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## *The Halvorsen Story*

*Noel Phelan*



A Halvorsen cruiser on the Hawkesbury River in 1962 (David Carment)

Noel Phelan tells the story of the remarkable Halvorsen family. After migrating to Australia from Norway, its members showed tremendous commitment to boat building, excellent craftsmanship and boat design skills. Their boats were much desired. The Halvorsens also designed, built and sailed yachts with great success and built Australia's first America's Cup challenger. During the Second World War the Halvorsen boat yard at Ryde produced over 250 vessels of all types to support the war effort. Many people enjoyed holidays on Halvorsen cruisers based at Bobbin Head.

Noel is a volunteer at the Australian National Maritime Museum. He was a mathematics and science teacher before holding technical and management positions in Information Technology. He is also a past president of Northbridge Rotary.

**Format:** Due to coronavirus restrictions, the talk will be delivered online by Zoom (<https://zoom.us>). All those wishing to attend should email David Carment, [dcarment@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dcarment@bigpond.net.au), before 6 July 2020 to receive the Zoom invitation and instructions on how to use Zoom for first time users.

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**Time:** 7.00 PM

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