



Signals from Sailability

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Stop Press.

Our Manly Sailability Web-site that has been closed for repairs for a few days is now Back In Business.

Please check our brand new pages and bright new look at:

www.manlysailability.com.au

You can also see our fantastic Facebook page and up to date stories and photos:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sailability-Manly/>

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Sailing Schedule

For latest updates visit www.mailsailability.com.au

September 2013						
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
36	1	2	3	4	5	6
37	8	9	10	11	12	13
38	15	16	17	18	19	20
39	22	23	24	25	26	27
40	29	30				

October 2013						
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
40			1	2	3	4
41	6	7	8	9	10	11
42	13	14	15	16	17	18
43	20	21	22	23	24	25
44	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2013						
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
44						1
45	3	4	5	6	7	8
46	10	11	12	13	14	15
47	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	24	25	26	27	28	29

Sailing Days

Wednesday 25th September: Grevillea House, Recreation Rendezvous, Sunshine Pymble and SEALS

Saturday 28th September: Balmoral, Recreation Rendezvous, General.

Saturday, 5th October: New group 'Let's Do Lunch'

PLEASE NOTE: This date is not on the previously sent roster. Volunteers for this session will be contacted. Please let Eli know if you would like to be included.

Wednesday, 9th October: RFW, Fisher Rd, Sunnyfield, Forest CAPS

Saturday, 12th October: BIRDS, Housing Connection, General

Visitors are always welcome!

Give it a go - it's only \$5 to try and annual membership includes unlimited sailing for \$30.

Register with Eli a day ahead to ensure we can fit you in. ☎ 9976 2747. Sailing starts from 9.30am.

VENUE

Manly Yacht Club

East Esplanade (end of Wood St)
downstairs dockside via accessible ramp

PARKING

Parking permits available and special arrangements for mini-buses and wheelchair lift vans.

WHAT TO BRING?

Sailors and volunteers must bring a hat that stays on, bottled water and apply a good sunscreen. Life-jackets are provided.

Report on NSW State Sailability Conference: “Navigating the Future”

At least one representative from all active NSW Branches attended the conference over the weekend of 23rd to 25th of August, 2013.

We started with a discussion of the ‘early days’, led by Neil Anderson. Neil showed us lots of photos of how we looked in 1995, and how we have developed to the present. It was interesting to note how our development has not only been physical, but also what we have gained in technology, man-power, finances, inclusion, and competition.



Ryan Sherry helped us with marketing strategies, helping us to see and experience how we can create, then communicate, deliver, sustain and capture value, and how improvement in these areas can help us increase the number of people for whom we make a difference, as well as continue to purchase the materials we need to make it all happen. A most inspiring hour to set us on the right track for the remainder of the conference.

This inspiration worked well in the following session as we were all encouraged to improve the Yachting NSW web-site in our own ways, as well as use it for our membership base, passing on of information, and sharing techniques and materials. Russell MacLaren had the difficult task of this segment, which was beautifully done.

Our next area of interest and participation was the discussion led by Malcolm Cameron about Risk Management within our branches, as well as in the Management of Sailability NSW, and the practical, how-to session run by Eli Demeny, in which every branch made a start on their unique Risk Management Tables.

Paul Tayler followed this up with the Financial Report up to June, 2013, usually a dry subject, but Paul made us all feel that we are really a huge part of what goes on, and inspired us all to do a lot

better in our Grant Submissions and the financial management of our branches.



Peter Risbey, a really innovative and stimulating speaker, motivated us all to do our best to involve lots of people in our community to help with Sailability. We were all in fits of laughter with his descriptions of the different types of Volunteers, as he not only knows all about volunteering, but is also an intuitive comedian.

Then it was dinnertime, and an evening of riveting entertainment, courtesy of Lucky Starr.

Our new patron, Liesl Tesch visited us at breakfast on Sunday morning. A great speech from John Price followed, inviting us all to ‘Come on Board’ to some of the jobs that need to be done in the next few months, followed by a description of the Canberra Sailability Australia Conference that had taken place at Easter 2013 helped direct us to the close of the conference.

We closed with discussions of some issues that had been raised by some of the branches during the weekend, and some consultation on what subjects we want for our next conference, which will take place in August, 2015, our 20 year anniversary.

Sailing Day Saturday, 24th August 2013

On what was a glorious sunny day on Saturday, the members came out in force for the final sailing day for this season. Barry was in charge of the day, with Ralph in Charlie's Chariot, Ray, king of the pontoon, Megan on the registration table, and helpers Col, John W, Tony, Elaine, Alan, Joely, John, Tony, Philip, Lianne and Chris, Konrad, Suzanne, Marie and Jannie helping the participants with life-jackets, cooking the barbecue, or helping on the deck and pontoon.



Our sailors; John C, Samantha, Vince, Steve, Ross, Ivan, Helene and Bob kept the boats on the water, moving efficiently from pontoon to sailing area and back again to pick up the next keen participant.



What started off as a slow, quiet day soon turned into a full house with all our members from Housing Connection, Dianne, Duncan, Tess, Jackie; then Balmoral House; Alyssa, Susan, Ben, Robert, Washington House Anna, Ashley, Kerri. Then BIRDS: Robert, Carlo, Roger, May, Stuart, Dirk, As well as these, we had Maureen, Craig, Michael, Luca, Vanessa and Jonathon; private members coming for a sail.

The conditions were perfect – with light breezes and a warm wind and sunny skies!!

Marie and Sue provided a delicious lunch, helped along by Elaine's wonderful cake baking.

Not even a broken boom could put a damper on the day.

With new people coming forward interested in becoming a volunteer, it's sure to be a fun packed and busy season ahead.

Marie

(with the addition of people's names by Eli.)



Working Bee

Monday, 26th August 2013

Barry got his team together for the Working Bee on Monday, 24th August. There were virtually 2 teams, one to work on the boat hulls and Charlie's Chariot, the other to work on cleaning life-jackets and boat bags, cleaning and tidying the boat-room, and sorting the cupboards.



It was very quick to get all the boats out and in no time at all, David, John W., Barry and John C., were cleaning and fixing hulls. Barry went over for Charlie's Chariot and a busy time was experienced,

trying to fit the new prop-guard. This effort was not successful, as the prop guard did not fit and has now been returned while we wait for a replacement.



In the meantime, Helen and Elaine emptied the life-jackets out of the storage bins, gave them a good scrub, and left them to dry on the deck. Eli and Joely got to work with the vacuum cleaner in the boat-room, until all was ship-shape, then helped with the life-jackets and lunch. By the time lunch was over, everything was dry and ready to be returned to its normal place. A good day for everyone and everything is now ready for a busy new season of sailing.

Eli.

Orientation Day

Saturday, 7th September 2013

This was the day of our start of the season orientation for new helpers, as well as old. Ralph, Helen, Barry, Denis, John arrived early to get the boats and gear out of the boat room, and to make room for the chairs so that we would have a class room available for the new people turning up.

We were so pleased to welcome Michelle, Elizabeth, Kellie, Joel, John W, Sarah-Jane, Ariane, Jack, Bob, Lars, Jacinta, Elaine, Mal, Jenni, Susan, and Mel to our new team. Ivan, Jackie, Tony, David G. Kandy, Alan, Niamh, Vince, Jim, Megan, Patrick, Roger joined us from the "old team" to help with the orientation, take people out sailing, help with the barbecue, and generally help people to feel at home.

We started with a short classroom session of why we enjoy Sailability, what it means to us, introductions, a quick run-down of some of the disabilities that some of our participants live with, then straight into the rigging of boats, a sail over Manly Cove, a try out of Charlie's Chariot for some people, and the morning just sailed away.

Before we knew it, Helen had a delicious lunch ready, the Manly Juniors started to arrive, and we needed to get the boats washed and put away. It was lovely to see everyone diving in and helping, and see the start of an excellent working relationship some of the new volunteers are already forming.

Eli.

New Season Sailing

Wednesday, 11th September 2013

The first sailing day in the new season. This was a day when it was necessary to make some hard decisions.



First of all, the wind forecast was for strong breezes, but it appeared that these had passed us by early in the morning, so we decided to go ahead with sailing, with the option to pull the plug at any time.

Three groups were booked in, the first at 9.30. When these participants arrived, we already had 5 boats on the water. Royal Far West brought Jeremy, Tom, Jess, Noel, Dominic, Jakab, Jonas,

Ben, Kayla and Jake. Some of these decided to use the Support Boat as their vantage point to take photos while the others sailed, and all had a good fast run across the bay.



The wind was becoming quite strong by the time this group returned to the pontoon, so that when Karen arrived with her charges: Andy, Katerina, and Fowzia needed to decide whether they were brave enough to test the conditions. Only Andy had the courage, while Fowzia and Katerina watched.

Our day was cut very short by a worsening of conditions, so we reluctantly brought all the dinghies back and packed away, leaving our final group for the day to play in the park.



Thank you so much to Sailing Coordinator; Brian, Support Boat Driver; Barry, crew, John W; sailors John, Tony, Mike, Ivan, Jim, Diddy, Denis; Pontoon Manager John Connor; Registrar and Time Keeper; Susan and Kandy; Support Boat Reserves Peter and Corey; Deck hands: Bob, Jim Y, Michael, and Tony J.

Eli.

Preparing for Sailing

Saturday 14th September 2013

This is the day that all of the new volunteers from May this year, as well as some who have requested information in the last month met to go sailing, find out how to rig and de-rig, practise using the hoist, going around a course, and have a short lesson on the theory of sailing. They were shown how our boats work, what to bring to sailing, and how to check the suitability of the weather.



Helpers Eli, Ralph, Barry, Tony, Jackie, Vince, Kandy, Ivan, David, Alan, Jim, John and Marie took the boats out of the shed, got them half-way to being rigged, picked up Charlie's Chariot, set a course, and prepared morning tea.



New volunteers: Kellie, Sarah-Jane, Jacinta, Jerome, Nicola, Tania, Ariane, Jack, Mal, Jenni, Helen, Susan, Niamh and Alice, what a fantastic group, helped finish off the rigging, put the boats in the water, and add the keels. This efficiency ensured that the morning started early. Round the course, back to the pontoon, eat morning tea, get the boats out of the water, wash them, pack everything away, and we were ready to go upstairs and learn everything we really need to know about sailing our little boats on the waters of Manly Cove.

We were so lucky to have Kingsley and Nicola, from the Manly Juniors go through the theory of

sailing. What to wear, what to bring, how to check for perfect sailing weather was only the start.

Following this, we learnt about points of sail, how to set the sails, how to change direction to get around the buoys. A short discussion of the rules followed.



How did the clock get from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m? The time just flew away, and we did not even get time to cook lunch, let alone eat it before it was time to leave. A most active and productive morning, so we will all be ready jump into our sailing program on the following Wednesdays and Saturdays of this busy season.

Eli

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Time to renew your Membership!

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, sun-screen, 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. ☺ - Eli

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Patron. Jean Hay, Mayor of Manly
Manly Yacht Club.

Manly Council. Maintenance and Fuel for Charlie's Chariot. \$1,000.00
Bunnings, Warringah Mall. Regatta Prizes, barbecue.

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Bendigo Bank. Shirts and Brochures.

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Vin Gallagher's Family. New Boat, Vin

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