



Signals from Sailability Manly

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Notes from the Editor.



Happy Christmas to all, and a beautiful New Year to come.

Sailability Manly wishes you all a beautiful, Happy Christmas, with a bright New Year to follow.

Looking for very unique, handmade and personal Christmas Cards?

Luca has been sailing with Sailability Manly and Sailability Middle Harbour for many years now - he is one of the regulars and you will always know when he is around - his laughter and good spirits are infectious! He loves sailing and chatting to people.

His micro business '*Braille by Luca*' is offering beautiful handmade cards which feature either an embroidered star or a Christmas tree in various colours. He will also braille and attach your personal message inside the card. All cards are handmade on the Northern Beaches from quality materials including Kraft and Pearl papers.

Braille by Luca is keen to share the beauty of Braille with all. Every card includes a bookmark with the Braille code, so non-Braille readers can work out the message as well!! To find out more and order head to Luca's shop braillebyluca.bigcartel.com

Go and surprise your loved ones 😊



Message from Sailability Rushcutters Bay

Ahoy all, Sailability Rushcutters Bay is sending an appeal to other Sailability Branches, both for skippers and crew, as well as for sailing participants to take part. Sailability Rushcutters Bay has been struggling for the last couple of years. Now they are sending out a request to build their branch up and running again. They assist their community by giving them sailing experiences on Sydney Harbour in boats that can take groups of 5 people at a time on our beautiful Harbour.

They need both skippers and crew to re-birth their sailing programs, and groups to take part. If you have time in your busy week for more sailing, they would love to hear from you. If you know someone who is able to skipper their boats, please let them know.

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This message came from Sailability Ruschcutters Bay. It is addressed to our Volunteers at Manly, as well as our Carers who may want a different experience for their participants.

Sailing Dates –December 2022 to Easter, 2023

Don't forget to **book online** by going to the 'bookings' page on our website www.manlysailability.com.au

| 2022 | | |
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| Saturday | 10 th December | Regatta |
| 2023 | | |
| Wednesday | 18 th January | Bookings Available |
| Thursday | 26 th January | Australia Day Regatta |
| Saturday | 28 th January | Bookings Available |
| Monday | 30 th January | Bookings Available |
| Wednesday | 1 st February | Bookings Available |
| Saturday | 11 th February | Bookings Available |
| Wednesday | 15 th February | Bookings Available |
| Saturday | 25 th February | Bookings Available |
| Monday | 27 th February | Bookings Available |
| Wednesday | 1 st March | Bookings Available |
| Saturday | 11 th March | No sailing at Manly, Conference at Bathurst |
| Wednesday | 15 th March | Bookings Available |
| Saturday | 25 th March | Bookings Available |
| Monday | 27 th March | Bookings Available |
| Wednesday | 29 th March | Bookings Available |
| Saturday | 8 th April | Easter Saturday, Bookings available |

You will have noticed that dates in December 2022 and January 2023 are further apart than regularly. This is because there are a number of Regattas, run by both Manly Yacht Club and the 16ft Skiff Club on the dates we would normally sail, making for a very crowded Manly Yacht Club deck, and open water available. This has caused us to cancel sailing on some dates in the interests of Safety and Comfort. Also, please keep reading to the bottom of Signals for news on our Accessible Bathroom.

Booking via our website is so simple!

Go into www.manlysailability.com.au, Click on BOOKINGS. Choose your sailing date from the list and complete the form with your details. A confirmation email will be sent to you.

You can also **check if sailing will be going ahead** on the day due to the weather by opening the home page on our website. The green message indicates sailing will be going ahead, while the red indicates that sailing is cancelled.

Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors!

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| Macca, Freelance Electrical (0418 239 053): Contributed cost of labor when adding electrical power points inside cupboards |
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| Britta Huttel: \$500 to help with starting up again |
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| David Webb: \$1000 for help with trolley and cupboard builds |
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| Betty and Peter Baines: \$500 for help with Mooring Repairs |
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| Patron, Michael Regan: Mayor of Northern Beaches Council |
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| 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 |
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| David Goldner and David Webb: Improvements to storage, trolleys & cupboards |
| Lynette Gould: Ruffled Painting bought Stabilo Equipment. |
| Northern Beaches Council: Supplied Parking Permits for our volunteers. |
| Northern Beaches Council: Grant for radios and radio training, \$1650.00 |
| Northern Beaches Council: Storage for our boat & trailer |
| Hood Sails: Sail repairs and Lion's Club Logo. |
| Manly Rowing & Sailing Club: Slipping of Charlie's Chariot |

The Committee of Sailability Manly 2022 / 2023

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A Very Special New Years Eve, 2022-2023

We would love to invite everyone down to Manly Yacht Club on New Year's Eve, Saturday, 31st December for the 9.00 p.m. Fireworks on Manly Cove. Parking is not possible in the close vicinity, so it is advisable to get someone to drop you, or to park the car or bus close to the Yacht Club earlier in the day, then come back in time for the Fireworks. Groups are welcome to sit down on the pontoon. The accessible bathroom will not be available during this event.



Sailing Reports in November, 2022.

12.11.22 A Satisfying Saturday.

Our fabulous team of 16 all arrived early this morning, so there were already 5 boats out pretty much completed by 9.30, when our first participant sailors arrived. Thanks so much to the volunteers who made an extra effort this morning.

Jim was the dedicated Sailing Coordinator.

Vince then Michael the Pontoon Manager.

Helen the Registrar.

Wilma organizing lifejackets for all.

John Weaver, back from his cruising holiday looking healthy and tanned, driving Charles Chariot.

Caroline returning from a month's holiday, and several months over-working as a Covid Vaccinator, now our wonderful photographer.

Joe, back from surgery.

Ken returning from a few months illness, then a month working hard on the HSC exams.

Helene on radio duties, then our for a leisurely sail.

Sailors; Michael, Vince, Rob, Ivan, Denis, Sophie, Jeremy.

And wonderfully efficient "putter awayers" at the end of the day. A million thanks to all of these.

Participant sailors this morning were: Kerrie and Meghan and Kerri from Washington House.

Stephen on Charlie's Chariot with nephew Elliott.

Jay and Andrew from Royal Rehab.

Ollie, and last of all Peter, all the way from Castle Hill to enjoy sailing on Manly Cove.

A wonderfully satisfying day.



Peter Sailing in Eli D.



Andy and Denis in Woody.

16.11.22 What a Wednesday!!!

Our fabulous Wednesday team poured into Manly Yacht Club early after the news that the weather was gorgeous early, but could change during the day to windy and unpleasantly cold.

Michael B was our irrepressible Sailing Coordinator, John the Support Boat Driver, with Michael S as observer and photographer, Jim, Jeremy, Vince, Jonathan, our fantastic sailors, Corey on the radio, Denis taking care of the rigging, Brian and Eli on the pontoon, Helen as registrar.

We decided that 30 minutes was probably as much as our young participants would need, as the wind came up, the waves became quite tall and we had many people up on deck waiting for a turn.

First group to arrive was Arranounbai Special School, with their brave contingent: Gigi, Alex, Miguel, Ethan and Bernardo, who chose to ride on Charlie's Chariot. Jenny and Michala were the chief helpers for this group.

Northside arrived next, with Jamie, Ella, Alyse, Tarek with helper, Marie. They all loved their sail in the strengthening breeze, and were all proud of the wetness of their clothes when they disembarked.

Then came the tiny fivesome from Fisher Rd; Sai, James, Edgar, Riley, Sam are all loving their sailing now that we are getting to the end of their sailing sessions. Sandy the teacher is becoming such an expert volunteer for us, we welcome her to our ranks.

Next group to arrive was Sunnyfields with Vanessa, Luke and Anna with helper Tomoko. At some stage, Ben arrived with Mum, Betty, and went off for his sail.

Last of all, the Fighting Chance bus arrived with our final group for the day: George, David, Nina, Sophie, Vanessa, Sharon, and last of all, Sascha, who ended up too timid to actually go out sailing, but did manage to sit in the boat for a few minutes. Thanks so much to the helpers of this group who were such a help to us, with the waiting time, and helping to place their participants into the boats.

But wait, all is not finished, our beautiful Zoe arrived with her new helper, cheerfully embarked with Jim, and was still smiling when she came back, wanting to tell everyone how wet she was.

The wettest of all was our Michael B, our incomparable Sailing Coordinator who ended up soaked through to the skin after a fall caused by a determined rudder, which did not want to come out until it had dropped a sailor into the water.

In the meantime, poor David W was working in the boat room, repairing the servo, Alan Wood, which hopefully will be ready by next weekend so that Judith can go for a sail. This job was going so slowly that David did not have the opportunity to go sailing.

Thanks so much to everyone who came to Sailability today, it is days like this that we really appreciate our volunteering choice.



Jonathan and Ethan in Alex.



Sophie and Jeremy in Eli D



Vince and Miguel in D.W.

26.11.22 Family Saturday.

The outstanding feature of this morning's sail was the lovely families who came down to share our last Sailing Day for 2022.

A little unfortunate was the huge swell that kept breaking into Manly Cove to accompany the westerly breeze. This made sitting on the deck the most comfortable spot to be for our families that joined us. The Weavers, the Webbs, Rob and Andy, the Kemps, and later on, Brad.

Our crew this morning was: Helene, our wonderful Sailing Coordinator for the day, who kept things moving along nicely.

Val came to be the barbecue chef.

Jeremy was the Pontoon Manager in very uncomfortable conditions, with the large swell, and the incredibly high tide which kept the bridge to the pontoon submerged for the larger part of the morning, enforcing bare feet on the pontoon, and less than comfortable on and off-loading.

Rob was Support Boat Driver, Kieran the hard working observer, sailors; Denis, John W, David, Rob/Andy, and Michael, sailing with Ivan.

Our new Volunteer, John Mac went off with Denis for a show of talent, and will return next Wednesday. Helping on the pontoon were Joe and Marc, the barefoot brigade.

It was glorious to welcome back Rob and Andy, who we have not seen for many years, returning for the Family day, and both showed off their sailing skills in the churning water.

The Weaver and Webb families showed strong family bonds as John took out Rebecca, Sophia and Gigi. We needed to wait until the tide receded for Peter to have his sail, as his wheelchair would have been swamped up to the batteries if he had gone earlier. Brad arrived just as we were packing up, but managed a short time on the water.

Our deck crew is much to be admired: Helen as Registrar, Helene and Ros helping with life-jackets and hoist equipment, Jay helping wherever he was needed, Margaret helping Val with the lunch. Thanks so much to everyone who came today to celebrate the end of the year for general sailing.



David and wife, Margaret.

28.11.22 A Merry Monday.

This morning was an absolute joy!!

Our wonderful team all arrived early for the rigging, and by 9.15, when we were expecting our first group, Arranounbai, all seven Hansas were standing in a row on the pontoon.

To our delight, Arranounbai sent their seniors, who we have known for several years...and they are all grown up now, some almost ready to leave school.

Archie, Rylee, Hannah, Isabella loved their sail and took advantage of the perfect weather. Kai, unfortunately, became too excited, leading to an episode, so needed to be picked up by his family.

Avenue and Sargood arrived at the same time, around 45 minutes later, so James, David (from Sargoo), George, Claudia, Kirsty, Danny, Paula, and Emily had a sail. Paulo opted for a ride on the Support Boat with helper, Natalie. Andrew arrived with Kel, from Royal Rehab, and went off for his sail, while his wife and 2 little kids watched from the shore.

Later on the Avenue group from Parramatta arrived after a mammoth trip across Sydney by Public Transport...train, ferry, walk, and a repeat of this to go home after Sailability is finished. Jake, Will and Jess enjoyed their sail and expect to be exhausted by the time they get home this evening.

Our generous group of volunteers this morning were:

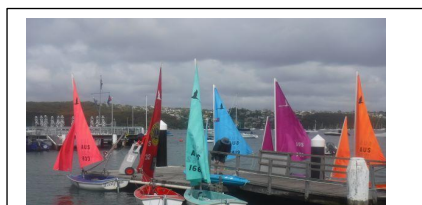
Sailing Coordinator Extraordinaire: Peter,

Warwick on Charlie's Chariot with Photographer, Ken.

Sailors: Denis, Michael, Jonathan, Rob, Brian, Jim, John, Malcolm, Jeremy, Ragnhild and Wolf.

Helen was the ultra hard working Registrar, Pontoon manager swapped between Michael and Brian, and life-jackets were organised by the carers, as well as people waiting for their turn in the Hansas.

Thanks also to Jay, who is learning the ropes, and giving us more help each time he comes down.



Hansas lined up ready to go.



Paulo and Natalie in Charlie's Chariot



Archie sailing with Malcolm.

30.11.22. A Pirate Tale.

This morning the pirates of Sailability Manly were down at Manly Yacht Club for a fun day on the water for our final general sail for 2022. The Volunteers were all dressed up as pirates, and as each group walked in, we found that they had mainly got into the spirit of things and dressed appropriately too.

We commenced by taking all 8 of the boats outside, getting them rigged, and taking them down to the pontoon for launching.

By the time we had done this, our first group of students from Royal Far West had arrived, setting the timetable for the day. Water pistols were distributed to the crew, and thus started the best sailing date of 2022.

Eli was in charge of the day, with Corey on Radio, Helen the Registrar, Wilma on life-jackets, Ken the photographer, Warwick the Support Boat Driver, Jim managing the pontoon, pirate sailors: Brian, Denis, Ragnhild, Peter, Michael B and Michael S, Ivan, Steve, Malcolm, Jenny, taking turns between sailing and managing things on pontoon and deck. John was a wonderful help wherever he found himself, and Marc was a wonder on the pontoon with so many people to be lifted into and out of the boats as efficiently as possible.

We were expecting 5 groups down with their helpers, and by some miracles, they all arrived at the right time so that there did not seem to be a time lag between them, and because of the 8 boats out, no one was kept waiting for long. Pirates from Royal Far West with Teacher Craig: Jess, Malachi, Ben, Tate, Eden, arrived early for an extended time on the water, while we waited for Northside with Kylie: Tarek, James, Ella, the most beautiful Pirate Woman we have seen for years.

Then Fisher Rd arrived with Sandy: James, Sai, Riley and Edgar.

ASPECT arrived next with Nick...Riley, Roman, Tom, Jayden, Oscar, Dylan, Koray, Mason, Oliver, Callum, Jack. The bravery of these children was amazing, in spite of today being their first time at Sailability, they all took their turns most of them in both the support boat as well as the sailing craft.

Last of all, Headway arrived all the way from Bankstown, and sat on the deck for a while for a quick bite to eat, while they waited patiently for boats to be available for them. Peter, Lee, Mark, Vu, Ari and Doug all agreed that the sailing

was well worth the effort of getting there. Helper, Jessie was a fabulous help with this group, as were all of the helpers for the day.

Thank goodness the weather behaved perfectly for us this morning, and everyone left with a fabulous feeling of fun for a day in our busy lives.



The busy Pontoon on Pirate Day.

Some Important Late News for December.

Our beloved Accessible bathroom needs to be closed for a short time for a much needed repair.

It will be closed from today until this much needed work is completed, probably by the middle of January.

The upstairs bathroom will be open during this time.

The repairs will mean that we will not be able to carry on our regular sailing program. The December Regatta will go ahead as planned, as all people taking part will be able to use the upstairs facility.

Following this there will not be any Sailability activity until the 18th January, to give ample time for these repairs.

Memberships are now overdue.

This note is addressed to our regular members and families.

Our Annual Membership goes from 1st July each year through to 30th June each year. If you have not yet paid for the 2022-2023 season please pay before 31st December, 2022 as there are some memberships still outstanding. The Forms to be filled in can be done on the website: www.manlysailability.com.au

Send to Helen Hendry helen@tpg.com.au

When this has been done, payments can be made by direct debit to 112 879 162 268 309

Please identify your payment with **Membership and your initials.**

Cost of one year's Membership to Sailability Manly is \$30.00 per person, or \$45.00 per family.

