



**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 2025**

**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 2025**

**Start Term Two:**

**Thursday 24th April**

**End Term Two:**

**Thursday 26th June**



### **BEHIND THE SCENES**

Sailability Bayside is an all volunteer, not for profit charity, with a program to provide all people with disability, a chance to experience some enjoyable time on the water, away from the rigours of day to day life. Whilst the operation of sailing days is facilitated by the efforts of many volunteers who are wholly instrumental in providing the services necessary, there are many people, groups and organisations who are in support of this program and are not obvious in the day to day activities.

One of our great local supporters, is the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, who assist with the regular maintenance of our yacht 'Faith' that requires regular removal from the water to inspect, clean and prepare the hull for continued use.

Recently, we presented Marina Manager, Glen, with a Certificate of Appreciation for the ongoing support that has been available to Sailability Bayside for many years now. A huge Thank You to RQYS for all of the assistance you have provided to people with disability and our sailing program.

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**Joan Pease MP**  
MEMBER FOR LYTTON

## Maintaining Faith:

Keeping our yacht 'Faith' in good condition is an important part of our sailing program, and as any seafarer knows, the ocean is a harsh environment and vessels that are constantly exposed to these conditions must be protected. Early this year, Faith was slipped from the water and placed on a hard stand so that the hull could be recoated with a new application of anti foul paint. This is no easy job and several of our dedicated volunteers accepted the challenge to perform this work, which requires the hull below the water line to be sanded back to a solid surface, primed with an undercoat and the protective finish then applied. This work required around three days on the hard stand, and our thanks go to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, for providing us with the necessary facilities to enable this work to occur.



## Australia Day Rally:

One of our favourite events to attend, is the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club car rally held at the Ormiston State School grounds each Australia Day. This event brings together motoring enthusiasts from far and wide and usually attracts over 600 vehicles of all makes and categories that can keep a car lover enthralled for hours. Included in the entertainment on the day is a raffle to raise funds for local charities, with Sailability Bayside now being the main beneficiary for many years. Another club also involved with the rally is the Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Club, who are usually onsite selling soft drinks where again the profits from their sales are directed to Sailability Bayside. We offer our utmost gratitude to both the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club and the Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Club for their ongoing support of Sailability Bayside.



## Clancy:

Sailability Bayside utilises Hansa 303 dinghies to provide sailing experiences for people with disability and most of these have been donated by various people and organisations. Earlier this year, we were approached by a local community member, Russell Wiseman, who expressed a wish to provide funding for another similar dinghy in honour of his father who had recently passed away. Both Russell and his father had in earlier times been part of the sailing community in Manly and his father had been affectionately known in the community as 'Clancy' following a sailing incident when a boom was inadvertently dropped on top of the crew. (This refers to a song titled 'Clancy Lowers the Boom'). Our latest dinghy then is named 'Clancy' after his father and we thank Russell for his generosity in providing another dinghy for use in our sailing program. Hopefully, another similar incident with a boom will not follow on as a result.

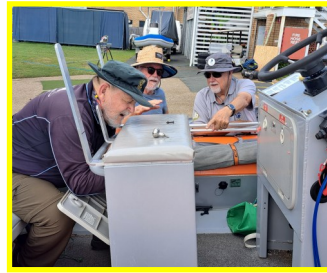


## Did You Know? - Three Sheets to the Wind—

This idiom, meaning to be in a drunken state, refers to the loose control of sails when the 'sheets' are untied or tangled, causing the ship to lurch erratically, similar to a drunken sailor.



## Maintenance Day—January 23rd:



Maintenance Day predominantly involves stripping, cleaning, inspecting and reassembling the automatic life jackets so they are ready for another six months of service. This process is repeated again in July to ensure every unit meets the strict safety standards necessary. Also on this day numerous other jobs are attended to in a bid to keep our equipment in the best condition and ready for further service.

## Regular Sling Training:



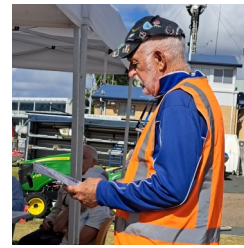
Sailability Bayside is focused on safe operation and regularly provides training sessions to keep volunteers well practised in the various skills necessary when working with people with disability. Lifting people into the dinghies requires the fitting of slings and their correct attachment to hoists be absolutely correct for the safe transfer of every person involved. This type of training is usually performed at the start of each sailing term to refresh memories and or train new recruits.

## Looking to the Future:

In recent times, our client base has been steadily growing and in particular, clients confined to wheelchairs. This has had an effect on the time required to put everybody on the water due to the work involved to place people into and out of boats so that waiting times have escalated. A number of strategies have been employed to try and minimise waiting times and whilst some progress has occurred, the improvement has not been sufficient and delays have caused some clients to miss their sailing opportunity due to other time based commitments. Our Committee then have considered the options to overcome the problem with the result that a different type of vessel has been purchased to better accommodate some of our wheelchair people. As this process began to evolve, a very generous member of the community stepped in to donate the funds necessary, so that Sailability Bayside now has a 6 metre Pontoon Boat that will be modified to carry up to four (4) wheelchairs at a time. And a bonus for some will be that seating is also provided to allow a carer to travel with their client on the boat.







# SAILABILITY BAYSIDE Term 1

