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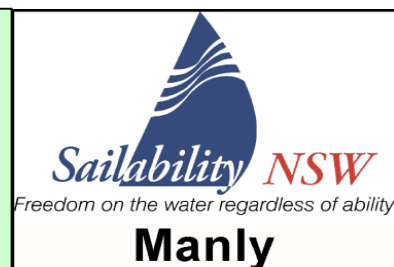
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### **Diary Entries-Don't miss these events**

**Family Day, Easter Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.**

**Families of Volunteers and Participant Sailors welcome. The boats will be out, and lunch available. Bookings essential: 9976 2747 or by email [eli@manlysailability.com.au](mailto:eli@manlysailability.com.au).**

**School Holiday Sailing. Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Booked groups and kids on holidays. Bookings essential.**

**Volunteer Recognition Dinner: Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. At Manly Yacht Club. An evening of fun and entertainment to thank our volunteers. Starting 6.30 p.m. Bookings now open. 99381391 or [supersusan100@hotmail.com](mailto:supersusan100@hotmail.com)**

**Manly Rotary Fun Run and Walk.**

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.**

**From Manly Corso, 2km, 5km, 10 km Register now as a runner, or sponsor a friend. Go to [www.manlyfunrun.org](http://www.manlyfunrun.org)**

### **Sailing Schedule**

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Booked Groups</u></b>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>4.4.15</u></b>	<b>Easter Saturday. Family Sailing Day.</b>
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>8.4.15</u></b>	<b>School holidays. Booked Groups.</b>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>18.4.15</u></b>	<b>General, Balmoral, Housing Connection.</b>
<b><u>Wednesday,</u></b>	<b><u>22.4.15</u></b>	<b>DYIM, HWNS, CAPS Forestville, Forest High.</b>

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## **What We Were Up To In March.**

### **7.3.15 A Great Sailing Day.**

After a stormy start to the day, the sun appeared, and our helpers started to arrive. By the time the boats were out, the sun was completely out and the promise of a beautiful day held. Jim, Lyn, Peter, Juliette, Denis, David, Nicola, Tony, Julie, Ray, Ivan, Helen, Ralph, Kevin, Michael, Jill, Barnabas and John all were wonderful helpers. To top it off, we had 2 new volunteers here this morning, Marianne and Alexia, who will be a great asset to our activities, judging from the willingness with which they approached their brand new tasks. Later on, Alice, Jason and Carla came down, thinking that we would be ready to pack away, but we were still full in the swing of sailing.

David was the Boat Operations Manager in his usual careful mode, Ralph was Support Boat Driver, Peter the observer. Nic took over on the pontoon for the first time and had a great learning session about how to organise boats, tie up, cast off, as well as put in keels and rudders. Jill, Juliette and Helen shared the sausage sizzle duties and registrar, Lyn was the Time-Keeper. Sailors today had to be very hardworking, as all our participants seemed to arrive at the same time, so it was a continuous run over to Reef Beach, back to the pontoon, and change over of sailors.

Sailors who had a fantastic time on the water today were: Megan, who, in future will need a larger sling, Maurine, who went to Parramatta and back, Oliver, Craig, who splashed his way around the bay, then Jonathon. There were 2 more Jonathons at Sailing today, one with Mum, Sue and brother George. This name appears as the hero of the day later in this report.

Analise, Kerry, Ginny and Jess, from Ben Love House, arrived next then Dirk, Steve, Brad, Stuart, Robert, May, Daniel, Roger from BIRDS. After this, Vanessa and Matt. Later on, Philip arrived with Dad, Peter to sail in Alan Wood. Last of all, Nicholas, Hayden, Maddison, and Jonathon arrived with Ryan all the way from Eastern Respite. A very special thanks to our carers today: Ryan, Paul, Colleen, Carol, Marshall, Sandra, Sharon, Gaynor and a couple more whose names I did not catch.

Marshall, the extremely faithful and careful carer of Jonathan, accidentally dropped his keys between the planks on the wharf. Our hero, George, donned a pair of goggles and swam underneath at very high tide, to locate and reclaim the famous keys. Marshall was extremely thankful. Hopefully, there will be no damage to any of the keys, but we are not confident that those electronic car-keys will still work.

Another point of note today was Linda, from Ben Love House. She was extraordinarily brave, coped with a life-jacket, and sat on the pontoon to experience the rocking movement. Next time, we will try to put her into a boat and take her for a short sail. Also, a special mention to Byron, who plucked up courage to take one of the participants for a sail. What a glow of confidence this gave him.

Once the decision was made to pack up, everything went away in double quick time, thanks to some help from some Manly Junior Dads, David's organisational skills, and lots of willing helpers. Thanks everyone, for a great day.

Tony observing on CC



Craig paddling in.



Kerry enjoying her sail.



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## Sailing Day, 11.3.15

A feature of our Summer Sailing Days has been the extreme heat, high humidity and lack of useful breeze. Today was the perfect example of all of these. Our helpers arrived early and readied Sailability for the day, putting out 6 303's and Alan's 2.3. Sailing Coordinator, Brian, and Boat Operations Manager, Colin led the party of Corey, Denis, David G and David W, John W and John B, Tony, Caroline, Byron, Phill and Rob. Barry went over to pick up Charlie's Chariot from the mooring. Barry was in charge of Charlie's Chariot, Corey the observer, Phill was a great Registrar, and had a lesson on the radio, Caroline was a very dedicated Pontoon Manager, and our new volunteer, Daniel, from ACU had a settling in day and a couple of lessons sailing (or paddling) while he absorbed the atmosphere.

Sailors: Denis, Johns G, W, and B, Davids G and W surveyed the water with disgust, then used the paddles to get out beyond the line of moored boats with our charges from R.F.W., Jacinta, Brhi, Bradley, Ryan and Mitchell, with Jordan taking his turn helping with the towing on Charlie's Chariot. There really was not much sailing today, it was really a matter of getting people onto the water and paddling around. Pontoon staff was also active, with Tony and Byron being indispensable, catching and tying up boats, and pushing off with a huge heave to get the boats moving.

Later, Alan arrived, and made the sensible decision to return home after a social interlude up on deck.

A couple of comments about Helen, who was absent today. Helen is normally the quietest volunteer around, but we discovered today just how much work she does....organising the registration table, teas and coffees for everyone, all of the paperwork, lots of the packing away process. We missed you Helen, and can't wait until you come back.

As the day wore on, the breeze did make a slight appearance for Brandon from Sorento, Craig, then Zoe, Rachel, Kai, Matthew and Kaelen from Aranounbai, then Joshua, Alastair, Alessandro and Jackson from AFFORD. Thanks for the wonderful helpers today, who made fantastic efforts on behalf of their charges to keep everyone comfortable in the extreme heat: Lara from AFFORD, Racheele from Aranounbai, Gabby with Craig, Charmayne from Sorento, and Lisa from RFW.



John and Jackson

## **Port Stephen's Cup. Grahamstown Dam 14/15<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.**

Our teams for the Port Stephen's Cup this year were Ivan and Denis, Stephen and Michael. We were lucky that Sailability Port Stephens was able to lend us the two boats that used to be ours, so that there was no need to organise a team to pack or tow boats.



The 303's ready to sail.



Ivan and Denis, 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters.



Cooper and Jason; Champions

We arrived bright and early on Saturday morning in bright sunshine and a pleasant breeze on the dam, but by the time the race started, the breeze had virtually dropped to nothing, making sailing in a race very difficult. Local knowledge came in very handy, and the local teams of Jason and son, and Richard and Mel soon put some distance away from the rest of the field.

It was not until the third race that Denis and Ivan figured it out, and then they were away, ahead of the rest of the field. This resulted in a third place for this team, with Michael and Steve not finishing in the extremely light conditions.

The Sunday opened in ominous conditions, and by the time the doubles started, the rain was pelting down, the thunder was deafening, and the wind impossible for our small boats, so the Sunday race was cancelled. This did not put a dampener on the week-end however, as the company was excellent, the food fantastic, and a beautiful atmosphere of friendliness made it hard to leave.

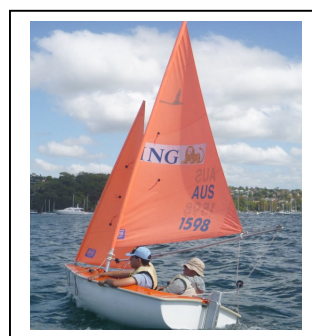
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## A Swell Wednesday.

This was one of those very good days, with a clear blue sky, a south westerly right on the limit of our knot allowance, and a strong swell from the south.

We rigged 5 boats and got Charlie's Chariot ready, then took some of the volunteers for a sail while we waited for our first group to come down. As it happened, there only was the one group today, so all of these children experienced a long sail, and a ride in the Support Boat if they wanted. Unfortunately, 2 groups had unexpected occurrences that made it impossible to attend, and they will be fitted in at a later date.

Helpers today were: Johns W, C, and B, Phil, Col, Caroline on Charlie's Chariot, Helen the Sailing Coordinator, David the Boat Operations Manager, John W on the pontoon, Cory the observer, Ivan, Jim, Bob, Brian, Tony, Evan, Michael, Denis and Marc the Magnificent (very tall, able to unpack and repack boats from the top rack).



The kids who benefited from such amazing helpers were: Nathan, Lachlan, Sean, Heath, Dylan, Talon, Riley, James and Samuel with helpers Carmel and Gabrielle.

And last of all, the wet cormorant who settled on the pontoon with wings outspread, looking as if he was waiting for a ride as well.



### **Peter Hamilton**

Peter has been one of our long-standing volunteers. For the past 13 years, he has volunteered for us as a sailor, a committee member, our Commodore for 7 years, and our representative on the MYC Board and Sailing Committees for 5 years. He was our Race Officer for many years. We have really appreciated this help, and are deeply sorry that Peter has decided to leave the work to younger, fitter men. Thank you for all your help over the years, Peter, we will miss your smiling face on the pontoon and in the boats.



## ***Looking Forward To***

**Our Family Fun Day on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2015. This is Easter Saturday, and we are really looking forward to seeing families of volunteers as well as sailing participants getting together for a fun day on the water. Lunch will be served as is usual on a Saturday. Bookings are essential for both volunteers and sailing participants, as we need to know how many boats to put out, and how many sausages to buy. Please call 9976 2747 before Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April. Or email [eli@manlysailability.com.au](mailto:eli@manlysailability.com.au).**

**Our Volunteer Recognition Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. 6.30 p.m. at Manly Yacht Club in the upstairs hall. Sue Gladstone is organizing this event.**

**Cost this year is a very reasonable \$30.00 a head, and there will be 3 courses:**

### **An entrée:**

**Saffron Risotto Balls and Eggplant rolls.**

### **A main meal:**

**Chicken and Mushroom Risotto or**



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**Salimbocca, Veal with sage, prosciutto & mushrooms in a white wine reduction served with roast potatoes.**

**And, a delicious dessert:**

**Chocolate Pudding or**

**Apple and Pear Crumble.**

**Drinks available from the bar. Partners and friends welcome.**

**Our chef this year is Craig, and we all remember how wonderful was last year's meal, and what a wonderful time we all had.**

**Remember to book early, as we can only fit 60 in the room.**

**Bookings to Sue: 9938 1391 or [supersusan100@hotmail.com](mailto:supersusan100@hotmail.com)**

**Payment by credit card to Sailability Manly BSB112.879 Account no 162.268.309 Put your name and Vol.Din. in the identification line.**

**Or by cheque, made out to Sailability Manly: Post to Sue Gladstone 2 Kirra Rd, Allambie Hts, 2100.**

**Or pay on the night.**



**Go into the Manly Fun Run Website.**

**Click on Register or Sponsor.**

**Then follow the prompts:**

**Our team name is Running for Sailability.**

**Our team leader is Eli Demeny, but you can support any of our runners.**

**Then follow the prompts to donate an amount.**

**If you wish to run (or walk, you can choose 2km, 5km or 10 km, then just put your name in. Our charity is Sailability NSW. Follow the cost prompts. If you register before the end of April, there is a large saving.**

**So do it now.**

**We thank all of our sponsors for their generous support.**

• Patron: Jean Hay, Mayor of Manly
• Hugh Treharne: Donation \$2,500.00
• Manly Yacht Club
• Manly Council
• Bunnings Warringah Mall: New picnic table and Umbrella Stand
• Manly Rotary: Donation \$3,000.00
• Bendigo Bank: Gazebo, brochures, shirts.
• Cromer Golf Club: Hansa 303 Black Swan
• Cerno Insurance: Hansa 303 Vin
• JayCar Electronics: Power Supply for Radio

### The Committee of Sailability Manly.

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