtin University; 1988
- PhD (Yacht Design), Curtin University; 2004

### **Work experience:**

- 6 years small craft design and construction
- 6 years lecturing in naval architecture
- 25 years commercial research, marine science and technology
- 15 years management & leadership of marine research
- 3 years Directorship of marine R&D company
- Designer and builder of racing and cruising boats

### **Current position:**

Independent marine consultant.

### **Publications (selected)**

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- Binns J., **Klaka K.** & Dovell, A. (1997) "Hull-Appendage Interaction of a Sailing Yacht, Investigated with Wave Cut Techniques", S.N.A.M.E. *Chesapeake Sailing Yacht Symposium*, Maryland.
- Klaka K.** (1987) "Performance Prediction of Yachts Sailing in Waves" *Yachting Technology 1987 Conference*, Perth.