



DESPATCHES SAILABILITY BAYSIDE

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Sailability Bayside Inc.

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Manly Queensland

Santa Arrives—AT LAST!



Ken Lloyd greets Santa on his eventual arrival at Manly. Ken had been expecting his arrival as far back as Easter!

Ken's long wait finally rewarded

Santa's "Ho Ho Ho", along with the ringing of his loud bell, could be heard well before he arrived at the Sailability pontoon aboard our safety boat, skippered by President Rick Carroll. Greeted by his partner Mary Christmas when he came ashore, who was armed with large red sacks full of gifts for our clients, Santa was welcomed by rapturous applause and lots of waves from clients, carers and volunteers.

Without doubt, however, one of our regular clients, Ken Lloyd, was Santa's biggest fan. Ken has been asking our volunteers most of the year when Santa was coming, even hoping that he might turn up at Easter time! Therefore the joy on his face, when Santa eventually made his way over to him with his gift was priceless.



With President Rick Carroll at the helm, Father Christmas 1 (the Safety Boat) arrives at the pontoon.



Popular Sailability client and keen sailor Ken Lloyd pictured here with skipper Mandy Ryan

One of our most enthusiastic sailors, Ken (or "Kenny" as he is affectionately known by our volunteers) has been coming to Sailability for several years with a group from Vision Australia at Coorparoo. He tells us that when he is not sailing with us, he enjoys movies and eating out, particularly at Hungry Jacks.



"You can never get a Safety Boat, eh I mean sleigh, when you want one." Santa, with Mary Christmas summons his transport back to the Arctic Circle.

Volunteers' Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party for volunteers and their families will be held at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Bowling Club, cnr Esplanade and Adam Street on Friday, 9 December, commencing with barefoot bowls at 6.00 pm. Dinner in the clubhouse will be preceded by "savouries on the lawn", while the much anticipated entertainment will be provided by the Sailability Skiflers which includes members of our very own volunteer group. This is always a great night of frivolity so make sure you are there to join in the fun. The cost is just \$10 a head and bookings can be made at the registration desk.

WE KEEP COOL THANKS TO BUNNINGS

Many thanks to Bunnings Cannon Hill and Capalaba for their generous donation of a 3m x 6m gazebo (marquee).

This will now give us a much needed dedicated sheltered area for our safety vest volunteers to fasten our clients into life jackets. This can be a time consuming process, particularly for some of our wheelchair bound clients needing extra help and will avoid us having to encroach into the clients' waiting areas under our other gazebos.

A lovely Christmas present for our clients, carers and volunteers, as we move into hotter summer weather. Thank you Bunnings.

Like to be a volunteer at Sailability Bayside?
You will be made very welcome!
Tel 3843 5509

The President's Report



President Rick Carroll
Sailability Bayside

This is my first report and as I have only recently been elected there is not a great deal of information to pass on to you. However, here are some decisions our new committee has already made.

- We have introduced a nominal membership of \$1 for volunteers to enable a more efficient paper trail of our volunteer numbers and to comply with Blue Card obligations.
- We are carrying out OH&S changes as we progress along.
- We are devising and experimenting with new ways to assist the comfort of the clients in our vessels.
- We are introducing new methods to assist better steering options when needed in the Access dinghies.
- We are trying a new loading system, when needed with Faith.

There are many behind the scenes things that occur due to the great work of the committee and a few ordinary members. I am extremely grateful to these people for their important help.

On a sad note, Carole Hovey is retiring from Sailability at the end of the Year. We will miss her, and hope her health improves with good rest and recuperation. She gave tirelessly of her time and energy and she will be welcomed back to Sailability as friend or member at any time if she wishes. Thank you Carole, from all at Sailability Bayside.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our volunteers, clients and carers. I hope you all have a safe and happy break over the next month or two and come back ready for a busy and exciting 2012.

Rick Carroll
President



Sailability Bayside stalwart Carole Hovey is retiring for health reasons.

NEW COMMITTEE SET FOR GREAT YEAR



The new Sailability Bayside Committee pictured at the AGM on 15 September.

President:	Rick Carroll
Vice Presidents:	Dulcie Wilkie and John Gadd
Secretary:	Kev Maddox
Assistant Secretary:	Pam Fitzgerald
Treasurer:	Bob Service
Assistant Treasurer:	Carole Hovey
Welfare Officer:	Bev Service
Committee Members:	Ian Reid, Steve Thrower

(Unfortunately Carole Hovey will not be able to continue on the committee next year, due to ill health. She will be replaced as Assistant Treasurer by Bev Service.)

MORE OVERSEAS VISITORS! IAN REID HOSTS UK SAILABILITY MEMBERS

Whilst on a recent, much talked about, week long trip to The Clarence River, Sailability volunteer Ian Reid met up with sisters Pam and Pat Ditton sailing a Farr 5000, the *Little Dragon*. Both originally from the Thames Estuary in England, Pam now resides in Byron Bay and Pat, who now lives near Brighton, England, was out visiting her sister on an extended holiday.



Volunteer Ian Reid, proudly showing Pam and Pat around our pontoon setup.

Following their adventures on the Clarence they were headed for Urangan and then across to Platypus Bay (Wathumba Creek) Fraser Island for a spot of whale watching.

As Pat skippers in her local Sussex Sailability group and Pam has had connections to Sailability Northern Rivers - where, incidentally, our old aluminium boat trailer has gone - Ian, never missing an opportunity, invited the pair to inspect our facilities at Sailability Bayside.

Whilst it had been hoped their visit would coincide with one of our sailing days, that was not possible and instead Ian and former President Bob Jackson played hosts and gave them the Grand Tour of our Manly facilities.

Both were suitably impressed, not only with the pontoon, but by the innovative hardware devised, developed or perfected at Sailability Bayside.

Ian's comment:- "Too late now Alan, Don and Geoff; lots of photographs taken; you should have gotten in earlier with those patents!"

THREE FRIENDS MAKE NEWS AT SAILABILITY BAYSIDE



Three friends now make a formidable team at Sailability. Our picture shows from left Marion Lau, Maureen Kulla and Jan Clancy

We are delighted that Jan Glancy has accepted the challenge to become our first female Officer of the Day. Currently "in training", Jan only joined us in July of this year, but has many years' sailing and power boat experience. Having successfully completed the written components, Jan has only a couple more practical sessions on the pontoon before she becomes a fully qualified OOD. She tells us she was "army style volunteered" as a potential OOD at one of our training days. That wouldn't have anything to do with you, would it Bob Jackson?

Observing her in action on the pontoon on a recent very busy Monday (on which we handled a record 67 bookings), there was no doubt our clients and their accompanying carers were in capable hands as Jan took control and had operations running smoothly. She even took time to give Santa a warm welcome when he arrived on the pontoon via our safety boat!

After beginning her working life as a

medical secretary in Perth, Jan then travelled overseas and worked in London for six years. Upon her return back "down under" she tells us that she spent 30 years in outdoor advertising, firstly in Perth and then in Brisbane, where she and her partner have been living for the past 10 years.

When she first became aware of Sailability at a stand at the Southport Boat Show, Jan, a Carindale resident, sought out her closest branch, which just happened to be Sailability Bayside. Then, following knee surgery after she retired earlier this year, we were fortunate to have her join us in July and she has quickly become one of our valued volunteers.

Since joining Sailability, Jan has also persuaded her close friends Marian Lau and Maureen Kulla to become volunteers and it is obvious that all three of these cheerful ladies get a great deal of satisfaction out of providing a top service for our disabled friends.

SAILABILITY PART OF DULCIE'S FAMILY NOW



Vice President Dulcime (Dulcie) Wilkie tells us being a volunteer at Sailability Bayside has given her a real purpose in life, devoting her time to others in need.

She first learnt about Sailability through her nephew Colin, who was living in the marina and had observed the Sailability activities. After making enquiries, he ascertained that volunteers were needed and passed the information on to Dulcie and her sister Carole Hovey.

Carole volunteered first, and Dulcie, who was babysitting her grandchildren at the time, soon followed. Initially volunteering just one day a week, she says the bug soon caught her and it was not long before she started turning up two days a week. She says she was nervous to begin with but her fellow volunteers made her feel welcome and they subsequently became like members of an extended family.

Meeting clients with their very different disabilities was also daunting at first but now, she tells us, she loves every single one of them! She said, "I get very emotional looking out on the scene with our clients and their carers."

After suffering a stroke 2½ years ago, Dulcie says she was overwhelmed by the love and good wishes of family, fellow Sailability volunteers, clients and carers, which she believes assisted in her recovery.

Dulcie, who has two daughters and three grandchildren, was widowed in 2001 after nursing her husband at home for the last six months of his life. Prior to joining Sailability she held the position of President of the Chronic Fatigue Society of Queensland.

When questioned what's next for her at Sailability Bayside, Dulcie quickly responds, "Some day I might even like to learn to sail!"

A Letter from a client's carer

We received this kind letter from Rick Ull's carer after Carole Hovey and Ian Reid attended the recent funeral of Rick's father.

*"Dear Carole & Ian
Thank you so much for coming to the funeral. We very much appreciated you coming. It was such a long way as well, but you were there, just like you are for all the others and we thank you.*

You give these people (disabled) all of your time and they love it. I know Rick loves it and it's the highlight of his week. He tells me that he goes to Holland and back or anywhere in the world. It just makes his day and also mine to see him with such a big smile on his face when he tells me all about the day EVERY time he goes – what a delight."



IS IT A STRIKE?

A rare moment indeed recently as four skippers, clockwise from top left Mandy Ryan, David Hogg, John Gadd and Ian Reid, all simultaneously enjoyed a brief respite with no clients! Don't worry, it all changed seconds later!



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

We operate from the Darling Point Sailing Squadron, 22 Trafalgar Street, Manly (beside the Brisbane Coast Guard) 9.00 am Mondays and Thursdays during school terms.

New volunteers, ESPECIALLY SAILORS, are always very welcome.

Client Bookings Changes Cancellations

Tel 0432 152 310

Bookings are not carried over.

They need to be re-made each term.

To contact Sailability on sailing days between 9.00am and 2.00pm

Tel 0432 152 310

(do not call any other number on sailing days)

Will Sailing Be Operating?

Tel 0401 994 271

after 7.30am on sailing days

2012 Sailing Calendar

TERM	START	FINISH
1	23 Jan	30 Mar
2	11 Apr	22 Jun
3	10 Jul	21 Sep
4	8 Oct	14 Dec

Sailing WILL be held on student free days but not on Public Holidays

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APPOINTMENTS, APPROVALS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Rick Carroll has been approved by the Committee as a Certification Officer for the Rescue Boat, while Ian Reid has been approved as Certification Officer for the dinghies. Congratulations Rick and Ian.

Geoff Pease and Bill Vowles have recently been confirmed as Officers of the Day and will join the roster in the New Year. Congratulations Geoff and Bill.

We are pleased to announce that hard working volunteer Geoff Pease, has also accepted the role of Safety Officer. This role will involve Geoff in monitoring our approach to safety across our operations. He will also be responsible to promote the need for all of us to keep the safety of our clients, the public and ourselves uppermost in our minds.

Sailability to the Rescue

On arriving at one of our sailing days in October, our volunteers came upon a seagull in distress, entangled in fishing tackle with hook and swivels. After quickly covering the poor creature in a towel they were able to free it of its encumbrances and much to their delight, it quickly flew off. Although they received a few well aimed pecks during the rescue, our volunteers report there was no serious damage done.

Nice work guys and girls.

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SAILABILITY BAYSIDE REMAINS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY

Volunteers Bev & Bob Service, together with Carole Hovey and Dulcie Wilkie, were warmly welcomed at the Darling Point Special School's recent annual art show. They tell us they were very impressed by the quality of the art on display and were particularly interested in looking out for the art produced by some of the students who are our clients on sailing days. Well done all!

Carole and Dulcie, accompanied by Ian Reid, also attended Cascade Place Artists 15th annual show at Redcliffe earlier this term. They reported back that the standard of this work, some of which was for sale, was also excellent.

Carole and Dulcie also represented Sailability at the recent opening of the new Youth & Family Services building at Slacks Creek. This new state of the art centre for YFS disability programs, will provide services for some of our Sailability clients.

Sailability Bayside Online

Our informative website www.sailabilitybayside.org

has become very popular since its inception over 12 months ago. One of the most recent additions to the site is an excellent informative movie produced by former President, Bob Jackson.

It overviews exactly what Sailability Bayside is all about. You can also check it out on our Facebook page. Thanks heaps Bob

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- We now have a portable ladder on the pontoon to make it easier for those of us of a more mature age to get back on to the pontoon should we happen to inadvertently go for a little swim. This will also help the divers on the Faith hull cleaning project.
- Thanks as always to Maurie Vierow and Doug Hamilton for the recent cleaning of Faith's hull.
- The Wynnum/Manly Rotary Club has undertaken the task of building us a new lifejacket stand - the Taj Mahal of lifejacket stands! Thanks heaps.
- Our new MOB (man overboard) mannequin played his/her part well and was successfully deployed during a recent training day. Modesty shorts are still required however, so if somebody has a spare pair of old shorts
- We hope to have a revamped steering system in place shortly that will enable skippers with larger clients to still steer the dinghies efficiently.
- The new Code of Conduct, recently accepted by our Committee, is available for perusal at the reception desk. See Dulcie.
- A new \$1.00 membership fee for volunteers was introduced recently to ensure we comply with our Constitution. Please pay at the reception desk ASAP if you haven't already done so.
- All volunteers are reminded that, for insurance purposes, they must sign on at the registration desk on sailing days.