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## Notes from the Editor

The new year has heralded the start of the regatta season for Manly Sailability. On 26th January all seven of our boats took part in the 2025 Australia Day Regatta, the oldest continuous sailing regatta in the world. Towards the end of March, we participated in the Helly Hansen Women's Challenge, providing exciting and fun filled racing for all competitors and spectators. Then, immediately after the Women's Challenge, our boats were trailered to Pittwater to be chartered for the World Hansa Championships, with our own Michael Burnett entering in the solo class. We wish Michael the best of luck as he represents Manly Sailability in this most prestigious event.

## 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.

## Australia Day Regatta

Bright sunshine and moderate north-easterly winds provided perfect sailing conditions as our fleet of 7 boats started in the 2025 Australia Day Regatta, the 189th Australia Day Regatta, the oldest continual sailing regatta in the world, having been conducted since 1837.

The first race saw Clare and Jeremy in *Black Swan* slip ahead of Denis and Nola in *Woody* and Sophie and Magdalena sailing *Eli D*. They were followed closely by Michael and Joe in *Ralph Newman*, David and Ken in *Vin*, Rob and Jay sailing *Dolly Wallis* and Skye and Joel in *Alex Martin*. This is the order in which they finished, with only 30 seconds between first and second.

The second race was very close, with *Black Swan* once again taking first place, *Eli D* second and *Woody* third, only 15 seconds behind.

So, going into the last race *Black Swan* could only be beaten for first place overall if they came 5<sup>th</sup> or worse and if either *Woody* or *Eli D* won the race, however *Black Swan* won this race also, making it a clean sweep of the regatta. *Eli D* finished second overall, followed by *Woody*, *Ralph Newman*, *Dolly Wallis*, *Vin* and a gallant *Alex Martin* came seventh.

Second and third place getters were awarded a 2024 Australia Day Regatta medal and the winners, Clare and Jeremy, will be invited to Sydney Town Hall to be presented with a trophy by a senior politician, possibly the mayor herself! Our thanks go to Bruce and Pam and all the volunteers involved in making this a wonderful Australia Day Regatta.



## March Highlights



*Duke Of Edinburgh Gold Award success for Sophie Lintvelt*

### Gold Duke Of Edinburgh Award

Our youngest volunteer Sophie Lintvelt has achieved the highest level of the Duke Of Edinburgh Award scheme, being awarded the Gold level.

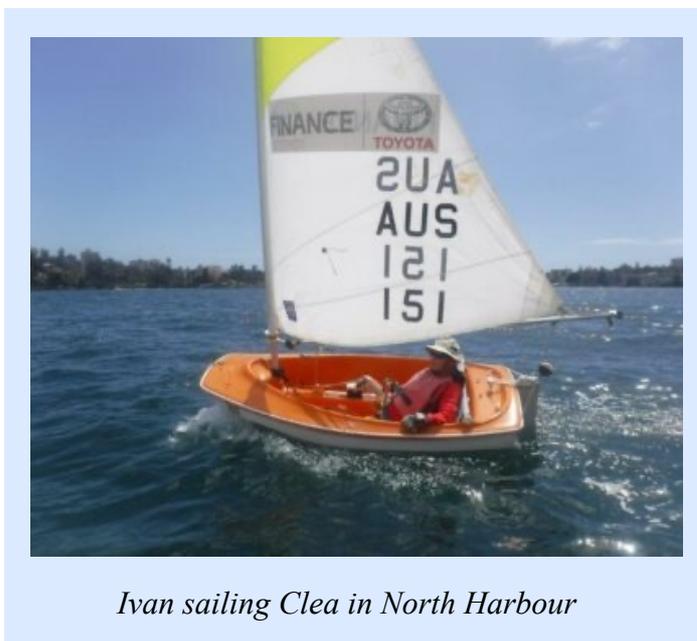
The Duke of Edinburgh Awards requires participation in physical recreation, skills, voluntary service and an adventurous journey.

Sophie has been sailing since she was eight, both at Manly Yacht Club and Manly Skiff Club, so Sailability was her first thought for the volunteering component. She has been a volunteer for a number of years now and despite completing the Duke of Edinburgh program she intends to continue her volunteering with Manly Sailability. We're incredibly lucky to have her and congratulate her on this significant achievement.

### Clea gets a new lease of life

Most sailing days Ivan enjoys extended periods sailing *Clea*, our single-handed Hansa 2.3.- and our oldest boat. Sailability Manly started in August/ September, 1995 and at that stage was Sailability North Sydney, run out of Kirribilli Yacht Club. The President of Rotary North Sydney at the time was Mr Wallace, and his small daughter, Clea was very interested in the little boat that he donated to the new branch of Sailability NSW, so the boat was named "*Clea*". Later, as Clea Wallace became old enough to be in the work-force, she worked for Sunnyfields.

Although 30 years old now, *Clea* is still exciting to sail, and has had a new lease of life, being chartered for use by international competitors in the upcoming Hansa World Championships on Pittwater.



*Ivan sailing Clea in North Harbour*

### Fancy a burger?

One of our strong supporters is Grill'd at Balgowlah. Their "Local Matters" program allows diners to vote for their favourite charity by placing a token into one of three jars. The jar with the most tokens each month earns \$300 for that charity. So next time you fancy a hamburger try Grill'd at Balgowlah Village and vote for Manly Sailability!

## Upcoming Sailing Dates

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

Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Fully booked</b>
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	23rd April	<b>Fully booked</b>
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	7 May	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	14th May	<b>Volunteer Recognition Evening</b>
Wednesday	21st May	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	24th May	<b>End of Season Regatta</b>
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Bookings available</i>

## Upcoming Special Events

### Annual Volunteer Recognition Evening Wednesday 14 May

#### Club Totem, Balgowlah

Everyone is welcome at this special event to celebrate the work of our volunteers. A two-course dinner will be served, with cost subsidised by Manly Sailability.

Please RSVP to Eli Demeny at [elidemeny@bigpond.com](mailto:elidemeny@bigpond.com)

### End of Season Regatta

#### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Please let John Weaver at [jweaver172@gmail.com](mailto:jweaver172@gmail.com) or 0413 507 596 know if you'd like to sign up as a skipper or crew.

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 Jeremy. ([jeremy@tebbutts.net](mailto:jeremy@tebbutts.net))

**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.

## Our Generous Sponsors



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