

Signals from Sailability Manly



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Coming events – Don't miss these



Sat Dec 19th – Family Fun Day – 09.00 – 12.00
Bring family and friends to enjoy a morning on the water
Call Eli for more details, or just turn up 9976 2747

174th Australia Day Regatta – 26th January
Take part in the worlds oldest continuous Regatta
Please call Peter Hamilton to secure a boat 9975 1434

President's Christmas Message



I should like to take this opportunity to wish all members of Manly Sailability and our supporters, a very happy Christmas.

This year has been most enjoyable for volunteers and sailors, with lots of good sails and meeting nice people.

We owe a great vote of thanks to the many people who make it all possible, notably our team of dedicated volunteers without whose enthusiasm nothing would happen.

Sailability is also most appreciative of the Manly Yacht Club, who's lovely premises we use, and all the donors who give money and labour so we can keep a well maintained fleet on the water.

Great thanks also to the people on the wharf who provide refreshments, care and conversation, making each sailing day a really pleasurable social experience.

There is ONE MORE SAILING DAY this year, our Family Fun Day on Saturday 19th Dec. Please come along with any members of your family who would like a sail, or are just interested in seeing why you are a Manly Sailability member.

On behalf of our Committee, Happy Christmas, and trusting 2010 will be a great year for Sailing on Manly Cove.

Evelyn Shervington



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[Welcome to a new sponsor – Northbridge Travel](#)

Accessible Travel specialists, Northbridge Travel, have stepped up to take over sponsorship of the production and distribution of the Signals monthly newsletter with a \$500 donation.

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[Sailing Schedule](#)

W'end	Jan 10 – April 10	Wed	Jan 10 – Aug 10
09/01	Hornsby Lifestyles, General	13/01	School holiday, MAPS Forestville
23/01	BIRDS, General	27/01	Sunnyfields, MAPS Forestville
26/01	Australia Day Regatta	10/02	RFW, Fisher Rd, MAPS Turramurra
06/02	Hornsby Lifestyle, General	24/02	MAPS Pymble, Sun'fields, Brookvale PS
20/02	BIRDS, General	10/03	RFW, Truscott St, MAPS Forestville
06/03	Hornsby Lifestyles, General	24/03	AC Foundation, Sunnyfields, Fisher Rd
20/03	BIRDS, General	14/04	School holiday, MAPS Turramurra
Easter	State Championships	28/04	RFW, Sunnyfields, MAPS Forestville
17/04	BIRDS, General	12/05	RFW, Brookvale, MAPS Forestville
01/05	HLS, General	09/06	RFW, Fisher Rd, MAPS Turramurra
15/05	Regatta & Picnic	14/07	A/C Found. MAPS Forestville & Pymble
19/06	BIRDS, General	11/08	Fisher Rd, MAPS Turramurra, Sun'fields
17/07	HLS General		

Venue: Manly Yacht Club, East Esplanade (end of Wood St) downstairs dockside via accessible ramp.

Visitors are always welcome to try us out for \$5. Annual membership includes unlimited sailing for \$30.

Please call **Eli: 9976 2747** a day ahead to ensure you get a sail. **Sailing starts from 9.30am.**

Parking: We have parking permits for your car, if you don't already have a disability parking permit, and special arrangements for mini-buses and wheelchair lift vans

Extras to bring: All sailors and volunteers must bring a hat that stays on, bottled water and apply a good sunscreen. Sailability provides life-jackets.

Volunteers: Please be at the **Manly Yacht Club pontoon by 9am – approx 1pm or as long as you can**

If your name appears on the roster, and **you are not available**, please contact **Eli on 9976 2747**

or eli@manlysailability.com.au If you're not rostered on, come anyway, we'd love to see you.

If in doubt due to the weather, call 9976 2747

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[Sailing Report – Sat 28th November](#)

I knew as soon as I opened my eyes that this morning would be the perfect sailing day. It was no effort at all to arrive early to greet Sailing Day Co-ordinator Jude, David G, Barry, Vlad, Loz, Wayne, Kevin, David W, Sentina, Jan, Ralph, Wayne, Jill, Ivan, Sue, Helen, Ray, Alan, and Vin.

By 9.30 six 303s and Clea had been rigged and launched, and the decking shades erected. There were not many sailors on the list, so each person on arrival had a nice long sail with lots of volunteer training going on at the same time.

Barry Jan and Ray went off in Charlie's Chariot to get Barry's skills up to log-book standard, while Jessika, Jayne, Judy V and Anthony went off for a sail. Luckily, Jayne was able to have some 360 practice while she retrieved her hat, giving loads of enjoyment to other sailors on the water.



Alan (above right, doing an impersonation of Homer Simpson!) with Loz, decided to don his video goggles to give others a sailors eye view. Later on, Paul, Grant, Kerry, Anna and Ashley arrived and were duly taken for a sail, followed by Robert and Andrew, then Vanessa and Philip. Sue had excellent sail training with Vin, and Barry with Bill, and both are well on their way to being competent skippers.

After a busy stint as Pontoon Manager, Jude sent me off with Helene for some race practice. We swooped across the water from pin to pin, each time getting there faster, and cutting the turn sharper. Sometimes, we were so close to getting water sloshing into Dolly Wallis that it didn't seem possible to keep the boat upright. I had so much fun it's going to be hard to keep me on the pontoon in future!

In the meantime, Jan had exchanged Charlie's Chariot crew to Kees, Vlad, Grant and Senny, all having Safety Boat lessons and log-book trials. By the time we got back, everyone else had finished their sail, so it was time to put the boats away and repair to the Skiff Club for a very welcome drink. **Eli.**

[Report on Camp Sababa – Tuesday 8th Dec](#)

How do we grade our sailing days? Excellent? Super? Superb? Fantastic? This was all of these and more. Our wonderful helpers this morning put out the seven 303's and Charlie's Chariot and went for a little joy-ride while we waited for our clients from Camp Sababa to arrive.

This was a wonderful group of teenagers who have just finished their HSC, joined by a group of children of all ages who have a disability. The care that was given to this group of children was astonishing, and we were all amazed at the level of commitment of the older group of students.

Gabriel, Andrew, Gretel, Penny, Dina, Mark, Romi, Nicky, Antonia, Julian, Brandon, Jonty, Mikey, Bailey, Ethan, Kade, Alastair, Finley, Sarah, Jack, Brittany and Rafi, we were very pleased to meet you all. Huge compliments to their helpers, who are too numerous to

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mention, you did a great job today, guys, you can be really proud of yourselves. The teachers and aides who accompanied them were also wonderful, making the day a dream for all of us.

I can't praise highly enough our team of volunteers who worked in extreme heat to make the day memorable for this large group. Thanks Senny on the pontoon, Judy, Alan, Graham and Barry on Charlie's Chariot, David G and David W, Wayne, Ivan, Ian, Norm, Sue, Bob, Patrick, our sailors. Helen Ebeling the registrar, Nik and Vlad who lent a competent hand, catching, tying up, and helping on the pontoon, and all of the people who stayed right to the end to get all the boats and gear away. We are getting well practised now, and will do it all again tomorrow. **Eli.**

[Sailing Report Wed 9th Dec](#)

We welcomed seniors from Royal Far West this morning, and took them for an early sail and ride in Charlie's Chariot. Rhyce, Todd, Bodie, Brianna, Michael, Luke, Megan from various parts of NSW loved the sailing, and their helpers Anna, Clare and Tina enjoyed the few minutes break from routine. They needed to be back at school by 11.00, so we were happy that Robert and Matt arrived, then the clients from MAPS Turrumurra; Andy, Bradley, James, Jenny and Ben. James hopped straight onto Charlie's Chariot, which happened to be tied up on the pontoon when they arrived, and Ben followed him, giving these two young men a long ride on the water.

Thank you very much to the helpers today, especially those who backed up from yesterday, David, Barry, Helen, Senny, Wayne, Ivan, Alan, Vlad and Nik. The fresh faces who worked so hard; Ray, Francis, Kees, Jos, Corey, Ian, Jill, Phil, the two Abbey's and Norman made the day go smoothly. **Eli**

[Commodore's Picnic & Race Day – Sat 12th Dec](#)

The Christmas Commodore's Picnic and Race Day is a fun day for members to pit their sailing skills against each other under Regatta conditions. After the prize-giving everyone celebrates the end of sailing for the year at a social gathering on the deck.



Today seven 303s and two 202s lined up for a 10.30am start between Reef Beach and Forty Baskets. In a brisk NNE breeze, they headed for the first mark between OceanWorld and the Wharf. Lionheart, skippered by David Goldner with Tony as crew, and Jade with Vin Gallagher and Evelyn Shervington, rounded the mark together, but Lionheart was first to the wing mark and racing was close.

As boats rounded the start/finish boat at the end of the first leg, there were two tight races developing, and with the wind building, the second beat to the top mark was hard fought, with Lionheart going wide and allowing Sunrise, with Loz and Paul Butler, to slip inside.

As the fleet bore down on the start/finish boat with sails winged out, Jude, Barry and Jill Musgrove, the Race Officers, couldn't separate the leaders until the last few metres, with Sunrise at the pin end just pipping

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Lionheart at the boat end by a bow's length! The next finishers were equally tight, with Wayne and Ivan in Jack Harkness, just making it across in front of Jade closely followed by Helene and Michelle in Woody, Graham Mason and Alan Bimson in TH-ING and Jill and Abey in Dolly Wallis completing the fleet.

It was a bit too windy for the 202s, and although Rob Sawyer in Clea (right) and Judith Geppert in Alan Wood sailed skilfully, they couldn't complete the course, but had an exhilarating sail anyway!

Back on the deck a cheery team of volunteers was ready to unload the dinghies as they arrived back, and change crews taking some of our disabled members for a sail.

Peter and Jan on Charlie's Chariot lay the marks while Crosbie took some action shots with his serious camera. These can be viewed on the website www.manlysailability.com.au



Rob Sawyer

Peter Hamilton and Eli organised the deck, with Robert, Carol, Laurence and Alex lending a hand where needed, while Senny, David, Kevin, Phil, Vanessa, Ralph and Kees manned the pontoon, and Patrick and Ray took a turn on the safety boat.

Racing is much different from sailing for pleasure, so days like today are necessary to hone the skills of our members so that they can tackle all conditions with confidence and pass them on to others. Several skilled skippers hadn't sailed Access 303s hard on the wind, and were impressed by their performance, and agreed that it's also a lot of fun.

The next Regattas are on Australia Day on 26th January, and the end of Summer Commodore's Race on 15th May. We encourage anyone who loves sailing Access dinghies to let Peter Hamilton know that you'd like to get involved. **Jude**

[Pittwater Sailability have a new home base](#)

Eli, Ivan, Jill Madden and Jude represented Manly Sailability at a function to open Pittwater Sailability's new home base at Roland Reserve. A MYC burgee was presented to hang in the new "shed" which has storage facilities and many home comforts which we at Manly take for granted!

Patron and club supporter former State MP John Brogdan had us all smiling with his speech, then he and keen sailor Maria Dalmon cut the tape. Amazing gourmet refreshments supplied by their wonderful volunteers were served, and we all appreciated cool drinks in the oppressive 40 degree heat!

Other dignitaries present represented the bodies that had helped fund the \$15,000 project including NSW Dept of Sport & Recreation, Pittwater Council, Pittwater RSL and the Mona Vale Swingers Golf Club. The Pittwater Sailability Volunteers are justly proud of the result of their hard work, and are already enjoying the much improved operating conditions. **Jude**



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[174th Australia Day regatta – Get your entry in now](#)

The Australia Day Regatta was first held on Sydney Harbour on 26 January 1837 to commemorate the founding of the colony of New South Wales. It has been held every year since and is the world's oldest continuous annual sailing regatta.

Manly Sailability will celebrate Australia Day 2010 by participating in the Regatta. Manly Sailability's fleet of seven 303 Access Dinghies will be joined by boats from Sailability Clubs at Dobroyd, Kogarah, Middle Harbour and Pittwater.

The 2009 Manly Sailability Australia Day Regatta race was won by "Integrity" skippered by Wayne Teagle (Dobroyd Sailability) with Tarsha Burn (Manly Sailability) as crew. Wayne and Tarsha were presented with their Gold Medals at a prizegiving at the Sydney Town Hall hosted by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Councillor Clover Moore.

The races starts at 11.00am and will be followed by a sausage sizzle on the deck and members interested in participating in the race either as skipper or crew please contact me before 15 January to ensure you get a sail.

Members who don't wish to sail but who would be interested in volunteering for the morning would be most welcome to join us for a fun way of celebrating Australia Day.

Commodore Peter Hamilton: 9975 1434

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[Wed Jan 6th](#)

[6.30pm](#)

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