Rupert Henry Sailing Bio

Rupert is a lifelong sailor. His introduction to sailing was watching his parents build a yacht in the driveway beside their house. The following years were spent cruising onboard that 32 foot yacht with his parents. After that, Rupert learned to skipper and race an Optimist Dinghy at the age of 9 and raced various international dinghies until finishing university. After a 10 year hiatus from sailing in order to establish a career, Rupert returned to sailing and has owned and skippered various boats over the last 20 years including Laser, Moth, Raceboard, Etchells, Sydney 38, Judel Vrolijk 62, Lombard 34 and now a Class 40. He has also enjoyed a lot of short-handed cruising with friends and family.

2022

- 6th place Normandy Channel Race with Jack Bouttell

2020-21

- Bluewater Double Handed Sailing Champion, Sydney, Australia.
- Windfoiling.
- Moth sailing
- Finalising the design of a Class 40 yacht in preparation for the double-handed Transat Jacques Vabre in 2021 and the single-handed Route de Rhum in 2022.

2019

- Winning of the Etchells Milson Silver Goblets Regatta
- 9th in the Australian Raceboard Championship
- 10th in the Spanish Raceboard Championship

2018

- New South Wales Yachtsman of the Year
- Finalist - Australian Offshore Sailor of the year
- Winner & new Record Holder of the Melbourne-to-Osaka Double-handed Yacht Race

2016-17

- As owner & skipper of Chinese Whisper, winner of:
  - CYCA Blue-Water Pointscore Series (IRC)
  - CYCA Cape Byron Pointscore Series (ORCi)
  - Flinders Islet Race
  - Bird Island Race
  - Big-Boat Race

2015

- As owner & skipper of Chinese Whisper, winner of:
  - Division 0 in the Sydney-Hobart Race.
  - Bird Island Race
  - Big-Boat Race
- 2nd overall in the Sydney-Gold Coast Race

2001 – Present

- A LOT of short-handed cruising and ocean passages

2007 – 2014

- Etchells racing, including participating in 3 x World Championships with 2 finishes in the top 20.

2003 – 2004

- Owner / Skipper of the Sydney 38 "Team Lexus" including finishing of the 2004 Sydney-Hobart race in which less than one-third of the fleet finished.