



August Signals

20.8.16 A Blustery Saturday

Early in the morning, the wind did not seem to be doing what was forecast, so the marvellous volunteers from Manly rigged 6 boats and waited for the participants to arrive. Megan, Juliette and Kate went off with Hugo, David W and Denis to get swept across the bay, all while the wind was getting stronger.

By the time they arrived back at the pontoon the next group had arrived but the Westerly was too strong to get back on the water.

Ross, Laurie, Daniel, Matt, Vanessa and Richard arrived, adding to the fun. Then the BIRDS Group arrived, and later the group from Waitara. There was no more sailing, just a very social morning with people sitting around drinking coffee and eating the excellent lunch cooked by Helen and Wilma.



Peter, Shahub, Ros (photographer for today) and Jim were being bounced around on Charlie's Chariot, not the most comfortable ride, so they brought all the boats back, and we washed and put them away. Helpers not already mentioned for today were: Mal, Ray, John (re-upholstering the seat of Charlie's Chariot) David G, Lyn (selling Raffle tickets) Tony, Michael, Jay on the pontoon and Jannie.





31.8.16 A lovely story about a lovely morning



As usual, the weather forecast was less than 100% correct, thank goodness. Although high winds and showers were on the menu, neither eventuated - although there was enough cloud to keep the day cool.

Our wonderful helpers: Corey, David G and W, Ray, Warwick, John G, John P, John W and John B, Jim's Q and G, Wilma, Phillip, Peter, Allison, Ivan, Steve, Jennie, Denis, Helen, Tony, Michael, Malcolm, Sheila, Marc and Helene all made the day go smoothly.

The students from RFW arrived first with helper Craig. Kaleb, Jack, Depp, Sarah, Damon, Cody and Connor had a great time on the water, most getting a turn of both a sailing boat and the Support Boat. Just as they were finishing, Arranounbai children arrived with

Lisa, Lee and Audrey. Kate, Archie, Riley, Margaux had a wonderful experience in the boats, by the looks on their faces. Rebecca and Rosie brought the children from Fisher Rd; Joshua skippered his boat with great aplomb, Riley was so desperate to start his sail he stood on the pontoon ready to jump in as soon as his boat arrived. Then Daniel, George and Sekayi followed at a more leisurely pace. Jonathon arrived next with helper Doug, and they took their turn on the Support Boat. Next SEALS; Nikita, Zoe, Doug, Jake meandered to the pontoon in time for their sail. Last of all, we met a new sailor, Ben and his helper Kel, who will be coming over from Royal Rehab frequently to hopefully get Ben sailing solo for an extra experience.



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NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards

Juliette Napton was our Volunteer of the Year Award Nominee for this year, having won our Youth Volunteer of the Year Award at Sailability in May. The standard for the NSW Volunteer of the Year Award in each category is becoming stronger each year, with more nominees every year for this important award. This year - the 10th since its inauguration - there were 100,000 nominees overall in NSW and at least 1,000 in the Northern Sydney Area. Mayors and politicians from Willoughby, Kuring-gai, Lane Cove, Northern Beaches, and the Minister for Davidson were there, with Gemma Rygate and Valerie Huckstadt from the Centre for Volunteering, Ambassador, Paula Duncan and around 200 people in the audience. This huge turnout, packed into a small room acknowledged and celebrated the time, effort and dedication of the volunteers in the northern Sydney Area. In the speeches which preceded the presentation the importance of self-esteem, worthiness, good health, friendships and community were mentioned.



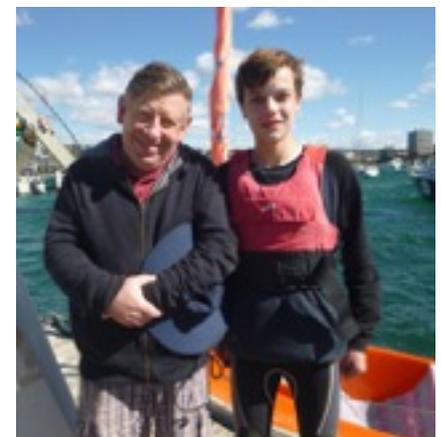
The first category was the Student Volunteer of the Year. Eight students were nominated, from primary school students up to late high school doing a variety of activities. Juliette stepped up with this group, all winners in their own right. The Student Volunteer of the Year was from North Sydney Girls High, recognised for her work with the charity she started called "Shared Dignity". This group fights bullying, provides hygiene products for homeless girls and women, and promotes equality within our community. Ming Yee Sun has indeed worked tirelessly for her numerous causes and is a great example for students to follow. The Volunteer of the Year for the Northern Sydney Region is Kate Kesby from the Raise Foundation, which mentors young people in our community. A really amazing and inspiring afternoon.

Raffle tickets for Lynette Gould's magnificent painting.

Raffle tickets for Lynette's painting are still available, right up to the morning of the drawing of the raffle which will be held at Manly Yacht Club at our Training Day to be held on Saturday, 10th September. They will be available at each sailing day, the AGM, or please contact Helen Hendry at helhen@tpg.com.au or on 9949 667 to order tickets.

Visit to Sydney by Tenacious close to Christmas this year

The good ship Tenacious will be in Sydney Harbour for a few days in December. It will be available for charter, or for individual bookings for a day's sailing from 19th December. The cost is \$250.00 for a day's sailing. If you are interested in this wonderful Christmas present for yourself or a family member, please contact Eli eli@manlysailability.com.au, (9976 2747) as bookings must be arranged soon.



Many Thanks To Our Maintenance Team

Barry has been ill for a number of weeks and is now on the mend. David W was overseas and is back. Suddenly, by some miraculous means we have a completely re-built and rust-proof trolley, and 2 dinghies which we could not use because the furling systems were kaput able to be put back in the water. Thanks so much for this, guys, it is important that work is done behind the scenes to make our sailing days successful.

2016 AGM

Our new committee was elected at the AGM.

Our new President is Rob Southam. Congratulations and thank you in advance for the hard work involved in keeping our group cohesive for the next 12 months.

Rob will also continue his job as Minutes Secretary for the time being.

Vice President: David Webb.

Treasurer: Patrick Alexander.

Secretary: Eli Demeny.

Membership Secretary: Helen Hendry.

Maintenance Supervisor: Barry Newell, with his committee of Denis Linney, David Webb and David Goldner.

MYC Rep: Jackie Morgan.

Volunteer Coordinator: Eli Demeny.

Social Secretary: Jackie Morgan.

Race Organiser: Caroline Holdstock.

Webmaster: Alan Bimson.

The Committee: Ken Boyes, Col Gregan, Ray Rampton, Warwick McKenzie.

Thanks so much to all of these people. Our very successful Manly Branch runs well because of the hard work put in by each person on the committee.

Bringing our history up-to-date (Continued from July Signals...)

By 2008, Judy Cole was the editor. News items describing State Championships, and the development of the public ramp from the top section of East Esplanade to the bottom start to appear. The ramp was completed in February, 2009 and opened by Jean Hay in March. 2009 was the year we entered the World Master's Sailing to be held in Sydney. A strong team from Manly and Pittwater was seen every Sunday training on Manly Cove. This paid off, because we received a Gold (Greg Hyde) Silver (Judy Cole) and Bronze (for Tennis) (Jill Musgrove) in this series, sailed in appalling conditions at Dobroyd Aquatic Centre.

In 2010 we lost our Sponsorship of Signals from Warringah Council and Northbridge Travel offered to take this over. At the same time, Manly Council started to sponsor us for any expenses on Charlie's Chariot, and Jean Hay, Mayor of Manly took over from David Barr as our patron. Now, we seem to have different sponsors every year. We started a culture of Annual Events: the Australia Day Race, our Volunteer Thank-You evenings in May, Camp Sababa at the tail end of the year, and joining Manly Yacht Club in the Women's Challenge. June 2010 saw us renewing the racking system for our boats, ensuring that we have space for 9 boats into our future.

January, 2011 Evelyn Shervington, who was our President at the time became the Manly Citizen of the Year, a great honour for Evelyn and the whole of Sailability. In 2012, Signals was presented in a most professional manner by Audrey Johnson. Unfortunately, this did not last long, so Judy took it over again 2013. This was the year of the World Access Dinghy Championships at Middle Harbour, which Sailability Manly helped to organise, and people from our branch in many of the key roles. We took 8 of our boats over to Middle Harbour for the use of people who had arrived from all over the world to charter from us. Judy took leave of absence in 2014, so the editorship reverted to Eli Demeny for a few months and has now been taken over by Jae Schaefer.

Training Day for all volunteers: Saturday, 10th September, 2016.

This is essential training for all volunteers.

9.00 a.m: Run-down of our new Operational Manual.

From 10.00 a.m Craig will be discussing the correct way of lifting and handling our boats, the correct way of transferring from wheel-chairs to boats, and handling our more difficult participants. If you have not already notified Eli that you will be attending, please do so now. eli@manlysailability.com.au 9976 2747.

Invitation to Penrith Lakes Sailability to help with Transplant Games

Sailability Manly has been invited to help at the Transplant Games at Penrith Lakes Sailability on Sunday 25th September. If you are looking for something to do that day, in one of the most beautiful picnic areas around Sydney, please join us there at around 1.00 p.m.

If you are a sailor, or a helper in any other way please let Eli know that you would like to help with this. The games will finish at 4.00 p.m. A most pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Sailing days in September: Wednesday, 14th September.

Saturday, 24th September.

Wednesday, 28th September.

Please note: We are back to sailing every second Saturday and every second Wednesday.

Upcoming Sailing Events

Day	Date	Event
Saturday	10 th September	Training day for all volunteers
Wednesday	14 th September	RFW, Sunshine Fr Forest, St Ives, Arranounbai
Saturday	24 th September	Balmoral, Housing Connection, Jellybeans
Wednesday	28 th September	House With No Steps, AFFORD, SEALS, Fr Forest Sunnyfield.
Saturday	8 th October	Rap'n'Rave, General, Waitara.
Wednesday	12 th October	RFW, Fisher Rd, Freshwater, Sunshine Pymble, Waitara Wonders.

Thanks to our Supporters

• Alice Cleary's Runners in the Manly Fun Run Raised \$1414.00 for Sailability Memberships
• Premier Automotive, Jeff Smit, Boat trailer inspection for registration.
• Manly Yacht Club
• Ralph Newman Memorial Fund raised \$1345.00
• Bunnings Warringah Mall: New picnic table and Umbrella Stand
• Balgowlah Masonic Lodge: Donation \$3,000.00
• Bendigo Bank: PFD's, part of the Defibrillator.
• Cromer Golf Club: Hansa 303 Black Swan
• Cerno Insurance: Hansa 303 Vin
• JayCar Electronics: Power Supply for Radio
• Manly Fun Run Raised by Sailability Runners and their Supporters raised approx. \$1,000.00
• David Webb Donation of \$1,000 towards much needed equipment.
• Manly Rotary. Long Term Support.

The Committee

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