

You don't have to join the navy to see the world – just sail a Flying Fifteen

John Hassen has been sailing for 58 years and in the last 20 years has sailed Flying Fifteens in numerous World, National and European Championships in Australia, England, Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, France and Holland. He has also raced or sailed yachts in America, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Turkey, Croatia and Greece. He will soon be able to add Canada to that list as he will be visiting Salt Spring Island to conduct some sailing seminars and training sessions in mid August.

John is the current Australian National Flying Fifteen Champion skipper and was the driving force in Perth, Western Australia in sourcing and then shipping the four donated Flying Fifteens to Salt Spring Island.

John will also be making a non-technical presentation on some of his sailing experiences, adventures and the all important apres sailing.



John Hassen (Skipper) and Kevin Griffiths (Crew) winners of the 2024 Australian Championship with the Coweslip Perpetual Trophy donated by the late HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

See <https://www.flying15.org.au/the-coweslip-trophy/> for background information on the trophy.