

# Signals from Sailability Manly

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## Patrick Alexander.

We were so sorry to say good-bye to Patrick Alexander this month.

Patrick was with Sailability Manly since around 2002. In August, 2005 he became our President for 2 years, then became the Treasurer from 2005 all the way up to his passing away, in June, 2019.

He was always down at Sailability as a sailor and Support Boat Driver during his more active years, and for the last 4 years or so, just concentrated on his Treasurer role, as he physically deteriorated.

We have always deeply respected his judgement of our financial matters, and he took this aspect of his role with deep sincerity. It will be such a change for us to have to think about this aspect, that we will miss him even more.

His wife, Rosalie and daughters Katrina and Henrietta have also supported us in many ways, and I hope we will retain this support for a while longer.

## Membership fees are due

Membership fees remain the same for the coming season. If you are uncertain whether you have already paid for this year, 2019 to 2020, please check with Helen.

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Individual Membership, which encourages people to sail on any of the published dates costs \$30.00 for the year, starts in July 2019 and finishes in June, 2020.

For families who like to sail together, the cost is \$45.00 a year.

The membership form is provided on the last page of this edition of Signals.

## Election of Officers for the coming year will take place on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August.

What a wonderful organisation is Sailability NSW Inc, Manly Branch. It is great that we have a very strong committee that meets each month for a short meeting at Balgowlah Totem. These meetings take place at 6.30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month.

We would not be able to do the fabulous work we do without a constantly changing committee to keep us awake and active. Generally, we do not change positions often, just add people to help in each role, which leads to a natural progression in our committee. We always need a few more people than the main roles of Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Roster Manager, Webmaster, Membership Secretary, etc so that there is never a problem of attrition, when there is a person primed to take over each role as it becomes vacant.

If you have time and are interested in coming on our committee, you will be most welcome. Please attend our meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 at The Totem Club, Balgowlah and launch yourself onto our committee. Please contact Warwick ([warwickmckenzie@yahoo.com.au](mailto:warwickmckenzie@yahoo.com.au)) or Eli ([eli@manlysailability.com.au](mailto:eli@manlysailability.com.au)) if you would like to be a member of our committee.

## *Groups we will be supporting in July, August and September.*

Trilogy Disability, JARBEL, BIRDS, BeeCosWe Care, Choose and Connect, Unisson St Ives, UNisson Pymble, Royal Far West School, Arranounbai, Achieve, Rap'nRave, Sargood, Tramway, Washington House, Sunnyfield Allambie, AFFORD, Housing Connection, Balmoral House.

These groups will still receive a reminder of their Sailing Days by Email, one week ahead of the day.

Volunteers will receive a reminder 2 or 3 days before the Sailing Day they have nominated to be on the roster.

## *Dates for July, August, September, 2019.*

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Who?</u>
Saturday	13th	July	Booked groups
Wednesday	17th	July	Booked Groups
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	July	Booked Groups
Saturday	10th	August	Booked Groups
Wednesday	14th	August	Booked Groups
Monday	26th	August	Booked Groups
Saturday	7th	September	Volunteers only
Wednesday	11th	September	Booked Groups
Saturday	21st	September	Booked Groups
Wednesday	25th	September	Booked Groups
Monday	30th	September	Booked Groups



## *Repairs to Pontoon.*

Our pontoon was built by volunteers around 18 to 19 years ago. It was showing signs of age, with a few bouncy planks, and a slight slope on the western wing. Finn, from Manly Sailing was extremely concerned that repairs needed to be carried out urgently, so he organised a small team of Sailability Volunteers, himself and his work-mate Scott. Between them, they planned the materials needed, rounded up tools, and arrived at the pontoon during the week starting

17<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks so much to Finn, Scott, John P, Warwick, Peter. This very small team managed to get all of the repair work completed in less than a week, with the exception of a small section on that Western Wing that will need structural repair. This section is now taped off, and cannot be used until the repairs are finished. So much hard work was undertaken there was not time for photos. This one was taken after the event.



### *A Winter Saturday 8th June 2019*

We made a late start this morning, mainly because we are getting close to the shortest day of the year, dark until 7.15, and completely overcast by the fog that was closing the harbour. On top of this, it was the June long-weekend, and several of our volunteers were on a short break. In spite of this, our regulars:

Tony, Denis, Michael, Ken, Ivan, Vince, Olly, Jackie, Eli, Elan and Jim came to help any sailors who turned up have a gorgeous day.

Jobs were shared and interchanged as the day demanded, enabling Danny and David, Daniel, Vanessa, Kerrie, Anna, Judy, Adonis, Bec and Judith to have a long, calming sail around Manly Cove. We were very happy to meet one of the new volunteers, Nola, who will be making decisions about when she is able to help.

It also helped to brighten up the appearance of Manly Cove when our brightly coloured little Hansas took over the waterway of Manly Cove.



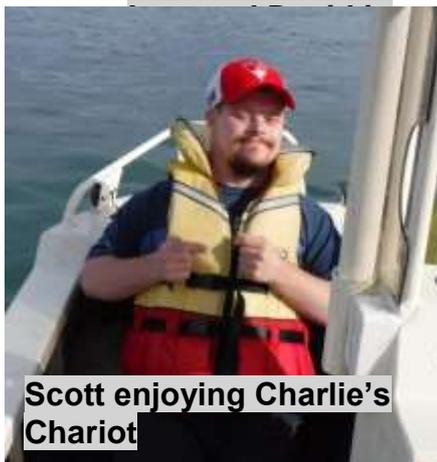
**Brightening Manly Cove**



**Judith concentrating in Alan Wood**

## Windless Wednesday 12th June 2019

Our fabulous helpers arrived early this morning to get everything set up for a lively day's sailing. Nothing turned out the way we planned, but that wasn't a deterrent, as we have a support boat that can move through the water on a windless day, so some people got a turn being towed around in the boats, others rode in style and checked out the continually changing wild life to be found in Manly Cove.



**Scott enjoying Charlie's Chariot**



**Tamara and Malcolm in Vin**



**Peter from Sunnyfield**



**Michael and Batman in Black Swan**

Brian was the Sailing Coordinator, Helen the registrar, Peter the Charlie's Chariot Driver, and Ken, then John the observer. Corey was the Time-keeper and Tony the Radio Operator. Life-jackets were organised by Tamara. Sailors Ted, Michael, Rob, Jim, Ivan kept the boats moving on the water either by paddle, sail or towing, and lots of people enjoyed the ride on Charlies Chariot. A great team for our participants from the community; Scott and David, then from Sunnyfield Allambie, Peter, Ginny, Krissy, Tamara, Anna from Unisson St Ives,



**The smiling seal!**

then Kath, Oliver, John, Nancy, Elias (Batman), Paul, then Margie, Brendon, James, Charley from Pymble Unisson.

A great day made better by our willing helpers and carers.



**Paul and Charlie**



**James, Kath and Margie**

Monday washout was only suitable for a cuppa and a chin-wag in the club house. Eli's optimism shone through with the early morning message announcing that sailing was on as the sun was expected to shine by 9:00 am! The clouds got darker, the rain poured down, and we sipped our tea, a little bemused that one could have ever thought about sailing on such a day! A good day for ducks! It was great to see the volunteer team turn out – in rain, hail or shine! It's great to be part of Manly Sailability!

### *Thank you so much to our sponsors:*

• David Webb \$1000 for radio and extra bits and pieces
• Betty and Peter Baines \$1000 for membership subsidies and Volunteer Recognition Evening
• 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 for registration.
• Manly Yacht Club
• Lion's Club of Manly, \$2,000 towards maintenance of Charlie's Chariot
• Warringah Mall Community Club \$500
• Balgowlah Masonic Lodge: Donation \$3,000
• Bendigo Bank: New Marquee \$1533.40
• Cromer Golf Club: Hansa 303 Black Swan
• Cerno Insurance: Hansa 303 Vin
• Alice Cleary's Running Team, Membership for BIRDS and Royal Far West.
• Total Physiotherapy Sponsorship for Signals.
• Lynette Gould Ruffled Painting bought Stabilo Equipment

### *The Committee of Sailability Manly 2018 -2019*

President: Warwick McKenzie	Vice President: David Webb
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