



Signals *from* *Sailability Manly*

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Message from the editor

Hi everyone, the photo for this edition is of Nara Inlet – a very popular sheltered anchorage. We had a very lovely walk up to a cave with aboriginal rock art. On the way several rather large goannas were sighted!

And the time has come for us to head south. We've copped our first little bit of bad weather – nothing to complain about in several months! In the next three weeks we hope to reach Brisbane. Sunsets, some good snorkelling and having friends on board have been the highlights of the last month. May good weather and seas be with us!

Cheers, Jennie



Dates for your Diary.

Sunday, 5th November, Northern Beaches Council is holding a Forum for all community organisations to promote their activities at the old Manly Community Centre on Wentworth St, Manly, (next door to Manly Village Public School) which is now called Northern Beaches Community Centre.

The Forum will be held from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

We need some volunteers to sit at the table in these hours, in 2 hour blocks. I will take a sail, some photos, and brochures, as well as lists to fill in with people's names, abilities and volunteer possibilities. If you can help with this, please contact Eli at 9976 2747, or eli@manlysailability.com.au

25th/26th November

Illawarra Sailability is holding an International Regatta at Illawarra Sailing Club, 1 Northcliffe Drive, Warrawong.

This coincides with one of our sailing dates at Manly. However, if you would like to attend this Regatta, about 2 hours south, please contact Eli on 9976 2747 or eli@manlysailability.com.au

Wednesday, 15th November 7.00 p.m.

Free Movie Night for all volunteers. It is on again, volunteers: Warriewood Theatres are opening the doors to the Grand Theatre for a showing of

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

What a great movie they have chosen this time. Starring: Judy Dench, Kenneth Branagh, Johnny Depp, etc. Please contact Eli if you would like to attend.

How would you feel about a weekend in the country? 16th / 17th December

Sailability Central West has invited Sailability Manly to have a weekend away, sailing on the Carcoar Dam on Sunday, 17th December.

We will drive across to Orange on Saturday, 16th December, stay the night in a motel, sail on Sunday, then drive back to Sydney.



New Year's Eve Fireworks.

Members and their friends are invited to watch the New Year's Eve 9.00 p.m. Fireworks together on Sunday Night, 31st December, 2017 at Manly Yacht Club, downstairs on the deck. Be there at around 8.00 p.m. to mind a spot. Bring some nibblyies to share.

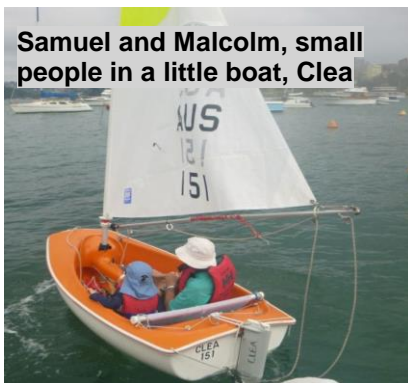
New Groups that have joined us

Choose and Connect, Bee Cos We Care, Freshtracks, have joined us in the last 6 months. One will be there on Mondays, one on Wednesdays, and one on Saturdays. We welcome new groups to join us, as well as volunteers to support them.

Sailing Schedule:

Day	Date	Groups
Wed	1 November	DYIM, Forest High, Sunshine Pymble, Waitara Wonders
Sat	11 November	Balmoral, Housing Connection, Rap'n'Rave, Waitara A.H
Wed	15 November	RFW, Forest High, Verne Barnett, Achieve, Sunshine St Ives
Sat	25 November	Creativity Inc, Freshtracks, Kookaburras/Lorikeets
Mon	27 November	BIRDS, Freshwater High
Wed	29 November	Forest High, Fisher Rd, AFFORD, Choose and Connect
Friday	1 December	Twilight sailing with MYC
Sat	2 December	St Andrews Sony Camp
Wed	6 December	Truscott St, RFW, Forest High, Sunshine Fr Forest.
Sat	9 December	Regatta
Mon	11 December	Meeting
Wed	13 December	PLC/Shore Sony Camp

First sailing day in October 4 October 2017



Samuel and Malcolm, small people in a little boat, Clea

For the first time in many weeks, the decision this morning was easy. A beautiful sunny morning, with winds up to 8 knots ensured a fabulous sailing day for us all.

Our team for today was: Sailing Coordinator: John W
Pontoon Manager: Col
Time-keeper: Ray
Registrar: Helen
Support Boat Driver: Warwick
Observer: Corey
Assistant driver: Allison
Photographer: Ken

Sailors: Rob, Denis, Ivan, Malcolm, Steve, Peter, Helene.
Working on repairs to boats: David G, David P.
Extras on deck: Marc, Massay, Khadup, Juliette.
Extras on the pontoon: Ryan, Liam.



Massay and Khadup

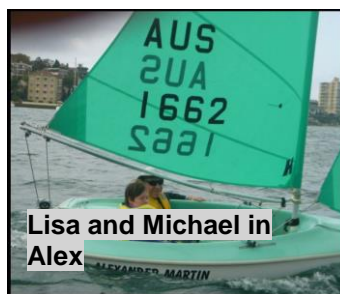
First down this morning was new family, the Jandarsh family, with Samuel out for his first sail ever, Mum, Pop and Nana on the Support Boat.

Sunshine groups from French's Forest and Pymble brought Elias, John, Geoff, Leesa, Brendan, Geoffrey, Allan, Mathew, Stephen, then the two Robs and Mark.

Kel from Royal Rehab brought Blair down, then Blair's son, Hugh arrived. There was some juggling of personnel between boats, while we transferred Blair to Starboard, to make it easier for him to use the controls, and Hugh jumped into the same boat. What a proud moment for all; Hugh helping his Dad to sail out on the open water, then slowly back to the pontoon. Many a tear was wiped secretly while this was done, as it is a great milestone in Blair's life.



Stu and Malcolm in Clea



Lisa and Michael in Alex



Rob and Blair in Eli D

In the meantime, the two David's were working away at the damaged boats left on deck, and almost managed to complete this work before time to put everything away. While working on this, David managed to find more repairs to be carried out, and will complete it tomorrow.

A Most Successful Sailing Day 18 October 2017

This was a gorgeous morning once the heavy cloud cleared away. The wind was a very kind North Easterly, which allowed for perfect sailing away from Manly Yacht Club and back without any



Charlotte and Liam in Charlie's Chariot

interference from the ferries. The beautiful weather brought out a plethora of sailors, more than we needed, but enabled everyone to have an excellent time on the water.

Col was the Sailing Coordinator.

Malcolm the Pontoon Manager, Warwick, Charlie's Chariot Driver, Ken, then Corey the observer, Helen the Registrar, Denis and Michael helping on the deck, Ray the Time-Keeper, Marc and Kathy helping down on the pontoon. Our sailors today were: Ivan, Jim, John, Rob, Malcolm, Steve, David,

Peter, Helene and David G. Peter and Shelley arrived quite late, Peter to take a turn on Charlie's Chariot, and Shelley to have a chat up on deck.

What a great team!!!



John and Eddie in Red

Our participants were also wonderful today; the beautiful weather enables marvellous personalities to emerge. Dylan, Jaylem, Rixton, Joshua, Jordan, Charlotte, Aaron, Liam, Mitch walked down from Royal Far West, to take advantage of the sailing on Charlie's Chariot, some lucky enough to get a go on both. These children are from Muswellbrook, Wagga,

Tamworth and other places, and don't get to see large expanses of water very often.

Then Rebecca brought Alexandra, Kyle, Eddie, James and Jasper from Fisher Rd. Dylan opted not to sail today.

Simone and Joel from SEALS brought our friends Jake, Doug, Tom, Zoe, Alistair and Monty. Jake is



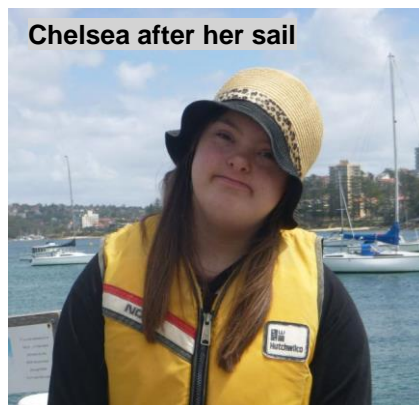
Ivan and Jordan from Wagga in Woody Dark Blue

starting to get the feel of the joy-stick to steer, and Monty (the unicorn) keeps telling us how beautiful, safe and happy she is.

Sunnyfield, French's Forest arrived next, with Adonis, Ben, Luke, Jocelyn, Rodney,

and Jenny, who chose not to sail. Rodney and Jocelyn had a go in Charlie's Chariot with helper, Glenn, as they felt that this was the better option, while Ben chose the smaller boat for his sail.

Last group for the day, Bee Cos We Care, containing Jack, Holly, Steve, Jess, Chelsea and Paul, as well as Jayden, who decided to watch today had a wonderful time on the water, enjoying their sail with their new sailor friends.



Chelsea after her sail



Clearing up and putting away

After this sort of day, it was a quick wash over for the boats, and an efficient putting away, neat and ready for next time.

A Sizzling Saturday 28 October 2017



The two David's fixing the battery into Charlie's Chariot

Sizzling in the sense that incredible things were happening all day, making it a very exciting day both for Participants and Volunteers, as well as their carers.

First of all, we started in the usual way, by putting boats out and collecting Charlie's Chariot. Not a breath of engine/battery could be heard, so we asked the ever obliging Chris to tow Charlie's Chariot across to the pontoon so that we could figure

out what to do. When we tried to start it again, it was obvious that we needed to kick start the battery, or do an instant recharge, or borrow a different battery before we could get any of the sailing boats in the water with our participant sailors. Tried to kickstart with an ordinary car-battery, didn't work, got a friend to put it on a trickle charge, borrowed a battery from one of the other MYC boats, which took an age because it was in a very awkward spot in the boat. Finally we were able to get started. Ben, James, Judy and Phillip went out, and our new volunteers, Indiana, Maleea Scott went out for a sailing practice.



James and John enjoying the sail in Black Swan

Washington House (Anna and Kerrie) and 14 friends from Lorikeets arrived and were quickly sorted into boats.

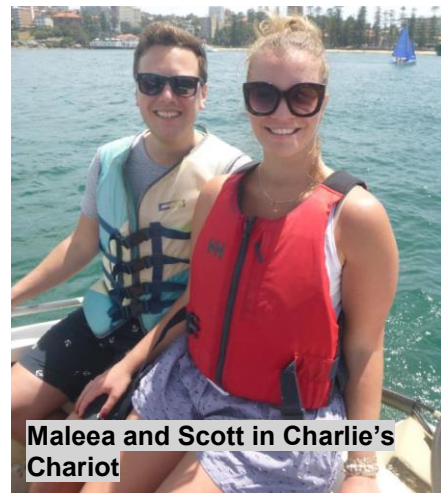
Jess, Benson, Tom, Muthia, Layla, Jae, James, Luke, Xavier, Michael, Sam, Saskia, Jasper, Zac, were the kids. Some bright spark

invented a new game of throw, catch, bat and splash, using a ball found floating in the water. It threw a whole new atmosphere into the sailing, giving the kids enormous fun, getting everyone deliciously wet in the process. We'll definitely repeat that one in the future.

Then the day quietened down a little while we waited for the last group, Waitara After Hours. They were well-named today, as we should have been packing up by the time they arrived, but we went ahead anyway, as they had been sitting in the van for so long, we felt that they definitely deserved a sail. Andrew and Nicholas went in sailing boats, but Anh requested a ride in Charlie's Chariot.

By the time these boats arrived back, the Manly Juniors were there with their huge variety of boats, and we all had a lesson in cooperation as we fitted the battery back into Nigel Holman, and put our boats away while the Juniors Dads and Kids were getting their's out. Every square centimetre of space on the deck was taken up with kids, parents, riggings, extraneous bags, the barbecue being cleaned, and a hundred other things going on, so it was indeed a sizzling day.

Many thanks to Leigh, who was a great help today, and to Alan, who came out for the fresh air and helped Ray with the Time Keeping. The rest of our team was the wonderful Caroline who took on



Maleea and Scott in Charlie's Chariot



Ken practising driving Charles Chariot



Layla and Luke having fun with the ball and the water

the very busy role of Sailing Coordinator, David, whose job it was to figure out all of the folderols about exchanging and replacing batteries, and what he is going to do on Sunday so that we will be OK to sail on Monday, photographer, Ken then Maleea, Power Boat Driver; Warwick, then Peter, chef, Juliette, Time keeper Ray, Helping on the pontoon Ros, John, Jim, Scott, sailors: Mal, David G, David W, Ivan, Jim G, David P, Peter, Denis, Michael. A great team today.

Thanks also Manly Juniors for your huge hearts in understanding our need for a battery, and the length of time it took to put back in Nigel Holman.

I think we deserve 3 huge cheers for today's efforts.



Indiana having a sailing lesson from Denis.



Anh and Lydia

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About Manly Sailability

Venue: Manly Yacht Club, East Esplanade (end of Wood St) downstairs dockside

Visitors are always welcome to try us out for \$5.

Annual membership is \$30 and includes unlimited sailing for. Please call **Eli (ph 9976 2747)** a day ahead to ensure you get a sail.

Sailing starts from 9.30 am.