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Notes from the Editor

November 11th was a sailing day for us at Manly Sailability, and at 11am we paused to observe a minute's silence. Hove-to on the water with Alyse as my able crew, I reflected in that moment how lucky we were. November for many of us is the build up to summer – to party season and racing season, when life gets even busier. But for me it's also a month that encompasses Remembrance Day and Thanksgiving in the US, where I lived for a number of years – a time for reflection and gratitude. It's fitting then, that we held our Family & Sponsors Day this month, a chance for us to thank all those who quietly support our organisation and our volunteers.

November Photo Board

Graham, visiting from Adelaide with Peter



Lee with David W



Ken at the wheel of Charlie's Chariot



Matthew with Brian S in Black Swan



Paul about to be hoisted into a boat



Andy with Jeremy in Ralph Newman



Paul from Sargood

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

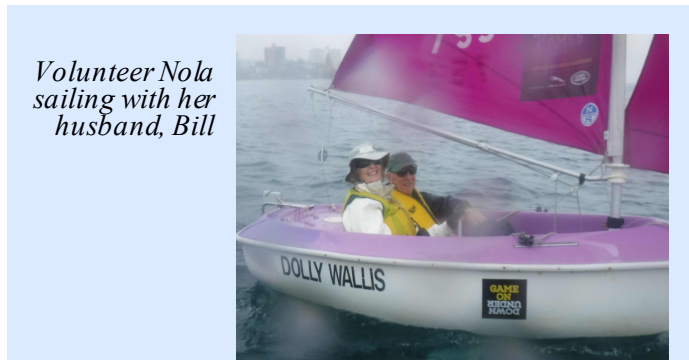
November Highlights

Family & Sponsors Day

The weather was not on our side for our Family & Sponsors Day, but the drizzle did not deter volunteers, families, friends and representatives of our sponsors from showing up and getting out on the water.

Despite all ending up rather damp, it was a real treat to be able to take our guests sailing and for rides on Charlie's Chariot, and the rain could not dampen the smiles. We had visits from Northern Beaches Council Mayor, Sue Heins, Peter Harley from Freshwater Community Bank, Nigel and Jenny from Manly Lions Club, and Dr Shue who is soon going to join us as a volunteer in addition to being a generous donor. We were also delighted to welcome spouses, children, grandchildren, parents, and friends of our volunteers.

Wilma, our Volunteer of the Year, generously made and donated lunch for everyone, which was served on the balcony of Manly Yacht Club, while Warwick and Mayor Heins thanked the volunteers for their hard work.



Volunteer Nola sailing with her husband, Bill



Volunteer Shelley with friends Ellery and Lia on Charlie's Chariot



Warwick, Mayor Heins and Eli drying off over lunch



Eli with husband, Ivan, and daughters, Dallas and Beth

Our First Lifetime Member

This month Eli was treated to a farewell lunch at Club Totem Balgowlah by the board of Sailability NSW, to mark her retirement after 26 years of service. Members of the board and representatives of other clubs were in attendance and many spoke in praise of Eli's contribution over the years. She was presented with flowers and a beautiful engraved glass sail sculpture, and was also inducted as a lifetime member of Sailability NSW.

That sparked an idea among members of the Manly Sailability committee – it was high time Eli was made a lifetime member of our club too. A vote was quickly passed and Eli became Manly's very first lifetime member with immediate effect. Congratulations, Eli, well deserved!

November Highlights

Award Winner Series

In May we announced the winners of our Volunteer Awards, and each month *Signals* will be featuring a different winner and their story. The final winner in our series is our Patron, Michael Regan, who recently made the leap from local government to state politics.

The ‘Most Promoted’ Award: Michael Regan

On the day we chat by phone Michael has just rushed from showing school kids around State Parliament, and is lined up to talk to a minister next. His new gig is very different, he tells me. He has had to get up to speed quickly on how to get things done, whom to work with, and the due diligence that the heightened level of scrutiny around lawmaking demands. On the flip side, no longer racing around the whole of the Northern Beaches from Manly to Palm Beach has allowed him a little more time to spend with his family and friends. But it's clear that one thing that hasn't changed is Michael's commitment to serving the community. An Independent since long before the 'Teal wave', Michael's focus has always been on getting people the best deal possible, and working with, not against, those in power to get things done. And he remains committed to supporting grassroots organisations like Manly Sailability – the fact that he took time out of his busy day to chat to me for this piece is testament to that. A big supporter of ours since he first became Mayor of Warringah Council in 2008, Michael says it's hard to say 'no' to any genuinely good cause (and concedes that it's also hard to say no to Eli)! He finds it humbling and rewarding to play a part in enabling Sailability volunteers to share their passion for sailing with those who don't have the ability or opportunity to sail otherwise – and that's the type of role he believes every level of government should play. We're incredibly grateful for Michael's continued support, and can't wait to see where State politics takes him.



*Michael accepting his award from Jackie
(image credit: Caroline Holdstock)*

Bon Voyage, Scott!

A very fond farewell to our webmaster, Scott, who is moving with his family to Kirra on the sunny Gold Coast. Scott has kindly agreed to stay on as our webmaster from afar. All of us wish you the very best in this exciting new chapter, Scott. Enjoy the surf!

Our ‘Green’ Mooring

Manly Sailability is proud to have an environmentally friendly mooring for Charlie's Chariot. The special design prevents the chain from dragging on the seabed, which allows seagrass to grow unhindered – a critical element of the marine ecosystem. These moorings require special attention to maintain and we are very grateful to David at Sea Marine & Diving in Manly Vale for extending a discount on its service.

Upcoming Sailing Dates

Saturday	9 th December	Christmas Regatta
Wednesday	13 th December	<i>Only a few spots left!</i>
Saturday	13 th January	Fully booked
Wednesday	17 th January	<i>Only a few spots left!</i>
Friday	26 th January	Australia Day Regatta
Monday	29 th January	Fully booked
Wednesday	31 st January	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	10 th February	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	14 th February	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	24 th February	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	26 th February	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	28 th February	<i>Bookings available</i>

Upcoming Special Events

Christmas Regatta

Saturday 9th December

Our annual Christmas racing event. Crews are set, let racing season begin!

Australia Day Regatta

Friday 26th January

Please reach out to John Weaver (jweaver172@gmail.com) if you'd like to sign up as a skipper or crew.

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@tebbutts.net)

Check our website on the day of your booking to confirm if sailing will be going ahead under current weather conditions

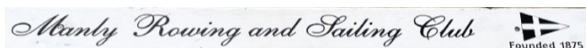
Our **Saturday sailing dates** are often the least busy, so can be a great option for a relaxed morning of sailing.

Notice of Race: 2024 Port Stephens Cup

Sailability Port Stephens extends an invitation to all Sailability Members, Volunteers and Friends to participate in The 2024 Port Stephens Cup on Grahamstown Dam, on the weekend of 9-10 March 2024.

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.

Our Generous Sponsors



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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: one of Manly's elusive Fairy Penguins.

