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Rain Rain Go Away! by Candice Novello

It's been a wet one! We've seen the Northern Beaches been drenched again this month with down falls causing some flash flooding. Manly has especially taken a hit from some of the wild weather, with huge swells and flooding on the roads. We hope everyone is safe and sound and we're looking forward to some sunny days so we can go ahead with all our scheduled sailing days in the coming month. Don't forget to check the website on the [bookings section of the website](#) to make sure sailing is going ahead on the day.

March saw the celebration of **International Women's Day** and the annual Helly Hanson **Women's Day Regatta!** It was an exciting few races with a light breeze and positions changing throughout the course. A big congratulations to Jackie and Caroline who came 1st in the final placing and well done to all the other ladies who competed! Also, a massive thank you to everyone who came down to support the race and help everything run smoothly. All the final positions and teams can be viewed below.

Our 26th annual **Volunteer Recognition evening** will be held on Wednesday 4th May at Manly Yacht Club. We'd love to see you all there to have a chat, a lovely meal and also to present our **Volunteer of the Year award**. Please make sure you RSVP if you haven't already done so, details on how to RSVP are below. Volunteers, regulars, partners and carers are all invited to come along to celebrate those that make our organization special. The evening gives everyone a chance to relax and have a chat as well as highlight all the effort our amazing team of volunteers put into Manly Sailability.

Don't forget, participants and organisations can now **book online for sailing** now with our new website. It's so easy, just go to our website: www.manlysailability.com.au Click on **BOOKINGS**, select the dates you want to book, answer the questions and you are done. You will then receive a confirmation email of your booking. We want to encourage everyone to book through the website so please let us know if you have any questions.

We hope everyone has a safe and **happy Easter** these school holidays! Easter usually brings with it a mixed bag of weather but we are crossing our fingers and toes for a lovely sunny Easter weekend.



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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4th May – Volunteer Recognition Evening will be held on 4th May 2022 at Manly Yacht Club. Doors will open from 6pm with festivities kicking off from 6:30pm. The cost is \$45 per person and partners are welcome. Be sure to RSVP by emailing Eli eli@manlysailability.com.au before 25th April 2022. Places are limited to venue capacity so get it early!

Ku-ring-gai Council Senior's Expo

On 23rd March, with a great deal of help from a large number of people, we attended the Ku-ring-gai Council Senior Expo. The Expo was part of the Seniors Festival and included 40 stalls of local community organisations, with information about their activities and services for seniors in Ku-ring-gai.

Our goal in attending was both to celebrate Senior's week and to spread a little knowledge about Sailability Manly to the adjoining council area.

David drove Black Swan over to Turramurra Uniting Church where Black Swan was rigged in the back garden area for people to look at. We set up the table inside with brochures, photos and lollies to attract people to our table amongst the multitude of other organisations who were displaying their activities. It was an exciting day, with many people walking through during the day and choosing an activity they would like to attend.



Thank you, David, and all who helped with this project; Jeremy, Denis, Michael, Ken, Helen and Eli.

Thanks also to Ku-ring-gai Council for organising this excellent event as a way of spreading the word about available activities suitable for Seniors in their area.

Photo Below:
HH Women's Regatta
Photo Credit:
Marg's Yacht Photos



Sailing Dates - April 2022 to June 2022

2022				
Saturday	9th April	School Sailing	Holidays	General
Wednesday	13th April	School Sailing	Holidays	General
Saturday	23rd April	School Sailing	Holidays	General
Wednesday	27th April	General Sailing		
Saturday	7th May	General Sailing		
Wednesday	11th May	General Sailing		
Saturday	21st May	End of season Regatta		
Wednesday	25th May	General Sailing		
Monday	30th May	Monday Groups		
Saturday	11th June	Long Weekend General Sailing		

The Committee of Sailability Manly 2021 / 2022

President: Warwick McKenzie	Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator: Eli Demeny
Treasurer: Sue Marshall	Systems Coordinator / Covid-19 Officer: Ken Boyes
Membership: Helen Hendry	Safety/Maintenance: David Webb, David Goldner and Denis Linney
MYC Representative: Peter Ward	Group Liaison Officer: Caroline Holdstock
Minutes Secretary: <i>Vacant</i>	Race Officers: Denis Linney and Ken Boyes
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Extra Committee Members: Ragnhild Purcell, Jackie Morgan, John Weaver	

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Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors!

Macca, Freelance Electrical (0418 239 053): Contributed cost of labor when adding electrical power points inside cupboards
Britta Huttel: \$500 to help with starting up again
David Webb: \$1000 for help with trolley and cupboard builds
Betty and Peter Baines: \$500 for help with Mooring Repairs
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
Manly Yacht Club
Lion's Club of Manly: \$1,500 towards maintenance of Charlie's Chariot
Whitworths, Brookvale: Generous subsidy on radios and life-jackets
Balgowlah Masonic Lodge: 2019 Donation \$3,000
Bendigo Bank: New Marquee \$1533.40
David Goldner and David Webb: Improvements to storage, trolleys & cupboards
Phillip Long bequest: Membership for BIRDS and Royal Far West.
Lynette Gould: Ruffled Painting bought Stabilo Equipment
Federal Government: Grant paid for First Aid Courses
Northern Beaches Council: Supplied Parking Permits for our volunteers.
Northern Beaches Council: Grant for radios and radio training, \$1650.00
Northern Beaches Council: Storage for our boat & trailer
Hood Sails: Sail repairs and Lion's Club Logo.



Sailing Reports

Saturday 12th March 2022

This morning we worked well with a smaller team. Just 12 people managed to take 10 participants for a sail (bob around) on Manly Cove in the 'oh so light' breeze. Unfortunately, the breeze didn't lead to much sailing, so those paddles were out in force for a bit of fun splashing and getting around. Charlie's Chariot was obliged to give a few sailors a fast tow, and a few passengers who prefer speed, a fun ride. Our small team today was:

Jim was in charge of the day
Charlie's Chariot Driver: David
Registrar: Helen
Radio Operator: Ken
Sailors: John W, Michael, Helene and Jim

We also welcomed a new, very special Volunteer this morning; Francois! Francois has been enthusiastically speaking to the team all the way from France during the Covid 19 months. Unable to carry out his original plan of visiting Sydney due to Covid travel restrictions, Francois managed to arrive unexpectedly last week and is already volunteering with us. Excited to improve his English, he is a great photographer and will be an excellent asset to our Volunteer Team.



Sailing Reports

Wednesday 16th March 2022

Our extra wonderful volunteer team for today was just incredible! What made them so incredible? They all believed Eli's weather forecast for Manly, despite whatever storm centre they were living in at the time. And as it turned out, the forecast was fine for Manly although there with torrential rain streaming down in neighboring suburbs. We ended up with a wonderful morning sailing in the lightest of breezes, and we had enough hands to have 7 boats on the water.

Peter, in charge of the day, channeled up his super powers and directed from all over the place. John P was Pontoon Manager which was not an easy job today with one hoist for 5 lifting participants. Charlie's Chariot crew was David and John W. Deck crew included Ken, Brian, Eli, Helen and Corey who shared radio, life-jacket, registry and Parking Permit duties. Phew what a team!

Michael S went for a sailing lesson then helped on the pontoon. Our busy sailors were Jeremy, Peter, Denis, Michael, Steve, Jim and Jono which meant seven boats, seven sailors and no rest.

The people who had a wonderful time, either bobbing around close to the pontoon, or chasing the breeze out on the open water were: Dennis, Wade, Ben, Edgar, Sam, Riley, James, Emily, Tamara, Sue, David, Hanlin, Adonis, Rodney, Peter, Anna and Zoe.

Thanks so much to the people who came from the community, with their helpers, Sally, Pam, Georgia, Betty, Ashief. From Sunnyfield: Travers, Joshua, Keirle, Barbara and Tomoko. Thanks so much for your help and patience.

A class from Fisher Rd Special School with teacher and helper Sue and Sandy also came down. And a very special mention to the 4 small children who were terrified last time but bravely overcame their fears this time to take lots of pleasure out on the water.



Sailing Reports

Saturday 26th March 2022 - Helly Hanson Women's Challenge

Our women's crew, who were registered to race arrived early to Manly Yacht Club to rig their own boats for this important race. The race organizer was Ken, along with Denis and Michael helping out with rigging. Francois, Jim and Jeremy all looked after Charlie's Chariot and Bruce, Pam and Marg (photographer) jumped in the Race Officer Boat, Carlysle.



Image credit: Marg's Yacht Photos.

Registrar Helen and Eli the chef remained on deck to carry out their duties. Once the boats were rigged, they were launched, crewed up and set sail for the Western side of Manly Cove. The breeze was a very light South Easterly, demanding a short course so that three races could be run in the time allowed. There was plenty of jostling at the start but some boats had trouble getting over the line, leading to a race for positions at the front and different race for positions at the end of the fleet.

Below are the crews and final places after the third race:

Place	Skipper & Crew	Boat Name
7th	Ragnhild and Marren	Vin
6th	Helene and Libby	Ralph Newman
5th	Lisa and Leah	Eli D
4th	Catherine and Katie	Dolly Wallis
3rd	Sophie and Nola	Woody
2nd	Macie and Ros	Black Swan
1st	Jackie and Caroline	Alex

A wonderful series! Thanks so much to Bruce, Pam, all of the riggers, the boat skippers for Carlysle and Charlie's Chariot and last but not least, all of the ladies who entered for this race.

Sailing Reports

Monday 28th March 2022

This morning the weather was definitely on our side, except for a remarkable shortage of any breeze at all for most of the day....at least until we started to pack up at the end of the morning.

We decided to rig just 4 boats, as we were not expecting many participants because of the showers scattering in adjoining suburbs and have some volunteer practice sailing for our sailors who feel they need it. Also, we had a brand-new volunteer this morning; Joe, who we welcomed to the new experience of sailing.

Starting the day with just 9 volunteers and 4 boats seemed enough however as the morning crept on, more volunteers and participants arrived, so 2 more boats were rigged.

Total number of volunteers was 15 and participant sailors numbered 10.

Our Volunteers for the day included: John W, John B, John P and Jon S, Peter, Ken, Helen, Corey, Jim, Eli, Michael, Jackie, Joe, David and Francois.

Participants: Aruma; Eddie, James, Kyle, with Wayne and Denise helping.

BIRDS; Stuart, Danielle, Stephen, Graham, Alan, Brad, Carlo, with Lucy, Amanda, and Jenny helping.



Sailing Reports

Wednesday 30th March 2022

Today was a wonderful farewell to March. In spite of forecasted showers, we went ahead with our sailing today. Luckily the only rain came from the Water Pistols that were very popular among some of the children and a few of the volunteers.

We did have slightly stronger breezes than usual this morning, a very high tide and some waves in Manly Cove, which made sailing an interesting sailing for our participants as well as our sailors.

Crew for today:

Registrar: Helen

Radio: Corey

Rigging: Denis

Sailors: Johns B and P, Jeremy, Peter, Michael, Jim (chief of the water pistols), Steve and Brian.

Support Boat Driver: John W

Photographer: Francois



Sarah and Carmel brought their magnificent crew:

Frankie, Callum, Curtis, Issa, Oscar, Elijah, Arianna, James, Harley, Ally, Fui, Leo and Thapke. What a great time these children had in the rising breeze, water pistols and a bit of swell.

Also having fun were: Edgar, Riley and James from Fisher Rd School with helper Sandy. Then Ken came down from Sargood with helper, Ben. Hanlin and Zoe arrived a little later with helpers Aschief and Sally. Craig and Victoria brought Ava, Aurora and Lily from Royal Far West School. Betty brought Ben for a sail.

