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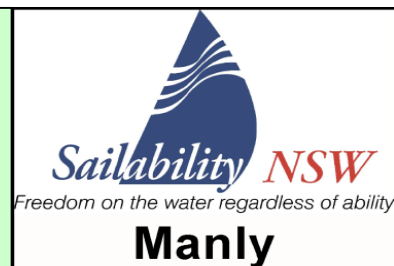
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Diary Entries-Don't miss these events

Port Stephen's Cup.....14th and 15th March, 2015
Grahamstown Dam (near Raymond Terrace)

Women's Challenge.....Saturday, 21st March, 2015.

**1.15 p.m. Race Start. Females only, names to
Caroline, caroline.holdstock@gmail.com**

**We will need some volunteers to help us get the
boats ready, then derigged and put away at the end
of the race. Contact Eli if available for this.**

Please be there from 11.00 a.m.

Sailing Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Booked Groups</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	7.3.15	General, Birds, East. Suburbs
<u>Wednesday</u>	11.3.15	RFW DYIM, HWNS AFFORD
<u>Sat/Sun</u>	14/15.3.15	Port Stephens Cup
<u>Saturday</u>	21.3.15	Women's Challenge
<u>Wednesday</u>	25.3.15	Arranounbai, MAPS St Ives, SEALS.
<u>Saturday</u>	4.4.15	Family Day (Easter Saturday)
<u>Wednesday</u>	8.4.14	Sunnyfields Fr Forest, Achieve, Amaroo, CPA.
<u>Saturday</u>	18.4.15	Balmoral, Housing Connection.

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What We Have Been Up To This Month

7th February, 2015. WOW!!!! What a morning.

A most beautiful morning brought lots of people down to Sailability.

First of all, the lovely volunteers felt that they had to rig every boat in sight, as we had bookings from 30 people with a disability. Tony, David G, Helene, Kevin, Julie, David W, Crosbie, Denis, Jack and Vince slaved away until every boat was down from the racks, expertly rigged, and in the water.

We had a small drama with the radio this morning, as it had been affected by the wetting it received on Australia Day. David W managed to rig it to the batteries from Alan Wood, so that we were able to use it until Phill arrived and we swapped the batteries back into his boat. This meant using the hand-helds.

This problem has now been fixed by the purchase of a new power source.

Crosbie became the Sailing Coordinator, David W the Boat Operations Manager, Helene the Pontoon Manager. Ralph went across to pick up Charlie's Chariot and

soon filled the boat with observers Ray, Nancy, Jonathon, Sue. Evelyn arrived to become the first sailor on the water, with Ollie as the first participant sailor, and Megan to take her favourite role of registrar.

Next little incident was the hosing of the life-jackets because they were not smelling very fresh after their wetting on Australia Day. However, because of the heat in the day, they soon dried, and were fresh and clean for the sailors.

Soon all the 303's were filled with sailor and crew, Kevin arrived to give his usual reliable hand on the pontoon, John was helping up on the deck with life-jackets and morning teas. Sailors from the first were: Jack, Ewan, Ivan, Evelyn, Vince, Jackie, Josh, with Alan in Clea, and later on, Phill in Alan Wood. What an incredible sight for the ferry passengers.

More helpers arrived. Lyn to take over the time-keeper role, a most important chore this morning, with a heavy booking list and very light winds; Barnabas worked his butt off on the pontoon, catching, tying up. Loading and unloading passengers and pushing away. Nic started on the deck, then took over an observer and towing role on Charlie's Chariot. Participant sailors this morning were: Kerrie, Annalise, Jessica and Ginny from Ben Love; Vanessa, Judy, then Kerri, and Ashley from Washington. Then BIRDS: Roger, Stuart, Carlo, Dirk, Robert, May, Daniel, Danielle, Steve. Last of all, from the community were Craig, Jonny, Matthew, Luca, Vanessa and Denis. But wait, one more group arrived from Maroubra; Archie and the gorgeous Alan. A cast of thousands.

Of course, some of the sailors fatigued in the heat and light winds, so there was some chopping and changing. This is where we needed Helene and John. Alice and Jason came down later on to help with the putting away, and we also had help from some of the MYC dad's who were waiting around to get their own kids on the water. Thanks, MYC.

A very special thanks to Helen, today's chef, who worked in the heat to create a delicious barbecue lunch for all the hungry customers. Also thanks to all the carers who helped with their own, and others, participants to make the day go smoothly.



Steve and Gaynor.



Helene and Jessie.



Roger and Evelyn.



Matt and Josh.

11th February, 2015. A Wonderful Wednesday, 11.2.15

Continuing the story of this summer, it was a truly lovely morning, weatherwise. Our team arrived bright and early and we were able to put out 7 boats to accommodate the number of participant sailors who were coming sailing today.

Royal Far West sent 4 kids, Kayla, Joshua, Garey and Bruce. By the time they had helped us put the large gazebo up, their boats were ready. One of the Mums went in Charlie's Chariot to take photos, and the kids were sailing for quite a time while we waited for Truscott St children to arrive.

Liam, Ruby, Isyel, Sion, Harry, Ethan, Jazzie, Jessica, Jin, Mustafa, Yu Yu, Samantha, Ricky and Annabelle are used to it now, having been sailing late in December. The RFW kids returned to shore, and we wasted no time in refilling the boats. Some children sailed in an adult's lap, but most are now confident of going off with their tutor sailors to experience the joys of sailing on Manly Cove. At some stage in the morning, a lot of people had noticed a



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small, not very well looking little penguin floating around in the ferry lane, not dodging the boats or diving. This called for decisive action. We rang the Sea-Life Sanctuary, and they sent a boat immediately to practise their rescue and first aid skills.

Some other community living people participants arrived and went off for their sails, Denis, Alan and Gerrard took advantage of this today, Alan staying out there for well over 2 hours, and coming back with a very satisfied smile on his face...a little bit like the cat that swallowed the canary, but I think it was a sudden boost of confidence in the light breeze. Finally, our 5 participants from AFFORD arrived, so we were able to slot them in between the school kids while other members of their group were picnicking on the deck.

Our usual crew was supplemented by Nico, who has been overseas for a while, and is now ready to settle down as a permanent volunteer. A great asset to our organisation. Caroline has now achieved her Power Boat License so was able to drive Charlie's Chariot all day, fill up with petrol and take it to the mooring. Congratulations, Caroline. Also congratulations to Col, who was BOM today and did a fabulous job of getting the boat room back to perfection before leaving.



A Wet Saturday. 21.2.15

This was a morning when it was difficult to decipher the weather. The radar showed no rain in the area, and a light North Easterly breeze, but the clouds were hanging threateningly low and there was not a breath of breeze. We put the boats out and started our sailing day with our eager sailors who had arrived early, so that Maurine, Megan, Danielle, Denis and Jordan had a (very slow) sail, but then the skies opened, the rain poured down, and still there was no wind to blow the clouds away. In the meantime, some other hopeful participants arrived. But the decision was taken to abandon our efforts for the day, just have lunch with anyone who wanted to stay.

Thanks so much to helpers Barry, Ray, Megan, Jim, Helen, Tony, Seal, Mal, John, Juliette and Peter, David, Ivan, Jack, Michael, Helene, Bob, Jon and Jenni, all of whom relished that extra rigging and putting away practise. Welcome to new helper, Cathy, who will prove a worthwhile addition to our team with her friendly attitude, and excellent sailing skills. Eli



Ivan and Danielle.



Megan and John



The wet, weary sailors home from the sea. Bob and Denis.

Change of Editor. Lianne has done a wonderful job in getting Signals out to everyone for the last year or so. Now, she is supporting husband Chris's efforts to get his own business going, and will not have time for this extra task any longer, so it has been handed over.

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22.2.15

Facebook News from New Zealand, from our very own Jason Kozub.

A MASSIVE congratulations to Jason Kozub! He finished the NZ Shotover Mountain Marathon in 8 hours and 20 minutes - and raised enough money to give membership to over 30 disabled adults or children, who will now enjoy a year of fun and happiness on the water! An incredible effort, thank you Jason!

You can still donate and help raise money for more memberships, which cost just \$30 for one year.

Thank you so much to everyone that has donated, it means so much.

<http://run.gofundraise.com.au/page/kozubj>



Sailing in the Rain. 25.2.15

The morning weather looked good enough to eat, so, in spite of a gloomy forecast, we decided to go ahead with sailing. By the time our first participants arrived, it was already raining very softly, like a falling mist, but it was warm, the wind was perfect, and it all looked like a lot of fun for the helpers as well as these particular participants, the ladies from Ability Links, and the students from Verne Barnett.

Helpers this morning were Rob, Col, Helen, Denis, Ray, Caroline, Corey, John W, Brian, Evan, Philip, Ivan, John B, Steve, David, Tony, Mike and Jim.

Rene, Sally, Anne and Tania went out for a quick sail, then into Charlie's Chariot while our students; Alec, Anthony, Dash, Finley, Jackson, George, Michael, Matthew, Lode, Kai, Holly and Will each went out for a sail. There were moments when the rain became heavier, but our main concern was the rapidly rising wind-speed, and the gusts on the harbour. We called it a day a little earlier than usual because of this, and the children went upstairs to picnic on the verandah.

Thank you so much to Sailing Coordinator; Brian, Pontoon Manager; Col, Charlie's Chariot Driver, John W a wonderful job as usual. Also thanks to the carers today; Sarah, Kirsty, Ann, Karen and Robyn.

The day started with a huge thank you to Doug, who, on turning 70, decided that his birthday present would be a donation to Sailability, a sizeable amount that will help us with some much needed maintenance.



Byron, Doug and the donation box.



Annie and Sally from Ability Links.



Finlay from Verne Barnett with John out in the rain

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Looking Forward To

The Sailability Manly Family Day. Saturday, 4th April. (Easter Saturday)

This is sure to be a good day. If you are still in Sydney in spite of the fact that it is the Easter Weekend, whether a Volunteer or a Member who comes sailing, please bring the family along for a sail. So, if your family has been asking you....'What do you do down at Sailability on a Saturday morning?' invite them to come along as well. There will be a barbecue lunch, lots of pleasant people, and plenty of boats out to go for a sail. Please book for this Special Sailing Day by calling Eli on 9976 2747, or book by email eli@manlysailability.com.au

***Coming up, Sunday, 24th May.
Time to start training and getting Manly Rotary Fun Run.
teams together.
More Information in Upcoming Signals.***

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