



ATAA's Trading Expert Series presents Marsten Parker

"Systematic Strategy Development in the Age of AI"

What happens when one of the most accomplished systematic traders in the world starts handing strategy research to AI? Marsten Parker — the only systematic trader profiled in Jack Schwager's *Unknown Market Wizards* — demonstrates live how he's using large language model AI to meaningfully accelerate the strategy development cycle. Whether you're an experienced quant or getting more serious about systematic trading, this session offers a practical look at how AI tools are beginning to reshape how strategies are built and tested.

Why You Can't Miss This Event

Marsten's track record and consistency have been exceptional — over 22 years his average annual return has been in excess of 20%, with only 2 losing years. Parker's average annual compounded return more than tripled the return of the S&P 500 index during the same period. This isn't theory from a textbook — it's a practitioner who has been trading his own capital full-time since 1998 pulling back the curtain on his actual workflow. He'll walk you through how he develops strategies in RealTest — the backtesting and portfolio simulation platform he built from his own trading needs — and then reveal a genuinely frontier approach: using Claude Code as an AI research assistant that can iteratively write scripts, run tests, and interpret results from a plain-English description. You'll see both the manual and AI-assisted workflows demonstrated live, giving you a clear picture of where systematic strategy development is heading right now.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, 11 April 2026

Time: 09:30 am AEST (Sydney / Melbourne) [Check the time and date in your location](#)

Location: Online webinar – Join from the comfort of your own home

Speaker: Marsten Parker, Founder at [RealTest](#)

***Did you know?** RealTest was voted #1 Standalone Analytical Software by readers of Technical Analysis of Stocks & Commodities magazine in their 2026 Readers' Choice Awards.*

What You'll Learn:

- **The architecture behind RealTest** — how its multi-strategy portfolio simulation model handles strategy rules, position sizing, capacity constraints, and live order generation within a unified scripting environment.
- **New platform capabilities** — an overview of recently added analysis features, expanded scripting tools, and workflow automation enhancements that streamline the research process.
- **Manual strategy development, demonstrated live** — watch Marsten build a strategy from initial idea through testing and refinement to live order generation, using the interactive research approach he's honed over two decades.
- **AI-powered strategy research** — see how a large language model (Claude Code), with the right scaffolding, can write RealTest scripts, execute backtests, and interpret results iteratively — substantially compressing the research cycle.
- **Practical insights from a 25+ year track record** — learn how Marsten thinks about avoiding overfitting, adapting to changing market conditions, and knowing when a strategy has stopped working.

About the Speaker



Marsten Parker has traded his own account for a living since 1998, following a 14-year career as a software engineer. He initially trained as a concert violinist before switching to computer programming, founding and selling a software company before turning to trading full-time. Parker is the only purely systematic trader featured in Jack Schwager's *Unknown Market Wizards* — the fifth book in the iconic Market Wizards series — where his long-term track record is documented in detail.

A defining characteristic of Marsten's approach is what he calls his "Spirit of Experimentation" — a persistent willingness to question, iterate, and improve. RealTest has evolved alongside his trading practice over more than two decades as his primary strategy research tool, and today serves a growing community of systematic traders worldwide as a purpose-built backtesting and portfolio simulation platform.

Who Should Attend

- **Systematic and algorithmic traders** looking to sharpen their research workflow or evaluate a new platform for strategy development and live order generation.

- **Discretionary traders exploring automation** who want to understand how a proven Market Wizard approaches the transition from idea to fully mechanical execution.
- **Developers and quants** interested in how AI-assisted scripting and analysis can dramatically accelerate the strategy development loop.
- **RealTest users** who want a deep look at the latest platform features and learn advanced techniques directly from the creator.
- **Anyone serious about trading as a craft** who wants to learn from a practitioner with a 25+ year track record of consistent, documented results — not just theory, but the live, working process behind it.

Registration

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