

Signals from Sailability Manly

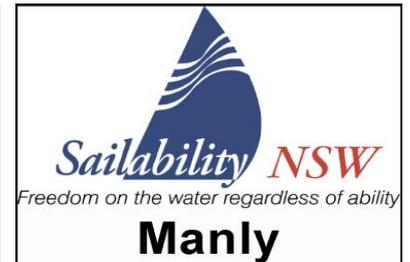
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Diary Entries

Please note December Dates.

We have a busy start to December, with sailing on Wednesday 2nd December, Friday 4th December, Tuesday, 8th December, Saturday 12th December. If there are any volunteers who would be available to give any extra time, please contact me and offer to help on one of these days. (9976 2747)

Everyone welcome on Thursday, 31st December for the 9.00 p.m. fireworks.

Sailing Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Booked Groups</u>
Wednesday	2 nd December	Truscott St, RFW, Amaroo, Freshwater IS
Friday	4th December	St Andrews College
Tuesday	8th December	Freshwater IS Regatta and Camp Sababa
Saturday	12 th December	Christmas Regatta
New Year's Eve	Thursday, 31st December	Party on the lower deck for whoever wants to come.
Saturday	9 th January, 2016	Vac: Balmoral, Milky Way, Housing Connection, Rap'nRave
Wednesday	13 th January	CPA GreVILLEa, SEALS, Sunnyfield Fr Forest, Sunshine Pymble
Saturday	23 rd January	BIRDS, Inala
Tuesday	26th January	Australia Day Regatta
Saturday	6 th February	Balmoral, Rap'n'Rave
Wednesday	10 th February	Truscott St, RFW, MAPS St Ives, Forest High

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What We Have Been Up To This Month.

A feature of November has been the uncertainty of the weather. We have been forced to cancel sailing once, and there was one day when sailing should have gone ahead, but the groups did not turn up because the weather seemed too dicey for them to take the risk with their participants.

Wednesday, 4th November.

A Wet and Windy Wednesday. 4.11.15

The phone message said, 'Go down to sailing'
But it was wet where I was.
Oh well, it's no use wailing
Nothing else to do today,
So I'll go down to MYC because,
Sometimes it's fun to do lots of bailing.

So, Barry, Mal, David, Eli
Allison, Brian, Ray and Helley
Steve, Tony, Ivan, and Jim,
Warwick, Col, John, yes that's him,
Michael, Ken, Denis, that's all
Who managed to get down there in the squall.

Five boats were put out in the rain,
What's that? It's eased! Sailing will be a gain
But we were not counting on the gale
Which sprung up out of nowhere giving rise to this wail.

Most of us had hopped in a boat, some with one, some to share,
And of course Charlie's Chariot was out to take care,
As we crossed the waters of Manly Cove.
To keep the waves out we certainly strove.
It was all such fun, and a feeling of pleasure,
Of striving, and excitement that I'll always treasure.

So, it was back any way possible to the pontoon,
Feeling a bit like in a monsoon,
To derig, wash and put boats in the shed,
With the canopies spread out to dry overhead.
A good day with lots of pleasantries and banter,
A feeling the day was quite an enchanter.

But no, we don't want more like this,
Let's go back to the days when the weather was bliss,
So that lots more people come down for a sail,
In perfect weather. There's many a tale,
Of joy and perfection, and times of bliss,
That we would enjoy, rather than this.

Wednesday, 18th November

A Perfect Sailing Day.

Helpers today:

Sailing Coordinator: Brian;
Pontoon Manager: Col;
Boat Operations: David;
Support Boat: Barry, Ken, Jim.
Photographs: Sophie.
Registrar: Helen;



Malcolm and Jim.



Allison and Dennis.



Part of the crew.



Tony and John getting ready.



Joe being helped into the car-seat.

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Life-jackets; John P;

Radio: Sheila;

Sailors: John B, Michael, Steve, Jim, Helene, Denis, John W, Bob;

Helping on deck; Philip, Tony, Malcolm, Georges, Warwick;

Time Keeper: Ray.

I hope I have noted you all, it was so lovely to see everyone pulling together as a team that I may have missed someone. If so, I apologise.

We were visited by our annual one day influx from ICMS. Thank you for all your help today: Nook, (the leader), Jerome, Nguyen, Ta Duc, Rohan (the surfer) Flavia, Sophie, you all did a wonderful job in an often confusing situation.

Also on hand were David's Family, Susie, Tom and the rest of the gang.

With plenty of helpers, we put out 7 boats and got started early as the breeze was a perfect 6 to 7 knot north easterly and we had plenty of helpers on deck and on the pontoon.

Charlie's Chariot was still up on the slips for a final touch up by the mechanic. Barry brought it down and we were ready to go.

First participants to come down were Royal Far West: Dylan, Sharli, Sabari, Hayden, Lauryn, Izzy, Richard. One of these decided not to sail, but the rest jumped in the boats with their eager sailors and were off to the other side.

Next to arrive were Arranounbai School: Jatin, Kit, Sarah, Jonah, Joe, Michael, Lhamo, Riley, Wenbin, Evie.

This opens up a whole spectrum of possibilities. Some can walk, some can talk, some are tall, some are small (sounds a bit like Dr Seuss) but they did keep us busy thinking up ways to keep them comfortable in the boats. In the meantime, those not on the water were having morning tea, playing, talking to the gang of helpers, and all having a good time. The timing worked perfectly....we had just finished taking these little ones for a sail when our friends from SEALS arrived. Dacy, Daniel (the birthday boy), Nikita, Nicki, Tom took their turn in the boats, thoroughly enjoying their sail in the freshening breeze.

At some stage in the morning, the alert drivers and observers on Charlie's Chariot noticed a problem with the engine and brought it back to the pontoon. We quickly borrowed the support RIB from Manly Sailing and were back to normal operations in just a few minutes. While this was happening, David took the engine cover off, poked around for a few minutes, found the problem, fixed it and we were back in business. Thank you so much, Manly Sailing for your generosity, and just for being there ready when we needed you.

Jordan and Amelia arrived from Freshwater High at the same time as our House With No Steps group: Mickey, James, Ross, Nina, Chris, and Stephen. Our rapidly overheating sailors and helpers were quite relieved when all had finished their sail and we were able to pack everything away, It was only later that we realised that the temperature had soared to 36 degrees, so it was time for a cool drink, and a rest in the shade.

Thank you so much everyone involved for all the work completed today.

Super Saturday, 28th November, 2015.

Finally, we have a day of great weather, a little overcast, but this is just enough to keep the day cool for our participants.

Helpers today were:

Sailing Coordinator; Caroline.

Boat Operations Manager: David W

Pontoon Manager: David

Support Boat Driver Barry, Ralph, Ray

Photographer: Lyn

Time Keeper: Jon Petrie

Barbecue Chef: Helen Hendry

Sailors: Michael, Helene, David G, David W, Denis, Ivan, Jim, Josh, Ewan, Jack, Jackie.

Other helpers: Alan, Amaroo, Jay, Natalie, Tony.



The people who came for a sail were: Maurine, Ollie, Jon, Judy, Danielle, Dirk, Daniel, Carlo, Steve, Brad, Roger, May, Robert, Stuart, Lindsay, Jonathon G and Jonathon I, Vanessa, Shelby, Lachlan, Byron, Michael, Oscar.

The fabulous helpers who came with these participants were: Bus Driver Neil from BIRDS, Elizabeth with Judy, Alex with Vanessa, Gaynor, Margaret and Vicki and Volunteers Margaret and Laura with BIRDS, Meredith with Jonathon G, Duncan with Shelby, Colleen with Ollie, Ronald with Jonny, and with the last group: Adriana, Sallakishi, and Kathryn. Thank you so much for your everlasting patience, and for bringing your participants all the way to Manly for their sailing.

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The enjoyment of today's activity made up for the days we have had to cancel because of the terrible Spring weather this month. Our best breakthrough was seeing Ollie sailing away solo in Clea, single-handedly coping with the breeze, other boats out on the water, and putting into practise all of the skills he has been learning for the past months. Here is the letter he wrote when he arrived home:

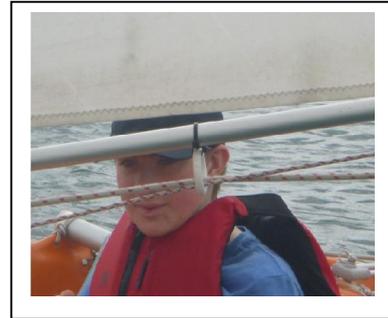
Today I went sailing by myself for the first time. It was really SICK!! That means amazing and phenomenal and extraordinary. First I got towed by the safety boat into the open. Then I used the ropes and the joystick to have a little practice. When I was catching the wind with my sail I went super fast. It was exciting.

The boat went nearly on the side and a little bit of water came in. I moved my bum to the other side to make it go straight and I had to loosen the rope and then tighten it.

I am still feeling pumped up about that great sailing experience.

From Ollie Williams.

Ollie wasn't the only one to feel 'pumped up'. All of the sailors went off when it was their turn with the huge smile we have come to expect, but don't always succeed in achieving. Our 2.3 was in great demand, with Ollie, then Danielle, then Alan sailing solo, while the 303's were in use for the other sailors. A super day, and well worth the waiting.



2 Thank you celebrations.

The loveliest part of the year is when we are invited to visit the schools that visit us 2 or 3 times a year. These special days are a Thank-you for the volunteers who help the schools throughout the year. In November Brian and Eli visited Arranounbai School for their special thank you to helpers, and then later in the month, Helen and Eli took part in the Community Breakfast at Fisher Rd School. It feels lovely to attend these functions because we feel that we are acknowledged for the work we do, and also it is an opportunity to network among other volunteers, as well as the staff of the school, finding other ways to help these participants in Sailability.

Coming Up!! It looks as if our Regatta on 12th December is fully booked.

Early on Regatta Day, our sponsors from Bendigo Bank will be available to present the PFD's and a portion of the Defibrillator.

We thank all of our sponsors for their generous support.

• Patron: Jean Hay, Mayor of Manly
• Premier Automotive, Jeff Smit, Boat trailer inspection for registration.
• Manly Yacht Club
• Manly Council \$1,250.00 Charlie's Chariot Maintenance.
• Bunnings Warringah Mall: New picnic table and Umbrella Stand
• Balgowlah Masonic Lodge: Donation \$3,000.00
• Bendigo Bank: PFD's, part of the Defibrillator.
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• Jason Kozub's New Zealand Marathon brought in more than \$1,250.00
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