



Signals from Sailability

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Sailability Manly wish all of our members, clients, supporters and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Best wishes to everyone for the festive season

Festive Cheer – Jokes

What kind of bug hates Christmas?
A Humbug!

Where does Santa do his Christmas shopping?
Co-ho-holes!

Who is Santa's favourite singer?
□ Elf-is Presley!

Special Events

Tuesday, 31st December

The pontoon and deck are open for our members to spend the early half of New Year's Eve with us, from 7.30 p.m. to around 9.30 (after the early fireworks) Families welcome.

Saturday 8th March, Port Stephens Cup

We are looking for participants and volunteers to join us for this sailing day in Port Stephens. This fun day out will see us take a trip to Port Stephens with an overnight stay so we will need sailors, crew, a trailer driver and some extra helpers. Please let Eli know if you can make it!

Saturday 22nd March, The Women's Challenge

Similar to the December Regatta, this is a fun day of racing for women only at Manly Yacht Club. This year the Women's Challenge will take place on Saturday (previously Sundays) and we would love to have all 7 boats out, and invite other clubs to join us so that we can win the 'single class award'

Sailing Schedule

General Sailing Days

Sat 4th January	School holiday, Balmoral, General, Let's Do Lunch.
Wed 8th January	Forest CAPS, Achieve, Recreation Rendezvous, Amaroo
Sat 18th January	School holiday, BIRDS, General, Housing Connection
Wed 22nd January	School holiday, Grevillea, Sunnyfield, HWNS, MAPS
Sun 26th January	Australia Day Regatta.

Sat 1st February	Balmoral, General. Recreation Rendezvous.
Wed 12th February	Truscott St, RFW
Sat 15th February	BIRDS, General.
Wed 26th February	Fisher Rd, Verne Barnett

Sat 1st, March	Balmoral, General. Rap'n'Rave
Sat 8th March	Port Stephens Cup
Wed 12th March	RFW DYPSC Amaroo, Sunshine Pymble,
Sat 15th March	2014 BIRDS, General.
Sat 22nd March	Women's Challenge, Manly Yacht Club.
Wed 26th March	SEALS, Forest CAPS, Arranounbai
Sat 29th March	Balmoral, General, Rap'n'Rave

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A Glorious Sailing Day

Wednesday 27th Nov 2013

One of those perfect November days when the sun is shining, a pleasant 5 to 7 knot breeze keeping everything cool, lots of pleasant company, and wonderful participants. Our early birds were out in force, getting everything ready so that when our first group arrived, we could get them out there on the water with no waiting around.



Wenbin sitting on his teacher's lap

David was the Boat Operations Manager, Barry the Guv, Eli on the pontoon, riggers: Joely, Brian, Caroline, Tom, John, Bob, Adrian, Mike and John.

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Brian and James from Arranounbai

With such efficient workers, we managed to get all the boats in the water, including John and Tom in Charlie's Chariot before our Arranounbai children arrived, so that there was a pleasant little sailing interlude to get in the mood. Helen was Registrar, Sheila the time-keeper, Joely helped on the pontoon, Corey the observer, Philip, Samantha and Kandy helped up on deck, so that sailors Ivan, Adrian, Bob, John, David and Mike could be busy taking people out for a sail.

Alan came down for his practice for Sunday's Pirates Day event at Dobroyd and soon hopped in Clea for an hour's rehearsal.

Our little group from Arranounbai, Joe, Dylan, James and Wenbin loved every minute of their sail, with Joe intent on getting some rowing in as well. After their sail, they all had a go on Charlie's Chariot, enjoying the feeling of the wind in their

faces. Thanks, Miss Burdon and Mrs Tydeman for looking after them so well.

SEALS brought Paul, Jess, Elyce, who decided to supervise but not sail, Stephen, Conrad, Holly, Daniel, Thomas and Doug, with helpers Darina and Alice. Holly showed some concern, but was very brave and managed to sail around for quite a while before calling it a day.



Kingsley and Paul

Paul, Mikey, Stephen, David, Craig, Rebecca and James came with Kevin, Gabby, and Nicole. It was so lovely to see the smile on Rebecca's face when she was comfortable in the boat.



Rebecca's beautiful smile

Finally, Matt, Judy, and Chris came with Joel from Forestville CAPS to make up the numbers. Matt got a special go in Charlie's Chariot, relaxing on a bean-bag with helper Luke as close as possible.

Almost at the end of the day, just in time to start putting away, an old friend, Byron, came down to volunteer. We are looking forward to seeing Byron again, as he holds great promise of being an excellent volunteer. It didn't take long to put everything away, all shipshape till next time.

Eli.

Thank You to Sailability!!

November

21st November, 28th November and 29th November were days when our community said Thank You to all of us at Sailability for helping to keep our participants healthy and happy, and benefitting the community in a myriad of ways.

21st November was the turn of Arranounbai School, 28th November the Thank You came from Fisher Rd School, and 29th November the Thank You came from Manly Council, with help from Jean Hay, Michael Baird, and Ivan.

It is good to know how well we are received by our community.



The Presidents Cup

(Pirate's Day)

Sunday 1st December 2013

Owing to Barry's wonderful organisation, with lots of help from Denis, Lianne and Chris, our 4 boats were lifted to Dobroyd Aquatic Centre early in the morning on 1st December to take part in our annual Day of Disability celebration and the President's Cup.



We all dressed in Pirate Garb to enter into the spirit of the occasion, decorated our boats, carried water pistols, and swords in our scabbards, and were determined to have fun as well as succeeding in the racing. We did all this along with groups

from Penrith, Bateman's Bay, Callala, Pittwater, Dobroyd. This brought the total to 31 boats, with all boats racing in their own class concurrently, so that 4 races were run in the perfect conditions. The results were kept and carefully collated. Manly came second in the 303 doubles (Luca and Lars), with Denis and an assortment of crew 7th and Barry and an assortment of crew 12th. In the 2.3's Alan came 5th in the racing, but came away with The President's Cup with his name being pulled out of a hat.



Chris and Barry get the boats unloaded

The President's Cup was a novelty race, with ribbons being taken from the buoys by the first boats to get there, the boat with the largest number of ribbons being the winner. In fact we were all winners that day, because it's the most fun regatta we have had in the last few years. A real throw-back to when we all had fun together, and a no-stress, no pressure day.

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Kellie Oriel from Cronulla won the prize for the best-dressed boat, which Manly would definitely have won.



David Webb arrived just as Alan went home, totally exhausted. He went off in Clea, and was soon joined by Hunter. Between them, they won the rest of the racing for the 2.3's giving them a few trophies between them.



Barry and Chris receive prizes

A very quick pack up and get away was affected, so that we even had time to get the boats away in their beds at Manly Yacht Club before dark.

Thanks, team: Barry, Chris, Lianne, Denis, Weibe, Brenda, Hunter, David, Ivan, Eli.

Eli.



Eli picks up Alan's trophy



A close race!

Family Day

Saturday 7th December

Today was programmed as a Family Day, so we expected lots of family members of volunteers and participants to come sailing with us. Some families did arrive, and we thank those families for their cooperation. We had prepared a super lunch, and the day was so perfect.



Sam and Helen in Black Swan

We did have some very special moments, when John Price, President of Sailability NSW and his wife Kellie presented Alan's trophy from the President's Cup last week, and Kellie went for a sail; when Brian took out his grandson, Riley, watched by his family from the Support Boat; and when Lars and Luca went out for a brisk run across

Manly Cove. Thank you to new helpers Peter and Prue, who will be bringing Sam down for regular sailing sessions.



Alan's trophy presentation

We also had some regular sailors: Megan, Vanessa, Sam, Maureen, Craig, and our energetic BIRDS group: Brad, Carlo, Brad, Stuart, Dirk, Robert and May and some of their helpers and families.

All of this was made possible by our wonderful helpers today: John, Helen, Ivan, David W, David G, Jack, Nicola, Barry, Jacinta, Jim, Tony, Alan, Jackie, Jannie and Brian. My highlight of the day was when Jannie elected himself to take out a couple of people with a disability for a sail, a first time for him after learning to sail.



David and Megan in Vin

Christmas Regatta

Saturday 14th December

We woke to a drizzly morning with strong southerlies. We had a very strong team registered for the regatta and decided to go ahead, as all of these sailors really know what they are doing. It was guaranteed to be a good, strong sailing day.

The seven crews turned up to rig, with a couple of extra helpers thrown in, and it only took a short time to get the boats rigged to everyone's specifications.



The boats are ready to race!

Joely and Lianne in Dolly Wallis; Ivan and Denis in Woody; Barry and Chris in Alex; Peter and Jacinta in ING; David G and Ariane in Vin; David W and Tony in Black Swan; Caroline and John in Lionheart took off across the bay to where Pam, Bruce and John in Carlisle were directing Ralph, Tom, Nancy, Patrick and Alan where to place the buoys. By this time, the sun had emerged from behind the clouds, but the wind was just as strong in a southerly direction as it had been earlier. As well as this, there was a very strong swell, making staying dry in the boat almost impossible.



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We almost had a disaster, when the Support Boat crew through in an anchor and chain without a buoy attached. Oh dear, we will be replacing some chain and anchor back to Manly Yacht Club. But, there was still a spare anchor to use, so it was a learning experience, the course was laid and the races were soon ready to rumble.



2 Hours later, the crews returned to a wonderful lunch that had been prepared by Alice and Robyn. Prizes were presented to Denis and Ivan 1st; Peter and Jacinta 2nd; Carolyn and John 3rd; David and Ariane 4th; Chris and Barry, 5th; David W and Tony 6th; and Joely and Lianne 7th. Thanks once again to MYC Race Officers Pam and Bruce, Support Boat crew Tom and Ralph, and the extra helpers who turned up just to give a hand.



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- Jeff Smit at Premier Automotive, Beacon Hill. Inspection for trailer

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VENUE

Manly Yacht Club
East Esplanade (end of Wood St)
downstairs dockside via accessible ramp

PARKING

Parking permits available and special arrangements for mini-buses and wheelchair lift vans.

WHAT TO BRING?

Sailors and volunteers must bring a hat that stays on, bottled water and apply a good sunscreen. Life-jackets are provided.