



## Signals from Sailability

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**Happy New Year to all our members, clients, supporters and friends!**

**Best Wishes to a healthy and prosperous 2014 from Manly Sailability**



### 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.



# Special Events

## 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'

## Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Volunteer Recognition Evening

Put this date in your diary now, and wait for further information about the dinner, the venue, and the entertainment.

We invite all of our fantastic volunteers to join us at Manly Yacht Club for an evening of dinner and drinks. This will be a great way for Manly Sailability to thank you for your support and to meet all of our other volunteers.

# Sailing Schedule

## General Sailing Days

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 BIRDS, General.

Sat 22nd March Women's Challenge, Manly Yacht Club.

Wed 26th March SEALS, Forest CAPS, Arranounbai

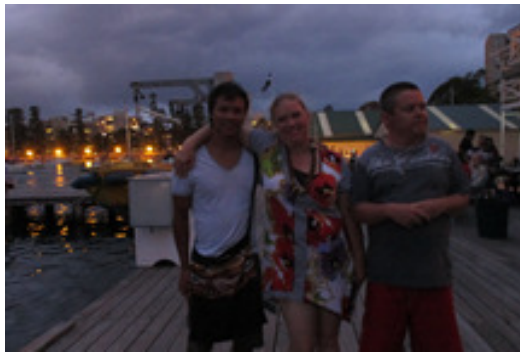
Sat 29th March Balmoral, General, Rap'n'Rave

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## New Year's Eve

### 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013

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*Kiwi, Libby, Adam*

What a happy evening this was for lots of our friends, customers and their families. Around 35 of us gathered on the deck, along with some members of Manly Yacht Club and the Dragon Boaters. The weather was perfect for the occasion, just the right temperature, and a still calm evening.



*Jenny, Ray, Ivan*

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The fireworks display was amazing, as usual, and the company made it a tremendous experience. Thank you so much to the Group Homes that made it down there, we appreciate the lift in mood that happens when we are joined by our participants.



*Shine, Tamin, Oz*

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## A Big Bang

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### Sat 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014

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Sailability started with a bang on Saturday, with all of our usual helpers, lots of people from our regular list of members, a couple of new volunteers, and groups from Let's Do Lunch and Balmoral House.



*Sam in the boat with David*

Thanks to helpers: Sailing Coordinator, Helene; Boat Operations Manager, Barry; Pontoon Manager, Eli; sailors, Denis, David, Jack, Ivan, Bob, John, Vince, Jannie; Support Boat Driver, Ralph; observer; Ray. As well as these, our new volunteers were: Celine, Carina, Ellie. We appreciate the way you fitted in so well, and just did the things that needed to be done as if you had been doing it for years.



Helpers on the deck were chef; Alice; as well as Michael, Philip, John W, and tireless Tony. A very efficient team that made a busy day proceed like a well-oiled machine.

Because of this, we managed to delight Sam, Peter and Ben Brady, Jon, Matthew, Roger, Vanessa, Domenic, Megan, Blake, Sarah, Vinnie, Mariah, Alyssa, Robert, Susan, Ben, Denis Furze, and a proud Alan sailing solo wherever the fancy takes him. One of the highlights was the 2 m tide, causing some wet feet for people walking to and from the pontoon. Jon and Ben loved this sensation, but Alan was not impressed at getting his feet wet. A very delightful day indeed.

*Eli.*



*Jack with Blake on Black Swan*

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## Report on Sailing

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014

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We sailed this morning with a limited number of volunteers, and also a limited number of participants. It was interesting to note that some of our more experienced volunteers were not available, so newer people needed to take on the roles of Boat Operations Manager and Pontoon Manager. Brian coped wonderfully in the Boat Operations role, and all boats came down to the pontoon perfectly rigged. John B was Pontoon Manager for the first half, then Kandy took over. Everything worked so well, I am hoping these three really enjoyed these roles, as they can expect to be called on again.



*Lynnie, Jason and Karen in Charlie's Chariot*



*An checking out the hoist*

In the meantime, Joely became the Registrar and again, it was all good. We were quite dependant on new volunteers Ingrid, Celine, Carina and Ellie to work really hard while they were learning on the job, and again they were able to see the necessity of getting it all right, and enjoyed the experience. Pam was the Charlie's Chariot driver and Corey the observer, sailors Col, Ivan, Denis, John B, Jack, did a fantastic job of getting the new volunteers out on the water, as well as our participants with a disability, Byron did a fabulous job helping on the pontoon, interspersed with a sailing lesson or two, John C stayed up on deck for most of the time helping with the gazebos and life-jackets before he took over the sailing from Ivan.

Our participants this morning also had a wonderful time: Jason, Lynnie and helper Karen loved the ride in the Support Boat, Kerry relished her sail. Then Tim and Eluene brought their delightful

group so we were able to take An, Alex, Sarah and Maddy for a long sail until lunch-time.



*Kerry and Ivan in Lionheart*

Peter and Shelley brought the family down. Juliette and Ben delighted in their new sailing skills, and also got a ride on Charlie's Chariot when Peter and Shelley took over as Driver and Observer. A great day and a worthwhile experience.

**Eli.**

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## Sailing Report

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014

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One of those beautiful mornings that Manly has been throwing us for the last month or so. A pleasant breeze, a relief from the hot weather the rest of Sydney is experiencing, lots of interesting friendly people and you have the perfect recipe for a good day's sailing.

Our core crew of Barry, Ray, Crosbie, Ariane, Tony, Mal, Denis got out early and rigged 5 303's and Alan's 2.3 in record time. Barry rowed over and picked up Charlie's Chariot, which needed a good wash down as the sea-gulls had been having a party on board. By 9.30 a.m. we were ready to go. Lucky, that, because Maureen, Alan, Megan, Judy and Sam had arrived, and were eager to get out there on the water. Sam's family, Peter, Ben and Emma watched him from Charlie's Chariot to make sure nothing could go wrong.

Bob was an excellent Sailing Coordinator, making sure that all roles were filled, and working efficiently. Crosbie was Pontoon Manager, Barry the Support Boat Driver, one of our new volunteers, Phil, the observer with Chris, and sailors: David, Mal, Joely, Helene, Ray, Ivan and Jackie. The wonderful Jenny was First Aid Officer, and Registrar, while Ros took over the time keeping, with Phil's wife, Shauna, in this role later on. Kevin was the pontoon helper, Ariane helped with life-jackets, and up on deck, Carina was the cook, helped by Stuart, Terry and Phil, so everyone was kept busy. Tony really found the packing up

the best part, as he is responsible for getting the fuel to refill Charlie's Chariot, help bring the boats back up the ramp, pack away the lunch items, etc.

We were thrilled to have new volunteers Terry, Phil, Stuart and Ros to help today. These four really got thrown in the deep end, and found out what organised chaos and hard-work is all about. They all went home with big smiles on their faces, though, and will come back next time.

Our friends from Housing Connexion: Diane, Rob, Duncan and Jackie came down and each loved their time on the water. Rob elected to go in Charlie's Chariot, as he finds it difficult to access the 303.

Inala brought their bunch to have Morning Tea with us, and only Jonathan went for a sail.

Denis had a double lot of sailing because he was feeling extra fit today, and even felt able to take the controls of the boat for a short time. Shelley and Peter brought Juliette down for a sailing lesson, accompanied by her Dad, Tony. Craig and Jon arrived soon, and were taken for a long, settling sail.

Gaynor brought her charges: Stuart, Carlo, Dirk, Danielle, Robert, May, Brad and Steve. They all enjoyed their sausage sandwiches, then went to buy Fish and Chips to eat in the park, after their sail, of course.

Peter took over the controls of Charlie's Chariot after Barry went home, and was the finisher upper, refueller, and packer away.

A very sociable and busy day, with everyone having a really enjoyable time. Our idyll was slightly spoilt when Tony decided to go for an unexpected slide and swim as he was packing away the lunch things. This gave Denis the opportunity of giving him a ride home. Hopefully, there is no lasting damage, and everything will be OK next time.

*Eli*

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## Sponsors

- Patron. Jean Hay, Mayor of Manly
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- Manly Yacht Club.
- Manly Council. Maintenance and Fuel for Charlie's Chariot : \$1,000
- Bunnings, Warringah Mall. Regatta Prizes, barbecue.
- Manly Sunrise Rotary. \$3,000 donation. New sail and support for Royal Far West School of Sailing
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