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We're BACK! by Candice Novello

We're back up and running! This roadmap out of lockdown has been a long time coming, and while it gave us a chance to do some much needed maintenance, we are incredibly grateful to be sailing again. The weather held out for our first week back, allowing us some beautiful sunny sailing days and long overdue catch ups with familiar faces. We would also like to welcome our **new Volunteers** who will be joining us in the coming weeks.

As Sailability has re-opened, we do also need to highlight the new procedures as per our **Covid-19 Safety plan**. The safety of everyone is paramount, so as usual checking in is required, along with proof of your Covid-19 Vaccination. All Volunteers, Carers and Participants must be fully vaccinated to sail. Temperature checks will be conducted on arrival and hand sanitizer will be provided. Masks are not compulsory while sailing, however they will need to be worn by anyone waiting on the wharf. We do encourage each person to wear a mask and maintain social distancing where possible. We appreciate everyone helping us to maintain a safe environment for activities.

As well as our first week back sailing, October also saw the start the first week of for the **Thursday sailing with Manly Yacht club**. The Thursday evening 'Manly Cup' series starts around 3.00 p.m. with rigging, and finishes around 6.00 p.m. Five boats competed on Thursday, 28th October with more Hansas to come each week. Results can be viewed on the Manly Sailing website: <https://www.manlysailing.com/manly-sailing-cup/>



There is lots to be excited about in November! With the weather warming up, not only do we have full schedule of sailing days, we also have our annual **Family Day on the 27th November**, see more details below. As people finally start to get out and about, we look forward to a bit of normalcy and to sail with you all once again.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2021/2022, instructions on how to do this are on the Sailability website: <http://www.manlysailability.com.au/index.php/membership>

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Photos Below:
Lifting in



Dates for your Diary

Saturday 27th November is our Family Day for this Year. This is the day we volunteers invite our better halves, and all the children and grandchildren down to show the family what we spend time doing on Saturdays, Wednesdays and Mondays. It is anything but boring when we take our own off-spring or partners for a sail, or a ride in the Chariot to demonstrate the fun we have while doing good for the community. People in Group Homes or Organisations are also welcome to invite their families along for the ride. Bookings in the usual way. (Call 02 9976 2747 or email bookings@manlysailability.com.au)

Friday 31st December is Fireworks Night at Manly. Our Groups, Volunteers and their families are welcome to sit on the Manly Yacht Club pontoon to watch the New Year's Eve Fireworks. Bring a blanket, picnic or some nibblies to keep the hunger at bay while we have some fun and enjoy close proximity to the fireworks. Please advise Eli numbers if you are planning to come down. Parking (as you can imagine) is extremely limited so Groups are advised to drop off early and come back for pick up after 9.00pm.

We break from Sailing on 15th December with our Christmas Regatta. Our first day back in the New Year will be Wednesday 5th January.

Sailing Dates - November 2021 to March 2022

2021		
Wednesday	3 rd November	General Sailing
Saturday	13 th November	General Sailing
Wednesday	17 th November	General Sailing
Saturday	27 th November	Family Day
Monday	29 th November	General Sailing
Wednesday	1 st December	General Sailing
Saturday	11 th December	General Sailing
Wednesday	15 th December	Regatta
2022		
Wednesday	5 th January	General Sailing
Saturday	15 th January	General Sailing
Wednesday	19 th January	General Sailing
Wednesday	26 th January	Australia Day Regatta
Saturday	29 th January	General Sailing
Monday	31 st January	General Sailing
Wednesday	2 nd February	General Sailing
Saturday	12 th February	General Sailing
Wednesday	16 th February	General Sailing
Saturday	26 th February	General Sailing
Monday	28 th February	General Sailing

Photo Below:
Thursday 21st Oct Sailing



Photo Below:
Heading Out



MYC Manly Cup - November 2021 to April 2022

2021		
Thursday	November	4 th , 11 th , 18 th & 25 th
Thursday	December	2 nd & 9 th
2022		
Thursday	February	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th & 24 th
Thursday	March	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th & 31 st
Thursday	April	7 th

If you are interested in taking part in the Manly Yacht Club Thursday afternoon sailing, please email eli@manlysailability.com.au.

Election of Officers 2021/2022

The **Annual Special Meeting for the Election of Officers**, followed by our Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Sailability, will take place on **Monday 8th November at the Totem Club**, Stocklands in Balgowlah. The meeting will be held on the 3rd Floor Meeting Room at 6.30 p.m.

It may not be immediately apparent, but a lot of time and hard work goes into our Sailing Days including:

- Recruiting and training Volunteers to ensure that sailing days run smoothly
- Co-ordinating Volunteers and Participants for sailing days
- Maintaining all boats and equipment to ensure safety
- Managing donations and enabling funds to keep our activities going
- Updating procedures and Covid-19 Safety Plans as well as ensuring adherence to them
- Planning and running Regatta Days
- Generally ensuring that people who live with a disability get the opportunity to go sailing as frequently as requested

Our Volunteers and Committee members are people who live in the community and are interested in the welfare of the participants that come sailing with us. Some volunteers used to own their own boats, some are young people who have seen our Hansas out on Manly Cove, some are families of our members who live with a disability, and some just want to find an enjoyable way to give back to the community.

If you think you'd like to be involved, please join us for our Special Meeting next Monday, 8th November.

You will need to show Proof of Vaccination and be signed in at the entrance by one of our members, so please contact Eli at 9976 2747 if you would like to attend, or email eli@manlysailability.com.au.

If you are feeling hungry before you attend, we will be meeting at 5.30p.m at Grill'd Healthy Burgers (one of our sponsors) to have a burger. Grill'd is on the 1st floor at Stockland Shopping Centre.

Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors!

Macca, Freelance Electrical (0418239053): Contributed cost of labor when adding electrical power points inside cupboards
Britta Huttel: \$500 to help with starting up again
David Webb: \$1000 for help with trolley and cupboard builds
Betty and Peter Baines: \$500 for help with Mooring Repairs
Patron, Michael Regan: Mayor of Northern Beaches Council
Hansa Sailing Systems: \$5000 for seven new sail suits for Invictus Games, and then donated to Manly Sailability
Premier Automotive, Jeff Smit: Boat trailer inspection
Manly Yacht Club
Lion's Club of Manly: \$1,500 towards maintenance of Charlie's Chariot
Whitworths, Brookvale: Generous subsidy on radios and life-jackets
Balgowlah Masonic Lodge: 2019 Donation \$3,000
Bendigo Bank: New Marquee \$1533.40
Cromer Golf Club: Safe parking for our trailer
Phillip Long bequest: Membership for BIRDS and Royal Far West.
Lynette Gould: Ruffled Painting bought Stabilo Equipment
Federal Government: Grant paid for First Aid Courses
Northern Beaches Council: supplied Parking Permits for our volunteers.
Northern Beaches Council: Grant for radios and radio training, \$1650.00
David Goldner and David Webb: Improvements to storage, trolleys & cupboards
Hood Sails: Sail repairs and Lion's Club Logo.

The Committee of Sailability Manly 2020 / 2021

President: Warwick McKenzie	Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator: Eli Demeny
Treasurer: Sue Marshall	Systems Coordinator / Covid-19 Officer: Ken Boyes
Membership: Helen Hendry	Safety/Maintenance: David Webb, David Goldner and Denis Linney
MYC Representative: Peter Ward	Group Liaison Officer: Caroline Holdstock
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Minutes Secretary: <i>Vacant</i>	

Sailing Reports

Wednesday 20th October 2021

Fabulous weather this morning for our first day back out of lockdown, and we had a wonderful turn out of people who came down to Sailability to enjoy the sunshine.



The Volunteers arrived and quickly rigged 6 boats in readiness for maximum sailing time. Our Sailing Coordinator today was Brian and as soon as 6 boats were rigged and checked by Denis, we were able to take off across the perfectly clear water to the other side. Our sailors had their radios at the ready in case we they needed to return to pick up participants.

Joining us today was our new Volunteer Jeremy, who fit in perfectly and Ben who was a guest sailor visiting for the day. Helen was kept busy as registrar, with Wilma fitting and disinfecting Life-jackets. Denis then took Jeremy for a checking run; Ken went with John B and Corey manned on the shore radio. Candice jumped in with Warwick on Charlie's Chariot and eventually everyone took their turn in the perfect sunshine and light winds. Eileen switched out with Candice and took her turn with the camera on Charlie's Chariot.

Our star turn for the day was Malcolm who lost half of his bike between the timbers and took a spectacularly graceful fall early in the day, then spent the rest of the day managing the pontoon.

It was lovely to see Pam and Georgie back on Charlie's Chariot watching Dad Denis take over the controls on Woody. The two David's enjoyed an extended sail, as did Ivan and Jim, and Rob took young Ben out for his turn. Later in the day John W was the final Charlie's Chariot Skipper and we concluded the day with an efficient cleaning and packing up.

All in all, it was an amazing day and it was great to be back on the water.



Dennis and Jeremy



David and David



Georgie & Pam

Sailing Reports

Monday 25th October 2021

The forecast was promising this morning, so we went ahead with our Sailing Day. Our new Covid-19 safety in place and an eager number of volunteers:

Sailing Coordinator: Eli
Registrar: Helen
Radio Operator: Corey
Support Boat Driver: Warwick
Photographer: Candice
Life-jackets, pontoon assistant: Eileen
Pontoon Manager: Nola
Sailors: Denis, Brian, Jim, John P, John B, Michael
Extra help on the deck and pontoon, Ken.



Corey

Our lovely participants who came today were from Aruma: James, Paul, Eddie, Kyle and Stefan. Their helpers were: Denise, Annie, Shafalt, Sonia. Annie managed to get a sail in, and everyone was most helpful in making the day work smoothly. Thanks so much for this, everyone!



Ready to go!



Paul & Jim



James & Brian



Kyle & Brian



Eddie & Michael



Happy to be back!

Also, a big thanks to Warwick, Nola and Eli who decided to stay back afterwards to give our picnic table a renovation.



Eli & Warwick

Sailing Reports

Saturday 30th October 2021

It was a blustery Saturday with our very shortened team this morning, who worked harder than any other team I can remember for many years! Both I and everyone who came for a sail really appreciate the hard work that went into making the day a successful one.

First of all, the weather did not shape up too well: after 4 sublime days, it was a little cloudy and very gusty. Some of our regular volunteers were off doing other vital duties, like Marine Rescue and Surf Patrol. Today we had with us:

Sailing Coordinator: Jackie
Registrar: Wilma
Radio Operator: Ken
Support Boat Driver: Vince. Observer: Jeremy.
Photographer: Jeremy.
Life-jackets, pontoon assistant: Nola
Pontoon Manager: Jim.
Sailors: Denis, Jim, Michael, Helene, Jackie, David G.



Helen



Jim

Our lovely participants who came today were private: Andy and Bradley.
Housing Connection with Kundel and Marcia: Daniel, Jacki, Duncan.
Michael and Helen from Washington House.

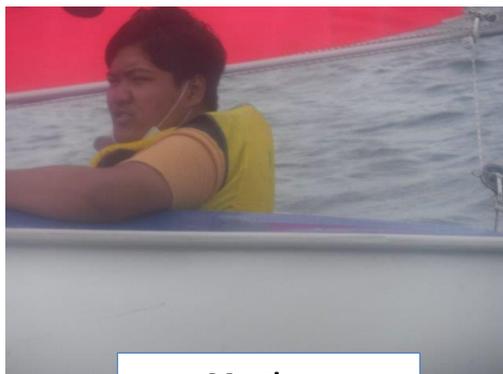
Lastly, all our beautiful people from Sahara Services, who had a long drive but got here in the end.
Helpers: Rachel, Asia, Ruby and Nathan. Mathew, Janette, Leonie, Bennie, Emma, Christian, Liam. Some of these did not sail, but all enjoyed the watching from the pontoon, and the rapidly improving sunshine.



Jackie and Nikki



Ben



Matthew



David G & Emma