



Signals

from Sailability Manly

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Notes from the Editor.

We have lots to talk about in this morning's Signals. First of all, this is the last issue written by Eli, as she is handing over to a beautiful new volunteer, Clare Archer. Clare has volunteered to take over this role. Clare will be a lot of fun in her position as Editor, as she is very experienced in a variety of roles, and looking forward to taking over this one for Sailability. Also a younger perspective of all matters Sailing will bring a blast of fresh air to Signals.



Clare in front of Charles Chariot.

Sailing Dates –March, 2023 to May, 2023

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



Wednesday	1 st March	Bookings Available
Saturday	11 th March	Bookings available
Wednesday	15 th March	Bookings Available
Saturday	25 th March	Women's Challenge Regatta
Monday	27 th March	Bookings Available
Wednesday	29 th March	Bookings Available
Saturday	8 th April	Easter Saturday, Bookings available
Wednesday	12 th April	Bookings Available
Saturday	22 nd April	Bookings Available
Monday	24 th April	Bookings Available
Wednesday	26 th April	Bookings Available
Saturday	6 th May	Bookings Available

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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, 3rd May, 2023. From 6.00 p.m. Please put this in 

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your diary now, as we would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to our 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.

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

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Sailing Dates in February.

Wednesday, 1st February, 2023.

1.2.23 Wednesday Sailors on the Move.

Our team for today:

Sailors: John McA and Rolf newly accredited on our list of competent sailors, Brian, John W., Denis, John P., Jennie, Jeremy, Steve, John B., Warwick, Ragnhild, David.

Support Boat Drivers: Warwick, Ragnhild, John W taking their turn.

Registrar, Helen, Life-jackets Wilma, Radio, Corey, Observer/photographer, Caroline.

What a great team we made, with members changing roles as participants came and went, all appreciating the sparkling day that Manly prepared for us.

Participants for todays sailing were:

From Royal Far West: Ruby, Ashton, Tor, Ezekial, Marianne.

Individuals: Dennis, Pam, Georgie, Ben, Nadi, Ben, Hanlin.

From Sunnyfield: Emily, Luke, Vanessa, Rodney, Sue, David.

From Ability Options: George, Brendan, David, Andrew, Martin, Maarten, Kevin, David B, Lyndal, Liz.

We really appreciate the helpers of these groups, who constantly care for their individual participants, join in the fun, and make our Sailability days a joy to hold.



Our busy pontoon at the start of the day.



Vanessa going for a sail with John W



John P and Zeke from Broken Hill in Eli D.

Saturday, 11th February.

A Sunny, Satisfying Saturday.

A perfect morning for a sail with a stunning blue sky welcomed us this morning to Sailability with several new Volunteers expecting to be shown the ropes, and very few participants to make things interesting. This was not to be, as we had a constant stream of unexpected guests taking advantage of the perfect weather.

Our team for today was:

Sailing Coordinator, Eli.

Support Boat Driver: Warwick, then Jim, as well as trainees Clare and Sophie.

Pontoon Manager: Nola, then Joe.

Radio Operator: Victoria, then John W, then Ken.

Trainee sailors: Ken, Sandy, Michael.

Guest from Kogarah Bay, Margaret.

Sailors: John W, Jackie, Steve, Ivan, Michael, Vince, Helene, Caroline.

Life-Jackets, Wilma. Registrar, Helen.

Lunch crew: Max and Hugo. Bought sausages then cooked them on the barbecue, then sold them all in short time, then cleaned up and packed away. Thanks for this seamless operation, Duke of Edinburgh students.

Our participants this morning arrived from early in the morning, and did not stop until well after midday.

What a wonderful turn up:

Libby came for her early morning sail, then Vanessa. A little while later there was a Sunnyfield group with helper, Ella: Ben, Roslyn, Jenny, Courtney. Courtney astounded us with her bravery, first of all too timid to get into a sailing boat, she preferred an introductory run in the Support Boat, then plucked up enough courage for a sail, and then another one later in the morning. Betty arrived with Ben, then Peter for his eager sail with Jeremy. Peter is managing the joy-stick with confidence now.

Kundan brought Daniel, Diane, and Duncan. Then Ella brought Chris, a late comer from Sunnyfield.

Just when we thought it was safe to pack away, our Sahara team arrived with their group. Su with Belinda, Christian, Katie, Maeve, Alistair, Paul, Jonathan and Bennie.

Quote for the day: Sandy, one of the new (and very confident sailors) when asked what he thought about volunteering for the day: “Well, I don’t know who was having more fun, the volunteers or the participants.” It didn’t take long to get everything packed away with such a willing team of helpers.



Clare and John in Eli D.



Katie and Sue from Sahara



Vince and Paul in Vin.

Wednesday, 15th February.

15.2.23 What a Wednesday!

We knew we were in for a busy day today because bookings had closed several days ago, but not expecting the promptness of our participants, the changes in the weather, and the incredible waiting powers of the people who came to sail with us this morning.

We used the Manly Yacht Club Support Boat, Robbie R, because Charlies Chariot is in the process of being fitted with a new engine. Thanks Manly Yacht Club for allowing us to borrow this one.

We were just finishing our briefing when our first guest arrived, Kyle, so off he went for his first experience with us. He had not even embarked, when 10 students from Cromer Campus, Northern Beaches College arrived, donned life-jackets, met their sailors and went off for their first sail with us.

Rafael, 2 Elijahs, Riley, Aaron, Curtis, Michael, Nicholas, Dylan, Callum took their turn in a Hansa, with Nicholas remarking on the comfort of the seat, which kept him safe in the boat, and letting us know that his experience was ‘awesome’.

As this was happening, our little team from Sunnyfield, Luke and Anna arrived, then Vanessa with Rolf. When it was their turn, they went willingly into the boats.

Sandy and Sue arrived from Fisher Rd, but only 2 of these children sailed, because the sky suddenly went black, and light rain was falling. Alfie and Logan were the 2 that sailed. In the meantime, most of the Cromer Campus boys had returned from their sailing, making room for Ben, Rodney, Peter, Vanessa and Dave from Sunnyfield to take their turn. Bella, Janet, James and Tarek arrived with Kylie from Northside and very graciously allowed others to go ahead of them because they were having such a good time socializing on the deck and enjoying their time in the sun, that had reappeared after just a few minutes of light rain.

Kyle embarked from his boat and prepared to go home, when Warwick offered him a ride in the Support Boat. What joy appeared on his face, as he quickly donned a life-jacket and hopped in. What an experience for this young man who is so eager to try out new things.

Our lovely group from Avenue had arrived with Charlotte while all this was happening, so that Sharon, Vanessa, Sophie, Nina, Archie and Dave took to the boats and went off for their sailing time.

Then our very patient participant, Hanlin arrived. It was great to see him watching what was going on, and waiting patiently for his turn with helpers Santosh and Khone.

Finally, Anthony and Oscar arrived all the way from Parramatta by public transport and went off for their sail.

James, Ella, and Janet elected to use the Support Boat also, as so much time had passed being sociable that we needed to get the Hansas away before the next group came in. A wonderful reward for being so patient.

All of this could not have happened without our incredibly well prepared support team:

Sailing Coordinator Extraordinaire: Brian.

Support Boat Crew; Warwick, James, Caroline, John.

Hard working and efficient Life-Jacket Coordinator; Wilma.

Incredibly efficient Registrar; Helen.

Hard working Pontoon Managers, Peter and Malcolm, with lots of help from Ken.

Sailors: John B, John P, John W, Jeremy, Ragnhild, Michael, Denis, Jennie.

And our wonderful radio operator, Corey, who just kept things moving so that all 34 of our participants had a wonderful day which included a sail, or a ride in a Support Boat, a time in the rain and a time in the sun.

Congratulations, Corey.



Tarek and John in Vin.



Jennie and Riley in Ralph Newman.



Kyle and Jim in Alexander Martin.

Friday, 24th February.

24.2.23 A New Engine for Charlie's Chariot.

After waiting for many weeks and months for the delivery of our brand new engine for Charlie's Chariot, finally on Friday, 24th Feb, everything was ready.

There has not only been a new engine installed, but also the seat has been fixed, there is new wiring to all the electricals on the boat, and there are new monitoring devices.

So, it is almost like driving a brand new boat. John and Warwick had the first experiences, and David had the joy of the first real Sailability driving on Saturday morning.



New Engine before it hit the water for the first time.



The first driver. John.



The first on water trial with David.

Saturday, 25th February.

25.2.23 A Special Saturday.

The Dream Team took over today:

Jim was the perfect Sailing Coordinator, making decisions and following through on them so that everything ran smoothly.

The Pontoon team was fantastic, even though it was the first time for them: Victoria and Nomusa did a fabulous job, working through a crowded pontoon, and a couple of the more difficult participants, as well as a few rudders that would just not sit down.

Joe and also Mor, a new volunteer today, also helped on the pontoon and kept everything running smoothly.

Helen was her usual remarkable self, Wilma on Life-jackets also. Ros kept up with demand for well-fitted lifejackets also, and cleaned up a couple in the process.

David W was the first driver on Charlie's Chariot to use the brand new engine, and was very impressed with its performance. Ken took over the observing, as well as taking the first lot of photos.

Our wonderful Family Isherwood came again to day, and brought the lunch time refreshments with them, so that our sailors were: Steve, Rob, Ragnhild, Wolfie, John McA, Steve, Clare and Sophie, Sandy, MichaelM and Michael B, Helene, Nola.

Chefs were: Max and Hugo.

The lucky participants who came in today's perfect Summer Weather were: Karen, a new sailor.

Paul with his usual charming smile, Kerrie and Grant from Washington, Vanessa, Matthew, and Ben with the fabulous HIGH FIVE.

I think the best part of the day was when Clare agreed to take over Signals publication!!!! What a wonderful relief to have this done for us into the future.

Thanks everyone for their efforts today.



Ivan having a nice time in Clea.



Rob and Karen in Alexander Martin



Kerri and Sophie in Dolly Wallis.

27.2.23 A Marvellous Monday.

Thanks so much to Jackie for being the Sailing Coordinator for today. What with a great bunch of volunteers, a fantastic group of participants, perfect weather, and a great atmosphere, it made for an exciting morning.

The crew arrived early as we expected our maximum of sailors, and put out 6 boats in readiness.

It was also an exciting moment in our history, as Charlies Chariot now has a brand new engine, and a complete re-wiring of the electrics. Warwick took charge here, with Eli as photographer.

The rigging crew finished their job and the boats were launched. John W, Denis, John P, Michael B, Brian and Jim took off with crew members from the volunteers practising their sailing skills as our first group did not arrive as early as expected. Ken, Nola, Mor, and others had a practice sail, while Malcolm, took over on the pontoon, Helen as Registrar, Corey, our expert on the radio, and others still learning their positions.

Our first group arrived by Public Transport, a little later than expected and we were busy getting them life-jacketed and on the water as efficiently as possible. Gerardius, Jennifer, Harry, Riley, Tommy, Olivia, Soraya, James, Jed and Aaron had an exciting and enjoyable sail, when our lovely group from Aruma arrived and waited patiently while consuming morning tea.

Ben arrived, then Leon from Royal Rehab with helper, Kel.

Kyle, Eddie, James and Jasper took off next on the list. Then Manda from BIRDS arrived with her very special group of BIRDS, who have been coming sailing with us for many years. John, Stuart, Danielle, Brad, Ian, Graham and Sandra went sailing, while Carlo and Rosalyn hang around and enjoyed the atmosphere.

After everyone had a good long sail in the exciting breeze, everything was washed, and packed away ready for one more sail this week.



Ken and John W in Vin.



John B and Olivia in Black Swan.



Greta the Teacher in Charlie's Chariot