



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

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Sailability Bayside Inc.

May 2022

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 of Term Two:

Thursday 21st April

End of Term Two:

Thursday 23rd June

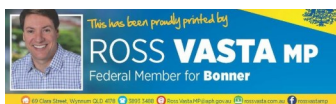


EASY RIDER/SAILOR

Mary here is typical of our volunteers at Sailability Bayside, in that she is in the saddle and keen to welcome our sailor clients back for the new term of sailing. Whilst the weather was very unusual last term with the periods of heavy rain, the conditions leading into winter are usually more favourable for sailing and we are all looking forward to the cooler temperatures now.

We are aware however, that our volunteers and clients are both categorized as vulnerable groups with respect to the covid situation and the attendance rules of Term 1 are retained for the time being.

Our volunteers are an amazing group who possess a wide variety of skillsets and come from many diverse backgrounds, though work together seamlessly to ensure the success of each sailing day. We are always looking for new people to join our volunteer group and sailing qualifications are not necessary. So if you know of people looking to share their time to give enjoyment to others in a picturesque location, please recommend the possibility of Sailability Bayside.



New Life Member



The highest accolade that Sailability Bayside has for volunteers who have given so much of themselves to grow and develop the organisation is the Life Membership award. At our recent annual volunteer's dinner, Richard R was presented with this award and joins the ranks of a special few. Richard first joined as a volunteer in 2008, when he was a member of the Lions Club of Capalaba and had been inspired to spread his community spirit even further. He soon involved himself with the management committee with his speciality in finance where he has been Treasurer over many years and also has held the role of Secretary. Apart from his managerial roles, he also is a certified dinghy skipper, a certified support boat skipper, a certified OOD and is also qualified as an OOD trainer to certify others into this role. Richard is always keen to promote Sailability in the community where he often undertakes to spread the word at public events, involving the transport of dinghies and display equipment and manning those displays. **Congratulations Richard. This award is well deserved.**

Thank You Volunteers Dinner

The annual dinner to thank all of our wonderful volunteers was delayed again this year due to the restrictions required in the community with the Covid situation. Usually occurring in January, it was April before conditions were settled enough to enable the group function and again it was held this year at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, Function Room. To add interest for the occasion, the theme this year was 'The Roaring Twenties' and the majority of people attending came suitably dressed. The judges choosing the best costume had a most difficult assignment though after some deliberation, finally settled on two couples, Peter A and partner and Sylvia and Peter T.

Volunteer of the Year Award: We believe that all of our volunteers are very special people and all deserve to be suitably recognised however Committee decided earlier this year to nominate people whose efforts had been prominent over the year past. A number of nominees came to light and they were:- Sue B, Mary C, Ross O, Nanette B and Kathy B.

The Volunteer of the Year on this occasion is:- Kathy B.

Long Service Awards: Sailability Bayside has now been operating since 2003 and we are fortunate to have people who have continued to volunteer over many years and we recognise those who have recently completed the following terms with a 'Certificate of Appreciation'.

10 Year Awards: Anja H, Nanetta Mc, Robyn R, Pat S.

15 Year Awards: Jim B, Barry D, Doug H, Michele L, Bill V.

We would also like to mention our local community leaders who continue to support our organisation, Ross Vasta, Joan Pease and Peter Cumming, all of whom contributed to the success of the night with prizes donated and words of encouragement for future operations.

Congratulations to all of our award recipients for

2022



Recent News

Maintenance Day: Monday 17th January had our energetic crew on site for the start of the new year, to unpack all of our equipment, carry out the necessary inspections and make sure all was in readiness for the sailing season. Yacht Faith was slipped at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron to have the hull cleaned, the life jackets were checked and replacements carried out where necessary, the dinghies were rigged and tested to ensure all working parts were in order and the kitchen and store room were cleaned and prepared, ready for another year of action. Both the Support Boat and Faith were then subjected to a venture on the bay with a few passengers to ensure they were as sea-worthy as possible.



Cooling the Kitchen: The kitchen area and the under-building area generally has always been a hot-box in summer and regardless of how many small fans were placed around, it remained steamy. That situation has now been changed with the purchase of a huge electric fan that recycles the volume of air under the building in about 30 seconds. It is a great innovation for our dedicated kitchen ladies with the only caution being to set the fan on low speed only. Any higher speed setting and section becomes a wind tunnel clearing any dust and dirt from every crevice.



Cash Register: Another innovation this year was the acquisition of an electronic Cash Register, that is not just a means of calculating sales amounts but for also dispensing printed receipts for customers. That alone is a great time saving feature for our volunteers manning the Registration Desk.



PFD Trolley Wheels:



The mobile timber closet for holding most of our life jackets and lifting slings has been with us now for many years and given great service. It was originally donated by the Rotary Club of Wynnum and Manly who remain staunch supporters today. Relocating this heavy piece of equipment in and out of storage each sailing day requires serious energy so that it was suggested that fitting larger wheels would be of assistance. Brian V undertook the task of replacing the wheels which improved the mobility of the trolley.



More recently, Glenn R has developed a wire sling towing cable that allows the Golf Cart to be used as motive power for both PFD trollies and we are now in the process of trialling this method to ease the physical efforts required by our volunteers.

Nesting Plovers: Our Plover family have been active again this year with the parents now into their second batch of chicks. Both nests were made right in the centre of the grassed area where human activity is at its premium. To reduce the risk of interference between birds and people, it was necessary to place high viz bollards around the nest which worked very well for all parties.





**CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERS DINNER
2022**



**Volunteer of the Year
Kathy B**

