

Signals from Sailability Manly



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Coming events – Don't miss these

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 or volunteer to help in these events please contact Eli: 9976 2747

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Sailing Schedule

W'end	April – July 2010	Wed	Mar – Aug 2010
Easter	State Championships	24/03	AC Foundation, Sunnyfields, Fisher Rd
10&11/04	Port Stephens Cup	14/04	School holiday, MAPS Turramurra
17/04	BIRDS, General	28/04	RFW, Sunnyfields, MAPS Forestville
01/05	HLS, General	12/05	RFW, Brookvale, MAPS Forestville
15/05	Regatta & Picnic	09/06	RFW, Fisher Rd, MAPS Turramurra
19/06	BIRDS, General	14/07	A/C Found. MAPS Forestville & Pymble
17/07	HLS General	11/08	Fisher Rd, MAPS Turramurra, Sun'fields

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 for a recorded message

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Sailing Report - Wednesday, 24th February

There were a few clouds about this morning, and a forecast of 10 - 15 knot breezes from the SSE. We decided to rig some boats and play it by ear, as there were a few groups booked in, and we try not to disappoint eager sailors by cancelling.

We had a core group of volunteers, Jos and Helen up on the deck, Corey and Jim in Charlie's Chariot, riggers John, Robert, Francis, Kees, Senni, Ian, Ivan, Norman at the start of the day, with others coming in as the morning progressed.

Our early bird sailors arrived from Royal Far West, and were immediately allocated boats and skippers. They were taken for a very slow ride through the moored boats and across the ferry lane, with the breeze varying from nothing at all to about 5 knots, but using the paddles and lots of patience, soon everyone was sailing happily on the West side of Manly Cove.



Alyssa gets a tow from Alan



We managed to give some of the Royal Far West students a ride in Charlie's Chariot, so that no-one was left on the sidelines. New helper Trixie seemed to be enjoying the experience, and will definitely be back for more. David, Jill, Vlad and Grant arrived later, and were all kept busy doing the things that make our sailing days so successful.

Many thanks to Edward, Matisse, Damonique, Rhonda, Lachlan, Bree, Meagan, Jayden, David for keeping our sailors amused, to Eddie who was Rob's eyes today, and to our later group consisting of Alyssa, Matthew and Alan from CAPS Pymble. Alan helped pull Alyssa out of the shallow water when she ran aground in the low tide. An interesting end to a very nice day. *Eli.*

Sailing Report- Sat March 6th

The people who missed sailing today missed the most idyllic day ever!!!!

After the morning shower cleared, it seemed as if the day was polished. Sun shining, sky a clear blue, a gentle 8 to 10 knot breeze, sparkling water, and a wonderful team made the day perfect for everyone.

Working seamlessly together, the team of Ralph, Crosbie, Carol, Robert, Dave, and Kevin put out and rigged 6 boats.



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Ralph rowed over to pick up Charlie's Chariot while our early clients were being sun screened and life jacketed by Helen, our registrar, and their carers. By 9.30 we were ready to go.

Visiting American volunteers, Ashley and Robert were observers on Charlie's Chariot as the first wave of sailors took off from the pontoon and the day started in earnest. Crosbie was a very efficient Pontoon Manager, ensuring that all boats were rigged to the highest standard, and that clients went off in the order they had arrived.



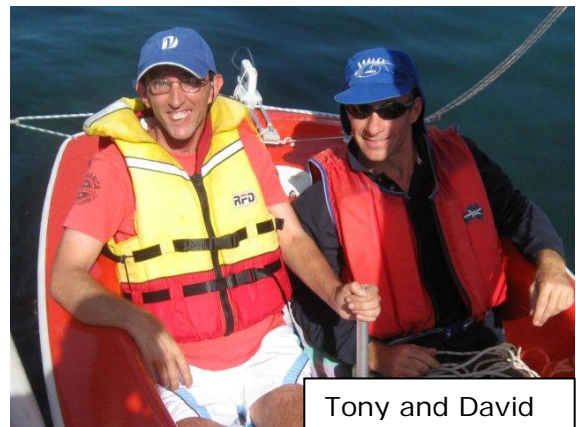
Vin, Paul & Crosbie

Everyone came on time today, and so there was never a backlog of clients on the deck. Ivan went off with Wayne, Robert with Carol, Matthieu with Peter, Bill with Alan, Mark with Tony, Vin with Denis, and after that it became too busy to see who was with whom.

Some exciting moments today for all the clients: Matthieu transferring to Charlie's Chariot in the middle of Manly Cove because he decided he prefers speed to wind power, and Tony Jones skilfully avoiding the ferry, while steering himself.

Ashley was doing most of the work on his journey, and Paul, who is a gold-medal chance in the State Boccia Titles feeling confident enough to ask if he can take his helper for a sail next time, and Vanessa, embarking and happily sailing for about 30 minutes without any signs of distress... it was indeed a wonderful day for all clients, their helpers and our keen, enthusiastic volunteers.

I have mentioned Tony today sailing almost independently and want to commend him and his carers for the wonderful job they are doing in his quest for independence. He now gets a lift to sailing, where he waits patiently then chooses his life jacket. After sailing, he's getting his own lunch and going home on his own, and doing it with confidence and aplomb. We are very pleased to think that Sailability has had a small part to play in this process, and congratulate Tony on his demonstrable progress. *Eli*



Tony and David

Update on Fergo

The overwhelming enthusiasm from members to embrace the gift of Fergo, the 23ft yacht donated by Bob Ferguson, motivated a team of volunteers to swing quickly into action.

The boat was escorted from her mooring of the past 20 years at the Spit, to Manly Boatshed, North Harbour, where she was slipped, cleaned and closely examined below the waterline.

Marine Surveyor, and former Manly Sailability stalwart, Malcolm Murray, conducted a detailed investigation, while volunteers scraped, blasted and sanded 2 years build up of barnacles, marine growth and old paint from her hull. A very messy, smelly and muscle-aching business we assure you!

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Kees, Ian, Jude, Senni, Sean (from Hempel Paints) & Malcolm

Fortunately Malcolm found nothing sinister, so other than what you'd expect from a yacht manufactured 20+ years ago from fibreglass, Fergo is in reasonable shape.

We are very fortunate and immensely grateful that this project has captured the imagination of several key suppliers of boating equipment.

HEMPEL Marine Paints have supplied primer and state of the art antifoul; Ronstan and Rileys Fittings replacement parts for the rigging; and fgi a fibreglass repair kit.

We will continue the new relationships by proudly displaying their logos on our hull.

Hugh Treharne let us use the facilities at Manly Boatshed for as long as we needed. Alan Sims, the shipwright has been extremely patient and generous with his expertise and tools, and rigger Peter Long has built us a safe and strong new rig. This input has been priceless.

Manly Yacht Club members have also got right behind the project, contributing running rigging, anchor chain, and the loan of a mooring.

Of the volunteers, Senni Keldermann, David Webb, Ian Coram, Kees and Jos van Lamoen, Jill Musgrove, Barry Newell, David Goldner and yours truly have spent many hours getting Fergo shipshape, giving her a makeover, and splashing her back in the water. We are aiming to install the rebuilt rig and go for a test sail before Easter.

Jude



[Sailing Report – Sat 20th March](#)

From my window this morning, the weather looked perfect, but the small breeze that had sprung up at 7.00am just dropped off completely by 9.30.

When our first clients arrived, the boats had been rigged, but the water was like glass, with not a puff stirring the surface. Our first sailors took off with the paddles, and stayed out for a long time, looking for the slightest puff that would get them moving. Charlie's Chariot was extremely busy, towing sailors out to the other side of the ferry lane in search of the elusive breeze, then back inshore to pick up our very patient clients.

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Thank you so much to Judy, who was Sailing Day Coordinator, as well as being the Pontoon Manager first up, to the riggers, Carol, Robert, Barry, Anthony, Vin, Jim, Ivan, who did an expert job today, and to our Safety Boat crew consisting of Jim and Kevin, then Jan, Barry and Andrew Newell.



Andrew arrived bright and early for his practice for the State Championships with Peter. They took off as soon as Charlie's Chariot got underway, and the rest followed.

Thanks to our sailors (paddlers), Ivan, Wayne, Robert, David, Dee, Kees, David, Bryan, Kevin, and to the staff on the upper deck; Helen, (Chef), Vlad, Patrick, Karen (left) and Robert, who kept all of our clients happy during their wait, and properly clad them in life-jackets before they ventured onto the water.

We were so happy to meet a new client today, Julian and his Mum, Kathleen who drove all the way from Arcadia to be on the water. Julian found sailing very slow in the light to non-existent breeze, and hopefully will try again when we have some wind. Thanks also to Matthieu and his Dad for arriving early, along with Maureen, Jonathon, Tony and Kate the Great, Craig, and Vanessa.

Our little group from Inala in the care of Caroline arrived next consisting of Katie, Gen, Kathy and Joy, then Vanessa, Steve and Kerri. BIRDS in the form of Carlo, Roger, Brad, Simon, Stuart with carer, Barbara arrived next, and last of all, Judy with Anna-Rose.

If you were counting, this is a total of 45, a terrific group of people having a wonderful time. As there were so many arrivals, and the wind was non-existent, we decided to give the sailing away and take to the Safety Boat for a quick spin around the Cove.

Thank you so much to our new helpers today, Bryan and Dee, who hopped right into it with enthusiasm and verve, settling right in with the group. *Eli*.



[MYC Musto Sturrocks Women's Challenge – Sunday March 21st](#)

Months of canvassing and planning culminated in close and exciting racing for the 7 x Access 303 skippers and crew, and Judith Geppert in Alan Wood, the 2.3 single servo.

Winners, by less than 1 sec, Alyse Saxby and Helen Cregan from Pittwater Sailability in "Sunrise": 2nd: Jude Cole and Carol Sawyer in "Woody": 3rd: only 5 secs behind, Deanne Smith and Helen Hendry in "Lionheart." 4th: Helene Francois and Chantelle in "Jade": 5th Samantha Wainright and Jayne Kelderman in "Jack Harkness" : 6th: Eli Demeny and Rachel Ward in "th-ING" : 7th: Jackie Morgan and Jessika Kelderman in "Dolly Wallis" due to a rigging malfunction; 8th: Judith Geppert in "Alan Wood".

Due to space constraints this month, the full story and photos will be in the next issue. *Jude*

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Points from Committee Meeting – Wed 3rd March

- Why do NSW Sailability want a skills audit of Manly members? Ask for more details.
- Membership now over 100 for the first time.
- The www.govolunteer website is attracting more volunteers
- There are 8 entries for the Musto Sturrocks Women's Challenge

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[6.30pm](#)

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