

Signals from Sailability Manly



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Coming events – Don't miss these

Sunday 21st March: 9 – 12.00 – Women's Challenge – MYC
 Lady skippers and crew, please email: jude@manlysailability.com.au

Easter – 2nd; 3rd; 4th April - Access 303 State Championships –
 at Dobroyd Aquatic near Five Dock, Sydney.

April 10th & 11th - Port Stephens Cup – Grahamstown Lake

Anyone who would like to enter these events please contact Eli

Sailing Schedule

W'end	Feb – July 2010	Wed	Feb – Aug 2010
20/02	BIRDS, General	24/02	MAPS Pymble, Sun'fields, Brookvale PS
06/03	Hornsby Lifestyles, General	10/03	RFW, Truscott St, MAPS Forestville
20/03	BIRDS, General	24/03	AC Foundation, Sunnyfields, Fisher Rd
Easter	State Championships	14/04	School holiday, MAPS Turramurra
10&11/04	Port Stephens Cup	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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174TH AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA 2010

A weak north easterly was blowing by the start of the first race at 11.05am. A fleet of eleven Access Dinghies competed. Seven 303s and one 2.3 from Manly, two 303s from Dobroyd Sailability and one 303 from Pittwater lined up for the start of the first two races.

If it were not for last minute withdrawals due to illness we would also have had dinghies from Middle Harbour and Kogarah Sailability competing. This year's Regatta was the most successful to date and a great dress rehearsal for next year's 175th Australia Day Regatta which is the oldest continuous regatta in the world.

With Brian Wilson, Patrick Lynch and Britta Huttel on the starter's boat, Jan Jensen and Helen Hendry on Charlie's Chariot (right) and Bob Ronai photographing the action, the



Bob, Alyse and Peter

races took about one and a half hours to complete.

A group of sunburnt, thirsty sailors returned to the deck to await the results and presentation.

The winners in "Janice" were Alyse Saxby (Special Olympic silver medallist) and Bob Hamilton from Pittwater Sailability. They will be presented with their engraved medallions at a ceremony to be held at the Sydney Town Hall hosted by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Clover Moore, later this year.

Judy Cole and an ecstatic Jessika Kelderman from Manly Sailability came in at second place in "Jade". Third placegetters were two delighted young women, Debbie McIntosh and Kaye Charlesworth, sailing "Olympic Spirit" from Dobroyd Sailability.

Other sailors on the day were Evelyn Shervington, Vin Gallagher, Wayne Teagle, Kees Van Lamoen, Crosbie Lorimer & Alan Bimson (right) Wayne Black, Ivan Demeny, Jill Musgrove, Denis Furze, Peter Singer, Paul Butler, Robert Sawyer and Eli Demeny. Judith Geppert, who sails a specially modified 2.3 with her chin, found the conditions less than ideal but will keenly contest the MYC's Musto/Sturrocks Women's Challenge in March.



At the conclusion of the "business" part of the day the sailors and a great group of volunteers celebrated Australia Day 2010 with a lunch organised by our Social Secretary, Jill Madden, who was assisted at the barbeque by Patrick Alexander.

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I want to thank all those volunteers who came to help and especially Barry Newell who was the first to arrive and worked tirelessly to prepare the boats and to assist our sailors. It was a hot, tiring day on the deck and the generosity of the volunteers who came to help without themselves experiencing the pleasure of competing in the Regatta was, as always, amazing

Peter Hamilton – Commodore

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[Sailing Report – Wed 27th January](#)

A very small group of volunteers worked extremely hard today to give a great deal of pleasure to several people with a disability and their carers.

Because we expected at least 6 competent sailors, we rigged 6 303's in the knowledge that at least 20 people with disabilities would attend. This was all completed before our first group arrived from Sunnyfield. Ian and Helen took off in Charlie's Chariot with Alan as driver, while Senni did a fantastic job as Pontoon Manager doubling as sailing Coordinator at some stages. Jos was our very efficient Registrar, not an easy job today with so many people involved. Corey started off on the radio, but soon took over as observer on Charlie's Chariot because we needed Helen back as Sailing Coordinator.



Jessie, Sue and Chloe

Chloe

The rest of us, Wayne, Ivan, Rob, Peter, Eli became the competent sailors with Vlad being the pontoon catcher, hoist engineer and tie-er upper.

We made use of the carers to do jobs like life-jackets and loading and unloading boats, and a very fine job they made of this. Thank you so much for being cooperative Sam, Max, Sue, Megan, Soujin, Ros and Michal, we really appreciate your help with this aspect of Sailability.

Last of all, thanks to all of the people with disabilities who give us so much pleasure in our activity by their obvious enjoyment; Jessika (supervisor number 1) Ginny, Rodney, Ben, Rob, David, John, Greg, Tess, Anna, Danny, Judy, Hannah, Matt, Amanda, Gavin, Gary, YvetteVanessa, William. You made a good day even better. *Eli.*

[Benefactor brings out our team spirit](#)

Gazing across the waters of Middle Harbour, former owner of Ferguson's Boatshed at The Spit, Robert Ferguson, noticed the colourful Sailability fleet, and wondered if his seldom used 23ft yacht, would be suitable for teaching disabled sailors and volunteers to sail.

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In an incredibly generous frame of mind, he approached long time family friend, Jill Musgrove, a Manly Sailability volunteer, and offered the yacht with no strings attached!



Some of "Team Fergo": David G, Jill Mus. Senni, David W and Ian – note large cockpit



Fergo is moored at the Spit

A team of enthusiastic volunteers sprung into action, and Project "Fergo" is well under way to preparing the 20 year old yacht for its trial run and evaluation. Some hard work is needed!

The addition of "Fergo" to our fleet has the potential to greatly increase the range of sailing experiences we are able to offer our members, without impacting on our current Sailing Days.

Perhaps we'll be able to attract members who would prefer the camaraderie of sailing as part of a crew, developing teamwork and broadening their horizons.

" A ship in a harbour is safe, but that's not what ships were built for " – John.A.Shedd

Anyone who would like to contribute their time, skills, or any boat bits taking up space in their garage, or know of a suitable mooring we can use, please call Jill Musgrove on: 9905 6706.

[Sailing Report- Sat February 20th](#)

The sun was shining and the breeze was a very slight Nor Easterley to start the morning, which quickly grew to a pleasant 5 to 7 knots as the work of rigging was soon completed by the early bird team of: Barry, Ray, Ralph, Helen and Jude.

By the time our Safety Boat crew of Jan and Peter had arrived, all boats were ready to go, and our sailors with disabilities had started to arrive. Rob and Carol took off to get some

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training for the State Titles, while other sailors David, Jim, Wayne, Ivan, Robert (G), Loz, Vin, Evelyn were life-jacketed and sun screened and we were on our way.

Bob (H) took charge as Sailing Coordinator and directed the rest of the crew to other tasks such as Pontoon Manager, time-keeping, registrar, Pontoon helpers, cooking, life-jackets, etc to make the day run smoothly. Thanks to Jude, Barry, Ray, Kevin (M), Ralph, Vlad, Sue Nik, who did a fantastic job on the pontoon, to Helen and Jill who were our welcomers and ensured that the new people were shown the ropes, Karen who did a fabulous much needed job on the Time Chart.

Kevin (S) became the observer on Charlie's Chariot and others were simply helping with the onrush of sailors and their helpers.

It was indeed a busy day with a constant stream of sailors using all of our facilities of sailing boats, life-jackets, and enjoying the sausage-sizzle so ably cooked by Helen, Michelle, and new volunteer Rennie.

L to R : Sue, Vlad, David W, Bob H, Michelle, Rennie, Helen and Helene



We were impressed by the groups that came sailing today, and by the help that their carers were able to give them. Pioneer Clubhouse brought Joanne, Ian, Peter, Daniel, Collette, Richard, Cate, Sally and Brad with wonderful carer Jason. These were followed by the Inala group from Castle Hill, Lee-Ann, Angela, Lara, with carer Tina, then some community sailors Judy, Matthieu, Tanju, Jonathon, Denis, Phillip, Pam, accompanied by parents and friends. These were followed by BIRDS with carer Barbara; Simon, Carlo, Stuart, Brad, Steve. Last, but most certainly not least, were Rachel with her friend Chantelle, visiting us from Dobroyd. Both had a nice leisurely sail on Manly Cove, and we will definitely be seeing them again.

Unfortunately, we had to turn away some groups who had not booked, just came down because the weather was great. This demonstrates the absolute importance of booking and confirming so that waiting time can be kept to a minimum.

We had an incident today which shows that we have our safety procedures under control.

Little Tanju sailing with Jackie at the helm had one of his episodes. This resulted in a call for Charlie's Chariot with Jan and Peter doing an efficient job of towing them back to base, while Jackie comforted Tanju. The Pontoon Manager, at that stage Ray, quickly called for an ambulance, and Tanju and Grandma Kerry were taken to Royal North Shore Hospital. Tanju is now doing well, so we expect to see him back at sailing soon.



Quick thinking pontoon helpers: L to R: Kevin, Kevin, Jackie (skipper) Vlad and Ray

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Jackie is to be commended for summing up the situation, staying so calm, and coming back to the pontoon as quickly as possible.

Because of the large number of people we took sailing today, it was a late finish, so many thanks to Tony, an experienced sailor, who arrived just as we started putting boats away, and has vowed to come back and try volunteering. Also thanks to Rennie for her great contribution on her first day, and to Pam, who finally made it after psyching herself up for a long, long time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. **Eli**

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[Points from Extraordinary General Meeting- 17th Feb](#)

- 23 members attended a meeting to discuss and decide the fate of the yacht Fergo
- A vote of 21 to 2 was in favour of refurbishing the yacht to safety standard
- A project team was appointed and working capital of up to \$1500 approved
- The yacht will then be evaluated for its suitability for Manly Sailability's members

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[Wed March 3rd](#)

[6.30pm](#)

[MYC](#)

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