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We are proud to announce that

HELEN HENDRY

Our fantastic Membership Secretary, chef,



long-time volunteer in dozens of roles

Has been chosen to be

Senior Citizen of the Year

For the

Northern Beaches

*Not only is Helen well known at
Sailability Manly, she is also a very
long-time volunteer for Palliative Care.*

Dates for February to April 2020

Saturday	1st February	Washington, Cooyong, Sargood, Tramway, General
Wednesday	5th February	RFW, Unisson Pymble, Unisson St Ives, Achieve, AFFORD, Sunnyfield, General
Saturday	15th February	Trilogy, Washington, Sargood, Balmoral, THC, Cooyong, General
Wednesday	19th February	Truscott St, Unisson, FR Forest, House With No Steps, BeeCos We Care, Arranounbai
Monday	24th February	Fisher Rd, KARBEL, BIRDS, Michael Toetoe, A Team
Saturday	29 th February	Rap'n'Rave, Washington, Cooyong, Sargood, Balmoral
Wednesday	4th March	Booked groups
Saturday	14th March	Booked groups
Fri., Sat & Sun	6th, 7th and 8th March	Hansa Regatta Coomba Park
Wednesday	18th March	Booked groups
Saturday	28th March	Booked groups
Monday	30th March	Booked groups

Dates For Your Diary.

1. Sailability NSW State Championships. Coomba Park, Great Lakes. 6th, 7th, 8th March, 2020. For this Regatta, we will be travelling up to Coomba Park, (near Foster) and staying in the area. Hopefully, we will be transporting 3 303's.
2. Closing Date for sale of Raffle Tickets for meals at the 16ft Skiff Club. Saturday, 29th February.
3. Saturday, 28th March, Helly Hansen Womens Challenge at MYC. Please contact Ken Boyes, krboyes@optusnet.com.au to let him know that you will be entering this regatta.

A Wickedly Wonderful Wednesday 4th December 2020

What wonderful teamwork was on show today with our exceptional Sailing Coordinator: Brian, Pontoon Managers Michael, Malcolm and John W. Sailors; Ted, Ragnhild, Jennie, John B, Ivan, Jim, Malcolm, Steve.



Registrar: Helen.
Life-jackets Ros and Wilma.
Radio: Tony
Time-keeper Denis.
Support Boat Driver: Warwick, observer: Paul, Photographer: Warwick and Kath.
Helper on the pontoon Corey and Marc.
Helpers on the deck were carers and families, thanks so much for this.

Who were the participants?

From Sargood: Michael and Jarrod with Seb and Jacob.

From Truscott St School: Liam, Harry, Tom H, Alex, Jeng-Wei, Jessica, Tyson, Ricky, Amanda, Tom, Sion, James D, James S, Savannah, Zara, Ruby, Riarna, Aryan, Lucas, Jazmine. These are 2 classes, with teachers Corinna and Carrie, and lots of lovely parent



helpers: Katherine, Geoff and others..5 of these students will be off to High School next year, after up to 9 years of coming sailing down at Manly....from when they were 'little kids', and now are almost adults.

Amber brought Sunnyfield: Ginny, Rodney, Krissy, Vanessa, Luke.Liam brought Scott.

Then Unisson French's Forest brought: Peter, Jess, Murray, Michael, Simon, Derek, Jess, Sandra, Matt, Steven, Nick and Vicki with helpers: Stephen, Vivian, Katie, Craig, Matt and Helen. Some of these did not sail, but enjoyed the beautiful summery atmosphere and morning tea.

Last of all Claire arrived with Kel, from Royal Rehab. This was Claire's first turn in a sailing boat, and after lots of trials to find the most comfortable position with the most suitable cushioning, Claire went out with John for a glorious sail across Manly Cove, vowing to return as soon as possible.

14.12.2019 Christmas Regatta.

Today was all about the planning, and deeply dependant on the weather on the day. Fortunately, both of these attributes worked perfectly together to create the perfect day. The weather turned on the best possible for our purposes, light steady breeze, a little cloudy so that it was not too hot, the smoke pollution seems to have decreased to manageable. The planning, which began almost 2 months earlier, was a wonderful achievement. We had every boat filled with skippers and crew, with a few spares on a list, in case anyone became ill...this is the essence of planning, and we needed to use the spares at the last minute for this very reason.

Pam and Bruce were our oh so dependable Race Officers, the crew on Charlie's Chariot was superb, thanks, John, Matt, Gabe, Margaret, and our boat crews all turned up in time for the race.

Denis and Ivan in Woody, Michael and Ros in Ralph Newman, Jackie and Jennie in Alex Martin, Fiona and David W in Black Swan, Ken and Warwick in Eli D, Ian and Kristoff in Vin, Ollie and Helene in Dolly Wallis. David G took Clea on Alan's behalf, and Judith was faithfully out there in Alan Wood.

As usual, it took some time to set up the course and get all the boats loaded and out there. Once this was done, the races were started.

There was some very serious racing, and some not so serious pranks to make the racing interesting. Photos were taken by a number of people and compiled into one album.

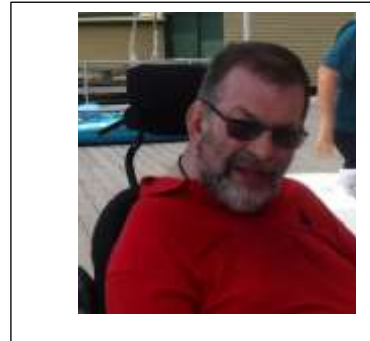
Results of the days racing:

1st Place: Jackie and Jennie in Alex.

2nd Place: Michael and Ros in Ralph Newman.

3rd Place: Denis and Ivan in Woody.

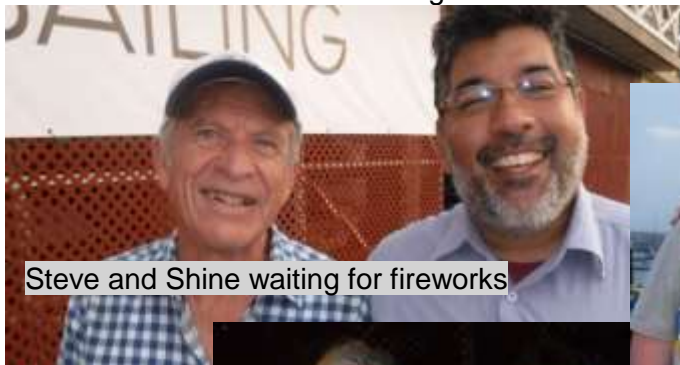
The other places are important only by the amount of fun the crews had over the racing, and the delicious lunch that followed, purchased and compiled by Colleen and Helen, and swiftly transported down to Manly Yacht Club to be consumed while it was still cool. Thanks so much to Ken for organising it all, to our Race Officers, setters up, and to the supporters who turned up. Also to Crosbie, sitting in his lounge room more than a kilometre away, and taking the distance photos, and the camera men out there in Charlie's Chariot, Matt and Margaret.



New Year's Eve 31st December 2019



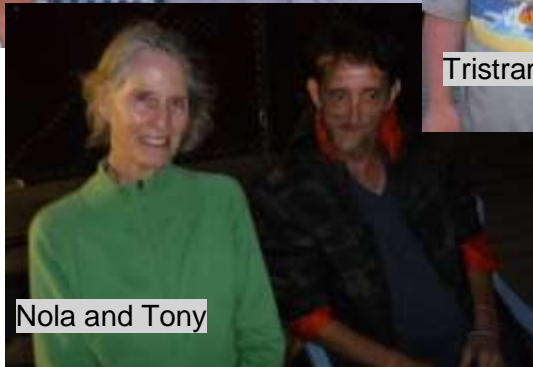
There were decisions to be made today by the highest of decision makers in the state, whether to go ahead with the Fireworks Night as planned, or to cancel it because of the bush fires that had completely taken over NSW, and caused several deaths, loss of property, and animal deaths....not a good omen for 2020.



Steve and Shine waiting for fireworks



Tristram Road guests



Nola and Tony

At last, they decided to go ahead, so a reduced number of people made their way to Manly Yacht Club and other venues to get together in a rather sober mood to welcome in the new decade.

The fireworks themselves were magnificent, and in spite of the general mood, a wonderful welcome to the New Year. Warwick was there with his family, the team from Tristram Rd, the group from Freshwater House, the Demeny Family, the Long Family, the Le Bretons, and others from Manly Yacht Club, too numerous to mention.

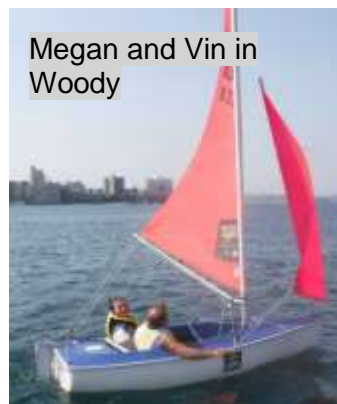
A lovely start to 2020

4th January 2020

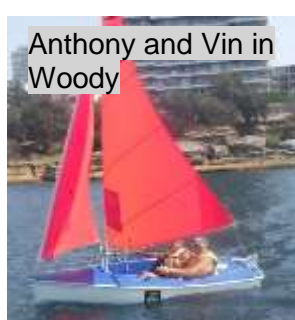
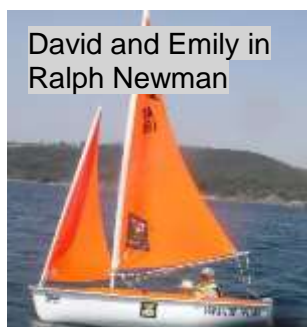


Probably the coolest part of NSW was the venue for a sailing day at Manly. A few people had called and said they could not come down to sailing this morning because of the extreme heat forecast, and the bush-fires raging close to them, so we were limited in numbers of volunteers, as

well as participant sailors expected.



Jim took charge of the pontoon, making sure all boats were rigged ready for the expected high winds later in the day, John took Charlie's Chariot duties with Ken as observer, and Ragnihild along practising her skills ready for her license test. Sailors Ivan, Vince, Michael, David, Mal took the boats, Tony took over the radio, Lyn was time keeper, Nola was her usual expert self on the pontoon, Denis stayed up on the deck helping there, so everyone was kept extremely busy. Marc arrived in time to help put the boats away when the wind became too strong for us to sail any longer.



Judith was down there for her regular sail in Alan Wood, David, Emily, Anthony came from Sargood, Judy from Wandella, Helen and Rebecca from Terrey Hills, Danny arrived with David but elected not to sail as the warm weather was disturbing him. David had a trial sail with Mal, proved himself more than capable then took his daughter, Emily for a sail.

Altogether, a really good morning sail, and just enough helpers to make it viable.

A Whopping Wonderful Wednesday 8th January 2020

A slight error in observation made today a great sailing day. At around 6.00 a.m., looking out of the window seemed that there was a low fog that would burn off during the morning. As it happened, it was a very heavy smoke-cloud, which caused a mysterious feel to the view well into the afternoon, and made a lovely quiet atmosphere with sound absorbed into the gloom. If I had realised it was smoke, I would have cancelled the day, but as it was, we just breathed in the smoke, and went ahead with sailing. The breeze was perfect...a steady 20km per hour flow, with occasional gusts to add interest and excitement.



Ellis with Jonathon

Richard was first to arrive after the boats were all in the water, with David and Anthony requesting a boat to sail in.



John in Charlie's
Chariot with the perfect
smile

Sunnyfield was next, with helpers Glenn and Barbara. Kane, Vanessa, Krissy, Anna had a great ride, and just arrived back when our new group arrived from the Penrith area...New Haven Farm was the name of the group, with Stephanie in charge. Tony and Peter loved the sailing, and the 2 others sat quietly on the deck and watched the beautiful scenery that is Manly Cove.

Next, St Ives Unisson arrived with the lovely Leesa, Elias, Paul, John, Malcolm, Ollie, Kath, with helper, Andrew and others.

Last group to attend were Achieve, whose names am still trying to chase up.

Our wonderful team of volunteers today, was:

Super Sailing Coordinator: Ragnhild

Pontoon Manager: David W

Support Boat Driver: Warwick, with observer, Corey and Photographer extraordinaire: Jennie.



Steve with Elias

Sailors: Denis, Ted, Brian, Ivan, Jim, John, Steve, Ellis, Michael

Help up on deck: Helen, Ros.

Wonderful supporting helpers on the pontoon: Nola, Ken.

The teamwork was absolutely superb, and enabled speedy changeovers, and efficient use of our resources.

Saturating Saturday, 10th January 2020

The team was out there again for the third time this week.

We were hosts for a group of famers and their families from the Gunnedah Area of NSW, hosted by Northern Beaches Council, and staying at Royal Far West for the week for a little R&R from their drought stricken properties.

Our magnificent team of helpers: Warwick, Ken, John, Tony, David w and David G, Tony, Donelle, Jim, Mal, Helen, Ellis, Teudt, Denis, Michael, Ivan and Malcolm fronted up for more, alternating between rigging, sailing, Power Boat driving, cooking, eating, having a great deal of fun, and then putting it all away at the end of the day.

We were so glad to be visited by several councillors from Northern Beaches Council, as well as their



workers; David, Stephanie and Bev. Candy, Penny, Sarah, David and others were the councillors who came down to join in the fun.

The plan was to get wet, have fun, forget their troubles, and have a whole lot of laughs.

First of all we needed water pistols in each boat, including Charlie's Chariot, bailing buckets for extra ammunition, and people prepared to get wet. Owing to the perfect weather conditions, all of these aims were fulfilled, and the fun was enormous!!!!

Three Gavel children, their Mum and Dad; Naeve, Eamon, Annalise, Lewis, Angelica Martin and Dad, Peter; the Rose family, Sonia, Georgia, Charlie, David; and last of all the D'Hudson Family, Keli, Hubert, Will, Gemma, had an enormous day...getting wet, enjoying the scenery and the wonderful food prepared by Helen and Donelle.

After the supreme battle for premiership of the water pistols, a swim, and huge feed, the children wandered across for a swim at the beach, while the parents enjoyed a drink at the 16ft Skiff Club.

Beautiful photos of today's battle of the water pistols were taken by Ken, from Charlie's Chariot.

Another Wonderful Wednesday,



Ragnhild has her powerboat license



Members of our wonderful crew

22nd January 2020

This morning our perfect team arrived early to put out the 7 303's, ready for the groups who were booked in for today.

Sailing Coordinator Extraordinaire, Jennie; Charlie's Chariot Driver, Ragnhild with observer Corey and Photographer, Ken were out in the wild blue yonder, while sailors; Steve, Ivan, Warwick, Ted, Michael, Malcolm, Peter, Denis, Ellis, Helene, readied the boats.

Registrar, Helen, Life-jackets; Ros and Donelle, Pontoon Manager, Tony with help on the pontoon by Brian made sure everything ran smoothly. The weather was perfect for our morning sail, bright sunshine, a steady South Easterly keeping things cool on the water, and eager participants made it a pleasant run.



Ossie and Peter in Eli D



Sifa and Ellis in Vin

Stephanie brought Jack and Chelsea, Mike brought Will for his first adventure on the water, Mike, Alex and Vicki from Sunnyfield brought experienced sailors, Vanessa, Kane, Krissy, Anna and Michael.

Jacob, from Sargood brought Pat, then Katherine brought Scott. Laura and Mark from Unisson French's Forest brought Michael, Peter, Sifa, Murray, Warren, Natty, Vicki, Derek.

Derek was extremely brave today, taking to his sailing with great aplomb, and without a complaint



Scott and Peter in Vin

Then Adam and Kel arrived from Royal Rahab with keen sailor, Clare.

We also had a new helper, Nikki, experiencing a ride on Charlie's Chariot, then a short run on a 303 before helping with the put away, and declaring that she will be back for more soon.

All in all, a very satisfying morning for all concerned.

Australia Day Regatta, 27.1.20.

Monday, 27 January 2020 and a fine sailing breeze for the Sailability Australia Day Regatta – yes, not strictly on Australia Day, but it gave everyone a chance to enjoy the actual day's activities and then still participate in the regatta the next day.

Seven Hansa 303s were rigged from 8am (...ish) onwards and all boats attended the start line in good time for their 10am warning signal. The Race Committee chose the popular course 2 ... the triangle course, and this remained the course for all 3 races.

Pre-start crashes notwithstanding, the **first race** started at 10:05 with Denis and Ivan on *Woody*, firmly in the lead, with Ragnhild and Nikki in *Ralph Newman*, hot on their heels, eventually achieving 2nd place behind the gun *Woody* crew, with Peter and Juliette on *Eli D*, 12 seconds behind in 3rd place.

Race 2 was a tightly contested affair with the boats placing 2nd to 6th with only 10 seconds between them – that kept the race committee on their toes! *Woody*, less than a minute in front of 2nd place took the second bullet. This time Michael and Ros on *Alex* came 2nd and with only a second between them, *Ralph Newman* shot across the line next, closely followed by *Dolly Wallis*, *VIN*, *Eli D* and *Black Swan*. A good effort by *Ralph Newman* who had a shocking start and was port tacker all along the start line.

The **last race** saw a drop in the breeze after the start, but still there was some good close racing. *Woody* finished first, next Emily and Ben in *VIN* crossing the finish line in front of Michael and Ros in *Alex* less than a second in it! Emily is a past MYC junior, and this was her first sailing day skippering a Hansa 303 – so, well done.

Woody, with 3 firsts wins the day. *Alex* on 9 points and *Ralph Newman* on 11 points are 2nd and 3rd respectively. Fourth place went to *VIN* on a countback with *Eli D* on 13 point each, followed by *Dolly Wallis* and *Black Swan*.

Most of today's helpers were also crew for the boats. A huge thank you to Colleen and Betty, who slaved in Colleen's kitchen for a couple of hours, then brought lunch down to be eaten on the deck after the racing was over. Also to Maz and Grahame, our Race Officers for the day, and our Charlie's Chariot Crew: Warwick, Malcolm, Ken. Thanks, Ken for the lovely photos. Peter was perfect on the radio.

Boat crews for today were: Denis and Ivan in *Woody*, Michael and Ros in *Alex*, David W and Fiona in *Black Swan*, Peter and Juliette in *Eli D.*, Ragnhild and Nikki in *Ralph Newman*, Emily and Ben in *Vin*, Peter and Ollie in *Dolly Wallis*.



Thank you so much to our sponsors:

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