



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.

December 2019

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 2019

End Term Four:

Thursday 12th December

Start Term One 2020:

Thursday 30th January

VOLUNTEERING WITH SAILABILITY

Why do people volunteer with an organisation such as Sailability Bayside? The answers are many and varied though a common thread would be a desire to help others particularly those less fortunate than ourselves. Most of our members have now retired from the grind of normal working lives and have much to give as far as skills ability and the need to keep active are concerned as well as a need to meet new people with a common interest in a healthy outdoors environment.

No one who volunteers wants or needs to feel stressed or unwelcomed within an organisation, and for my part, the crew at Sailability Bayside allow you to be yourself and encourage you to expand your knowledge and try new skills where often you will surprise yourself. You are never too old to learn new tricks.

A common endorsement for volunteering with Sailability Bayside is that whilst we do have a hierarchy, it is usually not necessary for orders/directions to be given. Everyone knows what is necessary and gets on with the job across the board. New members are usually mentored for the first day or so, and then encouraged to take part wherever they feel familiar. There will always be someone nearby who will assist if the need arises. New volunteers are always welcome to come along and spend a day just observing before committing actively.

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WHAT MAKES A GOOD VOLUNTEER



The man portrayed here, Paul, is an energetic, passionate, reliable, creative, and committed team player for Sailability Bayside and he epitomises the model of a good volunteer. Nothing is ever too much for Paul. Whenever something has to be done, made, fixed or located, he is the go to man and seldom is not available to be there under normal circumstances.

Unfortunately, Paul has some health issues at the moment that prevent him from attending and nobody is more unhappy with that than Paul himself as he considers Sailability one of his greatest pleasures.

Well everyone at Sailability misses you too Paul, both sailors and colleagues, but you now need to take care of yourself for a while and direct all of your energies into doing whatever is necessary to return to us again next year.

Think of us on sailing days, as we'll be thinking of you.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

The INAS Global Games is the worlds largest sporting event for elite athletes with intellectual impairment held around the world every four years. The games were held in Brisbane this year, with over 1000 elite athletes competing across ten sports.

We are so excited and proud to inform everyone that Chae-yon Seo, a senior student from Narbethong State Special School represented Australia in Taekwondo at this event. Chae-yon has a severe vision impairment and is learning braille. She is also a sailor who regularly attends Sailability Bayside at Manly with the group from Narbethong and enjoys sailing on Moreton Bay.

Chae-yon ultimately achieved a bronze medal in the Taekwondo event, which is a fantastic effort considering that she has only reached a blue belt level at this stage and was competing against competitors with black belts.



Congratulations Chae-yon. Everyone at Sailability Bayside is very proud of you and we know that you can achieve many things when you take on the challenge.

AMONGST THE RANKS

Hidden in the background of life are many untold stories and every now and then they emerge to reveal facts that add colour to a character that would otherwise have passed unnoticed. Such is the way with one of our own, Bob S, who is an ex army veteran, serving at the battle of Long Tan during the Vietnam war, with one of his stories emerging recently in the local paper.

Bob was serving with the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, 6th Battalion when the battle for Long Tan was raging, and involved with loading cases of ammunition into helicopters to resupply the company. In loading the helicopter, blankets had to be wrapped around the boxes of ammunition as blankets were also needed for casualties from the battle. With the urgency of the situation, the pilot took off with Bob and his mate still on board where they were involved with the drop of the ammunition to the company in the midst of battle.

In the later story written of the battle, the author acknowledged the importance of the arrival of the helicopters at that stage to drop the ammunition thus saving the lives of many soldiers of D company with the 6th Battalion.

Bob reflects that he was there almost by accident but life throws you many curve balls and you have to react as best you can and that is what matters most. Bob also indicates that the helicopter involved is now located at the Caloundra RSL, where it is on display.



NEW TOILET FACILITIES AT DPSS



It is with great pleasure that we can announce that the construction of the upgraded toilet facilities is now complete and officially opened for business. The toilet block is now located at the northern end of the main DPSS building on the ground level. The block includes a male, female and disabled toilet and shower facilities to be wholly suitable for almost any sporting or recreational event.



As well as three standard cubicles in the female and two standard cubicles in the male, each section has one ambulant cubicle and four shower cubicles. The disabled unit is equipped with shower, toilet, drop down change table with an Alto 200 portable electric/hydraulic hoist, though users are requested to have their own personal lifting sling.



The official opening occurred on Saturday 19th October with local sailing dignitaries in attendance together with State Government local MP Joan Pease. Our own President Geoff particularly thanked the State Government for their part in providing the grant for female facilities to DPSS, to DPSS for their efforts in undertaking the task and to the constructor, Splendid, for their co operation during the building process that permitted our sailing operations on most days.

There is nothing like clean, modern rest rooms when you are out and about enjoying an activity in the outdoors.

NEW DINGHY ARRIVAL



We have recently received a donation for a new dinghy as provided by the Lions @ Springwood, which is the social club for the Brisbane Lions Football Club. The dinghy has not been officially named or equipped with logos as of going to print, so this information will become available in the near future and you will need to watch this space. We offer our heartfelt Thanks for this gift to Lions @ Springwood and look forward to the naming and official hand-over in due course.



NEW MOTOR FOR FAITH



Well I think I can safely say that the crew on Faith are delighted with the recent change of motor in that they now have better reliability (it won't conk out just as they are leaving the berth) and it is electric start rather than the manual recoil start. YEE HAA!

Thanks to John A for organising the new motor and arranging the sale of the old unit, and thanks also to Doug and Glenn for their part with the installation of the new motor.

OUT AND ABOUT



You just never know who you might run into. Sean with his dad Kerry were on the road recently and who is that over there? Why it was Jamie Whincup and Shane Van Gisbergen from the Red Bull Holden Racing Team, and you can't pass up getting a selfie with them. Well actually they were at the new Caltex servo on Wynnum Rd, Tingalpa, for the opening, but who cares. **Good on you Sean.**



TERM FOUR AT SAILABILITY BAYSIDE

