



Warren Jones of “Australia II” fame died suddenly on 17th May, 2002. His sudden and untimely death was a bitter blow to his many friends throughout Australia and around the World.

Warren made a fabulous contribution to local and international yachting with perhaps his greatest achievement occurring in September 1983, when as Alan Bond’s Executive Director, he led a group of Australian yachtsmen to victory to win the 1983 Americas Cup from the New York Yacht Club for the first time in 132 years of competition. This feat brought Australia to the forefront of international sailing competition.

Warren was also one of Australia’s leading businessmen and community leaders and played a big role in the development of young sailors. He had a down to earth nature, enormous amounts of energy, a competitive spirit, great courage and determination to reach his goals and was always ready to give the younger generation his words of wisdom and moral support.

In mid-2002 a group of his friends incorporated a not for profit organisation the “Warren Jones Foundation Inc.” with the aim to foster and build youth sailing talent and provide pathways for these young people to reach their goals.

In December 2002 the Warren Jones Foundation partnering with Swan River Sailing established a youth match racing event called the ‘Warren Jones Youth Regatta’.

Now with 11 annual regattas completed, the event has now become the pinnacle of youth match racing regatta in the world producing a string of champions who have gone all the way to the Americas Cup.

In 2007, the Warren Jones Foundation expanded its activities by branching out into the area of supporting Olympic Sailing. This led to the Foundation teaming up with the State’s premier event organisation, Eventscorp, to successfully bid for and ultimately conduct the Perth 2011 ISAF World Sailing Championships.

As the major pre 2012 pre selection Olympic regatta having this event in home waters was perceived as a significant advantage to the Australian Sailing team that went on to win three gold medals and silver at London 2012.

Buoyed by the success of this initiative, the Warren Jones Foundation is continuing to look for other opportunities to support the careers of young aspiring America’s Cup and Olympic athletes.

The Foundation is committed to the long term development of young Australian yachtsmen and women on the international stage.

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