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Notes from the Editor

As the racing season nears its conclusion, the competition for accumulated points has intensified, promising an exhilarating finale in May. Also coming up, mark your calendars for our annual Volunteer Recognition Evening, to be held on Wednesday 14 May! This special event is a celebration of the invaluable contributions made by our volunteers throughout the year. Open to all, it's an opportunity to come together and celebrate the hard work and dedication that keeps Manly Sailability running smoothly.

Please let Eli know at demenyeli@gmail.com if you are planning to attend.

April 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.

2025 Helly Hansen Women's Challenge

The weather was ideal for the 2025 Helly Hansen Women's Challenge. Graham and Maz Radford were our race committee aboard *Ready, Get Set* and official photographer Marg Fraser-Martin was on-board *Charlies Chariot* to capture all the action. . You can view all her photos on Facebook at "Marg's Yacht Photos"

<https://www.facebook.com/margsyachtphotos#>

The first race saw *Black Swan* sailed by Catherine and Gigi round the top mark just ahead of Sophie and Ros in *Woody*. Anna and Roslyn in *Ralph Newman* followed closely behind, then Jessie and Alyse in *Vin*, Jackie and Jeannie in *Eli D* then led in Lisa and Kerry in *Dolly Wallis*, and *Alex Martin* sailed by Jenny and Petra.

In the second race the light breeze meant that sailing was very close. *Black Swan* finished ahead of a tight group of *Vin*, *Dolly Wallis*, *Woody* and *Ralph Newman* all with seconds of each other followed by *Alex Martin* and *Eli D*.

With a little more breeze, in the third race *Black Swan* led for most of the race from the start, until cheering from the starters boat convinced them that they had finished, when, in fact, there were two more legs to sail. This allowed the fleet to catch up and for *Woody* to sneak ahead, followed by *Vin*, then *Black Swan*, *Dolly Wallis*, *Ralph Newman*, *Alex Martin* and finally *Eli D*.

Following a welcome lunch on the dock, Catherine and Gigi were awarded first place overall, with Sophia and Ros second and Jessie and Alyse third and presented with prizes generously provided by Helly Hansen.



April Highlights

Hansa World Championships 2025

The Hansa World Championships have just been held at Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club in Newport and Manly Sailability has been heavily involved, with a total of seven boats being chartered by overseas competitors. More significantly, one of our longest serving volunteers, Michael Burnett, was an entrant in the 303 Solo division in *Ralph Newman*.

With over 200 entrants from 19 nations around the world this was a major international regatta and Michael did us proud, finishing 73rd overall, 18th in the Australian Championship and 6th in the NSW Championship. Congratulations Michael on a fine performance.

One of the chartered boats was our little Hansa 2.3 *Clea* which was sailed by Giuseppe Olmeti from Bologna in Italy. After achieving first place in the first race, Giuseppe finished fourth overall in the Hansa 2.3 division, which shows that although *Clea* is our oldest boat she can still provide spirited and competitive sailing.

Australia Day Regatta winners

Recently the winners of the various Australia Day Regattas were invited to Sydney Town Hall to receive their medals, which were presented by Deputy Lord Mayor Dan Maxwell.

This is the oldest continual sailing regatta in the world, having been conducted since 1837.

Clare (skipper) and Jeremy (crew) were the winners of Manly Sailability's Australia Day Regatta with an emphatic first place in all three races.

Congratulations to Clare and Jeremy!



Michael racing Ralph Newman (above) and Giuseppe Olmeti sailing in Clea (below)



Clare and Jeremy with their Australia Day Regatta medals.

Upcoming Sailing Dates

For **groups of up to 8**, you can book quickly and easily via our website!

Go to 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)

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.

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

Wednesday	23rd April	Fully booked
Saturday	26th April	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	28th April	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	7th May	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	10 May	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	14th May	Volunteer Recognition Evening
Wednesday	21st May	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	24th May	End of Season Regatta
Monday	26th May	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	7th June	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	18th June	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	30th June	<i>Bookings available</i>

Upcoming Special Events

Annual Volunteer Recognition Evening Wednesday 14th May, 6.30pm

Club Totem, Stocklands, Balgowlah

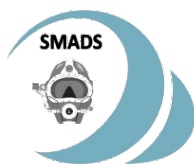
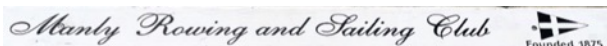
Everyone is welcome at this special event to celebrate the work of our volunteers. A two-course dinner will be served, with cost subsidised by Manly Sailability. Cost is \$35 per head. Please RSVP to Eli Demeny by 10th May at demenyeli@gmail.com

End of Season Regatta

Saturday 24th May

Please let John Weaver know at jweaver172@gmail.com or 0413 507 596 if you'd like to sign up as either a skipper or as crew.

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