



**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.**

**October 2023**

**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 2023**

**Start Term Four:**

**Thursday 5th October**

**End Term Four:**

**Thursday 7th December**



### **CHANGING OF THE GUARD**

At our recent Annual General Meeting, a new Management Committee was inducted and headed by a new President, colloquially known as Richard the Second.

Our Rules of Association dictate that executive officers may only hold office for a maximum of two years so it was necessary to say farewell to our departing President Wayne.

The members of the Management Committee are a dedicated hard working crew, who not only give of their time as volunteers to enable our regular sailing days, but devote so much additional energy into ensuring that the organisation operates in a safe and efficient manner with a stable foundation to continue well into the future.

**A huge Thank You to our Committee Members past and present.**

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## Our Latest Life Member:

At the recent Annual General Meeting, outgoing President Wayne presented Geoff Grace with our most prestigious award, Life Membership. Geoff has been an active member of Sailability Bayside since 2013 and joined the Management Committee in 2015 to be involved with making decisions on how our club moved into the future. Geoff then accepted the Secretary's role for 2016-2018, the President's role for 2019-2021 and finally the Secretary's



role again for 2022-2023 when he stood down to pursue a more active role as President of Sailability Queensland. Geoff has worked in the disability industry since 2003 as a Teacher Aide with Narbethong Special School and in supporting roles with various disability support groups until he retired in 2012. His encounter with Sailability Bayside began in 2005 when some students from Narbethong began to take part in the sailing program and he continued with this activity until retirement to then join as a volunteer. Geoff relates that his involvement with the disability sector has inspired him to take every opportunity to try and improve the lifestyles of all people with disability throughout the community.

## Raffles at Fielders Club:

For some years now, the management of Fielders Club and the Wynnum Manly Workers Social Sports Club have invited Sailability Bayside to take part in the selling of raffle tickets at the Club during certain months of the year. The raffles are held on Friday nights and during the month of September, we were involved with five nights that were well patronised and with the result that we were the recipients of a donation of \$2500 from the proceeds. This happened to be the second occasion this year for our involvement with the raffles when a similar donation was received, so that \$5000 has been donated in total from the raffles to assist with the funding of our sailing program for people with disability.



Our heartfelt Thanks go to the management of Fielders Club and to the Wynnum Manly Workers Sports Social Club for their ongoing support of Sailability Bayside. Being an all volunteer, not for profit charity, we are reliant on community organisations and other benefactors for the funding necessary to sustain our popular sailing operation. **Thank You to all who support Sailability Bayside!**

## Vale—Bob Service:

One of our well respected, long term volunteers, Bob Service, passed away suddenly on Saturday 23rd September. Bob had been a volunteer with Sailability Bayside since 2006 and had attended our last sailing day of Term 3 on the 14th September when he performed his usual sailing stint. Whilst he was a man of few words, he never the less took an active part in proceedings on the Management Committee for a period, where he was Treasurer from 2011 to 2013.



Bob was a community spirited person, having been involved with the Scouting movement, the local Man's Shed and had been president of an adventurous caravanning club in recent times. His quiet demeanour though covered the true stature of the man as he had shown great courage and bravery during his military career in Vietnam at the battle of Long Tan where he was involved with the dropping of ammunition from a helicopter to the troops in the midst of the battle, a very heroic feat. Our sincere condolences go to wife Bev and all of his family with his passing. He will be sorely missed.



## Another Innovation:

Since the Ian Reid Boat Rack was installed, there have been concerns with the ergonomics involved with lifting dinghies into the top row of the rack. Many discussions have subsequently occurred over this time, though none have passed the 'Pub Test' to be followed through until now. Our latest 'invention' involves a short conveyor frame (available locally) that has been modified at one end to allow the device to be attached onto the frame of the rack and supported at the opposite end with it's own legs. This then provides an inclined 'ramp' onto which a dinghy may be placed relatively easily, to then be pushed up the incline and into the rack. The reverse then is required with the removal of a dinghy.

This 'conveyor' has also been adapted to fulfill another role with dinghy maintenance, where occasionally it is required to work on a dinghy with the heavy centre board inserted through the hull so that the dinghy need be some one metre above the ground level to accommodate this. Whilst the device has yet to be properly proven over time, the early results have been positive and suggest it will be a worthwhile addition to our many assets.



## Faith Maintenance:

Our yacht, Faith, is a popular boat with many of our clients who love to enjoy the freedom on the water with others, however like any craft that spends the majority of time in the marine environment, it must be regularly maintained. Fortunately, Sailability Bayside has many supporters who are ready to help with maintenance issues and the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron assists with removing Faith from the water at the end of each term so that marine growth can be removed from the hull.

As time goes by though, it is necessary to replace the antifoul or special paint that resists marine growth on the hull and at the end of Term 3 in late September, Faith was placed on the hard stand at RQYS for this purpose. A specialist yacht maintenance repairer here, Andrew Woodforth Marine (AWM), is also a long term supporter of our organisation and performs this specialist work for us at a moderate cost.

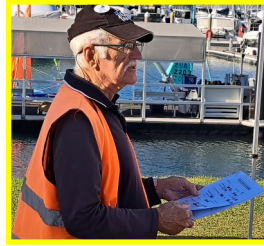
On this occasion, Faith has had new antifoul applied to the hull, the paintwork on the deck surfaces recoated as necessary and a number of other regular maintenance items attended to so that she is again ready to provide enjoyment out on the water for our Term 4 participants.

Sailability Bayside is most grateful to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron and to Andrew Woodforth Marine for their continued support in maintaining our equipment over many years.



Swinging the Lead: Onboard ships, a lead weight was attached to a long rope. A knot was tied every six feet in the rope. The lead weight was swung and then thrown overboard. When it sank to the seabed you counted the number of knots that disappeared and this told you how deep the sea was. Some sailors felt it was an easy job and 'swinging the lead' came to mean avoiding hard work. In time it came to mean feigning illness to avoid work.





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