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### Autumn is Early! *by Candice Novello*

**February** saw some sunny days turn into some wild weather however we still managed to get some amazing sailing days in and HOORAY, HOORAY, HOORAY! **Our new website has gone live!!!** We will have lots of new content being added in the coming weeks so we invite you to go check it out.

**Booking is also now available on our new website.** To book, go to our website: [www.manlysailability.com.au](http://www.manlysailability.com.au). Click on BOOKINGS, then select your preferred date and complete the information, then submit. You will receive an email confirmation of your RSVP. If you need to change a booking, please [contact us](#).



You will also be able to **check if sailing is going** ahead that day by going to the [bookings section of the website](#). If a sailing day has been cancelled it will show a RED Paragraph which says "Sailing has been abandoned due to weather" see below. We feel this will be much easier going forward than calling 02 9976 2747. For the next few weeks, we will have both methods operating and then we will transition to just the website.

 **Sailing has been abandoned today due to weather.**

**International women's Day** is coming up on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March! Where we can celebrate the achievements of women in Sailing and especially all those involved in Sailability. Eli is one of those wondrous women (I'm sure you all agree) without whom this operation might not be what it is today. So, we'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the work that women do for Manly Sailability and across the Sailability organisations around the world.

Following International Women's Day is our annual **Women's Regatta**. If you would like to be involved as either Skipper or Crew, please let us know now so we can sort the teams for the day. More details are below.

We hope this **forecasted weather** still allows us to continue with our sailing days and that everyone stays safe in the storm. Don't forget to [check our NEW website](#) to make sure sailing days are still going ahead.

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## Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Women’s Challenge.** If you would like to be involved in the annual Women’s Challenge, please email Eli. We need the names of Skippers and Crew who will be taking part, so that we can not only compete for wonderful prizes donated by Helly Hanson, but also compete for the **“Most In Class” trophy**, which Sailability held for many years, but now has been taken over by one of the Junior Classes.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Volunteer Recognition Evening.** On Wednesday night we will hold our annual Volunteer Recognition Evening. Please **save the date** in your diaries and we will have more information to come. We now have our committee organised for this function and will be working hard over the next month or so that you will receive details such as booking amounts, Menu, entertainment.

## Sailing Dates - March 2022 to May 2022

2022		
Wednesday	2nd March	General Sailing
Saturday	12th March	General Sailing
Wednesday	16th March	General Sailing
Saturday	26th March	Women’s Challenge Regatta
Monday	28th March	General Sailing
Wednesday	30th March	General Sailing
Saturday	9th April	School Holidays General Sailing
Wednesday	13th April	School Holidays General Sailing
Saturday	23rd April	School Holidays General Sailing
Wednesday	27th April	General Sailing
Saturday	7th May	General Sailing

## Thursday Evening Series - March 2022 to April 2022

We have a team of competitive sailors and their training crews racing in the Manly Cup, thanks very much to the generosity of Manly Sailing. Skippers and crews are invited to commit to this series, from 3.30 p.m. to around 7.00 p.m. each Thursday afternoon to rig, compete, de-rig and have a sausage sandwich. It’s a fun evening and a great way to put your skills to the test in different conditions. Dates for 2022 below:

2022		
Thursday	March	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>
Thursday	April	7 <sup>th</sup>

Contact Eli if you would like to compete [eli@manlysailability.com.au](mailto:eli@manlysailability.com.au). Even if you can’t make every evening, we would be more than happy to slot you in for the sessions you may be available.

## Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors!

Macca, Freelance Electrical (0418239053): Contributed cost of labor when adding electrical power points inside cupboards
Britta Huttel: \$500 to help with starting up again
David Webb: \$1000 for help with trolley and cupboard builds
Betty and Peter Baines: \$500 for help with Mooring Repairs
Patron, Michael Regan: Mayor of Northern Beaches Council
Hansa Sailing Systems: \$5000 for seven new sail suits for Invictus Games, and then donated to Manly Sailability
Premier Automotive, Jeff Smit: Boat trailer inspection
Manly Yacht Club
Lion's Club of Manly: \$1,500 towards maintenance of Charlie's Chariot
Whitworths, Brookvale: Generous subsidy on radios and life-jackets
Balgowlah Masonic Lodge: 2019 Donation \$3,000
Bendigo Bank: New Marquee \$1533.40
Cromer Golf Club: Safe parking for our trailer
Phillip Long bequest: Membership for BIRDS and Royal Far West.
Lynette Gould: Ruffled Painting bought Stabilo Equipment
Federal Government: Grant paid for First Aid Courses
Northern Beaches Council: supplied Parking Permits for our volunteers.
Northern Beaches Council: Grant for radios and radio training, \$1650.00
David Goldner and David Webb: Improvements to storage, trolleys & cupboards
Hood Sails: Sail repairs and Lion's Club Logo.

## The Committee of Sailability Manly 2021 / 2022

President: Warwick McKenzie	Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator: Eli Demeny
Treasurer: Sue Marshall	Systems Coordinator / Covid-19 Officer: Ken Boyes
Membership: Helen Hendry	Safety/Maintenance: David Webb, David Goldner and Denis Linney
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Extra Committee Members: Ragnhild Purcell, Jackie Morgan, John Weaver	
Minutes Secretary: <i>Vacant</i>	

# Sailing Reports

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Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Today was a satisfying day, because we not only had a nice group of participants sailing with us, we also managed to give some of our volunteers extra sailing training. It was a perfect sailing day with variable breezes and a slight swell to make it interesting.

Taylor arrived early with Jo Jo, but he decided he would rather swim than sail at this stage.

Jill, who has not been well enough to be with us for several years had had an upsurge of energy and decided to come for a sail. This worked out well because she got into Dolly Wallis with Warwick and they rapidly moved into the sailing area, then back among the moored boats where sailing was less hectic. Congratulations Jill, on this very brave step. We love to see returning participants getting back into things.

Jan from Sargood went off with Denis for an extended sail, which he loved, and Paul went with Helene. Nola had a lesson in rigging the boat, then spent the rest of the morning helping on the pontoon.

Jeremy had his first go at Sailing Coordinator and made an excellent job of it! Leah went with Michael in Black Swan and John took Bec in Dolly Wallis. Later, Helene arrived and took Paul for his exciting sail in the rapidly rising swell.

Wilma was in charge of Life Jackets  
Helen was the registrar  
Caroline the Radio Operator  
Jim shared the Power Boat driving with Vince  
Ivan sailed with Jim, then Vince.

At the end of the day everyone meandered back to the pontoon and packed everything away.



# Sailing Reports

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022

This morning we decided to put out 7 boats because we were expecting lots of participants and lots of Volunteers, so the extra boats would allow everyone to have a good amount of time to sail. Some last-minute cancellations meant that those who did managed to make it down were able to have up to an hour of wonderful sailing! So, it was really nice to be able to allow some extra time for people to be out on the water.

We started with Ben and Dennis, both of whom are now using the joy-stick to go wherever they wish, so this was an excellent morning for them. Carers Pam and Betty had a restful time on the wharf waiting for them to have had enough.



Amanda and Brian arrived next, 2 new sailors coming to us through Pioneer Clubhouse. They both absolutely adored the experience. Amanda was so impressed she will continue as a regular member. Megan, their helper was also pleased by their enjoyment and their sailing skills.

Then the Fisher Rd children arrived. Sam and Riley had a lovely time but James and Edgar will need a few more turns until they become used to this new environment. With lots of unfamiliar people, loud noises, fresh air and lots of sunshine, it can be a sensory overload for some of our participants. We hope that they can be come more accustomed to the environment and enjoy themselves with us next time they come down.

Sunnyfield brought Ginny, Luke, Rodney, Peter, Anna, and David. Thanks so much to their helpers, who show wonderful patience with their participants and make it easier for the Sailability Sailors and other personnel.

Last to arrive was Hanlin. He just rushed into a life-jacket, then down the ramp into a boat, and was away for a while.

Our team for today was wonderful as always, and we thank:

Sailing Coordinator: Brian  
Power Boat Drivers: Ken, Warwick & Jim  
Photographer: Eileen  
Pontoon manager and helpers: Michael, Mal & John.  
Sailors: Denis, Jeremy, Steve, Ivan, Jim, Michael B, John B & Jonno.  
And last of all (but certainly not least) our fabulous deck crew: Helen & Corey



# Sailing Reports

## Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Why was this Monday Magic? Because the wind wasn't blowing and the rain was falling gently. Which, given the weather we have had for the last couple of weeks, was not too bad.

Our wonderful dozen went down to Manly Sailability and decided to go ahead with rigging up the boats. By the time this was completed, the rain had paused, the wind had started to blow gently and it was considered a perfect day for a sail.

We were expecting a few sailors, so we took this opportunity for some sail training in light winds, it's called paddling. Then the wind came up into a perfect 5 to 6 knot Easterly.

The team was: Warwick and Eli in Charlie's Chariot  
Denis in his role as Sail Trainer  
Michael with his skipper, Brian  
Ken with his skipper, John B  
John P sailing solo, then helping on the pontoon and deck  
Peter on the pontoon



Kane and Rosa arrived from Sunnyfield with Aaron and David came down for his first sail with Sailability after meeting Jim randomly at the beach last week. Kane chose a ride on Charlie's Chariot, while Rosa went out and sailed with John B., smiling beatifically all the way.

Helen and Corey also enjoyed their time up on the deck, taking registrations and working the radios. Everyone agreed it was a great morning, and we would have been silly to miss it. We have to thank everyone for coming down despite the light rain.

