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Notes from the Editor

Last Saturday, we hosted our annual Family and Sponsors Day - an event dedicated to showing our appreciation for the tireless efforts of our volunteers, the support of their families, and the generosity of our sponsors. During the celebrations, we were joined by Helen Hendry's family for a very special occasion. In recognition of Helen's many years of dedicated volunteering with Manly Sailability, we officially launched our newest Hansa 303, aptly named *Helen Hendry*. This tribute serves as a lasting reminder of Helen's remarkable commitment to our community.

November 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.

Family and Supporters Sailing Day

Manly Sailability volunteers, together with their families, friends, and sponsors, enjoyed a memorable sailing and BBQ morning last Saturday - our way of saying thanks to those who contribute to the continued operation of Manly Sailability.

Despite the cloudy weather and a very gentle breeze, spirits were high as everyone gathered for a day of celebration and camaraderie. Volunteers arrived early to prepare for the day, getting equipment ready and rigging the boats and by 9.00am, the boats were in the water, setting the stage for a fantastic event.

Warwick opened proceedings with a briefing, warmly welcoming all volunteers, families, and attending sponsors. Special thanks were given to Sarah Grattan from Northern Beaches Council and Michael Regan, the Member for Wakehurst, for their support. There was also a heartfelt mention for the family members of the late Helen Hendry - Bronwyn, Peter, and Jeremy - whose presence made the morning especially meaningful.

A highlight of the morning was the christening of the new Hansa 303, named *Helen Hendry*. Bronwyn performed the christening by pouring a bottle of champagne over the bow, with Warwick joining in by taking a quick swig in honour of Helen, before the boat was launched. *(continued on p3)*



SDC Warwick's briefing



Rigging the boats for the day



Eli, Bronwyn and Jeremy



Patron Michael Regan, Warwick and John



Bronwyn launching Helen Hendry



Warwick honouring Helen's memory

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Warwick, as skipper, and Bronwyn, as crew, then led the way in *Helen Hendry*, followed by six other Hansa 303s as they sailed past Helen's home in tribute.

Bronwyn, Jeremy, and Peter were then treated to a sail around Manly Cove, while the other boats returned to the pontoon and various skippers took family and friends for enjoyable sailing experiences.

The day concluded with everyone pitching in to pack away the gear and then enjoy a sausage BBQ and a friendly chat. Many thanks Warwick for organising the day and to all who attended and contributed to making the morning a resounding success.

Peter later messaged the following: "Thank you to the Sailability team for inviting us to the launch of *Helen Hendry*. It was a beautiful morning and a wonderful farewell to mum. I feel sure she was there in spirit, watching the sail past in happiness"



Sailpast in honour of Helen

Warwick with Bronwyn and Sophie sailing with Jeremy



Rescue at North Harbour

On Wednesday, 25 October, Warwick, skipper of *Charlie's Chariot*, with Ken and Jennie observed a person in distress in the water near the rocks of North Harbour. They responded promptly to aid a large man who had fallen from his kayak and was unable to re-board.

Despite their efforts, they were unable to lift him into *Charlie's Chariot* due to his size, so, to ensure his safety, they secured the kayak to *Charlie's Chariot* and instructed the man to hold on to the kayak.

They then carefully towed him back to the pontoon where volunteers assisted in bringing the man ashore. The rescued individual expressed his gratitude for the team's efforts, and appreciation to all volunteers involved.



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

Go to
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)

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.

Monday	24 November	<i>Fully booked</i>
Saturday	29 November	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	10 December	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	13 December	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	20 December	<i>Christmas Regatta</i>
Saturday	3 January	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	7 January	<i>Fully Booked</i>
Saturday	17 January	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	26 January	<i>Australia Day Regatta</i>
Saturday	7 February	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	11 February	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	21 February	<i>Bookings available</i>

Upcoming Special Events

Christmas Regatta

Saturday 20 December 2025

The annual Christmas Regatta is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 20 December 2025. This event is the first regatta of the club's calendar, bringing together members for a day of competition and camaraderie on the water. There are still vacancies available for skippers and crew to participate in the regatta. The goal is to have all eight boats competing, so we encourage anyone who is available and interested in joining the event to get involved.

If you would like to be part of the Christmas Regatta, please get in touch with John by emailing jweaver172@gmail.com or calling 0413 507 596.

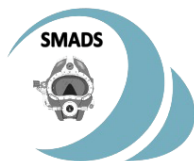
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