

# Signals from Sailability Manly

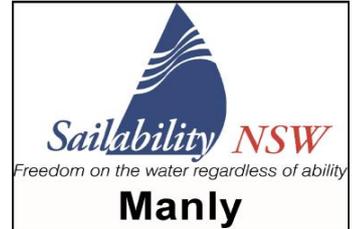
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Zoe from SEALS



Samantha



David and Ricky

## **Please put in your Diary:**

**Saturday/Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March. Port Stephens Cup, get your names in now.**

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March. Women's Challenge. Ladies get your names in now to Caroline: 9981 6112**

**Coming up rapidly is our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at MYC on, Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May. Jackie will be organising this one.**

**Not such a busy month as the last few months. Please continue to support us at regular Sailing Days.**

### **Sailing Schedule**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Booked Groups</b>
Saturday	5.3.16	Balmoral, Housing Connection, Rap'n'Rave
Wednesday	9.3.16	RFW, Arranounbai, Sunnyfield FF, Forest High
Weekend	12/13.3.16	Port Stephens Cup. Looking for sailors.
Saturday	19.3.16	Women's Challenge, MYC Looking for sailors.
Wednesday	23.3.16	Fisher Rd, Verne Barnett, CAPS Fostville, Forest High
Saturday	2.4.16	BIRDS, Rap'n'Rave, Housing Connection
Wednesday	6.4.16	RFW, DYIM, AFFORD, Sunshine Pymble
Saturday	16.4.16	School holiday: Balmoral, General
Wednesday	20.4.16	School holiday: HWNS, Sunnyfields FF, CAPS Forestville
Saturday	30.4.16	BIRDS Rap'Rave, Housing Connection
Wednesday	4.5.16	RFW, Fisher Rd, Amaroo
Saturday	14.5.16	Balmoral, Future Crew, Inala
Wednesday	18.5.16	SEALS, Verne Barnett, Achieve
Saturday	28.5.16	End of season Regatta.

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## **What we were up to in February.**

### 6.2.16 Sailing Day.

Another great day on the water today:

Staff for today were:

Sailing Coordinator: Barry, then Jackie.

Pontoon Manager: Crosbie, then Jack.

Support Boat Drivers: Ralph, then Peter.

Observers: Caroline and Ken, then Barry and Jay.

Registrar: Helen

Chefs and Barbecue cleaners: Juliette and Tony.

Boat Operations Manager: David G

Radio Operator and Time Keeper: Ray

Sailors: Denis, Mal, Joshua, Jack, Ivan, Peter, Steve, Jim, Michael.

New Volunteer: Amin.

Extra staff circulating: Jim, Jannie, David W.



People who came down to enjoy the day and enjoy the beautiful morning on the water, then an absolutely delicious lunch:

Hayley, Jessica, Jordan, Daniel, Rodney, Danyelle, from Rap'n'Rave with Andrew. Some of these had two or three sailing turns. Then Oliver, Alan, Philip and last Ben, Robert Alyssa and Susan from Balmoral House with AJAY.

Thanks so much to Jannie and David who arrived fresh to help us with the packing up and putting away.

### 10.2.16 A Magical Sailing Day.

They say that the busiest days are the best days, and this was the perfect example.

Ralph, Warwick, Ken and Barry arrived early for a lesson in management of the dinghy when picking up Charlie's Chariot, and the rest of the team dribbled in slowly to set up 7 303's as we were expecting over 40 sailors today. With the sun shining, the sky an amazing blue, and a pleasant 6 to 10 knot North Westerly, there would sure to be a few extras who just decided to come down to Manly for a sail. Brian was the Sailing Coordinator, so he also arrived early, with David W, Philip, Alison, new volunteer Di, Ray, Helen, Jim G, Colin, John P and John B, and a volunteer we have not seen for a long time, Corey, who looked like the cat who has swallowed a canary all day, he was so ecstatic to be back. Bob arrived, then Jim Q, Sheila, Jay, Marc, Michael, Malcolm, Peter, and Helene. The boats were quickly rigged, checked by our Boat Operations Manager; Denis, then launched by our Pontoon Manager, Malcolm and the helpers who were close.

Time for a quick briefing, then our first group, from RFW appeared. James, Adrian, Jayden, Patrick, Byron, Gemma and Bec quickly sailed away with the most sublime smiles. Some of these children have never seen a stretch of water larger than a dam before, but all plucked up the courage. Byron thanked his sailor profusely for taking him out and letting him 'have a go'.

The families from Truscott St who live close enough to Manly to drive over started to arrive, and we got them straight out on the water. Syel and Liam.

A small SEALS group arrived...Doug, Zoe, Tom and Elias. It was a joy to see Tom making the decision to sail this morning. It has been many visits that he has sat on the side and watched, unable to pluck up the courage, but today he made it, and really enjoyed the experience.

More students from Truscott St next enabling Maggie and Nikita to sail.

It's a long time since we saw Gerard with helper Patrick. The enthusiasm of both of these young men is contagious as we see the pleasure they experience on the water.

Soon, Oliver, Leesa and John from St Ives Sunshine arrived, with Oliver electing to stay on the side, the others hurrying into the next boat that came in.

Lynette and Bill arrived, kindly deciding to wait until all of the children from Truscott St, who arrived in a bus-load had had their on-water experience.

Our deck and pontoon staff were really rushed off their feet now, with a constant turnover of people on boats, their helpers, parents, and other staff trying to grab a photo, as well as the extra work engendered by fitting car-seats securely into boats, using hoists, harnesses and seat belts to position children safely and comfortably. Our rewards are the delightful smiles, or the child asleep against the sailor's side, the high-fives and cheers, and Annabelle's cry of Aye Aye skipper, and I'm Captain

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Annabelle when she brought the boat into the pontoon. It was such a pleasure to take: Tsz Uu, Jessica, Samantha, Sian, Ethan, Ricky, Jazmine, Annabelle, Riarna, James, Ruby, Tom, Alex, Harry out on the water and watch the grins light up their faces.

When these had finished, Lynette and Bill took off, and we accommodated Ashleigh, Hannah and Gary from French's Forest, before our Forest High School group Sam, Jayden, Jackson, Luke and Ben went out for their lesson. Next time, this group will come early so there will not be any waiting around for them.

It didn't take long to get everything washed, packed up and put away, ready for next Sailing Day. Thanks very much to all the helpers and volunteers.



Denis and Smiley Tom



Peter, Truscott St Mum and Riarna



Michael and Truscott St child.

### A Stupendous Sailing Day, 24.2.16

What an astounding day for a sail....a clear blue sky, a pleasant 6 to 8 knot NN Easterly keeping our little part of the Cove cool while Sydney sweltered in 37 degree heat brought 36 sailing participants down to Manly, as well as 23 helpers.

Thanks so much to Helen, who did an exemplary job as Sailing Coordinator, Jim G as Boat Operations Manager, as well as sailor and Pontoon Manager on the way, Warwick and John between them did the Time Keeping until other duties overtook them and Corey took over. Ralph was Support Boat Driver with a succession of observers including Corey, Allison, Marc. Our sailors this morning were Ivan, Col, Denis, Rob, John, David, Jim Y, John, Peter and Michael, and Malcolm was tireless on the pontoon, as well as going for a solo sail early in the morning preparatory to taking a participant sailor our somewhere down the track. Others on the team were Philip, Barry, David Gr and his helper, who joined as members this mornng.

and Helene, helping everywhere to make the day go smoothly for our participants:

From Forest High; Sam, Luke, Jayden, Jackson, Ben who had a really great time on the water and are learning the ropes. Jayden and Sam also experienced the Support Boat. All signed their own name this morning.

From DY Primary School; Riley, Soraya, Alan, Oliver, Samuel, Felix, Lachlan, Dylan, James, Heath who also signed their own names. These Ten students had their first experience of sailing this morning, and all enjoyed it immensely.

From SEALS: Jonathan, (with Doug) Doug, Tom, Nikita, Zoe.

From Sunnyfields French's Forest; Ben, Ginny, Rodney, David, Vanessa with Tim, Jack and Ali.

From Sunshine Pymble: Charley, Stephen, Susan, Brad, Matthew with Raiza

From House With No Steps: Paul, David, Stephan, Steven and Mikey with helpers Violette and Lisa.

Also along for the flow were Gerard and his helper who joined as members this morning.

At the end of the day, we had a visit from a prospective helper Juan, who decided to join in with the putting away, making everything easier for us old tired helpers. A wonderful ending to a tiring but satisfying morning.



Sam feeling very proud



John and Samuel



David and Lachlan

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Friday, 27/Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. President's Cup, Sailability Dobroyd, Rodd Point.

It takes some teamwork to stack boats on a trailer and tie down well in preparation for an 'away' regatta. That is why David W, David G, Corey, Allison, John and Sheila turned up at 6.30 on Friday evening in preparation for the President's Cup which would take place on Saturday morning at Sailability Dobroyd, where we had Philip, Denis and Oliver registered as competitors. 2 303's and Philips little 2.3 were stacked up complete with all accessory equipment ready to take off first thing Saturday morning.

John attached the boat trailer to his car on Saturday morning, visiting the closest service station to check the tyres before we started. A smooth, quick drive over to Dobroyd, then it was time for our rigging crew consisting of Denis, Michael and some extra helpers from Dobroyd to rig the three boats. By the time this was completed, it was time to register, get the boats in the water, and the first race commenced.

A strange course for our sailors, with buoys numbered, rather than named commenced. Philip was so brave to last the whole race through, as it took more than an hour to complete. He came 2<sup>nd</sup> in his class, which was a wonderful result. Denis and Ollie came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their class, with Michael and Kevin (from Northern Rivers) bringing up the rear.

A quick lunch, then it was time to get back on the water for the second race. This was an absolute marathon, with several classes of boat from Dobroyd Aquatic Centre also in the race, which took us all the way down to the Iron Cove Bridge on one end, and down to Timbrell Park on the other, then around the course again. Philip had gone home, exhausted, and Kevin opted out of the second race, so we pulled up Philip's boat and Eli went with Michael. Denis and Ollie continued for the series. It was good that Philip was the winner of the second prize in his class, Ollie and Denis won a third overall, and Kevin, Michael and Eli were very pleased to have finished the course.



Once the second race was over, the boats were stacked up and tied down again, and John was ready to drive home. On arrival at Manly Yacht Club, the trailer was secured, ready for a final put away on Sunday morning. This time the team was David, Barry, Allison, David G and John W. Thanks are due to these people.

## **Sailability NSW Anniversary Lunch**

Just a few random thoughts from the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch, held at Le Montage on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. What a wonderful MC was Kiki? And a contortionist, as well as a great communicator, and such an empathetic person who asked more questions than anyone else would have dared, and got brilliant, funny answers every ime. I haven't laughed so much since I was a teenager.

Who is that guy, Lucky Star, who can get everyone up on the dance floor, bopping around and singing their hearts out.

Those beautiful photos on the screens of how Sailability operates in the different branches, including the lunches, the socialising and the Fun Runs, as well as the sailing side of Sailability.

The incredible speeches given by Denis, Bill, Phill, Len and Wendy, which made the heart ache and the tears run. The wonderful food provided by Le Montage in the best venue in Sydney.

The cake prepared by Sue Slattery's daughter which was a picture to behold, and magic in taste.

The 250 people who made their way from all parts of NSW, and all suburbs of Sydney to celebrate together the wonderful achievements of Sailability NSW.

And all due to the stupendous organising skills of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee of Sailability NSW. We all deserve a huge pat on the back. More pictures next month.



6 Presidents cutting the cake.



Kiki interviewing Wendy.

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