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Notes from the Editor

Manly Sailability is back in full swing after the Christmas break, and racing season is upon us! In this issue we bring you the results of our Christmas and Australia Day regattas, with more racing opportunities coming up for anyone who'd like to join in. It's a great way to improve your skill and confidence out on the water, and a whole lot of fun to be a part of. We're looking forward to welcoming new faces among our volunteers and sailors as the year kicks off, and to the rest of the summer out on beautiful Manly Cove. Happy New Year from all of us!

January Photo Board



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

Upcoming Regattas

There are upcoming regattas at Manly, Middle Harbour and Port Stephens in March. Our race officer is John Weaver, please reach out to him to sign up for any of these races as either skipper or crew, or for more information (jweaver172@gmail.com).



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Notice of Race: 2024 Port Stephens Cup 9-10 March 2024

Sailability Port Stephens extends an invitation to all Sailability Members, Volunteers and Friends to participate in The 2024 Port Stephens Cup on Grahamstown Dam.

If anyone wishes to take part, Manly Sailability has a trailer that can take a maximum of 3 boats, though entrants would need have to have a car that could tow the trailer, and arrange their own accommodation. Please contact Warwick McKenzie or John Weaver if you are interested or would like more information.

Notice of Race: Hansa Inclusive Classes Regatta at Middle Harbour Yacht Club 29 March – 1 April

MHYC's Inclusive Classes Regatta incorporates the:

- o 2024 NSW Hansa Class Championships
- o 2024 NSW 2.4mR Class Championships
- o 2024 NSW Para Sailing Championships

For instructions on how to enter directly, please go to:

<https://mhy.com.au/sailing/regattas-championships/inclusive-classes-regatta>

A limited number of Hansa charter boats will be available for competitors travelling from outside the Sydney Metro area. To register your interest, please email sailing.manager@mhy.com.au at the earliest opportunity.

December & January Highlights

Christmas Regatta

The mercury climbed to 40 degrees on the day of our Christmas regatta, making the water the best place to be. Along with the heat, we had a strong northeasterly wind to contend with, but all seven crews were more up to the challenge. To make things interesting, we had some brand new pairings of skipper and crew among our teams, along with returning duos hoping to build on their previous success. Bruce and Pam Davis generously acted as race controllers once again, and took up their positions on the start boat after briefing the crews. Bruce’s wish for a nice clean start was, for once, fulfilled in the first race, with all boats over the line within seconds of each other. Jonathon with Skye as crew in Eli D took an early lead, winning the first race after leading the fleet for the whole course. In the second race, Denis with Ivan as crew in Woody fought back to take the win, with Eli D in hot pursuit. In the final race, Sophie in Vin and Michael B in Black Swan had to offload their crew - father and son Shanon and Max - who had another engagement to dash to, so they sailed the course short-handed but slightly lighter, putting in solid performances despite their delayed starts. In a repeat of race 1, Jonathan and Skye won the final race with Denis and Ivan in second, making it a closely fought contest for the overall win. Congratulations to Jonathan and Skye – a formidable new pair!



The starting line-up



Race controllers Bruce and Pam Davis aboard Carlisle



Prize winners: Skye, Jonathon, Sophie, Ivan, Denis

Overall Results:

	Skipper	Crew	Boat
#1	Jonathon	Skye	Eli D
#2	Denis	Ivan	Woody
#3	Sophie	Max	Vin
#4	Helene	Clare	Dolly Wallis
Joint #5	Vince	Eli	Alex Martin
Joint #5	David W	Ken	Ralph Newman
#7	Michael B	Shanon	Black Swan

Many thanks to Bruce and Pam for running proceedings, to John Weaver for organising a great day, to David W and Jim for manning the rescue boat, and to Eli, Helen and Wilma for putting on the post-race lunch.

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Australia Day Regatta

Written by Maz Radford

With heat wave conditions forecast earlier in the week and the winds looking a bit “iffy”, there was some discussion about starting. The morning wasn’t as hot as predicted and the breeze was a NW at 10-15knts when 6 Hansa 303s hit the water. Good to go... so far ...

Meanwhile, the start line was set, and the buoys were laid for a pretty accurate sausage/triangle course 2, thanks Warwick and Joe.

Race one and a clean start as all 6 boats contested the start line. By the time the boats were at the top mark, the westerly had picked up but still good to go! All marks were hotly contested, and the finish was close with Sophie and Clare on Dolly Wallis just pipping Jeremy and Ken on Vin by 11 seconds. Third was Michael and Ros on Black Swan, with Jonathon and Skye on Ralph Newman just squeaking in 1 second ahead of John and Kerry on Eli D to take 4th and 5th place respectively, with Denis and Nola close behind.

Setting up for race 2, the breeze became pretty fresh, gusting to 31 knots according to the Bureau, so it was time to fly the “N” flag and abandon racing for the day. Congratulations Sophie and Clare, who will collect medallions at Town Hall, and also to Jeremy and Ken, and Michael and Ros, who were presented with 2nd and 3rd place medallions on the deck.

Overall Results:

	Skipper	Crew	Boat
#1	Sophie	Clare	Dolly Wallis
#2	Jeremy	Ken	Vin
#3	Michael	Ros	Black Swan
#4	Jonathon	Skye	Ralph Newman
#5	John W	Kerry	Eli D
#6	Denis	Nola	Woody



The fleet rounds the top mark



Sophie and Clare led the first race in Dolly Wallis



Jonathon and Skye chase down Denis and Nola

Our very special thanks to Maz and Graham Radford for acting as Race Controllers, to Wilma for providing a splendid barbeque lunch after the race, to Warwick and Joe on the rescue boat, and to John Weaver for setting up another fun-filled day.

Upcoming Sailing Dates

Saturday	10 th February	Fully booked
Wednesday	14 th February	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	24 th February	Fully booked
Monday	26 th February	<i>Only a few spots left!</i>
Wednesday	28 th February	<i>Only a few spots left!</i>
Saturday	9 th March	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	13 th March	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	23 rd March	Helly Hansen Women's Challenge Regatta
Monday	25 th March	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	27 th March	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	6 th April	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	10 th April	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	20 th April	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	24 th April	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	29 th April	<i>Bookings available</i>

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

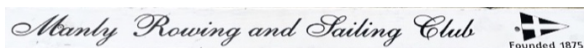
Go to www.manlysailability.com and click on BOOKINGS. Choose your sailing date from the list and complete the form with your details.

For **larger group bookings** (more than 8) please reach out to Jeremy. (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.

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