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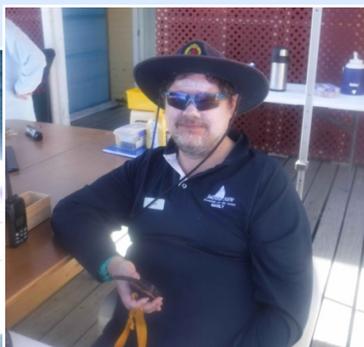
With the arrival of spring, Manly Cove is suddenly full of life and activity once again. The pontoon we share with the other clubs on the dock has been heaving with kayakers, skiff sailors and our own little dinghies; swimmers are braving the still-cool water and paddle boarders are touring the bay. At Manly Sailability, we're back to our full sailing schedule of ~5 dates per month and our dedicated volunteers have already proven they're made of tough stuff, as they pushed through the sweltering heatwave that heralded the new season. Book your spot now, and come down and enjoy the glorious spring weather out on the water with us!

## September Photo Board

*George with John W in Dolly Wallis*



*Our radio operator, Corey, ready for a hot day*



*Katie and her helper on Charlie's Chariot*



*Anas with Rob in Ralph Newman*



*Charlie's Chariot with Shelly at the helm*



*Our packed pontoon on the first weekend of spring*



*Kerri with Nola in Eli D*

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

## September Highlights

### David's Month of Celebrations

It's been a busy month for David W who celebrated a milestone birthday, and was also recognised in State Parliament for his contribution to the community by The Honourable James Griffin MP.

David and his wife, Margaret, were born exactly two months apart, so the celebrations in their household will be continuing for some time. All of us at Manly Sailability wish you both many happy returns!

Compounding the birthday celebrations, James Griffin MP delivered a Community Recognition Statement in Parliament, acknowledging the great work David does for the community through Sailability, in particular, his handiwork that earned him the Mr Fix-It award. Congratulations, David!



*David W and his wife, Margaret, celebrate their milestone year*

### Spotlight on Our Members: Rodney

Rodney is a big fan of all things transport – buses, trains, ferries – so Sailability has been a natural fit for him since he started attending at Pittwater in his late teens, over 25 years ago. He later started coming to Manly with Sunnyfield and particularly enjoys hopping in the driver's seat of Charlie's Chariot, under the guidance of one of our volunteers. Although Rodney doesn't communicate verbally, his love of the water and the sense of achievement that sailing gives him is always clear from his huge smile and infectious laugh.



*Rodney back in his happy place after the Tasmanian cruise, sailing in Dolly Wallis with John W*

Given his love of boats – and of getting dressed up to go out to dinner – his parents, Greg and Denise, thought he'd enjoy a cruise around Tasmania. Unfortunately for them, that kind of boat did not agree with Rodney, and the experience left the whole family traumatised. The very next week though, Rodney was back at Sailability, feeling much more at home in our little dinghies!

We're so glad Rodney was brave enough to get back on the water, as it's always a pleasure to have him visit.

## September Highlights

### Max Going For Silver

We're very glad to welcome back Max, one of our Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers. Having achieved the Bronze award, Max is now working toward Silver, and chose to return to Sailability for the volunteer component of the program. Max has even been recruiting, and convinced his Dad to come along and lend a hand too. Congratulations Max, and good luck with the Silver award!



*Max on our pontoon, waiting for boats to return*

### 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 more people diving into the swimming spots as the weather warms up, we thought we'd spotlight our very own mermaid this month.

### The 'Mermaid' Award: Helene Francois



*Helene receiving her Mermaid Award from Jackie*

Sailing back to the dock after one of last year's regattas, Helene's curiosity got the better of her. Spotting a line of unattended paddle boards in the middle of the water near Delwood beach, she sailed over to have a look. Suddenly Helene and her crew, Ivan, realised their centreboard had become entangled in the line tying the paddle boards together, and they were forced to untie them to free the boat. Concerned they might float away, Helene tried hard to retie the paddle boards. Some say she fell, some say she jumped, but Helene ended up in the water clinging to those paddle boards to

keep them from floating off, while Ivan sailed back to the dock to fetch help. Jim and John W soon arrived in Charlie's Chariot to retrieve Helene and secure the wayward paddle boards, and Helene earned her status as Manly Sailability's 'mermaid'.

Helene is one of our longest-serving volunteers, first starting in 2001 while she was on a temporary work placement from Europe. For an expatriate far from home, Sailability ticked all the boxes of time on the harbour, a sense of community and a means of giving back. Helene later migrated permanently to Australia, finally settling back in Sydney in 2006, and she has been involved with Sailability ever since. We'd like to think that the community she found at Manly Sailability played a part in her decision to make Sydney home, but either way, we're lucky to have this belle of the ocean.

## Upcoming Sailing Dates

Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> November	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Family &amp; Sponsors Day</b>
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Regatta</b>
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Bookings available</i>

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

Go to [www.manlysailability.com](http://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 Jeremy. ([jeremy@tebutts.net](mailto:jeremy@tebutts.net))

**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 Special Events

### Family & Sponsors' Day

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

A chance to invite our families, friends and supporters to see the work we do at Manly Sailability first hand. Come along for a sail and sandwiches!

### Christmas Regatta

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Our annual Christmas racing event! Please reach out to John Weaver ([jweaver172@gmail.com](mailto:jweaver172@gmail.com)) if you'd like to sign up as a skipper or crew.

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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. Spotted this month: this spectacular tall ship the Windward Bound.

