



Signals Newsletter

September 2014 Edition

SAILABILITY NEWS

Welcome to the September Edition of the Manly Sailability newsletter.

Next Committee Meeting: 8th September.

Membership Renewal: Memberships are now overdue and should be renewed as soon as possible.

Summer Volunteer Roster: Can you believe summer is only around the corner? Eli will be working on the summer volunteer roster in the next few weeks to be sent to all volunteers when ready. Please read carefully and diarise dates that you are rostered on so that everyone will turn up on the right dates.

Membership Renewal

Don't forget - It is time to renew your membership for the coming year. Memberships run from July, 2013 to June, 2014. Some wonderful people have already renewed, but there are still some outstanding ones. Grab your membership form online from our website or collected a copy on sailing days!

Fees are the same this year as last year:

- \$30.00 for a single membership
- \$45.00 for a family

The membership fee covers Insurance, sunscreen, coffee, tea, etc. Please make Helen's life easy by filling in the form and making the payment as soon as possible, so that we can get this out of the way.

Do you have a news story you would like to see in Signals? We'd love to hear from you! Please email liannemcgrory@gmail.com

Upcoming Sailing Schedule

Saturdays

11th October

General, BIRDS, Inala

25th October

General, Balmoral, Rap'nRave

8th November

Camp Lionheart

22nd November

General, Birds
Housing Connection

Wednesdays

22nd October

Arranounbai, Sunnyfld FF
Sunshine Pymble
Freshwater IS (PM)

12th November

RFW, DYIM, Achieve
Freshwater IS (pm)

22nd November

Fisher Rd, Forest CAPS
HWNS
Freshwater IS (PM)

Important note for all Volunteers

All of our volunteers will need to apply for their New Working With Children Check. The old Working With Children Forms are no longer valid. Please use your computer to apply for this check. It only takes a few and is much easier than the old form. Go to www.kidsonsw.com, more details on page 3

A Super Sailing Day

Wed 10th September

This was one of those days when we have gone through the spectrum of seasons. The day started with a definite wintry feeling, and no-one believed it when I suggested in my phone message that sailing would go ahead, as the rain looked as if it was bound seaward.



Angel from DY and her HIFIVE

By the time the first group arrived, the sun was shining, the sky blue, a summer lull in the wind...a perfect Summer day. Then the wind came up, the temperature dropped and it seemed that Autumn or Spring were on their way. In spite of these changes in the weather, our child participants were having the most fantastic time out on the water, either on a sailing dinghy, or on Charlie's Chariot if this was the choice. Most of the DY students had a go at both.



Kerry and Mike in ING

By the time we had completed all of our sailing, the wind was too strong and we packed everything away.

Many thanks to our helpers today: Brian as Sailing Coordinator, David W as Pontoon Manager, who did a brilliant job with reefing when it became necessary and sailors; Colin, Rob, Michael, John G, David G, John M. Helping up on deck were Denis in his role as time-keeper Tony, Rowell, Helen and Caroline, and on the pontoon; Philip, Dave G. Last of all was our Support Boat Crew; John W, Corey and Freya wielding the camera.

Our participants this morning were Far West Students: Michael, Dylan, Brock, Jordan, Hannah, Krystal, Katie with helpers Matt and Helen.

DYIM students: Sam, Winston, Angel, Nathan, Nicholas, Lachlan, Talon, Dylan, Sam, James, Sean who are taking the first steps towards steering, with helper Carmel.

And lucky last because they just go there in time before the wind became too strong; Andy, Kerry, Lyle, Fowzia, with helper Karen.

The boats were perfectly put away, leaving the boat room as tidy as directed by David W

Eli



The 3 smiley kids in Charlie's Chariot are Angel, Nicholas and Sean

(photos from Eli and Caroline)

Induction and Training Day

Saturday 13th September

My weather forecasting was not as good this morning as it has been in the past, so we spent the first half of the session in the boat-room talking about the duties and responsibilities of volunteers, and the things that volunteers can expect from Sailability.

We welcomed a nice group of new volunteers; Jeremy, and his helper, Lilly,

Julie, Katyana, Cecelia, Evan and some helpers who have been with us for a few months, who came to learn the ins and outs of Sailability, and complete practice of rigging, sailing and de-rigging and putting away.

Along with this, a briskly moving presentation kept everyone on their toes advising of all tasks needing done.

Thanks for coming along Nico, Tony, Juliette, Lyn, Peter, Michael, Ivan, Rowell, Jacinta, Marc. Also along were members of the committee; Brian, Patrick, Alan, Denis, Ralph, Nancy, David W and David G, Kandy, Helen; and the helpers who came along to help with the teaching; John, Ewan, Jack. Thanks also for coming today, Megan, who showed everyone how to put the harness on.

While we had a cup of tea, the sun managed to emerge from behind the clouds, so we put out 5 boats, and all of the new people managed to do some work towards getting

the boats into the water. Several people had a first time trial in Charlie's Chariot, and we discovered that one of our brand-new volunteers, Cecelia has her Power Boat License, and is a very competent Power Boat driver.



All managed to have a trial sail in the very light winds. The photos had to be taken on Julia's camera, as I had forgotten to take mine down. Thanks, Julie, I hope there are some good ones among them.



Helen and Kandy made a very nice lunch for us all which was eaten between going for a sail, putting boats away and tidying up.

We are indeed, a very keen team, which can barely wait to get the season started.



Working with Children Check

Tuesday 16th September

Denis and Eli attended the Sailability NSW Meeting, where Morgan Lander from the Office of the Children's Guardian had been invited to speak about the New Working With Children Check, and the new Policies and Documents that will be compulsory from early next year.

We confirmed at the meeting that all of our volunteers will need to apply for their New Working with Children Check. All old Working With Children Forms are no longer valid.

Applications can be started online at www.kidsnsw.com

- Click on The Working With Children Check
- Click on Start Here.
- Click on Apply for Your Check
- Click on Continue and Apply
- Fill in the form

- Make sure you apply as a Volunteer and there will be no payment.
- Whatever form of ID you are going to use, the details must match exactly, eg Drivers License or Passport, name, Date of birth etc, must match up.
- Follow the prompts until an application number comes up.

Print this sheet, and take it to your local Motor Registry. (Our closest one is on Pittwater Rd, Manly, close to Harris Farm Markets). It is a very quick process to check your ID.

Within just a few days, you will receive your WWC number. (Lyn received hers the same day)

When you have received this, you need to send it to Eli by email, including your Date of Birth. This is needed to validate your application to be a Volunteer at Sailability Manly.

Please try to do this before the end of the year, so that we will all be validated before the date it becomes compulsory for all volunteers who work with children in NSW.

If you have already done this, there is no need to repeat it until 2019.

Along with the Working With Children Checks, we will need to have policies for Child Safe, Child Friendly Environments in place, a Child Safe Recruiting Strategy, and a more stringent Volunteer Employment Checking system. However, these can wait for a few months, until we have settled down with the checks.



Community Club

Wednesday 17th September

Kandy and I attended the Community Club at Warringah Mall. We had been invited to give a presentation about Sailability Manly. What we do, why we do it, the times we are sailing, and who we take sailing.

By an astonishing coincidence, a couple of our participants were there, which brought our message home to some of the many people in the audience. We were very well accepted, and I am sure there will be some new volunteers and participants recruited, as well as the chance of some fund-raising, as this group gives to needy groups once a year, when they have tallied up the amount of money they have made by raffles and other donations over the year.

Eli

Wonderful Wednesday

Wednesday 24th September

Wow, today was out of the box!!!

Our fabulous team of volunteers met early, and put out five boats in preparation for our sailing enthusiasts. The weather could not have been more perfect, a light south westerly blowing at a steady 6 knots or so, beautiful clear skies, and an air of anticipation of a great day.

We had those boats out and rigged so early that all the volunteers got a training sail in before the participants with a disability and their helpers arrived.

Because it was school holidays, our Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers were down here in force: Ewan, Jacob, Isabella, Flynn, thanks so much for spending the morning with us and making life easier for us elderly and decrepit oldies. Thanks also to Clive, a new volunteer today, who jumped straight in and did an

awful lot of work, even though he had been told that this was an observer day.

Sailing Coordinator of the day was Helen...an initial experience that she took to like a duck to water.

On Charlie's Chariot we had John W and Corey, and later Barry and Isabella.

On the Pontoon, Eli and a great team of helpers; Colin, Rowell on the hoist, new school aged volunteer Taiga, and others as the volume became greater.

Kandy was the Registrar, Ray the Boat Operations Manager, helping up on deck with life-jackets, time-keeping, sunscreen, etc were Philip, Caroline, John M, Kathy, Denis, Mike, Clive, Sue, John C, Flynn.

Our sailors this morning were Ewan, Jacob, Rob, Ivan, Lindsay, Colin.

I want to make special mention to our junior member, Taiga, who at 11 years of age is managing with duties on the pontoon, coping with situations far beyond his years, and also had a spell as observer on the Support Boat....ONYA, TAIGA.

Extra lucky participants today were: Luca, who scored a fantastic sail with his Dad. Gus, Jackson, Eric, Lauren, Alessandro with helpers Heidi and Enamul. Anna, Hannah, Ashleigh, Alice, Vicky from Sunshine French's Forest. Elias (Batman) Leesa and Shane from Sunshine St Ives.

Eli

Our Sponsors

- Patron. Jean Hay, Mayor of Manly
- Hugh Treharne Donation: \$2,500
- 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
- Cerno Insurance. New Boat, Vin
- Jeff Smit at Premier Automotive, Beacon Hill. Inspection for trailer
- Blackbaud Pacific: \$500

We thank all of our sponsors for their generous support

Stupendous Saturday

Saturday 24th September

The best weather we could wish for was here today. Blue skies, south westerly breezes at about 6 knots, and a temperature growing to 23 degrees were all that could be desired.

Of course, the helpers got there early and all the boats were out, rigged and ready well before 9.30. when our participants started to arrive.



Jack and Evan in Black Swan



Crosbie and Maurine in Dolly Wallis

Ray was the Sailing Coordinator, Barry the Boat Operations Manager, Ralph and Cecelia in Charlie's Chariot, with Tatianna operating the camera and our wonderful riggers; Ewan, Flynn, Rowell, Denis, Marc, slaving on the deck.

Registrars, Helen and Lyn manned the lunch, morning tea table and Clive, Evan and John helped up on deck while the pontoon was

(photos by Tatianna)

brought to order by Helene. Sailors; Ivan, Jack, Ewan, Crosbie, Vince, Denis flew across the water with participants; Megan, Marc, Jeremy, Tony, Amir, Maurine, Diane, Clive, Flynn and Eli. As each boat came back and unloaded it's sailors, others took over and the remaining people helped on the pontoon.

A stupendous sailing day, quickly packed away and everything put back neatly into the boat room.



Vince and Craig in ING

Eli

Joke of the Month:

Why did the Admiral decide against buying a new hat?

He was afraid of cap sizing!

