

# Signals from Sailability Manly

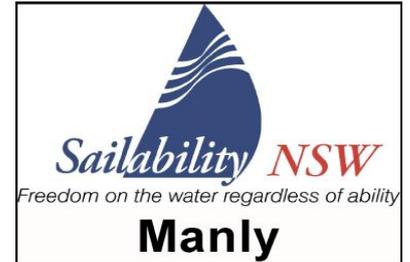
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## Diary Entries

**Please note December Dates.**

**We have a busy start to December, with sailing on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 31<sup>st</sup> December for the 9.00 p.m. fireworks.**

## Sailing Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Booked Groups</u>
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> November	RFW, AFFORD, Achieve, DYIM, Freshwater IS, Catholicare
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> November	Balmoral, Rap'n'Rave, Housing Connection, General
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> November	Arranounbai, HWNS, Fisher Rd, Freshwater IS, Catholicare
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> November	BIRDS, Future Crew, General
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Truscott St, RFW, Amaroo, Freshwater IS
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>St Andrews College</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Freshwater IS Regatta and Camp Sababa</b>
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Regatta
<b>New Year's Eve</b>	<b>Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Party on the lower deck for whoever wants to come.</b>
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> January, 2016	Vac: Balmoral, Milky Way, Housing Connection, Rap'nRave
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> January	CPA GreVILLEa, SEALS, Sunnyfield Fr Forest, Sunshine Pymble

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## What We Have Been Up To This Month.

### **Fundraising.**

We received a cheque from Balgowlah Masonic Club for \$3,000.00. This will give us a big boost to our maintenance funds as well as an essential piece of equipment of a Defibrillator.

Manly Council is again supporting us by providing us with \$1,250.00 towards our maintenance and fuel for Charlie's Chariot.

The Mosman Cavalcade of Fashion brought in \$400.00.

Cathy Lorho has raised almost \$500.00 on her Clipper Race Around the World.

### **Sailing Days.**

#### A Fantastic Sailing Day, 3.10.15

An absolutely beautiful morning welcomed us down to Manly Yacht Club for our sailing morning today, right in the middle of Manly's Jazz Festival. So, we had music and people all around us for our sailing session, as well as lots of big boats buzzing around us because it was the MYC Commodore's Picnic at the same time. Maybe this busyness distracted some of our volunteers, as we were a little short handed this morning.

Our early birds for setting up this morning were Crosbie (Sailing Coordinator Extraordinaire) Barry, Ken, Ray, Flynn, Helen. We put out 5 303's and one 2.3, got them rigged and down to the water and we were ready to start when Ken and Barry got back to the pontoon with Charlie's Chariot.

In the meantime, other volunteers and participants started to arrive and sailing commenced. Sailors Peter, Ivan, Jackie, Jack, David took Megan, Elizabeth, Grace, Juliette, Oliver, Craig, Jonathon, Matt, and Jon while Ray was the time keeper, Helen as Registrar, Barry as Support Boat Driver, Ken the apprentice Boat Driver and observer, Eli and Amaru on the pontoon. Lyn helped up on deck with life-jackets, Registrations, etc.

Later Flynn arrived on the pontoon as we most definitely needed someone with his height and strength to manage the hoists. The day went into full swing with the arrival of Alan, placing him in his boat to sail away into the wide blue yonder. We knew he would be gone for an hour or so, having a wonderful time on the high seas. Helene also arrived at about this time, so that we had a change-over of sailors.

We had just about completed sailing for these community members when Rap'N'Rave arrived. These young people come from all over Sydney, and really enjoy their day with us. Jessica, Mark, Jordan, Hayley and Daniel loved their time on the water, then came back and tucked into their sausage sandwiches, cooked by Juliette and Helen.

Jonathon and his helper Meredith arrived and hopped onto Charlie's Chariot for a bit of a joy-ride, when we had a change of Support Boat Staff, Peter taking over as driver. Then Matt arrived from MT Kuringgai, with his lovely helper, Sivaan.

It was really shaping up as a busy morning when our BIRDS group arrived from Hunter's Hill. Stuart, Dirk, May, Daniel, Brad, Robert, Roger, Carlo, Danielle, Peter, Steve, Andy. Those sailing kept their sailors amused and interested with their stories, and their helpers, Gaynor and others, kept a careful eye on their people to ensure their safety and comfort.

In the middle of all of this, we had a few moments of excitement, when the mast of Dolly Wallis suddenly gave up the ghost, not even in a gust of wind....just keeled over because after 11 years of heavy labour, it suddenly became too tired to take any more, and collapsed on itself. Jack very cleverly brought the boat back to the pontoon, with a little help from Charlie's Chariot, where it had a quick change of mast and sail and simply took off again.

Alice and Jason arrived to give us a hand with the putting away, and it all finished when everything was washed and put away under the watchful eye of David. Thanks for putting those taps inside, MYC, it makes everything so much easier and safer.



Jack and Daniel.  
Barry, Sue, Jonathon in CC.  
Helene and Robert.



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## A Fabulous Sailing Day, Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> October.

The weather this morning was perfect for sailing, and twenty five enthusiastic volunteers arrived to give our equally keen visitors a happy time on the harbour.

Our volunteers' team work once again kicked in and, with David as Sailing Co-ordinator, and Barry our B.O.M. we had a very efficiently run Sailability morning.

Thanks to Shelley's culinary skills every sausage was sold at the BBQ, Ray's watchful eye as time- keeper kept the boats moving, and our usual crew of talented skippers guaranteed the smiling faces of all our participants. Some of you have been with us for a long time- Judy, Vanessa, Craig, Jonathan, Matthew, Oliver - and we look forward to to-days newer participants - Shelby, Daniel, Jacky, Dione, Tess - coming to us again and again and enjoying Sailability. Arriving a little too late to sail, our keen Eastern Suburbs kids went for a ride in the support boat with David as skipper, while the rest of the volunteer team packed up the boats and put everything away.

Thanks a huge amount to all of the people who helped this morning:

Mal, Barry, Ray, Denis, David W, Josh, John, Ken, Tony, Helen, Lyn, Jay, Ewan, Juliette, Shelley, Peter, Michael, Alan, Helene, Pierre, David G, Patrick, Jannie, Jim, Ralph. What a great team!!!



Jay and friend putting ING away.

## Super Heroes on a Rampage. Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October.



Rebecca and Steve get ready for a sail.  
Loder, Finlay and Dash in CC.



Rob and Jordan.

Our team this morning looked a little limited in numbers, but fantastic in skills.

Col, Ray, Warwick, John, Rob, Ivan, Peter, Steve, Tony, Malcolm, Michael, Bob, Jim and Denis put out and rigged 5 boats, picked up Charlie's Chariot and, dressed as Super Heroes, welcomed our first group of Masked Avengers, Hulks, Spidermen, Supermen, Ninja Turtles from the Royal Far West School, accompanied by their fabulous helpers; Charlotte and Jan.

Rob took over the driving of Charlie's Chariot with Observer, Warwick, Eli was Sailing Coordinator, Malcolm the Pontoon Manager, sailors Ivan, Col, Steve, Peter and Jim. Tony and John worked hard as Pontoon Staff, Michael and Denis managed life-jackets and people on the upper deck, and Ray took pride of place as Registrar/Radio Operator/Time Keeper. Later on, Rob became a sailor, and Warwick a helper up on deck, while Peter and John took over on the Support Boat.

The wind was a gentle Nor Easter, dropping to almost nothing at various time during the morning, but the sun kept shining and it was just a lovely day for an outing.

Kids from the ASPECT School arrived next with their lovely patient teachers, Sarah, Kirsty, Karen and Ann. Anthony, Alexander, Christian, Dash, Finley, Harry, Kai, Loder, Matty, Michael, and Will all flew down on their magic flying machines to go for a sail. They all got a turn in a sailing boat as well as Charlie's Chariot by taking turns, and being extraordinarily patient. Thanks so much to these Super Hero kids and their Super Hero Teachers who organised such an interesting day for the helpers.

Last to come for a sail were Jordan, Eddie and Amelia from Freshwater High with teachers Jane and Shirley. The wind had really dropped by this time, so it was a very slow run around Manly Cove before they came back with some extra knowledge about paddling.

Mark arrived in time to go for a sail, then help with the putting away, so it didn't take long to pack everything away.

## Presentation of Community Grant Cheques at Manly Council. Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

Manly Council has very generously given Sailability Manly a cheque for \$1,250.00 to help us with our Maintenance and Fuel for Charlie's Chariot for another year. Colin went down to Manly Council to pick up the cheque.



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## A Beautiful Morning Sail.

Perfect weather this morning saw our keen volunteers getting out 5 303's and one 2.3 to accommodate the people who had booked in for a sail.

Ralph rowed over to pick up Charlie's Chariot, while Denis, Ray, Caroline, Jim, Ivan, Crosbie, Jack and Kevin quickly rigged the boats and got them down to the pontoon. The radio was the only problem, having rusted through the connectors, so we needed to put out the hand-helds. By this time, Megan, the new home owner, Alan, Grace and Tony had arrived, so we were able to start quite early. Juliette, Ken and Ralph were in charge of Charlie's Chariot, Jim on the pontoon, Caroline the Sailing Coordinator, Natalie our Registrar, Ray the time-keeper and radio operator, Vince helping on the pontoon, while Jay, Denis and Michael were helping up on deck.

Sailors Ivan, Crosbie, Jack, Peter, David kept up a steady routine of changeovers, while Judy, Sebastien, Pablo, Joan, Vanessa while we waited for the BIRDS Group.

Carlos, Daniel, May, Dirk, Brad, Stuart, Robert, Roger and last of all Danielle, who took over Clea when Alan had finished, all had a pleasant sail in the mild North Westerly breeze.

Helen started the barbecue, resulting in every one of our sailors as well as several members of the public who happened to be on the deck of Manly Yacht Club tucking in to a delicious meal.



Daniel and Peter



Crosbie and Megan



Tony and Jack

## Looking Forward To:

December Specially Scheduled dates to fit in with timetables of other groups:

Wednesday, 2nd December: Regular Sailing Wednesday with Truscott St, RFW, Amaroo, Freshwater IS.

Friday, 4th December: St Andrew's College, including lunch.

Tuesday, 8th December: Freshwater IS Regatta and Camp Sababa

And then

The Christmas Regatta. Saturday, 12th December.

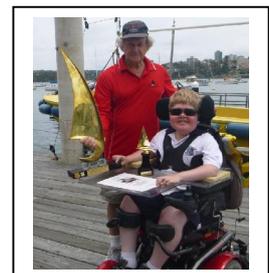
Our Annual Christmas Regatta takes place on Saturday, 12th December, 2015.

We need Skippers and Crew to put their name down with Caroline Holdstock as soon as possible.

Please contact Caroline at [caroline.holdstock@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.holdstock@gmail.com) to let her know whether you want to be a skipper or crew, or volunteer. We need a Support Boat Driver as well as rigging volunteers.

## *Message from Philip Hojgard-Olsen:*

Philip has been a member of our group for a number of years. He sails the little blue 2.3 with the electric motor. He is the person featured on our home page on [www.manlysailability.com.au](http://www.manlysailability.com.au) He is a wonderful and dedicated young man to the well-being of all of his friends living with Muscular Dystrophy. Please support him on his trip to Denmark.



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Hi

As you may or may not be aware, on November 21st I will be travelling to Denmark with 2 others who also have Muscular Dystrophy in order to get an understanding of the independent living strategies they have implemented.

We want to learn as much about it as we can so we can come back to Australia to present our findings and hopefully implement our own solution to align with the National Disability Insurance Policy (NDIS).

It is a massive project and we have raised a majority of the funds, however we are still short and would love your support to get us over the line.

I have set up a fundraising page at:

<http://makingadifference.gofundraise.com.au/page/Hojgaard-OlsenP>

Please forward this on to everyone you know!

Any donation no matter how big or small would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your kind support!

Philip

We still have a few places left for people who would like to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Sailability NSW. This party will be held on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at Le Montage. Lilyfield. If you would like to attend, please call or email Eli [eli@manlysailability.com.au](mailto:eli@manlysailability.com.au) or 9976 2747.

On the Saturday preceding the party there is a special President's Cup to be held at Dobroyd Sailing Club. More details in the next Signals.

Also coming up is the State Hansa Titles to be held at Nowra Sailing Club the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

## **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
• Balgowlah Masonic Lodge: 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
• Jason Kozub's New Zealand Marathon brought in more than \$1,250.00

## **The Committee of Sailability Manly.**

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	Nancy Newman
NSW rep: Denis Linney	Vice President: David Webb
Volunteer Coordinator: Eli Demeny	Webmaster: Alan Bimson