

## Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024

### GORDON INGATE OAM – SUPER AUSSIE SAILOR



### “SAILOR - 9yo to 98yo”

Over a yachting career spanning 82 years, Gordon has represented Australia in the Admiral’s Cup and the Olympic Games, challenged for the America’s Cup, won the prestigious 8-race Prince Philip Cup in Dragons (2008, 2015 and 2017) and was very close to winning the Sydney to Hobart Race with “Caprice of Huon” in 1972. Arguably one of the best and oldest one-design yachtsmen in the world, 98-year-old Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron member Gordon Ingate is a truly remarkable helmsman.

The true and humbling glory for Gordon is not in his lack of medals, championships or near-misses, it’s his impact on the sport. In sport, some of the greatest athletes are not measured or remembered by the glory of their results but by their dedication to the sport and its community. In 2020, Gordon received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Australian Sailing, the governing body for the sport of Sailing in Australia. He has also been rewarded with an OAM Award.



**Our Guest Speaker ..... Gordon Ingate.** Addressing us at 98 years of age?? Is he some special kind of bloke? ..... “Yes”.

At the age of 91 he won the Prince Philip Cup Dragon Class [skiff] Championship. He currently plays croquet every Monday at Mosman Croquet alongside a couple of our Probus members, after which he drives 220kms up to Tea Gardens to attend to the management of his 2000-acre Wagyu beef breeding property. He plays bridge at Spit Junction and poker at NSLC. He has only recently appointed a live-in driver.

Gordon was married for 48 years but has been a widower for 28 years. He has a son and daughter, six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and lives in Cammeray in the same house he built in 1960.

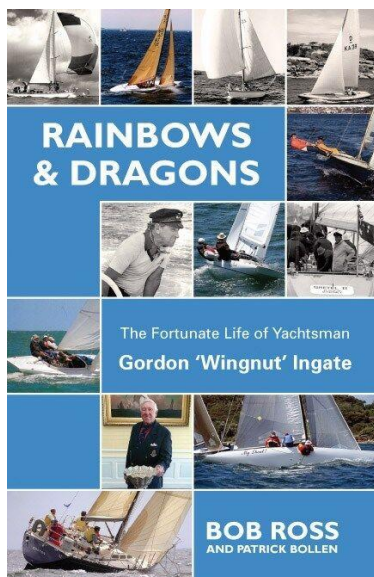
**His Presentation ...** There will be no slides ...Gordon will be sitting in the middle of the stage holding a microphone. I don’t know what he will be talking about, except for the title. He is not quite sure, either. I understand, however, that it will be difficult to hold him to one hour.



**Gretel II**



**Caprice of Huon**



**Gordon has co-written a book which he wanted to call 'Every time I Bend-over a Rainbow Pops out of My Ass.' But his publisher pushed back on the title and suggested 'Dragons and Rainbows' might help with the sales. I have asked him to bring a few copies ..... \$25 .... cash only or IOU.**