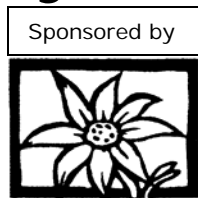


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Coming events – Don't miss these

Sat 5th Sept – Volunteers Orientation Day – 09.30 – 12.30:
*Today is the day to find out more about volunteering for Sailability,
 Please bring yourself and a friend
 Free sausage sizzle and social sailing for ALL volunteers
 NO OBLIGATION – just try us for a morning!*

Sat 12th September- Volunteers Training - 9.00 -12.00
*All volunteers are encouraged to brush up their skills, and learn
 new ones, on and off the water – please come
 Sausage sizzle and refreshments*

Sailing Schedule

W'end	Aug 09 – Dec 09	Wed	Aug 09 – Jun 10
29/08	Hornsby Lifestyles, General	09/09	RFW, MAPs F'ville, Fisher Rd
05/09	Orientation new volunteers	14/10	MAPs Turra, School Hols
12/09	All Volunteers Training	11/11	RFW, MAPs F'ville, Brookvale Sp
19 /09	BIRDS Baptists, General	09/12	RFW, Truscott St, MAPs Turra
03/10	Hornsby Lifestyles, General	2010	
17/10	BIRDS, General	13/01	School holiday, MAPS Forestville
31/10	Hornsby Lifestyles, General	10/02	RFW, Fisher Rd, MAPS Turrumurra
07/11	Try Sailing Sunday	10/03	RFW, Truscott St, MAPS Forestville
14/11	BIRDS, General	14/04	School holiday, MAPS Turrumurra
28/11	Hornsby Lifestyles, General	12/05	RFW, Brookvale, MAPS Forestville
08/12	Camp Sababa	09/06	RFW, Fisher Rd, MAPS Turrumurra
12/12	Picnic and Race Day.	26/01/10	Australia Day Regatta

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 **Evelyn : 9976 2134**
 or evelyn@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

Please diarise Sailing Days NOW

Above are the scheduled Sailing Days until the end of the year. Please take a moment to diarise and check against the latest roster whether you are available. If you don't have the latest roster, please email Eli at: eli@manlysailability.com.au. If you aren't available, please let her know in advance so we can slot someone in your place.

If you're not rostered on, and would still like to come along, please do, you'll be most welcome.

At the Volunteers Training Day on September 12th, we'd like you to tell us if you want to be trained for specific roles either on or off the water. That way we can all learn new skills as well as make a real difference and contribute to the well-being of our clients and their carers.

If you know anyone who you think would enjoy being part of the team, Saturday 5th Sept, is the day to bring them along. No obligation, and no sailing experience needed.

Sailing Day report - Sat, 1st August

This morning dawned with strong westerly winds and a nasty chop on Manly Cove. Expecting lots of participants, we decided to rig 6 boats with reefed sails, and see what happened.

Our willing team of volunteers readied the 303's, collected Charlie's Chariot and started the sausage sizzle, so that by the time our first clients arrived, the wind had dropped slightly, and we were ready for a perfect day's sailing.

Helpers today were Helen on the desk, being registrar and radio operator, Peter Singer the Sailing Coordinator, Eli on the pontoon, Jan and Graham in Charlie's Chariot. Competent sailors were David, Wayne, Jill Musgrove, Ivan, Patrick, Jackie, Jude, with Britta and Jill Madden helping on the pontoon, and Tarsha helping up on the deck.



We were so pleased to see lots of our regular sailors: Alan, Jonathon, Ashley, Anna, Kerrie, Paul, Judy, Jessika, Michael, Tanju, Bruno, Tony, Steve and our friends from BIRDS: Stuart, Dave, Carlos, and Brad.

It is also lovely to see the carers helping with the sailing activity, fitting their clients with lifejackets, and helping load into and out of boats, as well as being social with each other.

One of the highlights of the day was the race between Tony and Bruno, which Bruno won. These two young men are in the early stages of learning to sail, and today was headsail day.

Next time they will be a bit more experienced at it.

Another highlight was the visit by Alan's brother, who was surprised to see his brother being lowered into the boat, and confidently sailing away. Alan also had a spin in Charlie's Chariot today, his second lesson leading up to his Power Boat Licence.

All agreed that it was a very worthwhile day from many aspects. Eli

Report on Master's training. Sun, 2nd August

The team arrived at Manly Yacht Club right on the dot of 10.30 and 5 boats were despatched and rigged in record time. By 11.00 we were out on the water, Judy, Greg, Helen, John Gordon from Pittwater, and Ivan and Jane for general practice. Jan, Ralph, Alan and Eli in Charlie's Chariot were the Race Officers.

The course was easy to set as there was a steady nor-easter blowing at 5 to 8 knots. The first race commenced in fine style with Greg taking an early lead, Judy close behind, with John and Helen on their sterns.

Suddenly... two whales were miraculously there, right in the middle of the course!



Photo taken by Margo Lucas from a yacht

As is usual in these circumstances, lots of little and large boats arrived from nowhere; kayaks, motor cruisers, sailing boats, the works. Our race training boats continued with the race, dodging all the other craft, and trying not to be distracted by the action on the water. Greg came in first, with John and Judy very close behind. Helen got completely distracted and arrived home 30 secs later.

However, the crew on Charlie's Chariot were mesmerised by the whale's antics, and messed up the next start. The ferry passengers must have had a wonderful view, as the two whales swam over to the wharf, and the ferry had to back off to let them through.

Three more races were held, with lots of changes in positions. John and Judy both achieved firsts with Greg winning 2 and Helen improving her position each time, in winds that by the last race had swung right around to the east.

In the meantime, Ivan and Jane had followed the whales to the ferry wharf and were in the front row, when a pod of dolphins came right up to "Woody" divided and swam to both sides of them, less than a metre away. What an amazing experience. It did look very impressive and would have been enough to make our day, when suddenly two small aeroplanes appeared overhead and started doing death defying stunts.

It seemed that there had been enough excitement for one day. By mutual consent, we started back to the pontoon, pulled the boats up and put everything away.

Why do we love sailing? Being out there on Manly Cove on 2nd August, 2009, tells it Eli

Jude adds: It's pretty daunting when you turn to check the opposition from an Access 303, and a huge, dark grey, fin-like structure scythes swiftly through the water only a few metres away! Then the fin disappears, and you breathe a sigh of relief when you see what's obviously a whale's tail waving at you in a playful gesture!

Though I've often enjoyed watching frolicking whales from the deck of a 45ft steel yacht, it's a completely different feeling from a 3m fibreglass dinghy, in very light winds.

Officially Open – the accessible walkway welcomed

The Accessible Walkway has become a welcome extension to the Manly foreshore for bikers, pram pushers, skateboarders, wheelchair and walker users, and all who find steps a challenge.

Many of the people who've been campaigning for years, along with politicians from the peninsula councils and state government, were at Manly Yacht Club on Saturday 8th August to witness the historic occasion.

Jean Hay, Mayor of Manly and The Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC, standing in for the Minister, unveiled a plaque. Jean advised that funding has come from various grants, mainly from Manly Council and the NSW Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program, whose aim is to enable more people to use our parks and waterways.

The ramp is obviously appreciated by Little Manly Precinct residents and members of Manly Sailability, who turned out in force to show their gratitude.

After the official speeches and some light refreshment organised by the Council, people gathered on the ramp for a photo opportunity.

See if you can spotEvelyn Shervington, newly elected President of Manly Sailability, surrounded by Jessica, Iexy her dog, Weber her Dad, Jackie, Eli, Paul, Alan, Wayne, Jean Hay, Greg Donnelly, Mike Baird, Cathy Griffin, the councillor on a bike, Mayors of Pittwater and Warringah, Craig Whitting, Ian Dennewald, The Hendry's and sundry passers by!



Jude

Membership Renewals

Thanks to those who have promptly paid their subscriptions for 2010.

For those who haven't, we've attached a form for you to print out, complete and post to the current Membership Secretary with a cheque, or arrange a direct transfer to our account. (details bottom right corner of the form)

The subs for 12 months unlimited sailing is \$30 per person, and \$45 per family.

If you are coming to the next Sailing Day, it's OK to bring your form and cash, but ensure you give it to the registrar on the day.

Thank You

Clothing Shop – Available on Sailing Days

HATS: with a Sailability Manly logo by Paula on the front **\$12.00**
SHIRTS: Short or long sleeves Red or Navy - **NEW STOCK AVAILABLE** **\$25.00**

Manly Sailability 2009 AGM



Congratulations to Evelyn Shervington, newly elected President of Manly Sailability, and Jill Musgrove, who will be joining the committee to oversee memberships.

The AGM was an amicable affair, with most office bearers agreeing to continue making a valuable contribution, and others shifting to different roles, all listed below.

After formalities and matters of business, the attendees toasted the new office bearers, and enjoyed a relaxed social evening. **Jude**

2009/10 Committee

President / Chairman	Evelyn Shervington	9976 2134
Commodore / MYC	Peter Hamilton	9975 1434
Treasurer	Patrick Alexander	9913 9848
Secretary / NSW Rep	Eli Demeny	9976 2747
Volunteer co-ordinator		
NSW Rep	Peter Singer	9416 8749
Maintenance/Training	Jan Jensen	9905 4869
PR / Signals	Jude Cole	9977 1867
Memberships	Jill Musgrove	9905 6706
Social Secretary	Jill Madden	9948 4800
Web / database	Mark Ayres	0411121303
Members	Helen Hendry & Alan Bimson	

Next meeting

Wed 2nd Sept
6.30pm

MYC – all welcome

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SUNRISE MANLY ROTARY CLUB (\$1500 for Royal Far West Children's Hospital, and sails)	
HUGO'S RESTAURANT, THE WHARF, MANLY (\$400 raffle prize donation)	
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