

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD ARE OPEN

It's vital that our Board fully represents all facets of our membership to ensure we are delivering the sailing programs, social activities and community to get the most out of your membership. The Board meets the first Tuesday of the Month (except January) and it is an opportunity for you to pursue a project or make a contribution to an area of the Club that you are passionate about. No experience necessary, just passion and a desire to support our community of sailors of all ages. Email me with your nomination at [president@myc.org.au](mailto:president@myc.org.au)

## NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Manly Yacht Club and election of Office Bearers for 2023-2024 will be held at the MYC Clubhouse at 7:00 pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024 followed by a Gin Tasting evening. The bar will be open if you are not a gin drinker.

All positions on the Board of Directors are open for nominations. The Club is required to have a Board consisting of the office bearers and up to twelve (12) other directors. The Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and at least five other Board members must be boat owners.

Voting at the Annual General Meeting is open to all members. All members and their guests are invited to attend the meeting.

## AGENDA

1. Notice convening the meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the last AGM held
4. Receive and consider the Annual Report
5. Approve the new Constitution \*
6. Hold elections if necessary and announce Board of Directors for 2024-2025
7. Appoint auditors for 2024-2025
8. Other business

\* Look out for the email with the new Constitution attached.

Not keen to be on the Board but would like to help out in small ways? There is always lots to do, and small committees get things done!

Let us know your skill sets and time availability, if you are willing to help.

Lisa Callaghan - President



## GIN TASTING

SATURDAY  
7PM, 29 JUNE 2024  
\$30.00pp



Incorporating the MYC Annual General Meeting

Now, before you all duck for cover... the AGM is only a tiny formality of a bigger social event. If you haven't been tapped on the shoulder or volunteered to be on the Board in the next few months, there is nothing to FEAR!

So, mark the date **SATURDAY 29 JUNE** in your diary to come and enjoy yourself with fellow sailors for something different. The gin selection is in the hands of Team *Kanreki*, so expect the biz!

The bar will be open if you aren't into gin.



**LOOKOUT FOR YOUR INVITATION BY EMAIL**



# COMMODORE'S REPORT



Another sailing season is over, but that is not the end of sailing for the year. MYC still has 6 Winter series races to do.

On the yacht racing side of things, we ran: 11 Club Championship races; 8 Summer Series races; 2 Marathon races; 2 Marathon races in conjunction with MHYC; 2 Offshore races; 21 Twilights incorporating 5 Twilight Female Helm races; two days of Helly Hansen

Women's Challenge; 9 races over 2 days in the Mini Regatta which included a good contingent of A10s and J24s from other clubs; and 6 Winter series races from the previous season.

I'd like to note that the laser fleet had 36 days of racing as well as external representation including the Battle of the Sound (BOTS) hosted this year by Vaucluse Yacht Club. And Manly Yacht Club hosted the Juniors very successful 2-day Manly O'pen Skiff Regatta, now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year. Thank you too, to Johanna Bergquist, who coached the 42 children through our junior program this season - one of the largest cohorts ever!

Typically, as the juniors age out of our program and become young adults, they often disappear from the club but lately they have been moving into our yacht fleet and even buying their own yacht, which Macie, Will, Charlie and Ollie did when they were in their mid-teens. Furthermore these young sailors (and others) have been sailing inshore and offshore races and helping do long deliveries. They are skilled and committed. They represent the future of sailing and we are lucky to have them.

I should point out that it takes about 3 to 5 people to run each race. That's in excess of 400 volunteer positions including parents supporting the junior fleets - that is a lot of volunteer hours!

**THANK YOU      THANK YOU      THANK YOU**

The last year has been challenging.

The sale of Davis Marina to North Harbour Marina, unfortunately resulted in the demise of Davis Marina's excellent Runaround Club, leaving many members without access to their boats in North Harbour.

MYC took immediate action to setup an alternative tender service to fill in the gap. The service does not yet cover everything which the Runaround Club did but is a significant step in the right direction. The club still has plans to further enhance the MYC Tender service, but it is still a work in progress at this time and I appreciate the patience and support of club members whilst the club pursues more enhancements to the service.

Over the last few years, the sailing clubs in Sydney Harbour have been increasing their cooperation between themselves. This has resulted in more interesting sailing, bigger fleets, and reduced costs. Examples of this type of cooperation are the Saturday Combined Clubs, Sydney Harbour Woman's Keelboat series, Sydney Harbour Regatta.



To further enhance this cooperation, MYC and MHYC have been in discussion for some months about creating a **Sunday Combined Clubs** fleet where MHYC members will come and sail with the MYC fleet on Sundays. This will result in bigger and more competitive fleets for MYC members to sail in. To be clear this is not a takeover of either club, it just combines sailing and sharing of resources. MYC will still run its own point scores as will MHYC. MYC and MHYC are finalising the details for next sailing season so more information will be provided soon.

Finally, a word on our new committee boat *Ready, Get Set!!!* (please don't call it Ready Set Go as I did a few times by accident. I can assure you, Maz (and Graham) will have a piece of you if you do 😊).

Designed from the keel up to be a purpose-built committee boat by Graham Radford, built by David Dillon and made available to the club by Graham and Maz, truly a most extraordinary contribution to the future of Manly Yacht Club. We all applaud and thank them for this.



Stephen Teudt - Commodore



# Dates for your WHAT'S COMING UP



## WINTER SERIES RACING STARTS SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

As the summer racing winds down to a close, it's time to give your boats a little TLC before we start the Winter racing program.

Winter is often a great time on the harbour and the spacing and length of the races is just enough to keep the skill set current.

- WS1** 19 May 2024
- WS2** 02 June 2024
- WS3** 16 June 2024
- WS4** 30 June 2024
- WS5** 14 July 2024
- WS6** 28 July 2024

More info here  
<https://www.myc.org.au/winter-series/>

## VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU



### WINTER RACE COMMITTEE

By the time this newsletter hits your inbox, the season will almost be over.

However, there are six races in the winter series. Race committee duties are conducted from the club, just like the twilights.

Please, check the [planner](#) and volunteer for one of the race committee days before Anne needs to chase up for volunteers.

[dutyroster@myc.org.au](mailto:dutyroster@myc.org.au)

**I'LL HELP**

## EVIE SAUNDERS INTERNATIONAL RACING UPDATE

Hyerès French Olympic Week was the final significant event prior to the Olympics in Marseille. Competing for the first time in this event and also as a new member of the Australian Sailing ILCA 6 squad, Evie finished strong in 14th place.

This event was restricted entry to nations who have qualified for the Paris Olympics.

Finishing 14th is huge in this field, with many Olympic sailors behind her in the results, Manly Yacht Club listed proudly on the world stage.



Thanks again to all those who support Evie. However, to keep the dream alive and the Manly Yacht Club name in lights, Evie would love your support. Details on how to donate and her sailing journey can be found on her website...

<https://www.eviesaunder.com.au/sponsor>

## DID YOU KNOW?

2025 will be the **75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** of Manly Yacht Club.



While originally formed by young sailors in 14ft Skiffs as Manly 14 Foot Sailing Club in 1950, these, now older sailors, having moved to small yachts, reformed the club as Manly Yacht Club in the 1964/1965 sailing season.

The club on the left is the old club house before the 1974 storm washed it off its piers; the swim baths on the right is where we are today.

We are looking to form a small subcommittee to brainstorm how to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> year.



**Ideas and volunteers welcome.**  
[newsletter@myc.org.au](mailto:newsletter@myc.org.au)



# PRESENTATION NIGHT 2024 - Part 1



It was a dark and stormy night ... and they still came! The end of another season and time to hand out the trophies. President Lisa MC'd while Commodore Stephen shook hands as the various classes came forward to collect their awards.

First was the junior and youth divisions, presented by some of the juniors followed by Sailability and then the lasers division.



Dutchy regaled us with words of wisdom as the trophies were handed out to the usual suspects in the laser fleet. A surprised Garth was awarded the famous Caterer's Cup at the end of the laser presentation.



And then ... the prestigious Graeme Cotton Good Citizen Shield was awarded jointly to Geoff and Bevan for their enormous effort with the junior fleet.

Intermission and the pizzas arrived exactly on time - thank you Club Manager Barry - only to be consumed in record time before getting back to the presentation of the yacht divisions.

# PRESENTATION NIGHT 2024 - Part 2

Last season's Winter awards were followed by the various series for this season.

Then it was onto the coveted Bob Greene trophy for fastest yacht around the course in Division 1. This trophy was won by Michael and Ben on *Kanreki* with 5 bullets (or should that be 8?). Michael and Ben swapped boats halfway through the season, but *Corum* looked to be on the same winning streak - must be something to do with the crew work!

The Peter Wilkins starter's trophy was the last presentation for the night. The starter's prize rewards the boat that most closely and consistently achieves its scheduled start time. The winner of this series is calculated in mysterious ways - depending on the handicapper. For this season 19 twilight races were considered and only for boats that finished on the weekly starters prize podium (1, 2, 3). Three points allocated to 1<sup>st</sup>, two points to 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 1 point to 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Waterhound* came out on top and now joins the names on the trophy.



Congratulations to everyone on the night and thank you to everyone who made this night special.



# THE ADVENTURES OF LUDICROUS MODE AND THE MINI REGATTA

As told by Scott Breakwell

## MINI REGATTA DAY ONE

Glorious sunshine and light 8-10 knot south Easter made for perfect sailing conditions today. But with only three of us on board (House, Rich and myself) it was looking like a very tough assignment! The fans lined the harbour foreshore expecting big things, but they were to be disappointed..

Five short races consisted of laps from North Harbour to Cannae, and plenty of kite work. The challenge of hoisting, gybing and dropping in a small area was gruelling!



*Trawling kite?  
(Yes, Marg was everywhere)*

We barely held it together with various mishaps in each race keeping us safely towards the back of the pack. In no particular order -

- we managed to miss the gates and go around the wrong marks, multiple times.
- we were pushed up at the start gun, narrowly avoiding the start boat; had to double back and try again.
- the kite was trawling, and we lost steerage, again putting us on a collision course with the start boat! They thankfully pushed us away by the bowsprit, but it was deeply traumatic and humiliating. Putting a large hole in the brand-new start boat wouldn't have gone down well.

The chaos didn't seem to end... as soon as one race finished we were straight back into another, and we were quite relieved when it was all over.

All in all, we placed 7th, 8th and had three DNFs for 43 points. Tough day! But it was always going to be difficult with three bodies, and at least we kept up the kite effort. Plenty of lessons learnt! Day two will be our chance to regain some team pride... let's see how we go ...

## MINI REGATTA DAY TWO

After a very tough first day of racing, the fans had started to lose hope. Some had even asked for their membership fees back, which was probably fair enough.

It was only a few of the true believers that scattered themselves around the foreshore this morning. Little did they know it was Digger's 50th last night and there was a chance we wouldn't show up at all! The party could have easily ended up in "The Boatshed" but this was somehow miraculously avoided.

Things were soon looking up - instead of only three crew, today we had four - so we had a chance to turn our fortunes around!



Digger took the tiller, Rich the sheets, Dave took main and I manned the bow. Digger and Dave broke into their usual Statler and Waldorf routine of constant ridicule directed towards the bow. Digger also began impersonating a parrot. This did prove helpful though as everything Dave said was immediately repeated, and some of it started sinking in!



Some light 5-8 knot shifty winds with perfect blue skies set the scene.

The first two races were on yesterday's course and we started well. Fifth place in the first race was followed by a win in the second!

What? We won! Wow! The crowd was on their feet and the true believers found their voices again! Nobody could believe it, including the race organisers who rechecked their calculations. But a win it most certainly was. And people soon started fainting when we won the next race as well!

A fourth and fifth placing in the final two races gave us a total of 16 points, which was equal first on the day!

After yesterday's cricket score of 43 (largely thanks to three DNFs) this was quite a turnaround. The fans that had deserted us started calling back asking for forgiveness!

# THE ADVENTURES OF LUDICROUS MODE AND THE MINI REGATTA

As told by Scott Breakwell

Back at the club we did win an award, but not exactly what we might have hoped for. It was the inaugural "Biggest Mug Award". As our issues with gates and kites and start boats were shared with everyone, a difficult question needed answering. Who would step up for the embarrassment of accepting the award ?

I hid under the table at exactly the right time which allowed Digger an excellent leadership opportunity. His protests of "I wasn't even on the boat yesterday" were drowned out by raucous laughter as he accepted the large pottery mug. Excellent captaincy mate, well done.

It was a dramatic end to an exciting weekend, and we left the club exhausted but satisfied. The tables had been turned and we'd gone from zeros to heroes with the fans!

Next up is the Winter Series. We are primed and ready and in the best form of our lives - surely we're going to win it! Until then 🍷



It's been a while since we've held a Mini Regatta over 2 consecutive days! The days were fine to sunny, but the breeze left a bit to be desired. There was a great turn out for the event with entries from MHYC and SASC to boost the MYC fleet who were joined by a keen contingent of A10s and J24s.

The race committee were determined to get 5 races in for the fleet, who were joined part way through the racing by the juniors in Force 24 keelboats. This ended up being 9 races for the race committee - a very long day for them!

The breeze was a little better on Day 2. The racers were just as keen, as demonstrated by the individual and general recalls. When the breeze shifted in the second lap of race 2 the AP went up until the marks were re-laid. And then it was on, again.



## THANK YOU

Thanks for all the hard work of the race committees on both days Saturday - Graham, Jane, Andrew on *Ready, Get, Set!!!*, and Stuart and Jo on *Red boat*; Graham, Nick, Ken and Colin and Jo for repeat Sunday duty and Maz in the office and bar. Thanks Jo for looking after the BBQ on Sunday. Very much appreciated your dedication.



## THANK YOU

Thank you Marg Fraser-Martin for the great images capturing the moment (Ludicrous Mode will thank you later). More images [here](#)

There were lots of stories and smiles back at the club afterwards. Thanks everyone for participating in the racing, and please come back next season - it was FUN! Results [here](#). 7

From their lofty crow's nest above Fairlight, [Bow Caddy Media](#) captured one of the starts on Day 2, after the course had been shifted. Thanks Crosbie & Dale

# NON MYC SAILING ROUND UP

## TELL ME WHERE YOU ARE SAILING



### SAIL PORT STEPHENS



Always a popular destination for MYC boats - that's why it's in the MYC planner.

The usual cohort - Mondo, Solace, Absolut, Kanreki and Ten Sixty sailed to Port Stephens for the regatta held between 15-21 of April as well as other club members on non MYC boats.

There were mixed results - and some wins! And, everyone had fun!



*Retro MYC Burgee provided by David Wright on Kanreki purported to be from the mid 1960's (well before this editor's time)*



### CONGRATULATIONS:

*Mondo 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in Division 2  
Absolut 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in Division 3*



*Mondo crew*

Apologies to everyone else - there is only so much searching I can do to create a story. PLEASE send pics and info if you want a mention.



*Kanreki in the "lucky" shirts*



### CYCA GREAT VETERANS' RACE

CYCA Great Veterans race is open to single hulled sel righting displacement boats launched prior to 1975 and have competed in a Sydney Hobart Race. An IOR division is also open for yachts launched after 1975 and prior to 1991 who have competed in at least 1 Sydney Hobart Race

This year it was held on a wet Saturday 11 May with 25 boats entered. There are some pretty famous boats of their day in this list and always a pretty sight to watch them sail. Our resident yacht designer's old Adams 10, *Madam X* (formerly known as *Waggers II*) was amongst the fleet, as was club member Jim Nixon, along with Peter and Al on Jim's new to him boat *Plum Crazy*.

*File footage - Maz*



*So why are you 3 so happy?*

### CONGRATULATIONS

Plum Crazy came second in the IOR division of the CYCA Great Veterans Race for former Sydney To Hobart racers today.

Full story [here](#) | Results [here](#)

Courtesy of



### RESULTS:

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/179/results/series/3136/races>

# MYC WINTER SERIES RACE 1



PEPPER TREE WINES 19 MAY 2024



The first race of the season brought sunny blue skies as 18 of the 19 yachts entered in the race headed to the start line. *Cheap Thrills* made their excuses - time for an antifoul, so watch out next race! *Absolut* turned up to race, but gremlins had played with the mainsail track and mast, and the sail would just not go up! A retirement by *Pompadi* reduced the division 2 fleet to 10 entries. There were no sore heads after the previous evening of the Presentation night.

Course 3 was chosen, which kept us relatively removed from the CYCA twilight fleet coming up to meet us. The division 1 fleet had a slightly longer course than division 2 with a dive to Chowder Bay south after Cannae, where the Division 2 boats headed to Obelisk instead.

*Ludicrous Mode*, *San Toy* and *Sirius* kept in close contact throughout the racing finishing first, second and third in division 1, with *San Toy* fastest around the course and *Esprit* collecting the starters prize.



In division 2, *Micron*, *Ten Sixty* and *Fast Company* taking out 1, 2 and 3. *Kia Kaha*, not flying a spinnaker in this series, was fastest around the course and *Plum Crazy* starting closest to her start time.



Thank you RO Ken Tuckey and Michael and Zach Gallagher for Race Committee duty, race day sponsors Peppertree Wines and grand prize sponsor Altitude the Lodge.



2 night accommodation grand prize drawn from the barrel for series entrants after race 6



# LUDICROUS MODE WINS WINTER SERIES RACE 1



As told by Scott Breakwell

After a month of no racing, excitement was at fever pitch for today's first race of the Winter series! And after receiving "The Biggest Mug" award at the Mini Regatta, the fans had deserted us in droves. So, we were very keen to impress!

Conditions were shaping up nicely - the southerly was fading, the sky was deep blue, and the hull was clean! Pablo had randomly cleaned it just before the race, which was nothing short of a miracle.

Even better news came with the crew announcement - for the first time ever we actually had a full crew! Huge cheers erupted as each crew position was announced - Digger on main, House on tiller, Dave on jib sheets, Mike on pit, Stu on mast and me on bow!

And as news of a fully crewed boat hit social media, traffic in Manly ground to a halt. The harbour foreshore was soon a mass of navy blue. "We love you Ludicrous Mode!" could be heard from our female fan base who had gathered in small groups. Surely we could win this for them... for us ... for Manly!

Anyway, it was soon down to business as we crossed the start line, and the first leg took us uphill to Cannae. Normally at this point we'd be discussing our first beer, but due to a clerical error I'd purchased Heaps Normal and desperately tried to change the subject. This is a very tasty beer, but it has an alcohol content of less than 0.5%. When I broke the news to the crew, it almost triggered a mutiny!

After guzzling 3 cans each and feeling nothing, the team contemplated jumping overboard but eventually decided to keep sailing. And what a great decision it was!



Some tactical genius from the cockpit saw us take the lead early. Holding the lead (and having clear heads) was something we were unaccustomed to.

We considered asking *San Toy* for directions (and beer) but instead studied the map and took our chances. Manly, Cannae, Chowder Bay, Manly, Cannae, Obelisk, Manly. How hard could it be ?

We soon found out, as the team debated which direction to sail towards. But we made it to Chowder Bay in good shape and still in front. A slick kite hoist followed which created a small sonic boom as it popped!

Muffled cheers of encouragement could be heard from local marine life as we catapulted back towards Manly. Even the fish wanted us to win!

A less than perfect kite drop had the crowd concerned, but we managed to haul it in eventually. Having Maz right next to us (and photographing every mishap) added some pressure, but the team handled it beautifully. Around Cannae and towards Obelisk we took the high road, liking the breeze through the middle of the harbour. *San Toy* sailed closer to Middle Head (for technical reasons we haven't learnt yet) but as we rounded the final mark it was still very close. House, Digger and Doctor Dave had done a superb job keeping up with the highly fancied *San Toy*. A spectacular kite-hoist out of the hatch followed, and the afterburners were on!



We raced for home with *San Toy* breathing down our necks. After heading away from them for a while this seemed an unnecessary risk and we decided to cover them all the way home.

This worked well and we crossed the line first, to an absolutely deafening reception! Champagne (and Heaps Normal) filled the air as we celebrated the victory in style!

Back at the club and the real beers were soon flowing, as were the tears of joy. When the winners were announced it was made official... we'd won! And we'd won well - by over 6 minutes on corrected time!

But it's a long series and we need to do the same next week. One race down, five to go .. we can do this!! 🏆

As May is Presentation Night Month and we award the Graeme Cotton Good Citizen Award, it seems appropriate to publish this snippet - thanks Colin

## MANLY YACHT CLUB REPORT FOR 1988/89

1988/89 was a very successful year for the club. Under the auspices of Ken Wray and Graeme Cotton the club continued to grow with many new enthusiastic young faces

One of the most pleasing features of the year was the continued growth in the organization structure of the junior division. This resulted in a variety of excellent training programmes during the year as well as a very successful race series. Many parents as well as senior club members have to be thanked for their hard efforts.

Many improvements to the club facilities, particularly the enlarging the wharf, were also made over the year. These will assist the expansion of the Manly Juniors in the coming years.

Racing over the season was keenly contested. Major results are as follows:-

**1988/89 CLUB CHAMPIONS** - DUBBELS DOUBLE - STEVEN COTTON & PHILIP HARMER

**1989/89 HANDICAP WINNERS** - TOPS IAIN CAMERON & GERRARD SMITH

**PORT JACKSON MARATHON** - DUBBELS DOUBLE - STEVEN COTTON & PHILIP HARMER

**MOST IMPROVED SKIPPER 1988/89** - EDWIN WRAY

While the club may not yet be in a position to win any of the major trophies the club had the following successes during the year:-

**MHYC CLASSIC** - 1ST ON HANDICAP - SORCERERS APPRENTICE - STEVEN COTTON & EDWIN WRAY

**STATE SERIES** - HEAT 1 3RD ON HANDICAP TOPS - HEAT 2 2ND ON HANDICAP TOPS - IAIN CAMERON & GERRARD SMITH

HEAT 3 2ND ON HANDICAP - DUBBELS DOUBLE - STEVEN COTTON & EDWIN WRAY

Two Manly teams also successfully contested the 1988/89 timber boat challenge trophy against Cronulla-

A :	DUBBELS DOUBLE SORCERERS APPRENTICE TOPS	STEVEN COTTON & PHILIP HARMER EDWIN WRAY & DAMIEN SMITH IAIN CAMERON & RODYN BOOKER
B :	GENERAL CUSTARD SINBAD JOLLY ROGER	ANGUS & CATE MACINNIS LUCY WRAY & JACQUI BRYCE GERRARD SMITH & MATHEW HARMER

This series is held in March each year and is open to any timber Manly Junior. This is an ideal venue to enjoy some interesting competition.

A Manly team from the above boats also participated in the Manly Junior Challenge Trophy.

The following very enthusiastic boats from the club participated in the state series and national championships.

### NATIONALS

EXCELLERATE	DOUGAL MCALPHINE & DAMIEN SMITH
SORCERERS APPRENTICE	DANIELLE BAKER & LUCY COTTON
TOPS	IAIN CAMERON & GERAD SMITH
DUBBELS DOUBLE	STEVEN COTTON & EDWIN WRAY

### STATES

TOPS	IAIN CAMERON & GERRARD SMITH
DUBBELS DOUBLE	STEVEN COTTON & EDWIN WRAY
SORCERERS APPRENTICE	LUCY COTTON & VANESSA WILLIAMS
GENERAL CUSTARD	ANGUS & CATE MACINNIS
PTANGYANGKIPPERBANG	JACQUI & LIANTY BRYCE

Steven Cotton won the timber boat trophy in both events and is to be congratulated. Parents by the way also enjoyed the camaraderie of these events particularly the nationals at Lake Illawarra.

Having had such a good year the future can only look bigger and brighter.



## A NEW LIFE MEMBER

By Eli Demeny

After more than 20 years continual service to Sailability NSW, Helen Hendry has decided the time has come to retire.

The start of Helen's Service was when she observed our little boats sailing on Manly Cove. Wondering where they came from, she requested information from her husband, Francis, who at that time was a member of Manly Rotary Club. She decided that that in itself demanded a hefty donation, and so her relationship began from a distance.

Late that same season, she decided to come down in person, and soon established herself as a very dedicated volunteer, taking over roles such as Support Boat Driver, Registrar, Membership Secretary, Bi Monthly report presented to Sailability NSW, publicity gatherings for Sailability Manly, Chef for Saturday Barbecues, and many other duties.

To mark her farewell, the committee decided to throw a party for Helen, and present her with a Life Membership in honour of her wonderful contributions to our organisation. This took place on Sunday, 24th March, and we all congratulate Helen for her wonderful contributions to our club.



## SOPHIE AND CLARE VISIT TOWN HALL

Sophie (skipper) and Clare (crew) recently went to Town Hall to collect their medals for winning the Australia Day Regatta. Despite the regatta comprising a single race, courtesy of weather woes, we still felt like champions in the grand surroundings. Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis hosted the event and presented the medals.

During the ceremony, in which regatta winners from clubs all over Sydney received trophies and medals, we learned that the Australia Day Regatta is oldest continuous sailing regatta in the world, having first been run in 1837. It was a proud moment for us to be a small part of history!

Sophie, our youngest volunteer, has stepped up admirably as Sailing Day Coordinator (SDC) for recent Saturday sessions, ensuring smooth and safe operations. This crucial role involves organising volunteers and overseeing activities. Sophie is in Year 11 and is currently working toward her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Warwick, our President ensures that this role is rotated among the different volunteers, fostering a sense of teamwork and skill development among us. Look out for the volunteer in the orange vest when you're next at Sailability!



*Sophie and Clare are presented with Australia Day Regatta medals*

## BOAT REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TIME



# IN OTHER NEWS...

## 1/3 BOAT SHARE ADAMS 10M FOR SALE

*Shear Magic*  
Moored off Manly 16' Skiff Sailing Club

*Shear Magic* is owned by three equal owners who are all very competent sailors. One share is currently for sale. The boat lives on a very convenient swing mooring 20m south of the Manly Skiff Club in the harbour. Club dinghies and a tender service are available on race days.

She has been racing competitively for many years by a rotating crew, and owners also rotate being on the helm. She is a great heavy weather boat and is sailed year-round by owners and crew who are local; have a mixed level of competency (beginner through to very experienced,) and competitively sail for the sport and also the social side of being in a team.

The boat was antifouled in Feb 2024; has a brand-new outboard engine installed in March 2024; and insurance is current until March 2025, so there are unforeseen costs for the rest of the year.

**\$7500.00** per share

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### SHEAR MAGIC INVENTORY

Main	Dacron
Jibs/genoa	Dacron #1 and #3 Composite #2
Spinnaker	Dacron with snuffer sock Spinnaker pole
Outboard	Suzuki 8hp 4 stroke long shaft
Sheets	Various lengths and weights to suit kite and jibs in great condition
Bilge Pump	Battery and solar powered
Safety	8 life vests Cat 7 safety equipment (Sep 2023) Hand-held 2-way radio Navigation lights

You may wonder why I have a picture of an astronaut here, and what it's got to do with sailing?



Just recently it was announced that Katherine Bennell-Pegg is the first person ever to be trained as an astronaut under an Australian flag. She is the Director of Space Technology with the Australian Space Agency.

What's the connection? Her very proud dad and MYC's past PRO Peter Bennell!



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