



Signals Newsletter – Manly Sailability

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I'm sure everyone has been eagerly awaiting the winter roster, which Eli has now released for us. Please note, we only sail once a month on Saturdays, and once a month on Wednesdays in winter with no regatta during this short season.

Please note your rostered days and let Eli know if you are not able to make any of the noted dates/times, so that a replacement can be found. If you have been left off the roster, please do not think we have deserted you, just come on down to Sailability for some good Winter Fun on the appropriate days.



Apologies to our readers that this month's newsletter is a little late. We have been very busy and so have a Signals packed with news and stories for you!

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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.

Winter Roster Details

The new winter roster with volunteers and members who are requested on sailings dates is available on our website (below). Please check the dates you are rostered on and mark them in your diary, so that we can try to avoid last minute changes where possible.

Please be at Manly Yacht Club before 9.00 a.m. to start the set up.

If in doubt about the weather, please call 9976 2747 where you will hear a recorded message advising if the sailing day has been cancelled.

If you are not rostered on, but have some free time, please come and help us, as there are always people who cannot make it.

You will notice that there are 20 people rostered on each sailing day. Half of these are new volunteers being trained for various roles. We need everyone down there that is on the list, so that we can have a continuing supply of new and experienced volunteers.

If you have been rostered for a set position, or if you are interested in taking an active role, please check this direct link to our web-site and click on Training Documents and videos, then click on the position you would like to take. Make sure you tell the Sailing Coordinator what you would like to do.

If you cannot be there, please contact Eli, 9976 2747 or eli@manlysailability.com.au or the Sailing Coordinator of the day.

There will be some new volunteers during the autumn months who are not yet on the roster, and who will need support for their first few sessions.

<http://www.manlysailability.com.au/index.php/sailing-dates>

Sailing Schedule

General Sailing Days

Saturdays

21st June Balmoral, General, Rap'n'Rave

19th July BIRDS, General.

16th August Balmoral, General. Inala

Wednesdays

11th June RFW , Fisher Rd, Forest CAPS, Sunnyfield

9th July HWNS, MAPS St Ives, Achieve, Sunshine Pymble

13th August RFW, DYPSC, Amaroo, SEALS

For latest updates visit www.manlysailability.com.au

Volunteer Recognition Evening

Wednesday 7th May

A balmy Autumn Evening saw 45 of our Volunteers attend Sailability's 2014 Volunteer Recognition Evening, celebrating the Power of Volunteering.



Hard at work on the portrait of a volunteer

We were able to demonstrate the Power of Volunteering by showing Philip's video of his journey into solo sailing. This shows how a group of volunteers (us) were able to use our combined skills and a heap of determination by Philip to get him sailing solo on the waters of Manly Cove. No-one alone could have done it; we all used our skills to enable this milestone in Philip's life, as well as the culmination of his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

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The Power we hold as a group also enabled us all to create 45 works of art showing the ideal Sailability Volunteer.



Philip presenting his video

Adele Heasman, deputy Mayor of Manly Council, spoke about the effects Sailability has had on the Manly Community over the last 18 years and praised us for our efforts. Craig Whitting provided wonderful food for the evening.



John and Elaine

The prize for Youth Volunteer of the Year this year is Jack Bennett, who started as a Duke of Edinburgh student, and now volunteers for us a member of the community. Volunteer of the Year for Manly Sailability this year is John Weaver, who came to sailing one day to replace his friend on Charlie's Chariot, found Sailability an irresistible activity, and can't stay away.

Eli

Note: we have some fantastic photos taken on the night which we would love to offer to our friends, supporters and members for a small fee. Please see our website for the photos and a sample of the fun we had on the night.

Another Glorious Morning

Saturday 10th May

Saturday, 10th May, 2014 was a noticeably beautiful late Autumn Day; blue skies, smooth water and very little wind. That did not really bother us, as it made it easy to get the boats down to the water to await our special guests for the launching of Eli D. Denis, Helen, Ralph, Ray, Barry and David W had arrived early to get the boats

out, and it wasn't long before Crosbie, Sailing Coordinator, Ewan, Davd G, Jim, new volunteer, Flynn, Jack, Ivan and Tony arrived to finish the setting up. With all of these wonderful helpers, we managed to get 7 boats in the water, with Eli D standing on the deck waiting to be launched by 9.30, when Doug, Dallas, Joe and Kirran arrived.



David W gave a magnificent speech about how Sailability Manly evolved from a 2 boat club at Milson's Point, to our current 9 Hansa Dinghies and a Support Boat club on Manly Cove. It does seem strange to look back on now, as it never seemed to be a struggle, and we always had wonderful community and volunteer support. However, we have accomplished an enormous amount in the 18 years we have been going.

Eli blessed the Eli D for her long and safe journeys, and the day was really under way. Helen and Shelley were kept busy up on deck serving

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morning teas, our participants arrived and needed to go sailing, all boats were on the water with sailors Peter, Ivan, John, Jack, Ewan, Jim, Philip in Alan Wood, Alan in Clea. Helpers up on deck were Lynn, Helene, Rowell, Lianne, Juliette. Helping on the pontoon were Kevin, Ray, Jackie, Tony, Ariane, David W. Ralph was on board Charlie's Chariot with observers Barry, then Peter and Juliette. Later on, there was a changeover of sailors, so that the work was evenly shared, and all who wanted to sail got a turn.

We are so proud of our participants; Maureen, Kerry, Adam, Craig, who arrived early and waited patiently for the launching to take place before they got a turn sailing, then Judy, Vanessa, Stephen, Luca, Jonny and Philip. Lastly the BIRDS; Brad, Roger, Stuart, Carlo, Dirk, Robert, May, and Daniel all had a sail. The BIRDS may have some good news for us about parking over the next few

months, as they have been negotiating with Manly Council for an easing of their restrictions.

Eli

Sailing Report

Wednesday 14th May

With an early start on a perfect Autumn day - warm weather and a light breeze - several of our volunteer team including Brian, John, Jim and others, under the watchful eye of the day's Boat Operations Manager, Rob Southam, rigged 6 boats in preparation for an enjoyable day's sailing.



David G in Woody with one of the Verne Barnett students

Meanwhile, down on the pontoon, Col Gregan and his team including Sue, Jim, David G, Mark and Tony, ran a smooth operation, launching the boats, while the ever reliable Helen H multi-tasked as registrar, radio operator and morning tea provider, Sheila took on the role of time keeper and others set up awnings, tables chairs and life jacket bins.



Sailor John with one of the students

With a record turn-out of 28 volunteers including 3 newcomers, namely Kelly Griffin, Lindsey Edgar and Warren Evans, who were all quickly engaged in boat preparations aided by Denis's rigging and sailing instruction, we were well prepared when the Royal Far West team of 6 young people from country NSW and their 2 leaders arrived about 09.20 am.

Kathy and her able assistants soon had the "country kids", from as far afield as Nowra, Griffith, and north western NSW fitted out with life jackets and onto the pontoon, where Col and his team had all boats quickly crewed and away, enabling the RFW minders Clare and Anthony a welcome and rare opportunity to relax in the warm sun. The only thing missing at this stage was a stiff breeze. However the smiles and comments on the faces of Braith, Bianca, Cody, Jacob, Reece and Tom on their return from sailing said it all. They had all enjoyed their sail despite the light breeze.



Soon after 10 o'clock, a contingent of 11 pupils and 5 teachers and carers arrived from Verne Barnett School. With the breeze picking up we quickly had 6 students out sailing while 3 more boarded (our safety boat) Charlie's Chariot for a ride in the capable hands of skipper John

Weaver and his observer Corey. So popular were both the sailing and power boat cruising that after ensuring everyone who wanted to sail had one, sailers and power boat passengers swapped roles.



With so many volunteers we had no shortage of skippers/sailors, with Denis, Rob, Jim, Michael, Mark, Warren, Tony, John G, John B, Terry and Caroline all managing to get out on the water along with our clients and carers. Peter and Phil relieved John and Corey on Charlie's Chariot in the latter part of the morning taking more passengers for a fun ride while watching over the fleet.

Sue and Kathy seemed to be everywhere, Rowell helped with awnings, chairs and tables while Kandy managed to turn up to promote the Manly Fun Run and seek more sponsors.

When we discovered that our regular Amaroo cleints would not be attending, the staff and helpers from Verne Barnett took advantage of our invitation to enjoy a sail along with some of our newer volunteers. Meanwhile our “official” photographer, Caroline along with Eli, who had just returned from visiting her daughter and family were out-and-about on Charlie's Chariot obtaining a pictorial record of the day's sailing.

After another great day sailing, we finally packed the boats away around 12.30 pm.

Thanks to so many of you for turning up on Wednesday and “making it happen” so smoothly.

Eli.

Manly Yacht Club Presentation

Saturday 17th May

Hundreds of people descended on Manly Yacht Club early Saturday evening to celebrate the end of season, and witness the

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presentation of prizes to all sections of Manly Yacht Club racing.

These included Juniors, Centre Boarders, Sailability and large and smaller yachts.

Prizes presented to Sailability included:

- Trophies for the Australia Day Regatta, The Women's Challenge
- Volunteer of the Year: John Weaver
- Youth Volunteer of the Year, Jack Bennett
- Sailor of the Year, Alan Bimson
- Improved Sailor of the Year, Caroline Holdstock
- Wayne Black Trophy, Denis Linney
- Wayne Black Crew Trophy, Ivan Demeny
- Jackie Kaye Award, Ralph Newman.

The Manly Scenic Fun Run

Saturday 17th May

We have been practising our running and walking skills for months.....very different from Sailing Skills, and raising money among our supporters, volunteers and friends.

At last, the day is here. Some of us arrive early to absorb the atmosphere, meet friends and do a proper warm-up. Others arrive later and go straight into the fun of running/walking on the set courses.



Caroline, Peter, Kent, Helen, Britta, Eli waiting for the race to start.

The race is about to start with the 10 KM runners. This is where Mike Page and his

friends, as well as the Bennett's are going to shine. They have already done so with a magnificent effort of fund-raising, but the run is the thing to concentrate on now. They have a long way to go, but the weather is perfect for running, and the views on their route absolutely spectacular.



Kerry accepting a HI Five

The next group to go is the 5 km group, consisting of Britta, Kent, Sandra, Helen, Peter and Caroline. Theirs is a much shorter run, but very complicated in terms of strategy and crowd management, as some of those corners were pretty sharp, and the hills very steep.

Last of all, the leisurely 2 km stroll chosen by Eli and Kerry, with lots of high fives and cheering from the crowd lining the walkway.

Altogether, there were more than 2,000 runners/walkers, and over \$100,000 raised. This is to be divided among several charities, and final amounts will not be known for several months. We all put our all into it and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Eli

Joke of the Month:

Why was the fish invited to dinner?

He was the life and sole of the party!

Barry's Joke this month:

Why was Barry told he couldn't be a brain surgeon?

He wasn't tall enough!

Do you have an interesting article or update for our newsletter? We'd love to hear from you! Please contact Lianne McGrory, Signals Editor

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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.
- Bendigo Bank. Shirts and Brochures.
- Cromer Golf Club. New Boat, Black Swan
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