



**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 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](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 2023

**Start Term One:**

**Monday 30th January**

**End Term One:**

**Thursday 30th March**



### WHAT A FINISH!

December has rolled around again and we were only just getting used to the freedom of being able to sail again without the covid limitations. It seems like only yesterday when it was necessary to cancel sailing days and monitor who could attend and who could not and here we are celebrating the end of the year and the start of the festive season.

It has however been a very good year for sailing with our friends with disability, where being out on the water with the wind in your hair, just leaves all of your problems behind and you are able to enjoy the moment. There is nothing like seeing all of those smiling faces at the end of the day and knowing that in a few days time, you can do it all again.

Santa managed to attend on our final Monday and Thursday to distribute his gifts to everyone with a hearty Ho Ho Ho and wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Best Wishes from our Sailability family and stay safe and well ready to sail again in 2023.

**Joan Pease MP**  
 MEMBER FOR LYTTON

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## New Tractor:

Since the inception of Sailability Bayside, we have relied on the generosity of our volunteers to have a suitable vehicle onsite each sailing day to launch and recover the support boat. On most occasions that has not been a problem, though there has been occasions when it became necessary to use whatever vehicle was available in order to run the day and while there was never any issue, it did present some concern.



Earlier this year, a generous supporter offered to fund a project to improve our operation and the purchase of a small 4X4 tractor was suggested. Thanks to our benefactor, we were then able to progress that suggestion whereby we are now the proud owners of a John Deere tractor capable of launching and recovering the support boat and this tractor is also equipped with a mowing attachment to trim the large grassed areas within our shared facility. We are extremely grateful to our benefactor and also to the tractor supplier, RDO Equipment who ensured we obtained the machine at a very good price.

## Fielders Club Raffles:

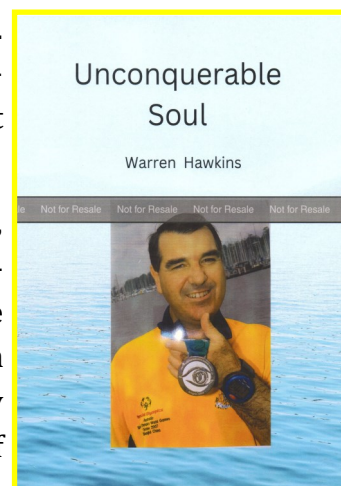
One of our great community supporters, The Wynnum Manly Workers Sports Social Club, attached to Fielders Club at Tingalpa, invite our organisation to assist with the selling of raffle tickets at the Club at designated times, to both raise awareness of our group and to donate the profits of the raffle at that time. During September this year we were again involved at the Club, with the result that we were presented with a cheque for \$3,000 at the end of that month. This type of regular donation assists our organisation greatly to provide our service to people with disability for items such as maintenance and replacements of equipment. **Sailability Bayside is most grateful to the management of Fielders Club and to the Wynnum Manly Workers Sports Social Club for their ongoing support.**



## Warren Hawkins—Legend:

One of our valued members here at Sailability Bayside is Warren Hawkins. Warren has been actively sailing with us for some years now and even represented Australia in 2007 as a part of the Special Olympics Sailing Team, that came home with a silver medal.

When he finished school at 15 years of age, he worked for a number of years, first as a butcher then as a grounds-person where he worked in the community gardens at Runcorn. Warren's hobbies include golf, bowls and art and more recently he has produced a book called 'Unconquerable Soul' in conjunction with his mother, Sandra and friend, Bernard Mangakahia, that tells his story and is available through Amazon Australia. The book includes many photos of his artistic talent and attached to each of the photos therein is a QR code that will take you to an internet page to better view these pictures.



Warren is a very caring person, who loves life and is very determined so he has achieved much in his 55 years of living and simply enjoys spending as much time as he can on the water at Sailability Bayside.



## Our Loss—WA's Gain:

It is with a sense of sadness that we bid farewell to a long term volunteer, Jan G, who has relocated back to her home state of Western Australia this month. Jan has volunteered with Sailability Bayside for over ten years and during much of that time she has been active on the management committee in the responsible positions of President and Secretary as well as the position of Registrar, managing client sailors as well as volunteer members and their certifications within the club. For much of this time, Jan has also been active with Sailability Queensland as a committee person, Secretary and Vice President, to provide support to affiliated Sailability clubs throughout Queensland and promote sailing as a sport to all people with disability.



Whilst she may be residing in WA, Jan intends to continue her relationship with Sailability Bayside as our remote Registrar for client sailor registrations as per usual and also as our ambassador in Western Australia. On that basis, she remains an active member of our club as well as having a 'Life Member' status as we move into 2023, our twentieth (20th) year of operation.

**Jan, Thank You so much for your contributions to Sailability Bayside,** your expertise and management skills have ensured we as a club, are well structured and organised to move confidently into the future of sailing for people with disability.

## Skipper's Regatta:

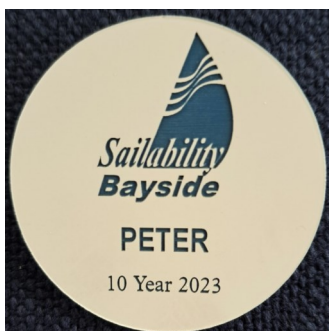
With the end of our sailing program for 2022, a fun day for volunteers was arranged for the following week that included some competitive sailing for dinghy skippers who wished to pit their skills against one another. With some 24 skippers nominated for the event and only a maximum of 15 dinghies available, two heats were required to separate the field so that there were 12 contenders to advance into the final race. By this time, the wind on the bay had increased to some 20kts, that made the final race somewhat challenging, however the competitors were more than up to the weather conditions.



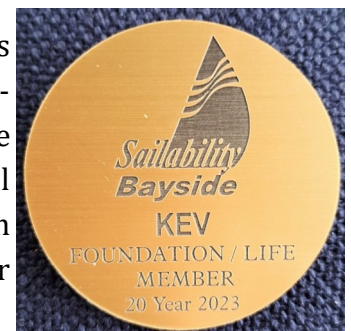
Our congratulations go to the winner of our 2022 Skipper's Regatta, Marty Wallace. Marty is a well known competitive sailor and has won the event previously, so that maybe we will have to fit a drogue to his boat at the next event so that it will give the rest of us a better chance.

The day was a complete success, thanks to Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron for the use of their 'Start Boat' and also to The Boathouse Restaurant (our neighbour) for supplying all who attended with fresh 'Fish and Chips' for lunch. Thank You Everyone who attended for your contributions and camaraderie.

## Name Badges



Committee this year have introduced name badges that will be awarded to all members who have volunteered for 10 or more years. These badges are white with a blue background and a special gold version will be awarded to our Life Members and Foundation Members. The white version will be available to other members, though at a cost of \$13.00 each.







# Sailability Bayside



## Term 4 Sailing

