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Notes from the Editor

As the quieter winter months continue, our volunteers remain busy carrying out the essential maintenance that keeps us running year round. We're very lucky to have a diverse range of skills among our volunteers, which means we can undertake many of these tasks ourselves. None of it would be possible without the commitment and dedication of those willing to put the extra time into keeping everything ship shape, and this month we recognise those people working very hard to make things run as smoothly as possible.

July Photo Board

Katie with Sophie in Woody



Jeremy and John M give the dock crew practice with the retriever line



The crew from Sydney Community Services on Charlie's Chariot helmed by Peter B



Stuart and his helper from BIRDS in Charlie's Chariot



The crew from Sargood making their way onto the pontoon with Jackie

Shane and Brian in Black Swan

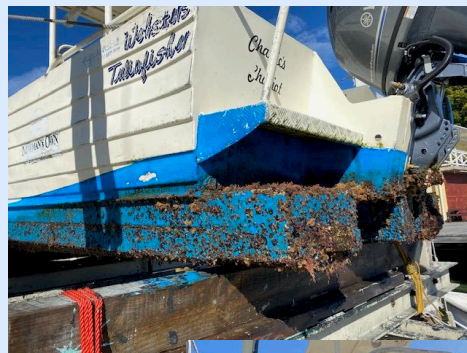
You can find full reports about each of our past sailing dates on our website, along with a selection of photographs, under LATEST NEWS.

July Highlights

Charlie's Chariot Spruced up

Boats are notoriously a lot of work to maintain and ours are no exception. So special thanks to the volunteers who put in extra time to perform the annual maintenance on Charlie's Chariot over several days. David W, Vince, Nola, John P, Peter B and Warwick carried out Day 1 tasks, including water blasting, scraping the hull and applying the first coat of anti-foul paint. On Day 2 Nola, Ragnhild and John P applied the second anti-foul coat, while Warwick turned his hand to signwriting and repainted the Sailability logos, and David W repaired the bench seat. On returning Charlie's Chariot to the mooring on the final day, Warwick and David also repaired the hinge to the radio hatch.

A huge thank you to all involved for their time, energy and skill, and many thanks also to Manly Rowing & Skiff Club for letting us use their facilities and slip way free of charge.



Charlie's Chariot on the slip way, in need of a good clean up!



Warwick, David W and Nola hard at work on the hull



Charlie's newly painted logo



Eli at the NSW Community Sports Awards presentation.

Eli wins NSW Community Sports Award

Eli's dedication and commitment to Sailability is well-known in the local community, and now we're delighted to share that she has been recognised at State level by the NSW Community Sports Awards. This month, Eli was presented with a Distinguished Long Service Award, for over 25 years' service to Manly Sailability, during which she acted as main fundraiser and volunteer coordinator for many of those years, as well as serving on the Sailability NSW Board for over a decade.

Hundreds of people were in attendance at the CommBank Stadium in Paramatta, including Eli's husband Ivan and Manly Sailability President, Warwick. The presentation ceremony was hosted by the Hon. Stephen Kamper, Minister for Sport, who presented the Distinguished Long Service Awards. Congratulations Eli on this outstanding achievement!

July Highlights

Award Winner Series

In May we announced the winners of our Volunteer Awards, and each month *Signals* will be featuring a different winner and their story. With maintenance in full swing this month, I caught up with My Fix-It himself, David W.

The ‘Mr. Fix-It’ Award: David Webb



Photo credit: Caroline Holdstock

Just about all the equipment we use at Manly Sailability has – at some point – been either built, fixed or improved by our resident engineer and handyman, David W.

When he first began volunteering with us, over 15 years ago, all the boats and other equipment were being carried to the pontoon by hand. And when he saw that the winches were housed in a Woolies shopping trolley, he knew he could contribute more than his skill as a sailor! Before long, David had everything on trollies and castors and, after enlisting the carpentry skills of David G, there were new cupboards in the store room, a registration table and mobile rack for the lifejackets.

David has a lifelong love of boats and the ocean, and moved to Sydney at age 17 to study marine engineering, which is when he bought his first dinghy with a mate and learned to sail properly. He later worked for a naval architect, and his career took him to sea for many years, where he worked his way through all the maritime qualifications. When he retired, Sailability seemed like the perfect way to combine his love of sailing and his desire to help people and give back to the community – a community that often supported his own family while he was away at sea.

We’re very lucky to have in David someone with a wealth of sailing expertise, the kind of brain that spots a problem and solves it, and the warmth and generosity to enjoy helping others.

July Highlights

*Wayne Black Trophy
Winners: Best Crew,
Ken (left) and Best
Skipper, Denis
(right)*



*Ros hands over
Sophie's winner's
trophy for the Helly
Hansen Women's
Regatta*

Trophy Season

With the year's regattas behind us the winners of the Wayne Black trophies – for best results across the entire racing calendar – were announced.

2023 Best Skipper: Denis Linney

2023 Best Crew: Ken Boyes

Congratulations Denis and Ken – and with Denis' name now on the trophy for the ninth time, the gauntlet is laid for next year!

Trophies for the Helly Hansen Women's Regatta were also presented at Manly Yacht Club, with winning crew, Ros, collecting the winning skipper's trophy on behalf of Sophie.

Spotlight on Our Members: Special Olympics Gold Medallist, Alyse Saxby

We're very lucky to have a four-time Olympic medallist among our members: Alyse Saxby, a highly accomplished sailor who has competed in four World Special Olympics.

Alyse started sailing while at school at Pittwater High Special Needs and continued after she left. She loves the social aspect of sailing, having made many friends through the sport, with whom she still keeps in touch. She prefers sailing in a two-person crew, and has won medals at four Special Olympics, spanning twelve years: Silver at Shanghai in 2007, Gold at Athens in 2011, Gold at Los Angeles in 2015 and Bronze in Abu Dhabi in 2019.




*Alyse sailing with Jeremy on a
warm July day*

With her competition days behind her, Alyse still loves getting out on the water as often as she can and enjoys coming to Manly Sailability with Northside.

Special thanks to John Weaver for interviewing Alyse.

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

Go to www.manlysailability.com 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 Jerem 

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.

Upcoming Sailing Dates

Saturday	12 th August	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	16 th August	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	28 th August	Fully booked
Saturday	2 nd September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	6 th September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	16 th September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	20 th September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	25 th September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	30 th September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	4 th October	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	14 th October	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	18 th October	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	28 th October	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	30 th October	<i>Bookings available</i>


Upcoming Special Events

Reminder - Membership Renewals

Membership renewals are now open for the year ending 30th July 2024. Many thanks to everyone who has renewed already, and a reminder to those who haven't to complete a renewal form, found on our website: www.manlysailability.com.au/membership. Please contact Helen if you're unsure whether you have renewed already or need any help with the process 

Sailing Training

Dates TBC

Any volunteers who would like to become a better sailor can take advantage of dedicated training mornings with our experienced sailors. Please reach out to John Weaver  indicating whether you prefer and Wednesday or a Saturday, and your current level of knowledge.

Family & Sponsors' Day

Saturday 25th November

A chance to invite our families, friends and supporters to see the work we do at Manly Sailability first hand. Watch this space for details!

Our Generous Sponsors



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Spotted at Manly Cove

We share our stunning home at Manly Cove with all sorts of other clubs, visitors and marine life. This month, a Public Service Announcement: tying sheets to the boom like this risks incurring Denis' ire!



Eagle eye and photo credit: John W