



# Signals from Sailability Manly

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### Notes from the Editor.

Welcome back to Signals in 2023.

We have lots of interesting events planned for the New Year, not least of these the Sailability NSW Conference in March, where our 5 delegates will spend the weekend discussing State Issues such as new Working With Children Issues, Resilience of our State Wide Membership, the new Sailability NSW Website, branch sailing issues, and many more.

### Sailing Dates –February, 2023 to Easter, 2023

Don't forget to **book online** by going to the 'bookings' page on our website [www.manlysailability.com.au](http://www.manlysailability.com.au)


Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> February	Bookings Available
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Bookings Available
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> February	Fully Booked
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> February	Bookings Available
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> February	Bookings Available
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	Bookings Available
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> March	Bookings available
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Bookings Available
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Women's Challenge Regatta
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	Bookings Available
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	Bookings Available
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Saturday, Bookings available

### Booking via our website is so simple!

Go into [www.manlysailability.com.au](http://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.

### Dates for your Diary to keep in mind for the future.

1. Our next Regatta will be the Women's Challenge, held on Saturday, 25th March. Women only for the Racing, which means 7 teams of two women. We will need some of our Male Crew also for Charlie's Chariot, and for help with the rigging and de-rigging. To put your name down for this excellent Regatta with wonderful prizes donated by Helly Hansen, please see John Weaver at the next Sailing Day 
2. Volunteer Recognition Evening will be held at Manly Yacht Club, Wednesday Evening, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023. From 6.00 p.m. Please put this in your diary now, as we would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to our

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volunteers who work so hard to make each sailing day a success. Volunteers are welcome, and so are the people they help, carers, families, organizers, and organizations who wish to thank the Volunteers.

3. We are looking for a NEW Editor for Signals. If you would like to help with this satisfying aspect of Volunteering for Sailability Manly, please contact Eli at eli@manlysailability.com.au

## Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors!

Macca, Freelance Electrical (0418 239 053): 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 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
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 2023

President: Warwick McKenzie Volunteer Roster Manager.	Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator: Eli Demeny
Treasurer: Sue Marshall	Systems Coordinator / Covid-19 Officer: Ken Boyes
Membership: Helen Hendry	Safety/Maintenance: David Webb, Brian Stitt and Denis Linney
MYC Representative: Peter Ward	Group Liaison Officer: Jeremy Tebbutt Grants Manager.
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### 10.12.22. End of Year Regatta.

What a fabulous day for our end of year regatta. The sky was blue, the breeze a steady 8 to 12 knots southerly, a burst of bright sunshine, and 21 smiling faces for our end of year celebration.

There was a steady stream of people in and out of the boat room, getting our fleet of all seven of the 303's ready to go, and also plenty of action on the deck as many groups were setting up for their busy day as well as Sailability. A very inclusive day, with everyone cooperating on deck to keep things moving, at the same time avoiding accidents. Each crew set up their own boat ready for the race, while Warwick and John decided on last minute changes to crews as some extra people turned up, and we wanted to include everyone in the excitement.

Crews were:

Denis and Nola in Woody.

Ros and Michael in Alex.

Warwick and Victoria in Dolly Wallis.

Ragnhild and Wolfie in Eli D.

Caroline and Sophie in Ralph Newman.

Jeremy and Ken in Vin.

Helene and Ivan in Black Swan.



John, Max and Hugo were helping in Charlies Chariot and then a wonderful help back on deck as people arrived home at the end of the racing, hungry, thirsty and absolutely elated with the success of the Regatta. As you can see from the table below, a very close race with 4 positions only.

### REGATTA RESULTS:

<u>Boat Name</u>	<u>Sail No</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Crew</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Vin	2232	Red	Jeremy	Ken	4	1st
Woody	833	Pink	Denis	Nola	4	1st
Dolly Wallis	753	Purple	Warwick	Victoria	10	3rd
RalphNewman	1598	Orange	Sophie	Caroline	12	4th
Alex Martin	1662	Green	Michael	Ros	17	5th
Eli D	2419	Blue	Ragnhild	Wolfie	18	6th
Black Swan	2238	Fluoro	Helene	Ivan	18	6th

### 18.1.23. A Wonderful Wednesday

This morning dawned a wonderful day for a booked out Sailing Day for us.

Our fabulous team responded to the call for more volunteers as we were completely booked out, with a few extras who turned up on the day.

Nola, Helen, Warwick, new volunteer Clare, Ragnhild, Wolfie, Rob, Brian arrived early to get those boats rigged and on the water, dancing around the Manly Sailing crew who also had the same idea, so that we had an exceptionally full deck of extraordinarily busy people.

Others arrived in order, so that we ended up with:

Sailing Coordinator, Extraordinaire; Warwick.

Charlie's Chariot Driver: Jim,

Trainee sailors: Nola, John McA, Clare, Wolfie.

Radio Operator: Ken.

Registrar, Helen.

Life-jackets, Helene.

Sailors: John P, John B, Ragnhild, Rob, Brian, John W., Jeremy, Michael, David G., Malcolm.

Arriving in time for the putting away, was faithful helper Marc with the extra muscle power.

The Plush family arrived first, with Courtney and Steve. Then Georgie and Pam brought Dennis for his first time on the water for many months.

Ability options brought their holiday crew: Harry, Ashley, Rosie, Shintara, 2 Sams, Ruby, Daniel, Olivia, Soraya, Brendan, Mia, James.

Sargood's Kylie brought Kaan and Jan and the rest of the family.

Care Culture brought Owen, 2 Dylans, Oliver, Jaice, Lucy, James, Riley.

Northside brought Alysse, Jamie, Ella, Tarek, Craig.

Then Ben and Mum arrived, and Hanlin.

Thanks to our wonderful team, all of this appeared effortless to the outsiders, and a fabulous morning was enjoyed by around 50 people.

Warwick McKenzie, who was our Sailing Coordinator for the day has also written a report: Thanks for this, Warwick. A record number of participants booked in on this beautiful sunny morning.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that attended our first sailing day of the 2023 year , Wed. 18th Jan.

I was sailing Day Co-ordinator / radio operator & I feel that this was the busiest day we have ever had & completed. We had 7 boats out sailing , more than 7 sailors were kept busy all day with James , Eli & crew on C. C. watching over our boats & taking carers & participants around Manly Cove,

The pontoon volunteers , Nola, Malcolm, Ken , John didn't have much of a rest

Helen as usual did a sterling job taking registrations .

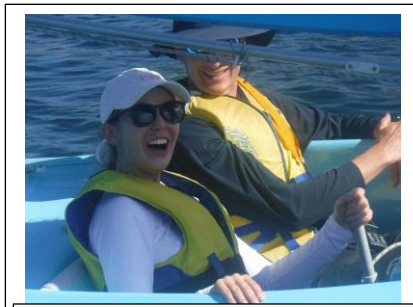
Michael [ couldn't sail due to surgery problem ] took on fitting & removing life jackets for all participants .

YES , I realize I haven't named all the volunteers that helped out , but THANKYOU ONE & ALL FOR A JOB WELL DONE

Warwick McKenzie [ President ]



Alex and Rob in Black Swan.



Clare and Jeremy in Alex Martin.



Dennis and John B in Dolly Wallis.

### **26.1.23 Australia Day Regatta**

A perfect day for a regatta, blue skies, a mild north westerly breeze, and 10 keen sailors put their names on the list in pairs for a closely run race.

We are getting very competitive at this, and the rigging is done efficiently and carefully to ensure that nothing goes wrong.

Warwick and Victoria, Denis and Ivan, Ros and Nola, Ken and Jeremy, Ragnhild and Wolfie, Jonathan and Ben were the riggers, while Jim went across to pick up Charlie's Chariot, took the race crew, Maz and Graham over to pick up Carlisle, laid the buoys and prepared for the racing, while the crew over at MYC set off for the Race Area.

Maz and Graham had everything ready and Race 1 signals were shown and heard.

This race was fast and furious, with all boats jockeying for the ideal starting position. Vin was first through the start line, and led the race all the way, with Woody in fast pursuit, but they just could not get past.

In the second race, Black Swan was in high contention until, with a loud creak, the mast collapsed. With a broken wing, Jonathan tried to sail home, but this proved impossible, as the sail was by then dragging in the water, pulling the boat out towards the Heads.

Charlie's Chariot showed its usefulness and towed it home so that the shore crew could help to replace the sail and mast with one of a different colour.

In the meantime, the sailing continued with Jeremy and Ken again taking out a first place, Woody close behind, and then, lo and behold....Alex Martin came in third. This was the first race ever for this crew, and that was an enormous effort.

By this time Black Swan had had the mast replaced, and was back on the start line for the third race, though there was a short postponement.

With very little time wasted, the third race commenced. Again, a similar result for First and Second, with Alex Martin with the replacement main taking out third. What an achievement for all of our sailors and crew this morning, and a huge thanks to Maz and Graham for their patience and efficiency that made the day go so well.

#### **Regatta Results:**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Sail No</u>	<u>Sail Colour</u>	<u>Boat Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Crew</u>
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6	2419	Blue	Eli D	303	Ragnhild	Woolfie



Setting up for the regatta



The Champs, Ken and Jeremy



Warwick and Victoria in Dolly Wallis.

Extras in our general crew were, Stephen Clewett who oversaw activities on Charlie's Chariot, and enjoyed the ride, photographers Michael Morgan and Maz Radford, Karen, Helen and Michael who helped with the barbecue, Jim Support Boat Driver Extraordinaire. Also watching from his cranny on Sydney Rd, more that 1 kilometre away was Crosbie with his super long telescopic lens, who captured the dramatic moment that the sail on Black Swan collapsed.



A Fabulous Saturday Sail. 28.1.23.

This was forecast to be the hottest day of the year so far, so all were carefully sunscreened, and the new long sleeve navy shirts were well in evidence.

New Volunteers Nomusa, Stephen, Michael and Clare were welcomed into the fold. Hugo and Max, our Duke of Edinburgh students for this half of the year were also welcomed, and then six boats were rigged to get the most possible out of the day.

Dennis, Ken, Wolfie, Ragnhild, Victoria, Joe, Nola, Helen, Rob, John, Jackie, John McArthur, Vince and Jeremy managed the rigging efficiently, to be checked by Denis and launched from the pontoon as our first participants arrived. As usual, it was a busy start to the morning, as everyone had decided to get there early to cool off, but it soon settled to a steady stream of sailors and skippers doing their best in the perfect conditions to allocate everyone to a good time.

Andy arrived to sail with Rob, but it didn't quite happen that way....Rob went with Marrit, and Andy went with a different skipper.

Our team from Sunnyfield arrived with helper Lynne, so Sophie, Rodney, William, Noel, Tony, Elinor and Danielle went off with their eager sailor.

Wendy and Vinnie brought Will and William (three Williams on the same day) as well as Denzel, Douglas and Clement. We had just given these participants a wonderful sailing experience on Manly Cove when Ben arrived with his Mum, Betty, Then Paul, Matthew and Peter arrived for their turn.

In the meantime, Max and Hugo set up the barbecue, and had a beautiful lunch ready for the hordes as they finished their sail.

In the meantime, Charlie's Chariot with skipper Warwick and junior skipper Ash was kept busy taking adventurous sailors for a brisk ride around Manly Cove.

All too soon, the morning had to finish, as other groups were coming in to use the Yacht Club Facilities. So those left de-rigged and put away everything, getting ready for another busy day on Monday.



William and Ragnhild in Eli D.



Jeremy and Clement in Vin.



Matthew and Vin in Ralph Newman.

### 30.1.23 Another Marvellous Monday.

It was difficult to make the sailing decision this morning. The forecast for the last few days was for torrential rain all day Monday, and strong winds, but we woke to a very mild day with light North Westerly breezes, and 1 ml of rain in the forecast to fall before 9.00 am.

So of course we went ahead, as we do, and the day developed into a perfect day for Sailability Sailing. A little cloudy, not too much breeze, but just enough for a calming sail with our friends.

Ken was our hard-working Sailing Coordinator, doubling as the radio operator.

Warwick, Denis, Brian, Peter, John were our intrepid sailors.

John W was the Support Boat Driver with Eli as photographer/observer, Nola and Malcolm on the pontoon, and last of all, but certainly not least, Helen as the registrar.

Our surprise guest for today was, hopefully a new volunteer in the production line, Rex. Stay tuned for this one.

First group of participants down were from Aruma, with helpers Annie, Ryan, Jim and David.

Jasper, Paul, Kyle, James had a great time in the sailing boats, staying out there for over an hour while we waited for our next group.

Kel from Royal Rehab brought Leon, who absolutely loved his sailing experience and will be back for more.

Amanda brought her group: Alan, Stephen, Rosalyn, Graham, Stuart, Carlo, Sandra and Brad. They did not all sail, but enjoyed the perfect weather, and the seaside environment.

Last group to arrive, Avenue, travelled all the way from Parramatta by train, ferry and foot, and will be returning the same way. What a great day out for them, with a little sailing thrown in as a bonus. Tom, William, Jessica, Robert, Alex loved every minute, even though there were a few drops of rain as we finished the day.



Denis and Rex in Eli D.



Brian and Leon in Vin.



Peter and Jessica in Ralph Newman

### A TALE OF 2 ENGINES

In 2006, Sailability Manly won a Paul Newman Grant for a brand new Support Boat which we called Charlie's Chariot. This was 17 years ago, and the boat engine has given us wonderful service all this time. After lovingly looking after it, we have decided that this is a good time to pension off the old engine to someone else, who will look after it faithfully, but not demand quite so much work, and we are replacing it with a brand new engine which we hope will give us just as much service.

Here is a photo of the old engine, still running smoothly, and giving thousands of people each year lots of pleasure.

Eli

