

Biography of Nominations for Life Members

1) Michael Randall (R-119)

- Full member
- Member for 25 years
- Previously owned and skippered “*Pride*” – a 33 ft cutter rigged yacht.
- Committee service:

GenCom: Honorary General Secretary (2000 – 2001)

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GenCom: Vice Commodore (2017 – 2018)

Mike’s work as Honorary General Secretary for nine years was extremely valuable in establishing good corporate governance and managing the first-ever translation of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Byelaws. Mike also oversaw the renewal of the Private Recreational Lease in 1997 and the subsequent Lease Modification for the Phase 2 Reclamation and the Marina.

Mike’s outstanding foresight is only evidenced with the passage of time. He suggested to GenCom during his second term as Honorary General Secretary that the future of the Club would be in training children and adults to sail. At the time the Club had six underutilised Enterprise dinghies, no training programme and no training staff. He became the first GenCom member to take on sailing development as his prime imperative and gave birth to the magnificent sailing development programme that we see today.

Mike is indeed the grandfather of sailing development in our Club.

2) Bridget Chan (C-455)

- Full member
- Member for 15 years
- Previously owned and skippered “Windseeker” and now “Minnie the Moocher”.
- Committee service:
 - GenCom: Member (2015 – 2016)
 - GenCom: Rear Commodore (Sailing) (2016 – 2017)
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 - GenCom: Member (2018 – 2019)
 - GenCom: Rear Commodore (Sailing) (2021 – 2022)
 - Sailing Committee Member (2013 – 2014)
 - Sailing Committee Member (2014 – 2015)
 - 24 HOUR Committee (2020 – 2021)
- Special Awards
 - 2018 Commodore’s Cup
 - 2019 Special Award
- Bridget is trained and qualified in race management, as a race judge, and as a match and team umpire.
- Served the Club on race committees, committee boats and protest committees and as an umpire.
- Supported the Club’s IT development.
- Promoted and organised yacht racing and sailing events.
- Chaired the very successful 24 Hour Charity Dinghy Race in 2018 during the period of Hong Kong’s social unrest.
- Successfully campaigned and skippered “Windseeker” and now “Minnie the Moocher”.
- Awarded Boat of the Year in 2017.

The lists above evidence Bridget’s contribution to competitive sailing. Her energy and enthusiasm are obvious to all, and she is universally respected at the Club. She has a remarkable talent for persuading a diverse range of characters to put their differences aside and help solve a problem. She excelled herself in moving the donation system online for the 24 Hour Charity Dinghy Race in 2018, which made it easier to donate money—and helped raise \$1.2 million. Following Kay Patterson’s suggestion to change the way teams thought about raising money, Bridget chaired the Committee which generated a competition amongst entrants for the most funds raised—the prize is a humungous silver trophy (for the winner) and last year was won by the Team *Temujin* who raised \$150,000. More than 35% of the funds raised for charity are now raised by teams.

3) Joseph Lau (L-282)

- Full member
- Member for 22 years
- Committee service
 - GenCom: Member (2003 – 2004)
 - GenCom: Member (2005 – 2006)
 - GenCom: Rear Commodore (2004 – 2005)
 - GenCom: Member (2018 – 2019)
 - GenCom: Member (2019 – 2020)
 - GenCom: Member (2020 – 2021)
 - Sailing Committee Member (2001 – 2002)
 - Sailing Committee Member (2010 – 2011)
 - Sailing Committee Member (2011 – 2012)
 - Sailing Committee Member (2012 – 2013)
 - 24 Hour Race Committee Co-Chair (2019 – 2020)
 - 24 Hour Race Committee Co-Chair (2020 – 2021)
- Special Awards
 - 2020 Commodore's Cup
 - 2021 Special Award
- Co-owner and co-skipper of *Temujin*.
- While on GenCom, Joseph has served on the Planning and Works Committee, Sailing, Committee, F&B Committee, Operations Committee and Human Resources Committee.
- Joseph, along with Kay Patterson, initiated and championed the very valuable staff engagement surveys to help understand how to be an employer of choice.
- Joseph's offshore racing and sailing includes trips to the Philippines, Shan Wei, Zhuhai, Keeling and Ishigaki.

Joseph has devoted his time to sailing and set a superb example to other sailors as well as taking on a challenging multi-committee workload. His coolness coupled with his highly perceptive responses to complex issues makes him an extremely valuable member of GenCom. The purchase of *Temujin* from a Cathay pilot in 2000 as a co-owner sets he and the *Temujin* team apart. Along with Peter Mok and Joseph Chan they formed the first all-Cantonese team of sailors in Hong Kong to go cruiser racing offshore—and who, over the years, have explored the far edges of the South China Sea and competed in almost every event in Hong Kong. The core of that team is still together (albeit a bit greyer) and *Temujin* is still making a name for itself.