



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 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.

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 2023

Start Term Two:

Monday 17th April

End Term Two:

Thursday 22nd June



Celebrating 20 Years of Sailing at Manly

This year, Sailability Bayside celebrates 20 years of providing sailing experiences at Manly Harbour for all people with disability.

The Club was incorporated in March 2003 and commenced sailing out of the Multihull Yacht Club premises at Manly Harbour in June 2003. The premises remains the same as then, however the site is now managed by the Darling Point Sailing Squadron and is utilised by many other sailing groups including the Multihull Club.

A small but willing band of volunteers using 2 dinghies borrowed from Sailability Gold Coast and one from the Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland, along with borrowed lifejackets and a hastily modified road trailer, took five clients sailing on Waterloo Bay.

From that small beginning, Sailability Bayside's program quickly grew to sailing two days each week and today has a client base of some 130 persons with disability and a volunteer group of a similar number where around 35 volunteers are required to facilitate each operating day.

Joan Pease MP
MEMBER FOR LYTTON

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This is how we started:



The only way to exchange sailors was to do so on-shore with the dinghy centre-boards and rudders raised and wheel-chair sailors lifted in and out via a crane mounted on the trailer frame. A volunteer was located in the water to arrange the centre-boards/rudders as needed. This was a popular job during summer though not that attractive during winter.



During 2004, yacht Faith and the Support Boat were purchased through grants and donations.



The yacht Faith was initially loaned by Sailability Gold Coast to accommodate the increasing numbers of clients that were attracted to the sailing program and later purchased as a result of grants obtained through the gambling Community Benefit Fund and with help from community groups such as the MacGregor Lions Club. Faith at the time was able to make use of the neighbouring Coast Guard pontoon.

When Sailability Bayside first commenced sailing, safe operation required a Safety/Support Boat be in attendance and the Multihull Yacht Club provided their vessel each sailing day. As the program grew quickly, a grant was sought through Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund to enable the purchase of the vessel that continues in service today.

November 2010 then was a momentous occasion when the Bob Jackson Pontoon was opened for use following many years of hard work to raise sufficient awareness and willingness to support this project to allow people with disability safe access to sailing on Moreton Bay.



Built and Installed by The Jetty Specialist

- Gentle incline on walkways
- Wheelchair passing room
- On deck storage
- 7 Crane positions

Length 22.05 m - Width 5.50 m
Weight 40 tonnes (approx)

- Shaded seating
- Smooth handrails
- Non-slip carpet surfaces
- Ample tie up points
- Structural aluminium construction



How Have We Grown: 2003—2023

Sailability Bayside is now a robust, thriving, all volunteer, not for profit charity that provides sailing experiences for all people with disability at Manly Harbour, Brisbane. The group today has evolved from the efforts, dedication and vision of many, many people directly volunteering within the group and the goodwill, generosity and perseverance of many private and Community Supporting Groups to whom we are eternally grateful. When considering the people who have assisted with the building of our club even after 20 years have past, there are members and followers who were there at the beginning and remain with us today, ensuring the future for this uplifting on-water activity.



From a humble beginnings with a few dinghies, Sailability Bayside now has a fleet of fifteen, all supplied through the generous donations of community groups such as the Lions Club of MacGregor, the Lions Club of Capalaba, the Rotary Club of Wynnum and Manly, the Brisbane Lions Social Club and the family of John Harrison.



More recently, two powered vehicles were purchased to assist our energetic volunteers with the safe handling of equipment on the steep/slippery boat launching ramp, and these vehicles also have other roles when it comes to setting up sailing days as well as managing the property grassed areas.

Financing these projects requires funding apart from what can reasonably be acquired through sailing fees and we rely on the generosity of individuals and many other community groups that offer assistance in many ways to ensure Sailability Bayside provides a sailing program in a safe and progressive manner.

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR MANY SUPPORTERS!

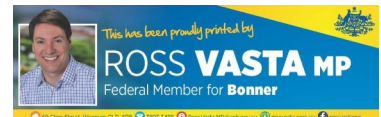
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