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Notes from the Editor

Despite the soggy conditions that prevailed this month, and the record number washed out sailing days, there has still been plenty going on at Manly Sailability. May marks the month where we pause to recognise the invaluable contributions of all our volunteers – and award those who have gone above and beyond. Traditionally we also mark the end of our racing season with one final regatta, but the weather put paid to that too. But our volunteers remain optimistic that June will bring sunnier days, and we'll be bringing freedom on the water to as many folks as possible through the winter.

Happy sailing to all!

May Photo Board



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

Annual Volunteer Recognition Evening

By Maz Radford

I, once again, had the great pleasure of attending the Sailability Volunteer Recognition Evening. President Warwick played Master of Ceremonies; Nola checked everyone in; Caroline took lots of photos and Eli made sure that everything would run smoothly.

After entrees were devoured Kim Preston Hiney from MP James Griffin’s office, said a few words and joked around with Warwick. Jim was next up to speak about his Sailabilty experiences and some of the highlight for him. Shortly before the main meal was served, Krysten Granville from Northern Beaches Council also gave a brief talk.

A choice of lamb shanks or bream for mains kept everyone quiet and when we had all finished eating, it was time to present the trophies:

- Volunteer of the Year** - Corey Nicholls
- Junior Volunteer of the Year** - Hugo Isherwood
- Sailor of the Year** - Sophie Lintvelt
- Improved Sailor of the Year** - Shelley Berning
- Wayne Black Trophy for Best Skipper** - 1st Sophie Lintvelt, 2nd Jonathan Schaffer
- Wayne Black Trophy for Best Crew** – Joint 1st Skye Fitzgerald & Clare Archer, 3rd Ken Boyes

The night concluded with a few brief words from me on behalf of Lisa and Manly Yacht Club. A good night was had by all.



Brian, Denis & Michael B



Volunteer of the Year: Corey Nicholls



Junior Volunteer of the Year: Hugo Isherwood



John W & Kerry



Jim sharing a few words



Sailor of the Year: Sophie Lintvelt

May Highlights



Race entrants wait for the official cancellation call



Volunteers tuck into an early lunch!

End of Year Regatta Cancelled

Our end-of-year regatta goes ahead come rain, hail or shine... the only exception being winds over 15 knots which make it too dangerous for our little boats. Sadly this year, those were the conditions we were faced with, so official race controllers Bruce & Pam Davis made the decision to call it off, with unanimous support from all the volunteers who had shown up regardless. We sat on the dock and tucked into the delicious sandwiches that Eli had made and the impressive antipasto platter provided by Shelley, with cake and chips set aside for another day. Many thanks to John W for organising the event, and to Bruce & Pam for being ready to officiate... and to all the volunteers who were willing to brave the conditions!

Sailability Volunteers Recognised at MYC Awards Night

Our friends at Manly Yacht Club host an annual Presentation Night, handing out awards in the different sailing divisions, including Sailability. This year, the Sailability awards recognised:

- Volunteer of the Year:** Corey Nicholls
- Sailor of the Year:** Sophie Lintvelt
- Improved Sailor of the Year:** Shelley Berning

Our representative at MYC, Peter Ward, said a few words and presented the winners with their awards. Congratulations to all!



Peter Ward presents Corey with the Volunteer of the Year award



Skye collects the Sailor of the Year award on Sophie's behalf

May Highlights

Lions Keep Charlie Afloat

We were very lucky to receive a donation of \$1500 from the Manly Lions Club to help keep Charlie's Chariot on the water. Our rescue boat is an essential part of our operations and we wouldn't be on the water without it. To keep it running, we have to pay for mooring fees, annual maintenance, repairs and fuel, all of which add up. A huge thank you to our friends at Manly Lions for their generous support!



Lions Club of Manly



Charlie's Chariot in action

Equipment Grant

In another windfall this month we've secured a grant from the Federal Government aimed at supporting volunteer welfare and funding essential equipment. We intend to use the grant for volunteer training, rescue equipment and a new camera. Well done to our Grants Officer, Nomusa, for securing this essential funding!

*Brian
repairing the
leaky dinghy*



Leaking Dinghy Repaired

The maintenance team at Manly Sailability has been hard at work again, this time repairing the dinghy that we use to row from the pontoon to Charlie's Chariot's mooring in the cove. The dinghy had been leaking but thanks to the good work of Brian and Warwick, her occupants will now stay dry. Nice work, chaps!

Upcoming Sailing Dates

All of our sailing sessions start at 9am and have a 'last sail' time of 11.30am.

Saturday	8 th June	<i>Only a few spots left!</i>
Wednesday	12 th June	<i>Only a few spots left!</i>
Monday	24 th June	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	13 th July	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	17 th July	<i>Fully booked</i>
Monday	29 th July	<i>Bookings available</i>
Saturday	10 th August	<i>Bookings available</i>
Wednesday	14 th August	<i>Bookings available</i>
Monday	26 th August	<i>Bookings available</i>

For **groups of up to 8**, you can book quickly and easily via our website!

Go to

www.manlysailability.com.au

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.

Upcoming Special Events

Membership Renewals

30th June

Membership renewals are now open for the year ending 30th June 2025. Many thanks to everyone who has renewed already, and a reminder to those who haven't to complete a renewal form, found on our website:

www.manlysailability.com.au/membership.

Please contact Steve if you need any help with the process: membership@manlysailability.com.au

Our Generous Sponsors



Lions Club of Manly



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