



**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 2021**

**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 2021**

**Start Term One:**

**Monday 19th April**

**End Term Two:**

**Thursday 24th June**



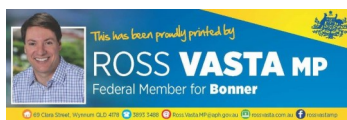
### **Celebrating Two of Our Best**

Any volunteer organisation can only operate when sufficient people take up the challenge to meet the demands of the task at hand. At Sailability Bayside, we have those in spades and if I may say so, our crew are some of the best I have ever had the pleasure of working with.

Some also go far beyond the expected and are obvious by their passion, energy, reliability, commitment and creativity. We have recognised two such people recently who have all of these qualities, Ian R and Paul V, and to demonstrate how much we appreciate their efforts over many years, we have with their approval, named newly constructed / refurbished assets in their honour.

Well done Ian and Paul.

You contribute so much to Sailability Bayside.



## Donations From Australia Day Car Rally



The Bayside Vehicle Restorer's Club has been a long time supporter of Sailability Bayside and each year hold an Australia Day car rally on January 26th at the Ormiston State School. Classic and vintage car clubs from throughout Brisbane attend to show their cars and take part in a rally following the showing. During the event, a raffle is held and the proceeds of which are in part directed as a donation for our benefit. The recent rally was a great success with some 650 vehicles on display and with the largest crowd in attendance.



Following that event, President Geoff attended the March meeting of the Club, where we were presented with a cheque for the amount of \$2,000 as a result of their raffle.

Also as a result of the same event, the Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Club, who operate a stall selling water and soft drinks at the rally, have presented Sailability Bayside with a cheque for the amount of \$1000, being the profits from their stall. The Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Club, we should mention are also long term supporters of our organisation.

**A huge Thank You to both Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club and the Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Club for your superb efforts in providing the donation total of \$3,000 for the benefit of Sailability Bayside.**

## Rotary Continues Support

The Rotary Club of Wynnum Manly were one of the first community groups to assist with the establishment of Sailability Bayside in 2003 with the donation of a new Hansa dinghy. That dinghy was named "Rotary" and has now seen many years of happy service.

During 2020 when the pandemic limited normal sailing, it was decided to make use of the down time and refurbish some of the dinghies. "Rotary" was included in that program and is now looking like new again whereby Rotary the club has again offered assistance with this program to supply the new sails required to complete the upgrade.



**Thank You Rotary Club of Wynnum Manly for your continued support over many years.**

## Problems with Inoperation

During 2020 when we were unable to operate as usual, many of our trusty volunteers came along to undertake a variety of maintenance jobs on all of our equipment to ensure that we could restart when the conditions again allowed us to safely do so. Many hours were spent in refurbishing the dinghies and the yacht Faith and proudly we can advise that they are now in as near to new condition as they have been for some time. However, upon restarting it was found that batteries in the handheld marine radios and the golf buggy that we use to tow the dinghies out of the water, were all deteriorated to the point that replacements were required. Rechargeable batteries, we discovered, need constant use to survive for a reasonable period and inactivity is a death sentence.

We would like to give a shout out to Neil from J&J Batteries of Wynnum for his generosity here in replacing the golf buggy batteries at his cost only. **Thank you Neil and J&J Batteries.**



## Sailing in Term 1 - Statistics

After the rigours of Covid 19 during 2020, everybody, volunteers as well as clients and support agencies were excited that we were able to start sailing again in 2021. It followed of course that sailing was only permitted when a Covid Safe Plan was in place, and which would limit the number of persons on site at any one time. We had practiced this in the latter stages of 2020 so that we had confidence that all would be well for Term1.

Unfortunately we were not privy to what Mother Nature had in store for us and which resulted in the worst quarter of sailing we had experienced in recent times. Our sailing commenced on Monday the 1st February or at least it was supposed to, however the weather intervened and in fact we were unable to sail for the first three (3) Mondays in a row. Thursdays did start a little better, though soon also deteriorated into many cancellations. In fact of the nine (9) Mondays and Thursdays of term 1, only four (4) of each were weatherwise favourable. However, on the bright side of things, we were able to provide sailing experiences for 329 happy sailors over the total of eight days and we are hopeful that term 2 will offer us better sailing conditions. **Keep smiling everyone.** Hope springs eternal.

## Long Service Awards 2021

It is usual that our service awards are presented at the annual Volunteer's Dinner at the start of each new year, however this year the dinner was cancelled for both dates set in January due to the Covid 19 restrictions that applied at that time. With the unsurety then with when the dinner could be held, it was decided to use the gathering for our Maintenance Day in January for this occasion.

Another first arose this year in that Sailability Bayside has now been in operation since 2003 and we still have volunteers who have remained with us for a considerable period. The first here then, refers to awards for 15 Years of service and there are two volunteers who have completed this period which is an amazing achievement. Congratulations go to Ian R and Bob S on this occasion, with both of these people well known for their dedication and efforts to ensure our organisation provides the best service for our many "sailors".

We also can add Richard R, Peter A, Jan G, Darrell O and Klaus L to our growing list of 10 Year awards and we consider ourselves very fortunate to have such a great bunch of people regularly giving their time to help people with disability in our community.







# 2021 Swashbuckling Party WMLC - 15 April

