



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

Sailability Bayside Inc.

July 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 2021

Start Term Three:

Monday 12th July

End Term Three:

Thursday 16th September



Volunteer of the Year

Sailability Bayside is proud to acknowledge another of our more passionate volunteers who has been awarded the prestigious Volunteer of the Year award through Volunteering Redlands at a ceremony at Cleveland in May.

Richard has been active with Sailability for more than 10 years and has been continuously on the management committee as Treasurer and Secretary for much of that time. He is always prominent within the organisation as a senior member, ensuring safe and efficient day to day operations, where he will undertake whatever activity is necessary to make the event special for our many clients.

Richard has also been an enthusiastic volunteer in other community organisations such as the Lions Club of Capalaba and has engendered a close relationship between our two community groups during this time.

Thank You Richard for your efforts over the many years, we are grateful for your contribution and look forward to you continuing with Sailability Bayside for many more to come.

Vale Bob McNab:

Robert 'Bob' McNab passed away on Thursday 22 April 2021 aged 67, following a long battle with cancer. Bob joined Sailability Bayside around 2005, whilst also employed fulltime as a Scenes of Crime Officer with the Queensland Police Service (QPS). As a volunteer with Sailability Bayside, Bob was a regular skipper sailing the dinghies and was also responsible for setting up and maintaining the Sailability Bayside Facebook page and website. When Bob retired from the QPS and bought a home at Redcliffe he began volunteering with Sailability Shorncliffe and also served for a number of years in the role of Secretary, Sailability Queensland. Farewell Bob, you were a good mate and you will be sorely missed.



Presentation from Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club:



Following on from their Redlands Coast Australia Day event, The Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club presented a cheque for \$2,000 to Sailability Bayside at their March meeting. The donation is the result of a raffle held at the Australia Day event where Sailability Bayside has been the nominated charity for many years. On behalf of Sailability, President Geoff thanked the Bayside Club at the meeting for their ongoing generosity, advising that Sailability is an all volunteer charity and greatly appreciates every donation provided by community groups such as theirs.

BVRC President Albert Budworth & President Geoff

Refining Our Man Overboard Process:

The Sailability Bayside Management Committee continually reviews how we provide our service to our clients so as to ensure that we are operating to the best of our ability. Our service then refers not only to the access to sailing and the comfort of our clients but the overall safety involved with all aspects of operation. One of the more difficult considerations is an event where either a volunteer or a client finds themselves inadvertently in the water and requires assistance with recovery to safety.

Such a situation can arise in a variety of circumstances, such as from our central pontoon and from a dinghy or our yacht Faith anywhere on the water in our sailing area where the possible scenarios are almost endless. We have for some time now had our Support Boat equipped with a recovery net that can be deployed to collect a person from the water and haul them onboard safely. More recently, some of Faith's crew are working on a similar model, to be able to perform a recovery from the water and whilst it maybe a more complex operation, that procedure will be advised when it becomes available in the near future. It is hoped that a more extensive MOB procedure will be available for our next training day before the end of this year.



Vale Ted Ball:

On land, Ted was a gentle giant with a carefree, happy disposition. He loved the water and sailing was his passion. For many years the Brisbane River was his playground. Initially under the watchful eyes of the Oxley Sailing Club officials where he learnt fundamental seamanship skills. He came to know and respect the challenges and obstacles of river sailing as he moved into Thorpe trainee sailing dinghies. He quickly learnt that these light-weight 12 foot trainees don't plane, they plough and a good Sou-easter could quickly see him



“in the drink”. Capsizing inevitably meant gulping in a mouthful of the murky Brisbane River water as well as the need to bail out the boat, neither of which held any appeal. Ted travelled from Brisbane to Maryborough, Bundaberg and Gladstone to participate in the many club regattas and it was in Bundaberg in 1973 where he and his sole crew member took out the Queensland State Titles, the first of many sailing achievements.

In the off-seasons, it was usual for Ted to turn his hand to boat building. New designs, new materials, new sails....anything to ensure the winning edge. He was now highly competitive and this together with his tactical mindset ensured his readiness for both 12 and ultimately 18 Foot Skiff sailing. Skiff sailing was an expensive business and it wasn't long before Ted gained a sponsorship to enable him to compete successfully on Sydney Harbour, Melbourne's Albert Park and across The Tasman Sea to Auckland Harbour.

We laughed when he “retired” to Trailerable boats. Comfort or luxury held little appeal....the need for an adrenalin rush was still high on Ted's list. “Full Frontal”, an Elliot 7....small, fast and fun....he continued to love the thrill of racing.

The opportunity to use his sailing skills to help others came via Sailability at Manly. Ted relished working alongside other volunteers to offer freedom on the water to those people with different abilities. He loved watching them relax as they experienced the elements - the wind, the sun, and the sea.

After suffering from Dementia for seven years, with fair winds and following seas, Ted sailed his last race on the 31st of March this year. He was 67 years young.

Editor's Note: Our thanks here to Ted's wife, Sue, who provided this information. Ted was a respected volunteer with Sailability Bayside from around 2012 until his health deteriorated some years later and his enthusiasm, skill and compassion will be sorely missed by all.

Client Statistics 2020/2021:

	Mondays	Thursdays	Total
Lost Shutdown	19	20	39
Lost Weather	7	5	12
Sailed	10	14	24
Potential Days	36	39	75
Total Clients	511	623	1134
Average	51.1	44.5	47.25
Average before	84.20	72.20	77.70

Sailability Bayside returned to sailing on the 1st February 2021 with limited client numbers in order to comply with the Covid health advice for sailing operations. In this configuration, there are some 30 clients less per day than before covid arrived. Mondays still out perform Thursdays in numbers.



John Harrison AM / "Harro"

The name "Harro" is familiar with volunteers at Sailability Bayside as being the name of one of the sailing dinghies regularly on the water on sailing days.

The origin of the name though is not widely known as the dinghy has been

part of the flotilla for some years and its history has faded.



"Harro" originates from a sailing legend, John Harrison AM, who was section manager of the Australian sailing teams at the 1992, 1996 and 2000 Olympics and died in 2015 aged 80 years. He was a former Commodore of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron and the Squadron honoured him in 2014 for his commitment to Olympic sailing by forming the "RQYS John Harrison Olympic Support Foundation".

John was a highly competitive Finn sailor in the very strong Brisbane fleet of the 1970's that included Olympian Ron Jenyns.

The dinghy "Harro" was donated to Sailability by the Harrison family some years ago and it has been recently refurbished so it can be available into the future to enable all people with disability to engage with the sailing experience.

A lasting memory to a sailing legend.



John Gadd Returns:

Sailability Bayside is privileged to have an original supporter / volunteer recently return to renew his involvement with our sailing program and he has shown he has not lost any of his skill on the water.



John has been a Sailability supporter from before Bayside's inception in 2003, where as a Capalaba Lion's member, he was promoting the idea with local sailing clubs. Once the Multi-hull Club accepted the challenge, he was then instrumental in forging ahead with others to donate dinghies to enable sailing to commence and together with his wife Jan, they were a strong force in building the organisation.

More recently, the Capalaba Lions Club honoured the efforts of John and Jan Gadd with the donation of a dinghy bearing their name, which is one of many from that Club in active service on the water today.

John, we are honoured to have you back on our books as an active member and look forward to working with you again into the future.

Winter Sailing on Waterloo Bay

