



## July Signals

### Supreme Saturday, 16 July 2016

How perfect was today? A little cloud to start opened up into a beautiful day, cool enough to bring out the beanies and jackets and warm enough to enjoy the sunshine socialising under the umbrellas.

Crosbie was a wonderful Sailing Coordinator, managing the right number of boats with Pontoon Coordinator Extraordinaire, Kevin. Denis was the Boat Operations Manager, enabling all of the boats to go out perfectly rigged and safe. Vince was the learner driver in Charlie's Chariot, under the expert eye of Peter with Juliet and Ken as observers. Michael did an expert job of pumping up all of the tyres on the trolleys, before himself hopping into a boat and sailing with a few participants.



Sailors this morning were; the wonderful Hugh, from Manly Juniors, who loves Sailability Saturdays in Winter. As well as David, escort to Patrick (pictured above) Ivan, Denis, Michael, Cathy and Crosbie. Helpers on the pontoon were Jay and Tony, up on deck were our Life-jacket Manager, Wilma, Registrar Lyn, Time-Keeper Ray, and later on Driss and Jawad (pictured below) came down to give us a hand. Juliette did her terrific job of being the chef, a difficult job today as Helen was not around.

A feature of today were our new participants and their carers and families. Richard, Angel and Lennie, James, his mum Leeann and sister Jessie (pictured inset). Back from her holiday in Spain were Juliet and her Mum Vicki and Ollie, Judy, Matthew, Kerrie, Ashley, Anna, Grant, Robert, Susan, Ben, and Alyssa. It was such a relaxed day and everyone present mentioned the calm atmosphere and how easy it was to accomplish everything. A massive thank you to everyone for their help!



## Visit to Sydney Harbour by Tenacious

On Wednesday, July 27, at around 10am, SV Tenacious sailed into Sydney Heads on her maiden voyage to Australia from England. She will spend the next nine months sailing along on the Australian coast to give nearly 2000 people the chance to experience life on a tall ship. The current crew will have just spent 32 days sailing nearly 2000 nautical miles southwest from Fiji to Sydney. The barque Tenacious is remarkable on so many fronts. Built 16 years ago in Southampton, England, she is the largest timber vessel to be built in the UK in the last century. Even more incredibly, the 65-metre three-masted tall ship was built entirely by 1500 volunteers over four years for the UK-Australian charity the Jubilee Sailing Trust (JST) to give people with disabilities a taste of life on the high seas. The ship is crewed by 49 people – nine professionals and the remainder evenly split between people with disabilities and able-bodied crew. They all pay \$250 to be aboard.

The tall ship will moor at the Australian National Maritime Museum in Darling Harbour around 11am and remain in port until August 7, sailing to Melbourne, and later, to Adelaide and Hobart. She returns to Sydney over the Christmas-New Year period. The ship has sailed more than 30,000 kilometres to Sydney after leaving the UK in November 2015 sailing across the Atlantic via Antigua, through the Panama Canal and passing through the islands of the South Pacific, including Fiji. For Sydneysiders, Tenacious will be moored at the Maritime Museum.



## A Short History of Signals

Having read the wonderful 110 year history of the Manly Daily on Friday, and because there was some room in the month's Signals, I decided to do a similar project for Signals. Manly Sailability had very modest beginnings in 1996. No amount of visions or wish-lists could possibly have forecast where we are at right now. All of our communications were done by phone, with a modest membership of about 10 people, who needed to be advised of sailing venue for that month, fundraising efforts, and meeting dates. However, there were monthly Committee Meetings, with minutes posted out to all members each month.

In 2000, we decided to publish a newsletter to be called "Messages from Manly" Items in that first Messages from Manly included A reminder about Membership Forms to be filled out, a report on the Training Day that had been held in August, and a notice about an upcoming St John First Aid Course at a cost of \$135.00 per person, with no promise of a refund or subsidy, the course to be held for 16 hours over 2 weeks. There were no photos included. Messages was typed on a regular typewriter, photocopied at Officeworks, and posted to all members every three months.



The first edition to contain photos was in March, 2002, reporting on the Tuggeranong National Access Dinghy Championship. Messages became Signals in July 2002, under our new President, Des Carmody. We still used the old format, landscape, with pictures taken from a computer program called Corel Draw until October, 2004. News from this period talks about the grant we won from Active Australia for the short film we made about Sailability at Manly, the building of the pontoon, completely with Volunteer Labour by Manly Yacht Club Members.

In October, 2004 we changed to landscape format, because computers were becoming more available, and people were starting to open email accounts for the distribution. Photos also became easy to send. Bob Ronai put an enormous amount of work into the producing of a modern, pictorial record of our branch, recording the sad passing of Charlie Powell, our name change to Sailability Manly after 9 years of being Sailability North Sydney/Manly, the achievement of a large grant to buy Charlie's Chariot, a golf-game that achieved enough money to install an accessible bathroom, a fundraising dinner to raise money for the ramp from upstairs to downstairs. Rob continued to edit Signals until February, 2008 an enormous input from one person. During this time, Warringah Council funded the production and distribution of a very high quality Signals.

Judy Cole took over as editor in 2008, going back to a very easy to read and produce format with slightly less photos, quizzes by Jan Jensen, and ads about a series of concerts by Loosely Woven which helped our fundraising efforts... (To be continued in August).



### **Fire at Manly Yacht Club**

On Saturday evening, 30<sup>th</sup> July, a wedding which will call forth memories for many years to come was held at Manly Yacht Club. At around 7.00 p.m. there was an explosion in the gas-pipe which brings gas from the gas-tanks at ground level up to the barbecue on the veranda of the Yacht Club causing a stir of movement, fire-engines, the media from Channel Nine and other traffic on East Esplanade. The fire was quickly extinguished, and there were no injuries reported. However, part of the upstairs of Manly Yacht Club is badly damaged, calling for urgent renovations in the next few weeks.

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### AGM 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

If you sail with Sailability Manly, or are a carer or family member of a person who sails or volunteers with Sailability Manly, please come to our AGM which will be held somewhere in Manly Yacht Club on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Those who intend to come to the meeting, please email [eli@manlysailability.com.au](mailto:eli@manlysailability.com.au) so that I can let you know where in Manly Yacht Club the AGM will be held.

### Raffle tickets for Lynette Gould's magnificent painting.

Raffle tickets for Lynette's painting are still available, right up to the morning of the drawing of the raffle which will be held at Manly Yacht Club at our Training Day to be held on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. They will be available at each sailing day, the AGM, or please contact Helen Hendry at [helhen@tpg.com.au](mailto:helhen@tpg.com.au) or on 9949 667 to order tickets.

### Upcoming Sailing Events

Date	Event
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> August.	Birds, Rap'n'Rave, Housing Connection
Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> August	SEALS, Arranounbai, Achieve, Fisher Rd
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Training Day for all Volunteers, Drawing of Raffle.
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> September	RFW, Sunshine Fr Forest, St Ives CS, Arranounbai
Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Balmoral, Housing Connection, Jelly Beans

### Thanks to our Supporters

• Alice Cleary's Runners in the Manly Fun Run Raised \$1414.00 for Sailability Memberships
• Premier Automotive, Jeff Smit, Boat trailer inspection for registration.
• Manly Yacht Club
• Ralph Newman Memorial Fund raised \$1345.00
• Bunnings Warringah Mall: New picnic table and Umbrella Stand
• Balgowlah Masonic Lodge: Donation \$3,000.00
• Bendigo Bank: PFD's, part of the Defibrillator.
• Cromer Golf Club: Hansa 303 Black Swan
• Cerno Insurance: Hansa 303 Vin
• JayCar Electronics: Power Supply for Radio
• Manly Fun Run Raised by Sailability Runners and their Supporters raised approx. \$1,000.00
• David Webb Donation of \$1,000 towards much needed equipment.

- Manly Rotary. Long Term Support.

### The Committee

President: Barry Newell	Minutes Secretary: Rob Southam
Secretary: Eli Demeny	Race Organiser: Caroline Holdstock
Treasurer: Patrick Alexander	Committee Members: David Grinston
Membership: Helen Hendry	Ray Rampton
Maintenance: Barry Newell+committee	Ralph Newman
MYC rep: Jackie Morgan	Peter Singer
NSW rep: Denis Linney	Vice President: David Webb
Volunteer Coordinator: Eli Demeny	Webmaster: Alan Bimson