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Diary Dates: Don't miss these:

If you still want to book for Tenacious, but have been putting it off until the holidays are over, here is your last chance: The trip is on Sunday, 5th March, from Darling Harbour from 8.30 a.m. Cost is \$250.00 per person.

State Championships are on at Coomba Park (near Foster) weekend of 11th, 12th February. If you want to have a nice weekend away, watching sailing, this is the place to be. For information, call Eli 9976 2747.

Women's Challenge, 11th March. Searching for Female Sailors to compete in the Women's Challenge. If you would like to join in this Fun Event, either as sailor or crew, or helper, please contact Caroline now at caroline.holdstock@gmail.com, 9981 6112

Sailing schedule

Day	Date	Groups
Wed	1 st February	AFFORD, Achieve, Sunshine Fr Forest, HWNS
Saturday	11 th February	Balmoral, Rap'nRave, Marshmallows, Young Sailors
Wed	15 th February	Truscott St, RFW, Forest High, Sunshine Pymble
Saturday	25 th February	Housing Connection, Freshtracks, General
Wed	1 st March	Forest High, Arranounbai, St Ives CS.
Saturday	11 th March	Women's Challenge
Wed	15 th March	RFW, Forest High, Verne Barnett, Fisher Rd, DYIM
Saturday	25 th March	Balmoral, Rap'n'Rave, Young Sailors
Wed	29 th March	Forest High, Fisher Rd, Sunnyfield Fr Forest.



Sailing Reports.

New Year's Eve, 31.12.16-1.1.17

A beautiful New Year's Eve Saturday turned into a very balmy evening. It brought about 20 families to sit on the deck and pontoon at Manly Yacht Club and enjoy a social evening and watch the 9.00 p.m. fireworks. Vanessa's house arrived early and waited for the chairs and tables to be arranged before sitting down to their meal, while Britta and her friends had set themselves up on low chairs to picnic, chat and wait in this beautiful spot.

By around 6.30, there were several more family groups, tables and chairs had been set up, more families gathered and there was some light hearted fun on the pontoon with children waving sparklers. It was very quiet in the area, with plenty of noise from the Skiff Club next door, where a group of Islanders had been hired as entertainers and were drumming and dancing on the lawn. Noise also from the beachfront added to the excitement, leaving quiet conversations possible down on the deck of MYC.

The excitement mounted until exactly 9.00 p.m., when a flash of light from the fireworks pontoon, pulled up close to the moored boats started a wonderful display. Continuous lights and bangs kept the crowd at MYC awed, until a truly spectacular display ended in a wonderful finale, finishing a few minutes later than the display from Sydney Harbour.

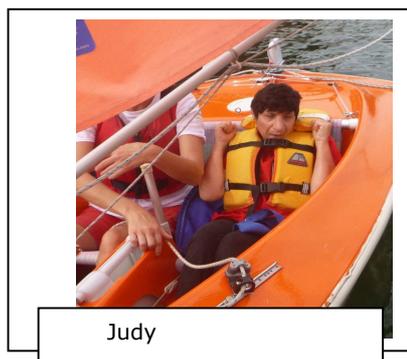
It only took a few minutes until all on the deck helped with putting away the tables and chairs, removed the rubbish and the deck was cleared. Thanks so much for this help with putting away, and for clearing the area quickly.

14.1.17 First Sailing Day in 2017.

What a fabulous morning for the first day back in 2017. We had a perfect team of helpers. Jackie was the Sailing Coordinator and did a powerful job of organising boats into the water, then participants and their guests to achieve a high level of involvement. Ray was the time-keeper, Helen the registrar and chef, Wilma in her role as life-jacket coordinator, Denis a fabulous Boat Operations Manager. Tony was in his element as general organiser of all things. Our sailors were: Ivan, Jackie, Caroline, Cathy, David W. On the pontoon were: Mike and Kevin. Jim was the Charlie's Chariot Skipper with an assortment of observers. Ken worked his butt off on the deck from early in the morning bringing gear out of the boat shed, until later in the day when we were packing up. Marc was also worth his weight in gold with the extra hand at the end of the day. Thanks so much to our young helpers Tamim and Oswin who were a great help with getting the gear out early in the morning, and back after lunch.

We had some wonderful new participants this morning: Sam, Hannah and Eddie who had come in response to some advertising in the New Northern Beaches Disability Newsletter. Some of our regulars came down: Daniel, Laurie, Ollie, Judy, Vanessa. Patrick and Philip were both there sailing independently. Sam tried out and appreciated the new Stabilo seating, as did we all, as it is so simple to use, and keeps the participant well supported and feeling comfortable. Alyssa, Robert, Susie and Ben arrived too late to sail, but enjoyed the picnic, and sitting in the cool air of the Yacht Club deck.

It took a while to put everything away, but all was completed by mid-afternoon, with a beautifully tidy boat room.



Judy



David and Stevo



Jess and Cathy

Australia Day Regatta, 26th January, 2017.

A cool morning with a steady south easterly saw a group of helpers, sailors and carers put out 5 303's to contest the Australia Day Regatta in Manly Cove. Each crew rigged their own boat, and took it down to the pontoon to launch.

We had a little excitement when Peter, our Support Boat driver rowed across to Charlie's Chariot to find a completely flat battery. Quick thinking by a number of members sent us to one of the MYC boats, Robbie R, to borrow that battery, and we were able to get the race organised. Graham and Maz were in Carlisle, waiting across the bay for Charlie's Chariot to arrive so that the course could be set. A record time for setting the course, thanks, Caroline and Ken in Charlie's Chariot, and Graham and Maz for clear instructions.

The late start enabled the wind to increase to a very respectable strength, so that 3 races were able to be raced by our very excited and competitive crews. As a spectator remarked, it was a closely contested race, with many changes of position, and very exciting to watch.

Ivan and Denis were at their usual peak, and managed to win first place in Woody..

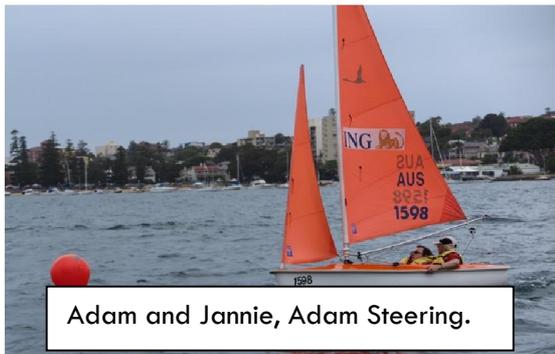
Jackie and Ollie came in second in Dolly Wallis.

Cathy and Judy came in third.

Michael and Tony just pipped Jannie and Adam to 4th and 5th places.

While the race was happening, lunch was being prepared by Sally and Colleen. It was a fantastic lunch, with a variety of sandwiches, nuts and fruit, and a few cakes and chocolates to celebrate Australia Day.

A very quick put away was achieved, hopefully everything in the right places to we can make a quick start to sailing on Saturday.



A Spectacular Sailing Day, 28.1.17.

A beautiful day on the water at Sailability Manly. Our very keen crew put out enough 303's and the 2.3 that we needed for the people who were going to come sailing with us today.

Just a limited team was needed, Tony, Denis, Ivan, Lyn, Ken, Jannie, Jim, Michael, Helen, Helene, Kate, David, John and Vince, as we were not expecting many participants. Of course, because of the beauty of the day, a few extras turned up.

Daniel started with a quick spin on Charlie's Chariot before his sail. Eddy, Juliet, and Judy, who had won a prize at the regatta on Australia Day went off for a sail, then Diane and her soul sister Jackie took off for their sail. Tess and Duncan had their turn a little later, after a period of getting used to the atmosphere.

Ollie was the next to go, then Richard arrived. Off he went, solo in Clea, as if he was born to it. It seemed that that smile stretched way across his face, and to the back of his head when he managed to get completely soaked through, sailing across Manly Cove at great speed. His Mum, sitting on the side was bursting with pride to see him achieving this. He discovered that it is easy to cross to the other side, not so easy to come back, so needed a tow to bring him home.

Hannah and Sam were next, then young Stevo took off across the bay with his sailor friend.

Last to arrive were Jack, Joshua, Bradley, Lola and Lawson from Creativity Inc. They were lucky to get a sail in, and a sausage to eat as they arrived a little later than expected. Next time, a different route and an earlier start off may be in order.

Unfortunately, we were late to finish and were extremely thankful that sailors from the Lasers and Manly Juniors and their parents helped us to put away all the gear. Thanks, people, we all learnt a little about cooperation today.

Richard sailing solo



Megan and Michael



Danny



30.1.17. A Marvellous Monday.

Crew for today:
 Sailing Coordinator: Warwick.
 Pontoon Manager: Ken, then Colin.
 Boat Operations Manager: Denis.
 Charlie's Chariot Operator: John W.
 Observer: Helen.
 Photographer: Ken.
 Registrar, Lifejackets: Wilma.
 Radio, Time keeper: Corey.
 Sailors: Jim, John P. John B, Malcolm, Julia, John G.
 Help on deck: Tony.
 Help on pontoon: Brian.



Stephen and Jim.

We started this morning with the team from Freshwater High. Only 3 this morning, as it was the first day back at school. Steven did an amazing job in the dinghy, steering always just off the wind and creating wonderful speed on the water. Lucy was working hard, and Malena, her first time on the water sat and marvelled, enjoying herself immensely. Here are the comments from this group:

Today was our first day at school for 2017. We were very lucky to start the day with our friends at Manly Sailability.

Steven sailed with John and said he had a great morning. Steven steered while John trimmed the sails and tacked into the wind. Because it was quite windy we went very fast.

Lucy had a lovely time and didn't get too wet! The wind was stronger than usual and Lucy enjoyed going fast. The ferry caused a big wave and some water splashed into the boat.

Today was Malena's first day in Year 11 at her new school. Malena's team were the M & M's.

Malena had never been sailing before but really enjoyed it and is looking forward to going again next month. She thinks it is much better than maths!

Thank you to everyone at Manly Sailability. We appreciate the opportunity to learn about sailing and have lots of fun!

From Year 11 & 12 at Freshwater Senior Campus - Integrated Studies Unit.

After this group, our friends from BIRDS arrived.

Danielle went off on her own, and the other 9 waited their turn on the 303's, Some of our BIRDS were new today, and we had some wonderful comments about sailing. Stephen is a new sailor, 2 metres of lanky bone and muscle. He folded himself up and squeezed in next to Jim. This is awesome, I feel so good, when can I come back, are some of his comments.

Comment from a volunteer, John, May was telling me today (in addition to the fact that she is a good swimmer because her Dad had taught her) that Vin's sail number is very lucky. I asked her why and she said that 2 meant easy or good and that 3 means life. So Vin's sail number, 2232, translates to Good Good Life - and, sailing on Manly Harbour, who could disagree with her?


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Australia Day Regatta Winners, 2017.

