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Notes from the Editor

This month we hosted both our Volunteer Recognition Evening and our End-of-Season Regatta which, between them, have underscored just how important every role is at Manly Sailability, both on and off the water. We're very lucky to have talented sailors among us, who have the skill and experience to take participants out safely under all sorts of conditions. But none of it would happen without all the volunteers working hard on the dock and behind the scenes, on administration, safety, maintenance... the list is almost endless. This month we celebrate the myriad ways our amazing volunteers contribute to bringing the freedom of being on the water to our participants.

May Photo Board

*William with David G
in Dolly Wallis*



*New volunteer Niall in
Charlie's Chariot*



*Matt with Jeremy
in Black Swan*



*The competition heats up in
the End-of-Season Regatta*



*Shane, out with Michael,
takes the helm of Vin*



Katie with Denis in Woody



Emma riding in Charlie's Chariot

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

May Highlights

Volunteer(s) of the Year

Our annual Volunteer Recognition Evening honours the contributions of all our volunteers, and especially those who have made an outstanding contribution. Amidst a party atmosphere at Club Totem, Balgowlah, we enjoyed a delicious three-course meal, and Jackie brought her trademark wit and humor to the role of MC, as the awards and celebrations commenced.



MC Jackie gets the party started



Sophie receives the Young Volunteer of the Year Award

Special thanks to the organising committee for a wonderful evening: Caroline (who also snapped all the evening's fantastic pics) Eli, Jackie, Nola, Nomusa and Warwick.



An attentive audience for the awards presentations

Volunteer of the Year: Wilma Johnson

This award recognises outstanding commitment to Manly Sailability and this year's winner, Wilma, represents just that. Over the past eight years she has worked away steadily on the dock, organising tea and coffee, helping with registrations and other admin, and jumping in wherever she's needed to support the day's operations.

Young Volunteer of the Year: Sophie Lintvelt

An award that's not given out every year, sixteen-year-old Sophie has demonstrated commitment to Sailability that goes above and beyond, continuing on long after fulfilling her Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteer hours.

Volunteer of the Year: Wilma Johnson

In 2015 Wilma was looking for volunteer roles as a way to give back to the community. At a seminar at Warringah Mall Library, she came across Manly Sailability and knew immediately that was a cause and a place where she'd enjoy spending her time. Wilma is one of our many volunteers who stick to dry land and, feeling that the sailors are the 'engine room' of Sailability, her award came as a surprise and delight. But Wilma perhaps underestimates the value of the contribution she makes: she's happy to do whatever is asked of her, and has a lot of fun taking care of things on the dock.

Her award is now on display in her home, and she sent a photograph of it to her children, who are very proud of her. Congratulations, Wilma!



Wilma receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award

Volunteer Award Winners

Jackie presented a series of awards to individuals who have made very worthy contributions in specific areas, recognising them with entertaining ‘trophies’. Look out for more on these champs and their stories over the next few issues!

Mr. Attention-To-Detail Award: Denis Linney

Nothing escapes Denis’ watchful eye. He can spot an incorrectly tied knot from the opposite end of the dock.

Mr. Fix-It Award: David Webb

There’s virtually nothing at Manly Sailability that David hasn’t built, fixed, or modified.

Most-Promoted Award: Michael Regan

Lately ‘promoted’ into State Parliament, our Patron and outgoing Mayor always finds time to support and promote Manly Sailability, no matter how busy he is.

Mermaid Award: Helene Francois

When a clutch of paddle boards are accidentally liberated on the cove, Helene will dive in after them.

Angel Award: Eli Demeny

In recognition of her 26 years’ unstinting service as ‘our greatest weapon’ and ‘the backbone of Manly Sailability’. With Eli stepping down from her administrative duties this August, the tributes flowed from current and former Presidents and Eli’s own family. Read more on those in our August issue!



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Spotlight on Our Members: Ben

27-year-old Ben has been a regular at Manly Sailability over the past few years. Although he doesn’t communicate verbally, Ben is very social and enjoys interacting with our volunteers. He comes with his mum, Betty, who is a generous supporter and gets almost as much out of the experience as Ben does, enjoying the atmosphere and rides on Charlie’s Chariot. Betty sums up beautifully what makes the experience so special for our participants: ‘No obstacle gets in the way of each and every client getting out on the water, and once out there, relaxation sets in.’



Ben with Denis in Woody

May Highlights

End-of-Season Regatta

The final regatta of the season was an eventful one. Seven crews took on a challenging 12-knot westerly wind, but only five made it through the day's three races and, after some fierce competition, a new winning pair triumphed.

A collision between Vin, sailed by John W and Ken, and Black Swan, sailed by Helene and Clare, early in the first race forced Vin to withdraw with a broken jib sheet lead. Three strong contenders quickly emerged, with a tight battle for supremacy in the first two races between Denis and Ivan in Woody, Ralph Newman sailed by Sophie and Victoria, and Dolly Wallace skippered by Steve with Skye as his able crew.

Woody took the first race and Dolly Wallace the second but before the battle could be replayed in the third race, Ralph Newman's mast snapped in the strong winds – the crew swiftly rescued by Charlie's Chariot. Dolly Wallis beat Woody over the line to win the final race, securing Steve and Skye overall first position in their debut Sailability regatta, with Denis and Ivan a very close overall second. Michael and Ros' consistent performance placing fourth in all three races bought them third place overall, while Sophie and Victoria, despite withdrawing from the third race, came an impressive fourth overall. Helene and Clare in Black Swan recovered some form by the final race, to place fifth overall, while Nola and Eli in Eli D placed sixth.

The morning was an enjoyable, if dramatic, display of our on-water skills, with many thanks due to John W for organising, Bruce and his team for managing the race, David W and Michael M on Charlie's Chariot, and all the volunteers on the dock who made the day – and the sausage sizzle – happen.

Overall Regatta Results

	Skipper	Crew	Boat
#1	Steve	Skye	Dolly Wallis
#2	Denis	Ivan	Woody
#3	Michael	Ros	Alex Martin
#4	Sophie	Victoria	Ralph Newman
#5	Helene	Clare	Black Swan
#6	Nola	Eli	Eli D
#7	John W	Ken	Vin

The fleet preparing to cross the start line




Dolly Wallis is clocked in over the finish line by Bruce



Ralph Newman is towed back to the dock with a broken mast

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 Jerem 

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 Sailing Dates

Saturday	10 th June	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	14 th June	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	26 th June	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	8 th July	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	12 th July	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	31 st July	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	12 th August	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	16 th August	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	28 th August	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	2 nd September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	6 th September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	16 th September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	20 th September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	25 th September	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	30 th September	<i>Bookings available</i>

Upcoming Special Events

Volunteer Training Days

Wednesday 7th June and Saturday 17th June
8.45am (for a 9am start) – approx. 11am

ALL VOLUNTEERS – whether you're brand new or have years of experience – please make **every possible effort** to attend **at least one** (or better, both) of these training dates. We'll be covering the responsibilities of all the different roles, as well as critical safety information, and updated standards on our practices.

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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: a 'Jelly Blubber' jellyfish who gave the appearance of being very curious about our pontoon!

