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Happy New Year! by Candice Novello

Welcome back and Happy New Year to our members and volunteers. We hope that everyone had a wonderful break with their families. And what an amazing start to the year it's been with some lovely warm weather and the temperatures finally feeling like summer.

Many of our volunteers and families brought the New Year in with a bang, watching the **Manly Cove fireworks** from our wharf. It was a quiet one this year compared to previous years, but the fireworks still went ahead and the weather was fine. Such a lovely way to unwind and celebrate the year that was. Thanks to everyone for coming down and enjoying the evening.



As we welcome our new Webmaster Scott Forbes, we will shortly be unveiling a **new look Manly Sailability website**. Scott has done an amazing job updating the site to be more informative and functional. Along with the new look, you will find updated information for Volunteers and Sailors, a new section for bookings, lists of current procedures, policies and instructions.

As a new feature, each sailing day participants will now be able to check the website to see if sailing will be listed as Going Ahead, or Abandoned Due to **Weather Conditions on the Home Page**. Our phone number will still be available to call through for this information.

We're hoping these changes might make life easier for some of our sailors and carers.

Keep an eye out on <http://www.manlysailability.com.au/> to see the new changes in the coming days. We look forward to hearing your feedback on the new site.

There's a lot to look forward to as we kick off the year with our 2022 sailing dates and **Manly Sailing Thursday Evening Series** continuing this year, see below for dates.

We hope to see all of you returning to sail with us and we can't wait for a fantastic year ahead.

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Dates for your Diary

Saturday 26th March – Women’s Challenge. The annual Women’s Challenge is coming up in March so if anyone is interested in being a Skipper or Crew, **please advise us ASAP.** You will not only be competing for wonderful prizes donated by Helley Hanson, but also for the coveted “Most in Class” trophy, which we held for many years, but now has been taken over by one of the Junior Classes.

Wednesday 4th May – Volunteer Recognition Evening. On Wednesday night we will hold our annual Volunteer Recognition Evening. Please **save the date** in your diaries and we will have more information to come regarding bookings, venue e.t.c.

Sailing Dates - February 2022 to March 2022

2022		
Wednesday	2 nd February	General Sailing
Saturday	12 th February	General Sailing
Wednesday	16 th February	General Sailing
Saturday	26 th February	General Sailing
Monday	28 th February	General Sailing
Wednesday	2 nd March	General Sailing
Saturday	12 th March	General Sailing
Wednesday	16 th March	General Sailing
Saturday	26 th March	Women’s Challenge Regatta
Monday	28 th March	General Sailing
Wednesday	30 th March	General Sailing

Thursday Evening Series - February 2022 to April 2022

We have a team of competitive sailors and their training crews racing in the Manly Cup, thanks very much to the generosity of Manly Sailing. Skippers and crews are invited to commit to this series, from 3.30 p.m. to around 7.00 p.m. each Thursday afternoon to rig, compete, de-rig and ingest a sausage sandwich. The sausage sandwich is optional, but encouraged. It’s a fun evening and a great way to put your skills to the test. Dates for 2022 below:

2022		
Thursday	February	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th & 24 th
Thursday	March	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th & 31 st
Thursday	April	7 th

Contact Eli if you would like to compete eli@manlysailability.com.au.



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Macca, Freelance Electrical (0418239053): 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
Cromer Golf Club: Safe parking for our trailer
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
David Goldner and David Webb: Improvements to storage, trolleys & cupboards
Hood Sails: Sail repairs and Lion's Club Logo.

The Committee of Sailability Manly 2021 / 2022

President: Warwick McKenzie	Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator: Eli Demeny
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Sailing Reports

Wednesday 1st December 2021

Where has 2021 gone? Not quite, but we are almost to the end of the year which has disappeared into Covid 19 and left us ready for 2022.

This morning the keen Wednesday helpers arrived to start what would become a lovely morning.

Sailing Coordinator: Ken, fresh from a month of helping with HSC examination supervising on the other side of Sydney.

Pontoon Manager: John W

Support Boat Driver: Warwick

Sailors: Rob, Jeremy, Malcolm, Michael, John B, Jim first of all with a short training session for Michael, Eileen and Ivan

Radio Operator: Corey

Life-Jackets: Wilma

Photographer: Eli



Participants this morning were: Jasper, Gwyneth, Dylan, Maia, Alex, Laragh.

Then Dennis arrived with wife, Pam, and daughter, Georgia, then Ben and Hanlin.

A lovely group for a smooth day.



Sailing Reports

Wednesday 15th December 2021

What a great team we had this morning!!!! Under the fabulous leadership of Jim, we had Malcolm, Nola and others on helping on the pontoon.

Sailors: Rob, Brian, Denis, David G, David W, Jeremy, Michael, rigged the Hansas

Launching off were Nola, Michael, Ivan, Ken and Candice while we waited for our first participants. Pam, Georgie and Dennis arrived, and were quickly accommodated with a Hansa, and a ride on Charlie's Chariot.

Helen was the registrar, Wilma organized life-jackets for all, Corey was the Radio Operator, Michael worked on the deck and the pontoon while wife, Ingrid and son Ollie went for a short sail.



We have so missed being busy for the last 7 or 8 months of lock-down that it was a real joy when our participants started arriving by bus and car.

Sunnyfield brought Kane, Vanessa, Ginny.
Sally brought Zoe.
Pam brought Dennis and Georgia.
Kylie and Ben brought Jan, Ken and Matt.
Annie brought Paul.
Joshua from Sunnyfield brought Peter, Tamara, Susan, David.
Ruby brought Warren, David, Sifa, Adam and Peter Rob.
Ashief brought Hanlin.



An amazingly innovative, exciting and enjoyable morning, and one that I hope is mirrored often in the coming year. In this way, we will have some new, young sailors to take over from the older generation.



Sailing Reports

Saturday 15th January 2022

This morning we welcomed new volunteer Leah Mitton! What a wonderful asset she is going to be to our team with her beautiful smile and extreme work ethic. After many months of correspondence and missed starting dates, Leah made it down to Sailability and impressed everyone with her willingness to learn and accept new challenges.



Warwick was in charge of the day, with sailors: Ragnhild, John, Michael, Jeremy, Helene
Jennie and Nola took over the responsibility of Charlie's Chariot
Dennis helped with life-jackets
Helen was the registrar
Caroline helped on deck and on the pontoon
Ken was looking after the radio, and the QR System

Because of the uncertainty about the weather and Covid hesitancy we had a small group of participant sailors and helpers. John's family came down to enjoy the sunshine. He took grand-daughter Gigi, and then Sophie, and later on Gigi had another turn.

It was lovely to meet Leela with Mum, Georgia; Fiona with new helper Krystina, Isabella and Sophie with Mum, Elizabeth. Eager for her first sail, was Libby, and at some stage, Ivan also had a long sail.

The weather helped enormously with the steady South Easterly Breeze which never became gusty, and the fact that the rain forecast stayed well away from us at Manly.



An auspicious start to a New Year which will hold some challenges for us all.



Sailing Reports

Wednesday 26th January 2022 - Australia Day Regatta

Happy Australia Day to our Sailability crew! This was a glorious morning to show off our skills to the hordes of people crowding the beaches, enjoying the scenery and appreciating the perfect day.

Support Boat crews were Pam and Bruce in Carlisle, the race boat, and Ragnhild, Kieran and Jim in the support Boat, Charlie's Chariot.



Race crews were:

Skippers: John, Jeremy, Jackie, David, Helene, Denis, Michael.

Crews: Ken, Ben, Caroline, Eli, Libby, Ivan, Nola.

Other helpers on deck and the barbecue were: Helen and Betty.

Pam and Bruce set up the course, kept time and started and finished the races.

Kieran, Ragnhild, Jim supported the boats on their way around the course, pulled up any misdemeanors and took a beautiful series of pictures of the very close racing.

Helen and Betty set up the barbecue and cooked a lovely lunch for us to be ready on our return.

After 3 races, final results were:

1st place: Ben and Jeremy. (Eli D)

2nd place: John and Ken. (Black Swan)

3rd place: Denis and Ivan. (Woody)

4th place: Jackie and Caroline. (Dolly Wallis)

5th place: David and Eli. (Vin)

6th place: Michael and Nola. (Alex)

Wooden spooners: Helene and Libby. (Ralph Newman)



Congratulations to the winners of the Australia Day Regatta and thank you to everyone involved for making this such a fun Regatta!



Sailing Reports

Saturday 29th January 2022 - Volunteer Training Day

This morning was a perfect day for sailing, a medium North Easterly and mild temperature. We had 10 volunteers at Manly Sailability today. We decided to run a training day as we often do to brush up on our skills, be more efficient and help new recruits learn the ropes (pun intended).

John Weaver took charge of the day, running through the basics of rigging the boats and then each learner sailor teamed themselves with a more competent sailor to take off into the water for some very basic drills of steering, tacking and gibing.

After a couple of hours of concentrated practice, we disembarked, tidied the boats well done and were satisfied everyone put their skills to the test.

Sailing Reports

Monday 31st January 2022

Our eager team consisting of Brian, Ken, Helen, Corey, Nola, David w, John W, Jim, Ragnhild, Eli, Michael, Denis, and Peter who arrived bright and early this morning and rigged the boats ready for a short training session before our participants arrived.

There was a very slight breeze tucked into the corner of the Yacht Club, but out on the water it was quite a pleasant 4 or 5 knot south easterly breeze, giving a good experience for our learner sailor volunteers.

Wayne from Aruma arrived with his helpers: Annie, Tanya, Jin, and Denise. Our participant sailors were: Paul, Eddie, Stefan, Kyle and James. After life-jacketing and fitting harnesses, these guys were off for a great sail with hands in the water and lots of smiles!

Slowly we are getting back to normal and its great to see everyone out and about in the community.

