



Sailability Bayside
 Is an all volunteer non-profit organisation dedicated to providing sailing for people with disabilities, regardless of age gender or disability.

DESPATCHES

SAILABILITY BAYSIDE

Sailability Bayside Inc.

December 2021

Manly Queensland

We Need YOU!

Like to join our fantastic friendly team of volunteers?

Come down and see us in action at Darling Point Sailing Squadron, 22 Trafalgar St., Manly. (beside the Brisbane Coast Guard)

We operate on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.00am during school terms.

New volunteers, whether you can sail or not are always very welcome.

CLIENT BOOKINGS

sailabilitybayside@gmail.com

CHANGES & CANCELLATIONS

Tel 0432 152 310

Bookings are not carried over. They need to be re-organised each term.

To contact Sailability on Sail Days between 9.00am and 2.00pm

Tel 0432 152 310

Will Sailing be operating?

Tel 0401 994 271

After 7.00am on the day of sailing

Sailing Calendar 2022

Start Term One:

Monday 24th January

End Term One:

Friday 1st April



ARE WE THERE YET ?

No one would deny that 2021 has been a rollercoaster year and many of us will be pleased to just get through to the end and reset the agenda for the move into 2022.

The sailing program at Sailability Bayside has had some modification to try and retain contact with our wonderful sailor clients during this time and whilst this required we suspend sailing for term 3, we have been able to finish the year with a flourish in term 4.

This has only been possible due to the dedication and energy of our intrepid volunteers who have persisted throughout this horrible period to maintain the fleet and the community spirit that will now carry us into the new year.

Thank you one and all for your support this year and whilst we are not out of the woods yet by a long shot, you have proved as a group that we can overcome most obstacles when we stick together.



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

COMMENCING 2022

At the commencement of Term 1 for 2022, Sailability Bayside will be requiring all who attend sailing days to have received their Covid vaccinations and have proof of their current status. This means that all volunteers, carers and clients will have to provide that information either via the Queensland Government "Check In" app or by a hard copy of their vaccination certificate before entry to the site will be approved. For clients in particular, this information can be provided at the time of registration for term 1 and then retained with their personal records for attendance during that period. This policy is necessary to minimise the Covid risk to both volunteers and clients as these groups are both considered particularly vulnerable to this virus. The policy will be reviewed again for the start of Term 2.

Vale - Michael Larner-Stone:



Michael and his wife Janet were regular Monday sailors in recent times after Michael suffered a stroke that severely affected his mobility. He was born in Tasmania and lived much of his life at Coles Bay where he raised two children. Michael was a marine engineer where he spent much of his life on trawlers and in latter times on the ferries to Stradbroke Island whilst living at Redland Bay.

Michael loved the sea and the time he spent sailing with us allowed him to enjoy that passion regularly. He passed away on the 6th December 2021 aged 76 years and we will remember him as a man who enjoyed his time on the water and for his happy smiling disposition. Rest in Peace Michael.

Is It All Worth It

We have the best volunteers at Sailability Bayside who come along on a regular basis and work their hardest to ensure that the sailing day runs smoothly and our clients have the most enjoyable experience for that day. The reaction we see in the faces of our "sailors" during this time is what causes us to continue with what we do, though sometimes after a hard day we might think, "is it all worth it".

Here is an extract of what a client provided to us in recent times for you to consider:-

From a wheelchair participant.

You bet it is. Once I feel safe and secure in the boat, it's a fantastic feeling. To be sat in a relatively comfy position and not have electronic and mechanical machines in front of my face, it helps me feel like a "normal person". Then there is the boat bobbing over the waves and I like the choppy days best, where the rolling motion is more intense and you get the feel of the salt water splashing on my face then drying. When the skipper turns the boat, it tilts down to the right or left and this is where the duckboard and pillows keep me safe and secure. On the choppy days, you get the excitement and mild fear as the boat tilts and sometimes the water nearly comes in over the edge. No need for concern though as I have been assured that these boats have excellent buoyancy and there is always a Support Boat close by. It is difficult to put into words my feelings of freedom and "normality" as I sit there relaxed as since my spinal injury, this is the only adventurous activity I have that I can safely and confidently participate in.

After 40 minutes, we return to the shore and the cumbersome restraints of my life in a wheelchair start again and I know I will be exhausted and sore for at least a day after, though "Is it worth it?", you bet it is. I know I am extremely fortunate to have my own modified transport with capable carers to allow me to participate in this awesome activity run by excellent volunteers.

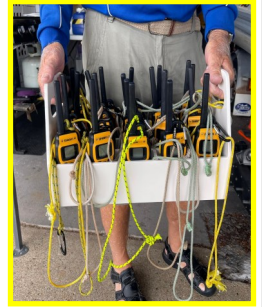
Joanna Fowler

Recent News

New Life Member: Sailability Bayside is proud to honour another long serving volunteer, John Gadd, with our highest award of Life Membership for his ongoing service to our organisation. John was instrumental in the initial processes to start Sailability at Manly Harbour and has over the years since, continued to ensure that there were sufficient resources available to maintain the momentum and grow the club into the success it is today. Thank You John for your commitment and dedication.



Radio Box: Hand held marine radios have been used for some time now to improve operations and safety with our dinghy sailing, where every dinghy skipper carries a radio to communicate with both the Officer of the day and the patrolling Support Boat. There is a need then for up to 20 radios to enable this communication and previously these were simply carried to and from the pontoon via a carry basket. Thanks to the Carina Men's Shed and two of our industrious volunteers, we now have a carry box for that purpose and it has been dedicated to a past volunteer, Ted Ball, who raised the initial funding for the radios. Thank You everyone involved with the manufacture of this innovation.



New PFD Trollies: Age and wear and tear has seen the demise of one of our original hard working life jacket trollies recently where we were in need of a replacement. One of our dedicated volunteers accepted the challenge to research the replacement possibilities and subsequently found suitable items available in the market-place. Not only did he find a new PFD trolley, but also a flat bed trolley to move the fold up tables to and from the seating areas that reduces time and labour with the set-up/pack-up process. Thank you Brian for your many talents.



Faith MOB: To expand the processes for the recovery of a man overboard from our yacht Faith, we have developed a purpose built sling that is attached to the starboard gunnel near to the stern, and is currently in the trial phase. It is hoped that this sling when deployed will aid in the recovery of a person in the water should the Support Boat be not in a position to aid the recovery. (The Support Boat is currently our designated means of recovering people from the water.) The onboard sling is intended to undergo some practical tests early in 2022 to devise a suitable method of recovery with this device and when developed, the process will be included within our training program. Thank You Tim and Ullman Sails for the sling.



Faith SMS: Faith is presently registered under a Department of Transport category "other Regulated Ships" and following recent discussions with Marine Safety Queensland, she will be required to comply with a new Safety Management System that is to be introduced state-wide in the near future. Whilst our current inhouse safety plan is comprehensive, the new regulations will require a more detailed record of maintenance, the person responsible for the vessel, crew and passengers and other criteria that will need to be carried onboard the vessel whenever it is in use. This record then has to be produced when requested by authorities at any time whilst the vessel is in use with a substantial fine incurred for failure to comply with the regulation.

Sailability Bayside recognises that there is a need to ensure the safety of all concerned with any operation, be it a commercial or charity enterprise and our Management Team endeavours to provide the equipment and environment necessary to sustain this position both in the past and into the future.

A Huge **Thank You** to All of our Supporters
Who ensure we are able to continue
Our Sailing Program
Into 2022



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