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Dates for your diary

Women's Challenge Saturday 17th March

We almost have our Regatta full as we speak. Just one more skipper needed, and a few male helpers for the day. If you are available, please contact Ken Boyes on kboyes@optusnet.com.au, or call Denis on 9939 0320.

The Sailability NSW Nationals coming up at the end of March, early April - the Easter long weekend. If you are interested in attending this important racing day, and representing the Manly Team against Sailability Branches from all over Australia, please contact Denis or Ken to register your interest now, so that we can organise the transport of boats and people to and from Kogarah Bay.

Volunteer Recognition Evening, Wednesday, 9th May, 6.00 for 6.30 p.m. at Manly Yacht Club.

A great evening for volunteers to meet each other socially, and for members to say a huge thanks to the volunteers who work so hard to make each sailing day a success. Please put this one in your diary now, more details in March Signals.

Other News.

Barry has returned to his home at Manly Vale Nursing home in Condamine St, Manly. He would welcome a visit.

Ray is almost ready to return home after his accident in December, 2017.

We will welcome an exchange student to Manly Sailability from Japan, in training for the World' Hansa Championships at Hiroshima which will be in October, 2018. Yui will be with us at Manly From late March to June, 2018.

Sailing Schedule for March, April and May 2018:

Day	Date	Groups
Saturday	3 March	Balmoral, Housing Connection, Sargood
Wednesday	7 March	RFW, Verne Barnett, SEALS, Sunnyfield
Saturday	17 March	Women's Challenge
Wednesday	21 March	DYIM, Unisson Pymble,
Monday	26 March	Freshwater High, Sargood, BIRDS
Friday to Sunday	30 March to 2 April	SNSW Nationals at Kogarah Bay. (no sailing at Manly Sailability)
Wednesday	4 April	RFW, Arranounbai, Fisher Rd, Achieve, AFFORD

Saturday	7 April	Booked groups
Wednesday	18 April	Booked groups
Saturday	21 April	Booked groups
Monday	30 April	Booked groups
Wednesday	2 May	Booked groups
Saturday	5 May	Booked groups
Wednesday	16 May	Booked groups
Saturday	19 May	Regatta

Story for Sailing on Saturday, 3rd February, 2018

Our wonderful volunteer team this morning was:

Sailing Coordinator: Eli

Pontoon Manager: David G

Support Boat Driver: Warwick

Observer: Mahleea.

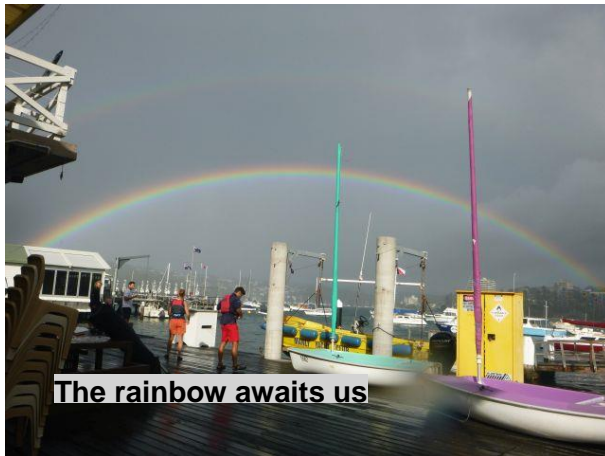
Radio and Time-keeper: Lyn

Life-jackets: Wilma

Help on upper deck: Ken, Nick

Help on Pontoon, Mitchell, Tara,

Sailors: Ian, Jim, Ivan, Scott, David W, Denis, Michael.



The rainbow awaits us



Jim and Ben in Alex

We were met with the most beautiful rainbow I have ever seen, and an incredibly busy deck with volunteers from Manly Juniors, Manly Sailing personnel as well as Sailability all working hard to make each activity a successful one.

Our boats were efficiently rigged and placed around the pontoon, and suddenly we were surrounded by our eager sailors for this morning.

First of all, Rap'n'Rave with their 5 participants, and helper, Carl, were suddenly there. Adam, Ben, Chris, Dan and Roslyn were loaded into boats and taken for a sail across the rapidly rising swell to the western side, looking for calmer waters. Unfortunately, the swell rose, the wind and tide came up at the same time, and it was a matter of very fast thinking, and sailing in the most comfortable way possible. I don't think anyone minded being wet, as the water was warm, but the strong swell had this group back on the pontoon in about 40 minutes.

Ollie, Ben, James, Anna, Ashley and Kerrie, with helpers Greg, Ted and Amin arrived and we replaced the participants, and asked that the sailing area be confined to the north Western area to try to avoid the swell.

It didn't take too long before our team decided that conditions were becoming too uncomfortable for any but our most experienced sailors, so Judy and Ian, Mitchell and Scott, Tara and Jim, Nick and Denis stayed out there absolutely relishing the strong conditions.

A really exhilarating morning for a great group of people.



Ollie in Eli D with Helene



David W and Ashley in Vin

Another Wonderful Wednesday 7th February 2018



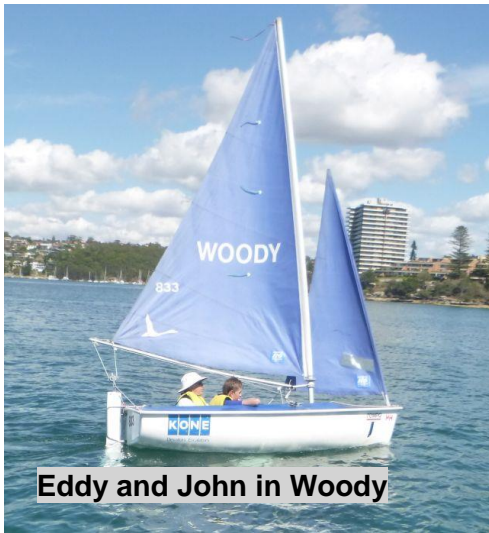
Rob and James in ING

Have we been stupendously lucky with the weather? This morning was perfect!!! Blue skies, a soft Nor Easterly blowing, and a wonderful group of friends to sail with. On top of this, Wilma brought some delicious slice to make the day run smoothly.



Elyce and Denis in Black Swan

Royal Far West could only round up Gemma and Anthony, so they started with a quick run around the bay in Charlie's Chariot, and when that was done, jumped into a sailing dinghy. In the meantime, a new sailor for us, Elyce who lives in Queensland and is down in Manly on holiday arrived with her Grandpop, Malcolm. While Elyce was sailing, Malcolm was taking photos from Charlie's Chariot.



Eddy and John in Woody

James, Eddie, Nathaniel, Laraugh and Jasper arrived next, from Fisher Rd School with teacher Rebecca. They were carefully helped into the sailing boats and off they went. Our mates from Sunnyfield French's Forest arrived next, with helpers Danny and Jess.



Steve and Anthony in Alex

Rodney, Luke, Adonis, Ben had a sail, as well as a ride on Charlie's Chariot for Rodney and Ben, and then our friendly SEALS Bart, Adam, and the lovely first, and went off in

arrived. Allistair, Tom, Zoe, Doug, Sarah, Jake, with helper, Olivia all chose to sail whatever boat was available.

Fiona, another new sailor Hannah. Because this is atmosphere and enjoyed she will be in there with where she wants to go, some stage be able to



Bart and Corey in Charlie's Chariot

for us arrived next, with helper her first go, Fiona just drank in the the sail. Next time, she promises the hands on the joy-stick, going within reason, and hopefully at take over the sailing.

Paul and Stefan came want to thank these last volunteers.

down with Julie and Alex, and we two for the great help they gave our

Our team for today was:

Sailing Coordinator, Helene.

Sailors: Rob, Ivan, David W, Denis, Peter, Warwick, Steve, John W, Jim, Michael.

Registrar, Helen. Life-jackets: Wilma, Radio and Time-keeper: Ken, then Ivan.

Power Boat Driver Extra-ordinaire: Allison with helper Corey.

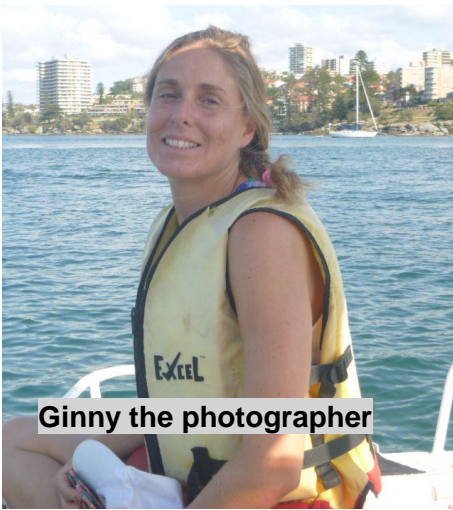
Ling Ling help up on deck.

Lots of help on the pontoon from David W, Jim, Michael when they were not sailing.

A Glorious Saturday 17 February 2018

The weather was perfect for us this morning, a light north easterly blowing, making life very easy for our sailors, and quite exciting with the quick gusts whipping across the surface every so often. James was the first down for a sail, followed by our Sargood team, Kaitlyn, Blaire and Dean. Daniel arrived with his helper and preferred to sit and take in the scenery before going for his sail, then Tim arrived from Trilogy, electing for a ride on Charlie's Chariot. Suddenly, we were very busy, with Vanessa, Laurie, Anna, Ashley, and Kerrie arriving, so that we suddenly had our 6 boats full. Then Ollie, and his friends from school arrived; Billy and Ryder. Sam arrived with Becca. We set up his boat with the 'whales tail' made sure Charlie's Chariot was on hand and off they went, followed by Judy and Matt. Last to go for a sail was Fiona, off for her sailing lesson with proud Mum watching from the pontoon.

None of this would have been possible without our fabulous team for today, led by the inimitable David W, who, as Sailing Coordinator kept everything moving efficiently.



Ginny the photographer



Charlie's Chariot team

Pontoon manager was David G, with pontoon staff Maleea, Jim Y and Scott.
 On Charlies Chariot we had Warwick, Ken, and Ginny with the camera.
 Sailors were: Jim G, Denis, Ivan, Caroline, Vince, Helene.
 Extra helpers for the clean up team: Jannie and Marc.
 New volunteers learning the ropes: Nikki, Brian, Philip, thanks so much for joining the team.

Deck crew: Lyn, Helen, Wilma, new chef today: Val.



Ivan and Daniel in ING 1598 HH

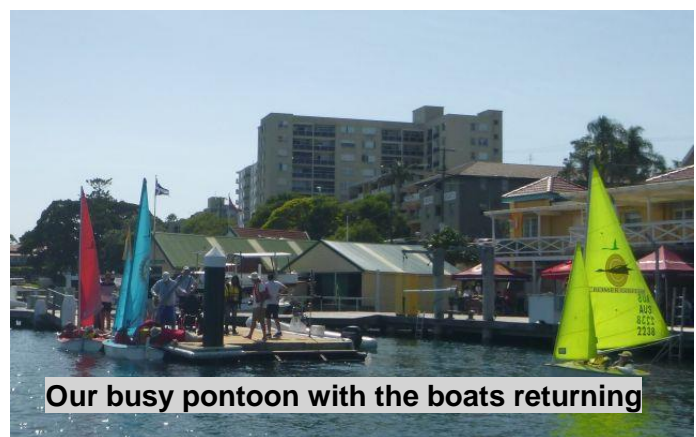
Carol, a very special guest, came today from Cascais, in Portugal. She just couldn't believe the similarities with her home club....same boats, same hoists, same sails, same wheelchairs, some of the people even looked the same. She has some lovely pictures and stories to take home with her.



Denis and Dean in Woody



Sam and Michael in Alex 1662 HH



Our busy pontoon with the boats returning

The Empty Cupboard Wednesday 21st February 2018

This was indeed an empty cupboard day..... there were no boats left in the boat room, no piece of equipment unused, no spare volunteers for a chat with the participants, just everyone working together to make it an amazing day for our participants.

By a series of coincidences we had a few more participants than we normally manage, and with



Steve sailing solo in Clea



Ruby and John W in Vin



Maria-Carmela and Peter in Eli D

everyone cooperating, everybody who wanted got a sail, a ride on Charlie's Chariot, and some lucky ones got both. This was because of a combination of the beautiful weather on the day, the dedication of our volunteers and the patience of our guests.

Our team for today starts with the incredible leadership skills of Sheila, our Sailing Day Coordinator.

Driving the Support Boat was Warwick, with Ken as observer.

Pontoon Manager was Eli, with help from John W, Kel from Royal Rehab, Tamara, a new volunteer, Ros, and Michael.

Sailors were: Ivan, Peter S, Brian, Michael, John B, Peter W, Helene, Denis.

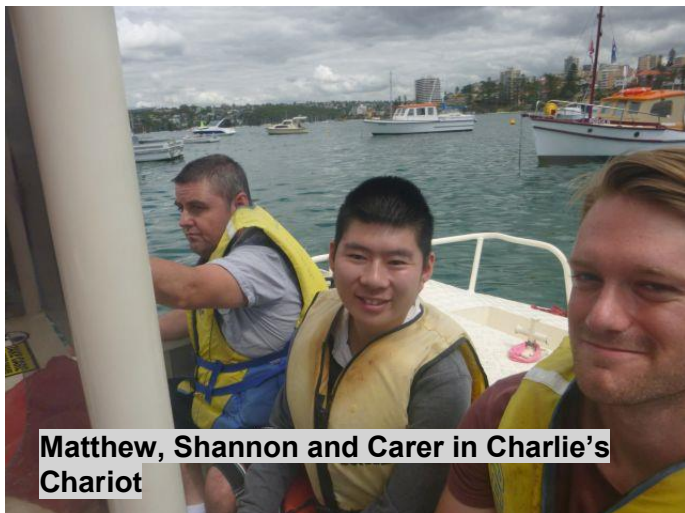
Registrar was Helen, Radio and Time Keeper; Corey; Extra help on deck: Tony, Ian, Marc.

What a team !!!!

The reasons for the empty cupboard were our 41 participants:

- 22 from Truscott St School: Emaan, Manvir, Tyson, Riarna, Jeng-Wei, Alexander, Mia, Rizwan, Harry, Zara, James, Jessica, Sion, Suel, Ricky, Maria-Carmela, Tom, Ruby, Jazmine, Annabelle, Ethan, Liam. We have had some of these students coming down to us now for 6 years, twice a year. Every year, a couple go off to High School and a few others join the group. Amazing growth has been seen in all, and they do love their sailing sessions.
- 2 from House With No Steps; Mikey and Ross.
- 8 from Unisson French's Forest: Adrian, Millie, Warren, Anthony, Stuart, Peter, Rhian, Vicki.

- 2 from Unisson St Ives: Leesa and Elias.
- 4 from Choose and Connect. Matthew, Chris, Rodney, Shennon.
- We had 2 people from the community: Johnathan and Zac
- Stephen came from Royal rehab and sailed solo for the first time ever.



Matthew, Shannon and Carer in Charlie's Chariot



Rizwan and Dad in Woody

What a fabulous group of people, waiting patiently for their turn and relishing it when it happened. Of course a huge thank you to all of their helpers, carers and family who came to enjoy the scenery and the morning tea, and ended up lending a welcome hand.

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