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## Notes from the Editor

The Helly Hansen Women's Challenge was staged this week-end in trying light wind conditions. Despite only being able to complete two races all sailors had fun and enjoyed the day. A full report is on page 2.

Our next event is the End of Year Regatta, which as the name implies, is the last regatta for the season. Points from the regatta will decide the winning skipper and crew of the Wayne Black Trophy. Please let John know if you would like to enter.

## March Photo Board



You can find full reports about each of our past sailing dates on our website, along with a selection of photographs, under LATEST NEWS.

## Helly Hansen Women's Challenge Regatta

Seven boats, with crews from Manly Sailability and Manly Yacht Club, participated in the Helly Hansen Women's Challenge Regatta. The conditions proved challenging, as the first race was held in virtually no wind, and the second race saw only a very light south-easterly breeze. Due to time constraints, the third race was abandoned.

Bruce and Pam Davis served as the race committee aboard *Ready, Get Set*. John and Jim, on *Charlie's Chariot*, handled the laying of the marks and shepherded the boats throughout the course. Official photographer Marg Fraser-Martin was also on *Charlie's Chariot*, capturing the action as it unfolded.

In the opening race, *Dolly Wallace*, sailed by Anna and Lyn, rounded the top mark just ahead of Lisa and Gigi in *Vin*. Skye and Ros followed closely in *Eli D*, with Nicole and Catherine in *Black Swan* next. Jackie and Caroline in *Helen Hendry* led Lily and Issy in *Ralph Newman*, followed by Helene and Clare in *Woody*.

The second race featured a shortened course and slightly improved wind conditions, resulting in more competitive sailing. *Vin* crossed the finish line ahead of a tightly grouped *Woody*, *Eli D*, and *Ralph Newman*. The remaining finishers were *Dolly Wallis*, *Black Swan*, and *Helen Hendry*.

After a frustrating morning on the water, Lisa and Gigi were awarded first place overall for the regatta, followed by Lyn and Anna in second, and Skye and Ros third. Prizes were generously provided by Helly Hansen, and the organisers expressed their gratitude for this support.  
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The organisers extend their thanks to all competitors, Bruce and Pam, the support boat crew, and all onshore supporters, particularly Denis, Michael M, Peter, Guy, Jeremy, and Michael B. Marg Fraser-Martin is also thanked for her wonderful photos, which can be viewed on Facebook at “Marg’s Yacht Photos” <https://www.facebook.com/margsyachtphotos#> The combined efforts of all our wonderful women sailors, volunteers and supporters ensured that the regatta was a resounding success.



For groups of up to 8, you can book quickly and easily via our website!

Go to [www.manlysailability.com.au](http://www.manlysailability.com.au) and click on BOOKINGS.

Choose your sailing date from the list and complete the form with your details.

For larger group bookings (more than 8) please reach out to Eli. ([demenyeli@gmail.com](mailto:demenyeli@gmail.com))

Check our website on the day of your booking to confirm if sailing will be going ahead under current weather conditions

Our Saturday sailing dates are often the least busy, so can be a great option for a relaxed morning of sailing.



## Upcoming Sailing Dates

All of our sailing sessions start at 9am and have a 'last sail' time of 11.30am.

Wednesday	25 March	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	30 March	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	8 April	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	11 April	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	22 April	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	25 April	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	27 April	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	2 May	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	6 May	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	16 May	<i>End of Season Regatta</i>
Wednesday	20 May	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	25 May	<i>Bookings available</i>

## Upcoming Special Events

### End of Season Regatta

Saturday 16 May 2026

Our End of Season Regatta will be held on Saturday 16 May 2026 and, as it's the last regatta of the season, we hope to have all eight boats competing.

The points from the regatta will go toward deciding the winning skipper and crew for the Wayne Black Trophy, so we encourage all to enter the event and be involved in a day of fun and competitive racing.

If you would like to be part of the End of Season Regatta, please get in touch with John by emailing him at [jweaver172@gmail.com](mailto:jweaver172@gmail.com) or calling 0413 507 596.

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