



**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.**

**April 2024**

**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.

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### **CLIENT BOOKINGS**

[sailabilitybayside@gmail.com](mailto: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 2024**

**Start Term Two:**

**Monday 15th April**

**End Term Two:**

**Thursday 20th June**



### **SAILABILITY'S STRENGTHS**

Sailability Bayside has a wonderful crew of volunteers who devote considerable time to ensure our sailing days progress safely and in a manner that provides our sailor clients with the best experience on the water possible for that particular day. This requires that people with managerial skills fill key roles to process clients as they arrive and direct them through the various steps and place them into the appropriate boats in a timely manner.

One such person is Sylvia, who has been a volunteer with us since 2017 and has adopted the role of 'Runner'. Sylvia is very familiar with all of our clients and carers as she notes when they arrive and advises them when their time to sail is nearing so they are able to then don a life jacket and access the pontoon to wait for their boat. The 'Runner' position here is very demanding and requires an active person and Sylvia fills this role very well, helping the system work like a well oiled machine. **Thank You Sylvia**

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**Joan Pease MP**  
MEMBER FOR LYTTON

## Rammed on the High Seas:

Whilst on the subject of our wonderful Sylvia, some twenty odd years ago, she and husband Peter were on a sailing adventure around the world in their 14 metre yacht 'Saboteur', when disaster struck. At night, when off the Indonesian coast, a large ship that had been on a parallel course some distance away, was noticed to be bearing down on them. Peter started the engine to try and get out of their way, but it was all too late and the resultant collision snapped the mast of their yacht which was then dragged along the side of the larger vessel where a crew member was tossed overboard. In the aftermath, the larger ship stopped and lights were shone across the water, however they then continued on their way without offering assistance. The crew member was subsequently rescued from the water, no one was severely injured and thankfully the yacht remained afloat. With the voyage now in tatters, they were able to limp back to Darwin under motor power and 'Saboteur' was trucked back to their home town of Melbourne for major repairs. Disappointingly, the Australian Maritime Authorities were unable to locate the vessel involved with the incident, so Peter and Sylvia were left to recover from the situation as best they could and it is to their credit that have moved on to bigger and better things. Peter and Sylvia have both been respected members of Sailability Bayside now for many years where their sailing experience is called upon regularly and gratefully received.



## Volunteer of the year:

We believe that Sailability Bayside has the best group of volunteers anywhere and each year we find that some tend to stand out as a result of their efforts during this time. To show these volunteers that their deeds do not go unnoticed, we have awards that note their exceptional efforts and where they are nominated as candidates for the 'Volunteer of the Year' trophy. It is then a very difficult decision to ultimately decide on a single person who is to receive this award. The nominations for the 2023 year were:-

Linda Gallen, Pat Gaggin, Sandy Dorricott, Ian Reid and Tim Kerns.

Our congratulations to the Nominees who are all exceptional volunteers, though it was Ian Reid who ultimately won the coveted trophy for this year.



## Australia Day Rally:

The Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club, a long term supporter of Sailability Bayside, hold their Australia Day Car Rally at the Ormiston State School each year and this year was another outstanding event. Over 700 vehicles of all descriptions were on show with a tremendous crowd of people attending to enjoy the event. Sailability Bayside is BVRC's nominated charity on the day and our volunteers are always eager to attend to marvel at the vehicles, whilst also promoting our sailing program to all and sundry. Following this event, Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club presented our President Richard with a donation amounting to \$3500.00 in total, that resulted from the raffle held on the day as well as donations received from people attending the rally.

**A huge Thank You to Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club.**





## Maintenance Days:

Thursday 18th January was a regular Maintenance Day to clean and inspect our life jackets in particular, prior to starting our sailing program for the year on the 22nd January. It is always a great way to find out what everyone has been doing over the festive season and make sure we have our equipment ready to start sailing again with our friends with disability.



**Dinghy Repairs:** During Term1, we also found time to carry out repairs on the dinghy hulls. Most of our dinghies are now some age and constant use takes its toll on the surfaces, where they had numerous small dents/chips requiring filling and covering with an appropriate coating to maintain their structural integrity .



**Faith Hull Clean:** Our trusty yacht 'Faith' must also be included in the regular maintenance scheme, and she was lifted from the water at the end of Term1 to pressure wash the outside of the hull. The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron regularly assists us with this work and we really appreciate all that they do to make sure Faith is maintained in good condition. **Thank you RQYS.**

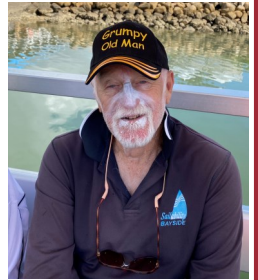


## Date Claimers:

Saturday 18th May—Community Celebration—Raby Bay—12.00 to 6.00pm

Sunday 9th June—Rotary Family Fun Day—Bandstand Park—10.00am to 2.00pm





# SAILABILITY BAYSIDE TERM 1

