

MANLY YACHT CLUB HELLY HANSEN  
WOMEN'S CHALLENGE 2025  
30th ANNIVERSARY

# MYC HELLY HANSEN WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE 22-23 MARCH 2025



The 30th anniversary of the Helly Hansen Women's Challenge, marked a spectacular conclusion to the 2024/25 Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series (SHWKS), with a record-breaking 41 entrants.

Hosted by the Manly Yacht Club (MYC), the Women's Challenge is a weekend dedicated to promoting women in sailing. The event kicked off on Saturday with an action-packed day of dinghy racing, featuring seven Hansa 303s competing in the morning under a moderate south-easterly breeze. Graham and Maz Radford, aboard their beloved committee vessel *Ready Get Set*, ran three exciting races. Catherine Thornton-Rofe and Gigi Merryfull secured first place on *Black Swan*, followed by Sophie Lintvelt and Ros Chow on *Woody* in second, with Jessie Lawson and Alyse Saxby taking third on *Vin*.



More Hansa division images from Marg Fraser-Martin [HERE](#)



In the afternoon, Race Officer Graham Radford with the assistance of Andrew Tattersall and Jane Nixon on *Ready Get Set*, and Colin Cameron with Peter McDonald on *Robbie R* continued the excitement with two races for the nine O'pen Skiffs and three races for ten ILCAs (Lasers), including four women from Vaucluse who sailed across the harbour on Friday evening to compete. Maya Hodzic claimed first place in the O'pen Skiffs, followed by Emma Tallis in second and Felicity Cameron in third. In the 4.7 Laser (ILCA4) class, Danielle Chapman took the top spot, with Anna-Lei Petit in second and Georgina Rodowicz from Vaucluse finishing third. In the Laser Radial (ILCA6) category, Sammy Byron secured first place, followed by Catherine Thornton-Rofe in second and Veronique Morgan-Smith in third.



More O'pen Skiff and ILCA division images from Marg Fraser-Martin [HERE](#)

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Sunday saw the fifth and final race of the SHWKS, a series hosted monthly by various yacht clubs, including MHYC, CYCA, RSYS, RANSA, and MYC. The 10-knot east-south-easterly breeze provided ideal conditions, particularly for teams that don't regularly sail together.

MYC President Lisa Callaghan shone on the day, winning Division 1 Overall and the All-Female category aboard her co-owned Sydney 38, *Mondo*. Teresa Ukrainetz claimed second place overall and first in the Female Helm category on the Summit King 40 *Jambo* and second overall. Celina Rumblelow skippered the Mumm 36 *Georgia Express* to third overall and second place All female. *Sirius* (Catherine Wood) claimed second spot in the Female Helm category with *Absolute* (Veronique Morgan Smith) third.

Callaghan was thrilled with the victory, stating, "I think the highlight of the race was getting out in front from the very beginning. We maintained the lead the whole way with consistent processes. It's the 30th year MYC has been hosting this challenge, and we're so proud to be pioneers in promoting women's racing."

MYC's Lyn Humphreys played a crucial role in rallying the J24 class, with six boats hitting the water. She took first place aboard *Ace*, finishing just four seconds ahead of Catherine Thornton-Rofe and her all-female team on *Kaotic*, with Macie Bourke placing third on *Okavango Delta*.

In Division 2, Natasha Miller's J/70 *Jabiru* triumphed Overall and in the All-Female category, followed by Marike Koppenol's Swanson Dart *Melody* in second and Sophie Nelson on *Lively* in third. In the Female Helm category, Lena Rusche skippered the Fareast 28R *Cool Runnings* to first place, with Deb Kelly on *Impulse* in second and Angelica Salmon on *Sakura* in third.

More Yacht division images from Marg Fraser-Martin [HERE](#)

For the overall SHWKS series on PHS in Division 2, *Melody* secured first place, *Jabiru* took second, and Sophie Nelson's Bavaria Match 35 *Lively* came in third. In Division 1, Bridget Canham and her mixed crew aboard the Payne 38 *It Happens* claimed the top spot, while Celina Rumblelow's all-women crew on the Farr Mumm 36 *Georgia Express* took second. Dinah Eagle's Beneteau Oceanis 51.1 *Wilde Rush* rounded out the podium in third.



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# THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you goes to Marg Fraser-Martin for her incredible photography, generously donating her time and expertise not only for the Women's Challenge but for every SHWKS race. Her photos serve as cherished mementos for all competitors.

Appreciation is also extended to the dedicated volunteers including the Saturday race committees previously mentioned and to Sunday's Race Officer Stephen Teudt, and committee consisting of Graham Radford, Peter McDonald, Stephen Smith, SWV Stuart Hablethwaite and Peter Bennell, who all made the weekend possible.

Manly thanks also to our major sponsor Helly Hansen for their fantastic prizes; long-time sponsor Scott Sails, based in Brookvale, for providing fabulous bags; and Imagine Signage.

Funds raised from the raffle were donated to the Northern Beaches Women's Shelter, with support from Keiser Physio Services, Peppertree Wines, and One Stop Marine.

We eagerly anticipate another fantastic event in 2026!

Catherine Thornton-Rofe  
MYC Women's Challenge Race Director



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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT (sorry Lisa, bumped you off the front page...Ed)

Hi everyone,

I just wanted to take a moment to say how incredibly proud I am of our community and what we achieved at the Saltwater Veterans pre-ANZAC Day service and social sail. It was one of those days that reminds you what makes MYC so special.

With 140 people on the water, 17 yachts, 4 support boats, and a fantastic vibe from start to finish, it was more than just an event—it was a moment of connection, remembrance, and shared spirit.

A huge thank you to the owners and crews of **Waterhound**, **Mondo**, **Solace**, **Ratty**, **Joss**, **San Toy**, **Esprit**, **Kryptonite** and **Manly Sailing's Force 24** fleet, for jumping in and making it all happen.



A particularly special shout-out goes to **Stephen Teudt**, who flew a trumpet player down from Queensland just for the occasion. The **Last Post** was played with such beauty and feeling that I'm not ashamed to say there were a few tears on deck. It was truly moving.

## CLUB LIFE & WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Our **Twilight season** has wrapped up, and what a season it was!

We had record entries, growing youth participation, and new connections made every week. The **First Tack** program is off and racing, and we're already seeing those sailors stepping into crew roles. It's exactly the kind of growth we love to see.

Congratulations to Anthony Poole and crew on *Waterhound* for winning the Twilight Series!!!

Behind the scenes, the board's been working hard to get on top of club governance and infrastructure. Some highlights:

- The **Endowment Fund** and **Constitution update** were both approved. These will be circulated prior to the AGM.
- We've finalised a **hold-off mooring policy**, and this will be added to the handbook.
- We submitted the **grant for the wharf repairs** under the Infrastructure Grant and hope to receive it later this year. Then, we will commence replacing a number of pylons under the wharf.
- Transport for NSW has yet to announce the successful **tender for the Scout Hall**. The delay has been caused by the decision to make the Scouts demolish the existing structure first. We expect this requires a DA, so there is really no timeline in sight, but remain optimistic of being the successful applicant.
- Our one-year goals are mostly on track. We've **Strengthened Community Integration** and **increased the number of boats and members** at the club. However, we are falling short on **Enhancing Volunteer Engagement**. **We still have a number of volunteer roles vacant, which are currently being taken on by existing board members**, so please put your hand up if you want to help.



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I would like to acknowledge the incredible contribution that Cath, Maz and Lyn have made this weekend. Their hard work and dedication were instrumental in making this event such a success.

I'm absolutely thrilled to report that we reached 40 entries for today's racing! Yesterday, we had 10 Lasers, 9 Open Skiffs, and 7 Hansa—that's 66 female-helmed boats on the water!

Adding to that, we had 35 yachts racing on Friday night, bringing our total to 101 boats that our little, volunteer-based yacht club has organised and officiated this weekend. What an achievement!

I've never been prouder to be a member of Manly Yacht Club. A huge thank you to every volunteer, race officer, and supporter who makes our club such a special place. You are what makes MYC so wonderful!  
♡

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for your



## SAVE THE DATES



Here's what's coming up on the MYC calendar:

- **Easter Race** – April 18th [Enter here](#)
- **Winter Series** - \$90 for 6 races. Starts May 18th [Enter Here](#)
- **Presentation Night** – 24 May (Maz is away, but don't worry—we'll still bring the sparkle!)
- **AGM + Social** – 28 June
- **75th Anniversary Gala Ball** – 6th September - Save the date in your diaries.

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## IN OTHER NEWS...



- We've been approached by **Coral Expeditions** and **G Brothers** for sponsorship—**Coral Expeditions will be sponsoring our Winter Series**
- **Venue hire** is going gangbusters this month—there were 20 bookings in March alone. Hats off to Kim, our venue hire manager!
- Our **sailing calendar** for next season is almost finished.
  - There will be 10 Club Championship races. Two Marathon races will be combined into the Summer series to total 9 races.
  - In addition to the Manly Cup (Juniors 2-day Regatta) and the Helly Hansen Women's Challenge (2-day regatta), we are also thrilled to announce that we will host
    - the **2026 O'pen Skiff Nationals** (5-day juniors regatta) and
    - the **2026 ILCA Metros** (2-day laser regatta).

It will be our biggest sailing program yet, and I want to thank the Sailing Committee under the leadership of Stephen and Cath for facilitating such an exciting sailing season ahead!

Thanks, as always, for being part of this wonderful club. Whether you're racing, crewing, volunteering, or just enjoying the view, we appreciate you!

See you at the presentation!

Lisa Callaghan - President



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MONDAY NIGHTS  
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It's free for all frontline workers - past and present. You don't need to be a frontline worker to attend.

Any donation from non-frontline attendees will be gratefully appreciated. All monies go to Frontline who provide mental health support to frontline workers.

[BOOKING CALENDAR HERE](#)



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## THE HANSA AND PARA WORLDS

have been run and won

Stories here: <https://hansaworlds.org/category/news-media/>

Results here: <https://sailingresults.net/?ID=81841>

With, in excess of 160 entries from over a dozen countries it was an impressive sight on Pittwater. Congratulations to Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club for hosting the event. Congratulations to all competitors and the proud winners of each division.

**THANK YOU**

Sailability Manly, for making available your 7 Hansas for this event.




## APRIL REMINDERS

### MANLY YACHT CLUB SYDNEY TO PITWATER GOOD FRIDAY RACE 18 APRIL 2025



Notice of Race is here <https://www.myc.org.au/race-series/offshore-series/>

Entries are now open

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/entry/series/4130/pricing> 

Explanation of pricing: NOR race fee \$150 is made up of...



- the race price is \$90
- the RMYC berthing price is \$60

So, users will see the series entry cost as \$90, but when they get to the payment page, there will be an item at the top of the page called "Pittwater Race 2025 RMYC Berthing" with a checkbox with associated \$60 cost.

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE BOX**

If you want to join us and only require a berth, please contact me [commodore@myc.org.au](mailto:commodore@myc.org.au)

### 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE RACE 30th APRIL 2025

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of Manly Yacht Club, the club will host a special anniversary race on Wednesday 30th April 2025, inviting clubs from around the harbour to join in celebrating the club's history and achievements. There will be a post-race BBQ for competitors, members, family and friends back on the deck. Mark your diaries and look out for details in an upcoming email.

**POSTPONED NEW DATE TBA**



## MAY REMINDERS

### PRESENTATION NIGHT 24 MAY 2025



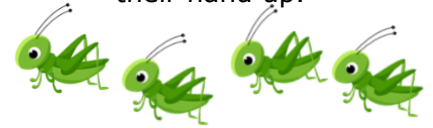
Now is the time to celebrate your wins, or commiserate your "almost wins" with crew, family and friends. Always an enjoyable night with the juniors and lasers regaling us with their tales; then a brief break with pizzas all round before the yacht presentations and the grand finale of the special awards ...

- Nigel Holman Trophy - for outstanding seamanship or on-water achievement
- Peter Wilkins Starters prize - how consistently did you start in the twilights?
- Graeme Cotton Good Citizen Award - have you nominated someone? Has someone nominated you?
- Women's Challenge One Design - Hansa, O'pen Skiff or ICLA? Will there be a controversy - ICLA4 vs ICLA6?
- Will Captain Bligh and Fletcher Christian come out of the trophy cabinet this year?
- And will Gordo win the Caterers Cup for another year?

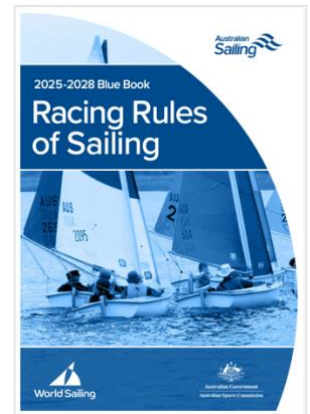
The bar will be open during the evening and the night will finish off with coffee and cake.

### NOTE FROM EDITOR

There will be no May newsletter - unless someone wants to put their hand up.



### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



The new Racing Rules of Sailing "blue book" has been published for the next 4 years of racing. If there are enough people interested (10 would do), I am happy to organize the printing from our friends at



Alternatively, you can organize your own printing but it will be more expensive... or you can just rely on the electronic version found [here](#).

Email [maz@myc.org.au](mailto:maz@myc.org.au) if you are interested.

## JUNE REMINDERS

As there will be no May newsletter, the notice for the AGM and social event will be communicated by email.

**LOCK IN THE DATE  
28 JUNE 2025**





**MEASURER COURSES**  
3-4 MAY 2025  
At Balmoral Sailing Club



**COURSE OVERVIEW – SAILS & SPARS**

The Measurer-Sails and Spars Seminar is aimed at training Australian Sailing members in the basics to conduct fundamental measurement and certification of sails and spars and equipment inspection at Club, State or National level competition.

Measurers play an important role within sailing ensuring equipment compliance and act as a source of technical knowledge.

To become accredited as an Australian Sailing Measurer - Sails and Spars you are required to:

- Be a member of an Australian Sailing affiliated club.
- Attend an Australian Sailing Measurer -Sails and Spars Seminar.
- Provide a log showing you have assisted as a Measurer or event equipment inspector in at least two events.
- Complete the [Performance Assessment](#).
- Attain a Letter of Endorsement from your affiliated Club or Class Association.

Enrol:

[NSW/ACT - Measurer - Sails & Spars Course - Balmoral Sailing Club](#)

**COURSE OVERVIEW – OFFICIAL CLASS**

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- Attend an Australian Sailing Measurer Seminar.
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**PHOTO COMP**



As we rapidly approach the end of the season, it's time to start preparations on the next handbook.

So... will your sailing image be featured on the front cover?

Send entries to [maz@myc.org.au](mailto:maz@myc.org.au)



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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(part owner *Shear Magic*)  
Adam Davis

**JUNIOR**

Ole Bedacht

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Well, well, well...



Winter race 2016

Summer has come to an end, Club Champs are nearly over, Summer Series is done, a most excellent Twilight Season is now in the rear-view mirror and everyone's back from Port Stephen's.

So, what's next we hear you say? After honing your crew's racing prowess, optimizing your boat's performance, and tinkering with her maintenance, she is now a Rocketship and there is no racing to be had.

Well, have we got news for you! This is your chance to keep her running like a finely tuned Swiss watch. We are proud to announce an upcoming event of monumental importance.

Manly Yacht Club's most excellent racing event:



## THE WINTER SERIES



With 6 races over winter, Twilight style starts and finishes, it offers a casual race in a quieter harbour, with lovely passage style racing around some of Port Jackson's most picturesque bays.



Winter race 2017



Winter race 2018

Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker, our handicap experts will do the appropriate adjustments to make it all fair.

So even if you don't have the crew numbers to put up a colourful Panic Pennant, you can still win this event. Twilight warriors - we want you all to join in.

Remember you can also go to the *Manly Yacht Club Crew Connect* by clicking the link below:



Manly Yacht Club Community  
WhatsApp Group Invite

Join Chat

The first race is **MAY 18TH**, so don't drop the ball, sign up now and start your prep.

**ENTER NOW!**



Peter McDonald/Jim Nixon - Winter race directors

## EXCITING NEW SPONSORS

Please welcome [Clarity Cru Wine Merchants](#) as our race day sponsors, providing fine wine for your enjoyment.



We also welcome Coral Expeditions who will be providing the series winners prizes from the [MYC merchandising store](#). [Coral Expeditions](#) is also offering a **\$500pp** discount on any cruises in their offering.



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TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2025







# TWILIGHT RACE 20 / TWILIGHT FEMALE HELM RACE 5

14 MARCH 2025



Twilight Results: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3764/races/25661?handicap=5>

Twilight Female Helm Results: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3765/races/25674?handicap=5>

Image Scott Reynolds

The penultimate twilight for the 2024-2025 season and 23 boats, including 4 casuals, ventured out. After a drizzly morning, the afternoon was a pleasant change with reasonable breezes kicking in. Late entries caused a bit of confusion as race times were reissued. Ample radio calls by the race committee to advise the competitors of late time changes didn't reach everyone - which explains the custom time penalty for some boats.



TWL20 Winners

Casual entry, new member and boat to the club, *Young Generation*, zoomed around course 3 in just over 45 minutes placing first and fastest around the course followed by *Flyte* and *Pompadi* 18 seconds later (even with a custom time penalty on both boats).

With one race to go the top 3 boats - *Waterhound*, *Sirius* and *Pompadi* will be hoping for a perfectly sailed last race.



Flyte in flight

Thank you to the race committee from Escape - it was a tough night, with lots of boats coming in together - great handicapping - in failing light.



To the finish



This was also the last race for the twilight female helm with *Phantom Menace* taking out top spot followed by *Hebe* and *Stock Car*. Consistent racing by young Arabella on *Stock Car* puts her first in the series, and, with only 1 point behind - *Fast Company*, not quite fast enough in second place, with *Phantom Menace* completing the podium places. Congratulations ladies!



TWF5 Winners

More images here <https://photos.app.goo.gl/UfnWnFbutYtfeMs9>



# SUMMER SERIES RACE 8

16 MARCH 2025



This was going to be a very hot day, so lots of watermelon on board *San Toy* to keep the crew hydrated and engaged.

Team *Stock Car*, with RD David instructing, performed their first outing as race committee, choosing Course 4, a lazy loop around the harbour dipping into Hunter Bay and Rose Bay. *Stock Car* also managed to race - well done.



This was the final race of the series with 5 of the 9 boats entered coming to the start line.

With the laser fleet finish positioned at Flagstaffe Point, the yachts who were listening to VHF72 easily found the finish line, and *Robbie R* chased those who were not.



The first 2 boats crossed the line within 12 seconds of each other, with *San Toy* a minute and a half behind. The glory of first across the line goes to *Waterhound* but it's the handicap that counts in this race and *San Toy* was eager to best *Ten Sixty's* handicap. On corrected



time *San Toy* first, *Ten Sixty* second and *Waterhound* third. How different might the result have been if *Absolut* and *Stock Car* hadn't had trouble finding the finish line?

As there were only 6 races run, with 2 ABNs due to foul weather, there was no drop, so final results of the series are *Ten Sixty*, *Stock Car*, *San Toy* - well done!

Thank you race committee and race director David Ashton.



CAN I ENCOURAGE ANY BOATS IN THE TWILIGHT SERIES TO COME JOIN NEXT SEASON'S SUMMER SERIES FLEET?

THE COURSES ARE A LITTLE LONGER THAN TWILIGHTS; THERE ARE USUALLY LESS BOATS FROM OTHER CLUBS; YOU DON'T NEED TO FLY A KITE; BUT IF YOU WANT TO BE ADVENTUROUS - YOU CAN!





Twilight results here <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/23/results/series/3764/races>

Image Gav Reed

The final night of the twilights saw a fabulous turn out of 31 boats. The shortest course was selected by the capable *San Toy* race committee. Unfortunately, only 15 boats made it back home in the dying breeze - *Pompadi* sneaking in with a second to spare before the 20:15 cut-off time. The remaining 16 boats were accounted for, so all of Maz's chickens made it back to the roost, and she could relax!

*Mondo* steamed in for the win and fastest time, with *Waterhound* some 5 minutes later followed by *Ludicrous Mode* another 2 and a half minutes behind.

Five boats were within 5 seconds of their start times - great effort: *Phantom Menace* on 1 second takes the prize.

After a tight battle for the series win *Waterhound* took the prize with *Sirius* and *Pompadi* in second and third respectively.

Back at the club, the deck was humming, and the food kept coming - thank goodness for emergency supplies! And thank goodness for super team Riley, Henry and Karrie in the galley, Brea in the bar and tender drivers Stephen and Shaun and their difficult task of finding the crews in the dark.

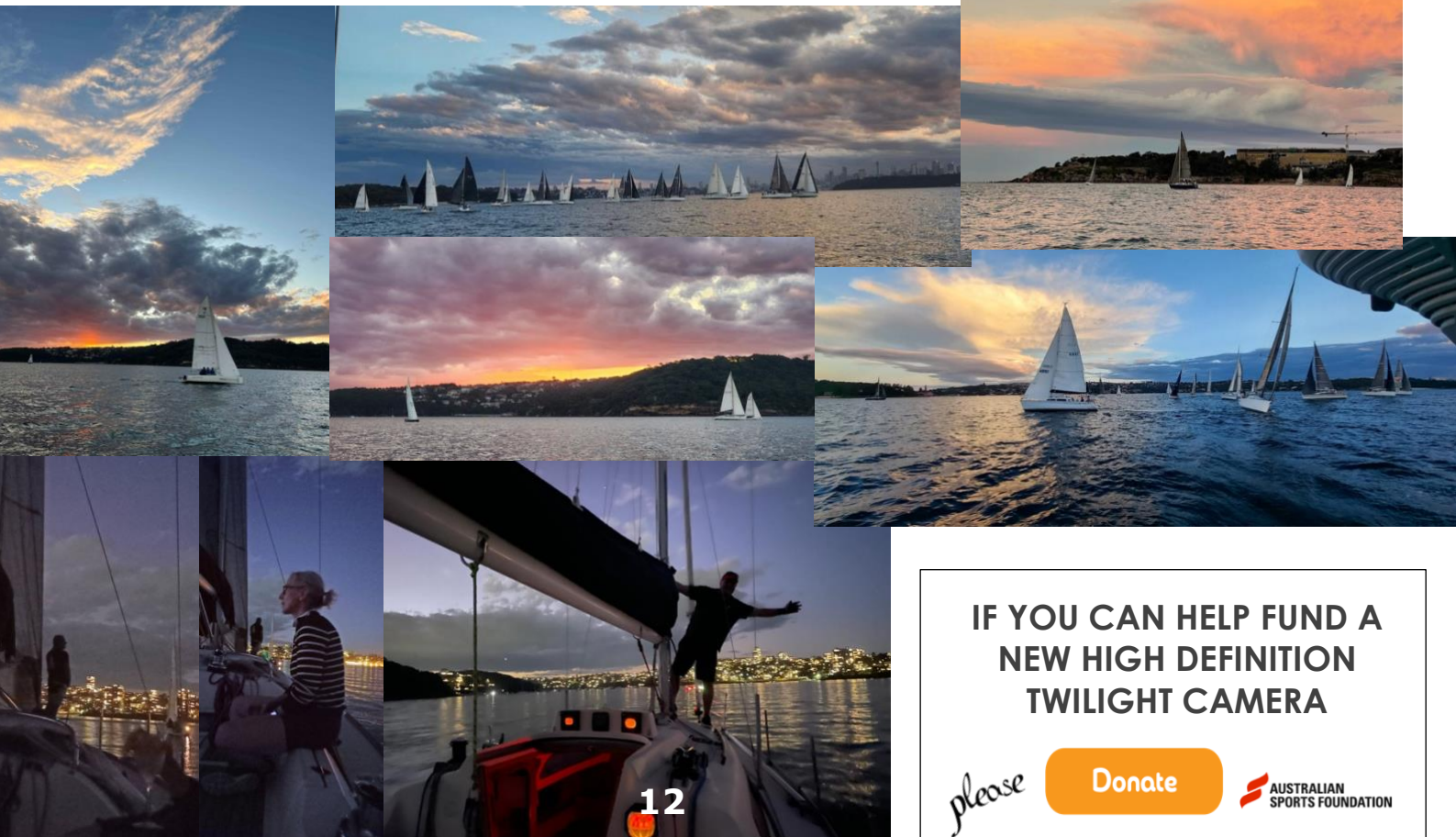
Thank you Peppertree Wines for your fantastic support of the Twilights.

Finally, thank you Race Director Lisa. Your enthusiasm and hard work paid off in making this one of the most successful twilight seasons ever.

The low-key End of Summer Social was rolled into this last twilight (due to too many other things going on). Entertainment was provided by DJ Joel Grace. There may have been dancing!

Judging by the images, crews had time on their hands in their "race" to the finish. There were some spectacular cloud formations and colours posted.

More images here : <https://photos.app.goo.gl/3YLD84NnMZinVpVh7>



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## HANSA DIVISION

22 MARCH 2025

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Images by Maz Radford and Marg Fraser-Martin (the better ones are hers)



In champagne sailing conditions, seven Hansa dinghies contested the 30<sup>th</sup> running of the MYC Women's Challenge and the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the inclusion of centreboard dinghies on Saturdays, making it a full weekend of racing.

In 2004 the centreboard and MJ fleet were invited to sail in the Women's Challenge on the Sunday. Then in 2005, the Hansa class joined the Sunday racing. For some years the Hansas battled with the Ynglings on the Sundays to see who could field the biggest one design fleet. The Ynglings didn't make an

appearance this year but the O'pen Skiffs and the Laser fleet put up a good showing. Now it's up to the race director to decide who wins the coveted one-design trophy!

The first race for the division saw Sophie and Ros in *Woody* leading the fleet with Catherine and Gigi in *Black Swan*, hot on her heels and managing to overtake and cross the line first. Anna-Lei and Marnie in *Ralph Newman* crossing in close third.

Race 2 and *Black Swan* lead the fleet around the course. Jessie and Alyse in *Vin* crossed second with a close third spot Michelle and President Lisa in *Dolly Wallis* almost in a tie with *Woody* and *Ralph Newman*.

The third and final race looked to be *Black Swan* again but a senior's moment, or cheering from the spectator boat, caught the skipper off guard, thinking that she had crossed the finish line. But no, 1 lap still go, spoiling *Black Swan's* winning streak. *Woody* was first followed by *Vin* and *Black Swan* in third spot.



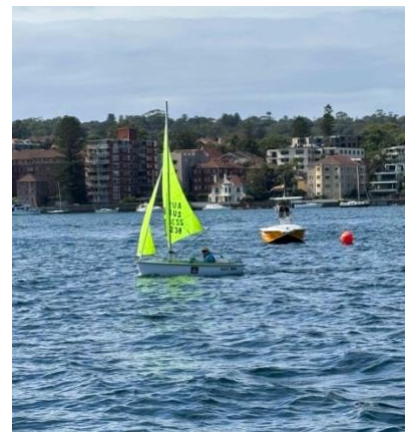
Race 1-Sophie and Ros lead ... until they don't



Alyse and Jessie



Race 2... in the lead



Race 3... that oops moment!

More images by Marg Fraser-Martin and Maz [here](#) and [here](#)



### Overall results :

- 1<sup>st</sup> Black Swan - Catherine and Gigi
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Woody - Sophie and Ros
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vin - Jessie and Alyse
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dolly Wallis - Michelle and Lisa
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ralph Newman - Anna-Lei and Marnie
- 6<sup>th</sup> Alex Martin - Jenny and Petra
- 7<sup>th</sup> Eli D - Jackie and Jeannie





Results : <https://www.myc.org.au/results-lasers/>

Image Alex Buhlman



Fresh to nothing from the WNW made for challenging sailing today. Fortunately, Dutchy (RO) put us in The Sound which at least gave us some sailing room.

Ian Saunders turned up today with his game face and after a disappointing day last week, sailed brilliantly to get a double single. Two handicap wins and a CC win.

Yours truly collected the other CC. Dave Walton was also another standout building nicely towards Formia with a strong 3rd place in the longer first race after leading earlier. Phil Eadie caught 5 boats in one leg to claim 5th in one of the CCs epitomising his never give up attitude. Great that 4.7 sailor Danielle turned up again showing the depth in the fleet and is now part of the crew (even if it made her late for work!).



Back on shore more surprises were in store with Gordo producing the "piece de resistance"

including beautiful rare steak salad, teriyaki sausages, low carb beers and Gordon's gin and tonic. A special bonus was that Lace explained clearly the benefits of the low sugar diet showing off the incredible results in his sluggos.

Thoughts now turn to the annual Helly Hansen Women's regatta next week then BOTS the week after.

Phil Reid





# MYC HELLY HANSEN WOMEN'S CHALLENGE O'PEN SKIFF AND ILCA DIVISIONS

22 MARCH 2025



Image Marg Fraser-Martin



Image Colin Cameron

In 2004 the centreboard and MJ fleet were invited to sail in the Women's Challenge in the morning of the Sunday racing. Two MJs, 2 lasers, a tassar and 2 flying 11s made up the fleet. How different, 21 years later.

In 2011 the Hansa and centreboard fleets were given their own race day on the Saturday, making the Women's Challenge an all-weekend event.

Nine O'pen Skiffs and 10 lasers (now ILCA4 & ILCA 6) with 4 lasers sailing in from Vaucluse to enhance the fleet.

Consistent racing in the O'pen Skiff division kept Maya, Emma, Felicity and Olivia on their toes. Maya has been scoring a lot of firsts in the racing over the season so it's no surprise that she came away with 2 bullets; Emma in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Felicity in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

With a mixture of 4.7s (ILCA4) and Radials (ILCA6), it will be interesting to see if Race Director Catherine, will consider these 2 as subdivisions of the laser fleet or mark them as separate fleets when considering awarding the one design trophy.

In Radials: Sammy 1<sup>st</sup>; Catherine 2<sup>nd</sup>; Veronique 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
In 4.7s Danielle 1<sup>st</sup>; Anna-Lei 2<sup>nd</sup>, Georgina 3<sup>rd</sup>.







## MARCH HIGHLIGHTS reprinted with permission from Signals



*Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award success for Sophie Lintvelt*

### GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Our youngest volunteer Sophie Lintvelt has achieved the highest level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, being awarded the Gold level.

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards requires participation in physical recreation, skills, voluntary service and an adventurous journey.

Sophie has been sailing since she was eight, both at Manly Yacht Club and Manly Skiff Club, so Sailability was her first thought for the volunteering component. She has been a volunteer for a number of years now and despite completing the Duke of Edinburgh program she intends to continue her volunteering with Manly Sailability.

We're incredibly lucky to have her and congratulate her on this significant achievement.

### CLEA GETS A NEW LEASE OF LIFE

Most sailing days Ivan enjoys extended periods sailing Clea, our single-handed Hansa 2.3.- and our oldest boat. Sailability Manly started in August/September 1995 and at that stage was Sailability North Sydney, run out of Kirribilli Yacht Club.

The President of Rotary North Sydney at the time was Mr Wallace, and his small daughter, Clea was very interested in the little boat that he donated to the new branch of Sailability NSW, so the boat was named "Clea".

Later, as Clea Wallace became old enough to be in the work-force, she worked at Sunnyfields.

Although 30 years old now, Clea is still exciting to sail, and has had a new lease of life, being chartered for use by international competitors in the upcoming Hansa World Championships on Pittwater.



*Ivan sailing Clea in North Harbour*

### IT'S REGATTA SEASON

The new year has heralded the start of the regatta season for Manly Sailability.

On 26th January all seven of our boats took part in the 2025 Australia Day Regatta, the oldest continuous sailing regatta in the world.

Towards the end of March, we participated in the Helly Hansen Women's Challenge, providing exciting and fun filled racing for all competitors and spectators.

Then, immediately after the Women's Challenge, our boats were trailered to Pittwater to be chartered for the World Hansa Championships, with our own Michael Burnett entering in the solo class.

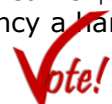
We wish Michael the best of luck as he represents Manly Sailability in this most prestigious event.



### FANCY A BURGER?

One of our strong supporters is Grill'd at Balgowlah.

Their "Local Matters" program allows diners to vote for their favourite charity by placing a token into one of three jars. The jar with the most tokens each month earns \$300 for that charity. So next time you fancy a hamburger try Grill'd at Balgowlah Village and

 for Manly Sailability!



**ILCA**



**SUNDAY 10 NOV 2024**

*"The weather forecast was a wee bit windy from the South"*



**SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025**

*"Unfortunately, the wind was up again and the rerun of BOTS 10/11/2024 was also cancelled"*



**SUNDAY 16 NOV 2025**

*"A fine day, with a 12-15 Knots NE breeze, is forecast for Sunday 16/11/2025, when BOTS is rescheduled"*

**ILCA**

**ILCA6 / ILCA7 FLEET**

**6 APR 2025 - 4P15\*/4P16**



PEPPER TREE WINES



Results : <https://www.myc.org.au/results-lasers/>

Image Colin Cameron

Last heats of the 4P racing today. Hardly any breeze, in fact in almost did a 360 starting NW and going all the way round to NE.

Ian Saunders played his cards today and took out both wins. Shaun managed to pick up a win thank God and well done for preventing Ian from picking up a double-double. It was one of those days where we had to chase the wind and the last race was one lap in a Nor Easter.

Gordon decided to perform his 360 turn on the finish line which bugged about four boats trying to finish (video is being sent to international authorities to see if it's legal). Either way, he's going to struggle to win the Keg Cup, I think.

Mike Franklin was first at the top mark in the second race but left it to the wrong side and headed for the BBQ, as he was on Catering. Mike put on a great display of food and drinks which was well received.

Thanks heaps to Gianni & Colin Cameron who managed to run both races in difficult conditions.

Next week is the last weekend of sailing and Club Championship so all the quick people will be on deck. Keg Cup has about 5 boats that can take that and the Point Score looks like it's up grabs with Phlea (sic) positioning himself today to reap the rewards next week.

Next week the Keg Cup will be decided, and it will be presented on the Deck! Good Ruck.





# MANLY YACHT CLUB WOMEN'S CHALLENGE

## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY



2025 marks the 75th Anniversary of Manly Yacht Club and the 30th Anniversary of the Manly Yacht Club Women's Challenge.

Conceived and designed by Ivana Gattegno, with the full endorsement of the MYC Board 30+ years ago, this event was originally sponsored by Cristal D'Arques (1995), then Mikasa (2007), before Musto/Sturrocks (2009) came on board. In 2011, a new event sponsor emerged, and the event has been proudly known as the Helly Hansen Women's Challenge (HHWC), ever since.

In 2004 the centreboard fleet joined the Sunday racing. The following year Sailability Manly was included with their fleet of Hansa dinghies until eventually, in 2011 the centreboard fleets were given their own day, making this a full weekend event.

We are extremely grateful for the encouragement and support that has helped this event grow.

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### FROM A HISTORY ARTICLE - WOMEN IN MYC...

*(written in 2009)*

*Over the years, women have become increasingly involved with Manly Yacht Club. In the early days of skiff sailing, there were no women sailors and the female role was one of "Ladies Auxiliaries", where the social planning and catering was performed by wives, mothers, and daughters of the skiff sailors. As with any club at the time, this was an essential part of the management of the club, but the women were missing out on the sheer delight of sailing.*

*During the late 60's and early 70's, families started to move into MYC, and wives and daughters began to learn skiff sailing in the MG's, the MJ's, and the catamarans. Of course, they still continued to do the catering for the "après sailing" activities, fund raising, etc. Some of the girl skippers in the MJ's started to make their presence felt in the State and National competitions.*

*Some of the wives became forward hands on the MG's with some funny consequences - quite a few "domestics" of course - David and Patsy Holmes had an important social engagement one Saturday afternoon for which Patsy had had a very special hairdo and wore a shower cap; although it was a very windy morning, David was never forgiven for the two capsizes which destroyed Patsy's coiffure.*

*The State Flying 11 Association used to conduct an annual Team's Race. In the late 1970's Manly put together a team of all female skippers (five boats) which was held on Pittwater. By means of some clever sailing, and appreciation of the subtleties of team racing, the girls won, and strangely the event has not been conducted since.*

*In today's MYC, many women are involved not only in sailing but also in the management of the club, for instance our Commodore, Maz Theaker. Pam Davis (skipper, race management, board member), Ivana McAlpine, (skipper, race management, Women's Challenge, board member), Christabel Casimir (Hon. Sec.), Margaret Lucas, Madam Shop and Newsletter Editor), Sorrell Lambie, Relle Mott, Helen Ebeling, Helen Scott, Jules Lawson, Eli Demeny (Sailability), Judy Richardson, Mary Peacock, (Race Starters/Finishers), Sue Rothquel, Jill Madden, Jennie Wilson, Judy Cole, Anne Cotton, Jackie Morgan (Board member and Sailability), early women - Vanessa Dudley, Elizabeth Datson, Suzy Ebeling, Jeanette Thomson.*

*We've come a long way ... but there is always more to do!*

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FINALLY... A MESSAGE FROM IVANA: All the best for the 30th anniversary of the Women's Challenge, Maz. I hold this event close to my heart and working with you so rewarding. Please congratulate all competitors and the organizers. Good on MYC for running this event for 30 years.

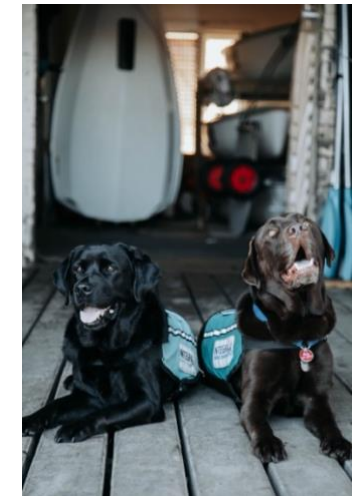


# INTEGRA SERVICE DOGS AUSTRALIA LIMITED



Recently, our new community partners, Saltwater Veterans Sailing Project, hosted a charity photo shoot on the Manly Yacht Club wharf for Integra Service Dogs Australia, to help raise awareness for the legally protected Rights of Public access for certified assistance dogs. Integra provide PTSD dogs for veterans including several members of Saltwater Veterans and you will have noticed Reggie around the club after a twilight race and in the support boat for the recent Helly Hansen Women's Challenge.

Manly Yacht Club is proud to support the Saltwater Veterans and their assistance dogs.



Dragon boaters catching the last of the twilight warmth.





# EAST COAST LOW STRIKES AGAIN

29 Mar-3 Apr

The weekend before the start of Sail Port Stephen's Race Week saw Sydney boats, including *Mondo*, *Kanreki*, *Absolut*, *Ça Va* and *Escape* from Manly Yacht Club, heading north to participate. By all accounts, the weather at Port Stephen's was also copping what was experienced in Sydney, and the first few days of racing kept the boats inside.



From Dobroyd, Bruce Davis saw breaking waves and captured the swell coming in through The Heads with the Manly Fast Ferry deciding to turn around...



...the *Fat Lady* came adrift, and the 1.9 metre king tide washed through the lower levels of our club with waves splashing up through the floorboards.

From club manager Barry... "Big cleanup going on downstairs at the Club following the storm and 1.9M high tide last night.

Downstairs adjacent to the Sailing School flooded and out the back mud everywhere but now getting sorted.

Still to gurney the big floor mat but looking better than this morning."

"The Sailability mat is drying out and the big mat outside Manly Sailing gurneyed and now drying out - will take a few days. The boatshed drying out."

Thank you Bruce and Graham for securing the tender in treacherous conditions.



A Big  
**THANK  
YOU!**  
BARRY



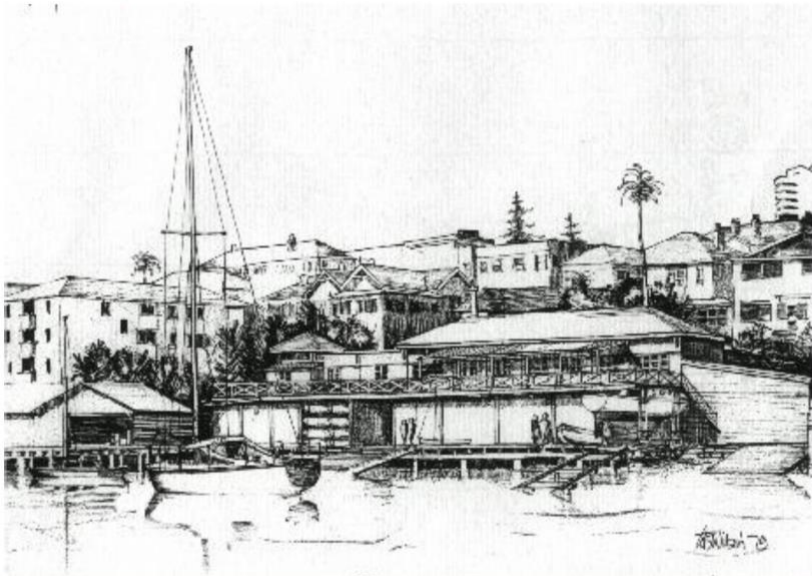
# A "NOD" TO 75 YEARS

Reprint of history articles published in 2013

## HISTORY OF PRESENT CLUBHOUSE (the old Baths Building) - PART 2



... continued from June 2013



The 1979 "Vision" of what the MYC club house might look like. Sketch by Brian Wilson

**MYC began to raise funds** for Stage 2 and that is where the new President, Keith Woodward stepped in. He made applications for grant assistance to the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation and NSW Maritime with support from the Skiff Club and Manly Council. In March 2004 the Department of Sport and Recreation announced that MYC would receive a grant of \$23,000. NSW Maritime awarded a grant under the Waterways Asset Development and Management Program of \$44,000. Well done Keith Woodward!

**In March the Hardstand Committee** comprising Keith Woodward, Bruce Davis, David Lewis and Brian Wilson agreed that the optimum hardstand, given our current funding, would be approximately 8m east to west and 16m north to south, leaving one bay between the hardstand and the Skiff Club.

**This was much smaller deck** than the one which had received approval in 1998 and the structures on the deck had been reduced from toilets and change rooms to a sailing office with the accessible toilet relocated within the building.

**This was a departure** from the approved plans and that meant an amended DA with permission required from Maritime to lodge it. Eventually MYC ceased to pursue an amended DA in the face of opposition from Maritime

and the Skiff Club and chose to build the deck under the terms of the original DA 15/98 consent. What the Club could afford at this time would be Part 1 of the greater deck.

**Ian Young was appointed consultant** engineer and his revised drawings for a Construction Certificate were dated October 2005. This was after prolonged dealings with NSW Maritime and The Department of Primary Industries which had to issue a Permit to Harm Marine Vegetation and Council.

**Eventually the Construction Certificate** was issued by Manly Council on 7 August 2007.

**One of the conditions** of consent required a bond of \$10,000 for the protection of seagrass during construction. Since the smaller deck did not extend as far as the seagrass an amendment to the conditions of consent was submitted to Council.

**This was granted** but a new condition was attached to the consent to the effect that 'No obstruction is to be erected between the rigging deck and the ramp'. This was aimed at the intended gates at either end of the deck and was in direct conflict with the original conditions of consent.

**Security was seen as an issue** at MYC and gates at either end of the deck were seen as a necessity.

**So the Club had to lodge yet another DA** for the gates with Manly Council which was refused. And there the matter rests.

When the MYC board decided to follow up the idea of moving from Stuarts Boatshed into the Old Baths Building the club members were by no means unanimous in supporting that decision. The 'off the beach sailors' objected, i.e. the dinghy, skiff and catamaran sailors. In 1977 I lodged a DA with Manly Council to convert the Old Baths Building into a yacht club and in 1978 that DA was approved. However opposition to the move remained. So I prepared the drawing to show how the club might look in the new premises complete with ramp, slipway (the old club had a slipway) and boat storage.

Notice the old Diggers swimming club building on the right hand side and the kitchen which was cantilevered out from what is now the office on the left. The yacht in the foreground belonged to the late Doug Ebeling and family. It was called Dans La Rouge. And the tall palm tree which grew in a small lawn area at the rear of the club was a favourite place for the homeless.

**The opening ceremony** for the completed deck, organised by Bruce Davis, took place on 29 March 2008 with Manly Mayor Jean Hay, Local Member Mike Baird and club President Brian Wilson making brief speeches.



**Mike Baird cut the ribbon;** however, the highlight of the event was a musical performance by the Manly Village Primary School Band. Jim Nixon's daughter Ella was a bands woman. The band played four numbers much to the delight of the audience.



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# A "NOD" TO 75 YEARS

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## HISTORY OF PRESENT CLUBHOUSE (the old Baths Building) ... continued from page 3

**Prior to the construction of the hardstand/rigging deck** the Club volunteers had been busy creating a pontoon to provide access to the water for Sailability and the juniors.

**The construction and installation of this pontoon** was a major engineering achievement by the club.

**Keith Woodward** designed it and the galvanised steel frame was fabricated at Phil Vidler's factory in Brookvale. It measured 9m by 5m and it weighed 9 tonnes. It was dismantled and brought to the club jetty where all the other components had been assembled. It took several weekends and large working parties to build it.

**The pontoon** itself was built on rollers and the launch date was set in mid August 2001 to coincide with the king tide. The peak of the tide was at night so it was dark, nevertheless, a large group of club Members assembled to participate in and watch the launch. Bruce Davis arrived with the Rumpus. A long rope was attached to the Pontoon with the other end fixed to the Rumpus. Bruce gunned the engine and the Rumpus headed south and the pontoon slide gracefully off the jetty into the water. Loud Cheers!

**The pontoon was officially opened 3 November 2001** by Mayor Jean Hay and Councillor David Barr but Kerri Porter from Sailability, who has cerebral palsy and has intellectual problems, was the star.

**Eli Demeny stated** "Sailing is one of the few sports that with the right equipment can be enjoyed by everyone, no matter what their physical handicap" and Maryanne Dalton speaking about Sailability and the Pontoon said "for Sailability this pontoon is a dream come true. The time saved using this new system will allow us to increase the number of sailors we can mobilise out onto the water each sailing day".

**Davits and a winch were constructed** on the deck so that Robbie R, the club's support boat, could be stored clear of the water and a small crane was installed on the pontoon to lift Sailability sailors in and out of their dinghies.

**The upgrading of the Clubhouse** is a continuing process.

**The original flat** at the north end of the building was gutted. The kitchen which was cantilevered out from the main building was demolished as was the toilet which was cantilevered out from the southern end of the building.

**The Club office** and the kitchen were installed in the flat.

**The kitchen** has been totally rebuilt again more recently.

**A new balcony** has been built from the observation deck to the kitchen.

**The men's and women's toilets** were completely rebuilt in their original locations.

**A lightweight translucent roof** was built over the observation deck and a BBQ located at the end near the kitchen.

**Sailability put a completely new accessible toilet** downstairs at deck level (DA consent issued 3 Feb. 2004) and showers were installed adjacent to it.

**Boat storage** has been rationalised.

**The main clubroom** had internal walls removed (it too had been used as a flat). It has had a bar installed, new tables and chairs purchased, carpets replaced, ceiling fixed, windows repaired and new blinds fitted, walls repainted, new lighting installed and a PA/music system.



*Current President Davis Lewis, tightening a few bolts on the wharf prior to the pontoon project*



*Assembly of the pontoon on the wharf*

**The new entrance hall**, courtesy of the Skiff Club, has made a huge difference to the access to the club and the functioning of the main hall.

**Previously one had to enter the club** from the water level and climb the internal stairs to reach the clubroom and observation deck. Now one can enter from the street and the entrance hall provides a reception area.

*'Til next time...*

*...Brian Wilson*





# THE YEAR FOR MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS [read all about their history here](#)



Scan 02.2015 Rowing and Sailing Club building, early 1940s, Stewart's boatshed adjacent



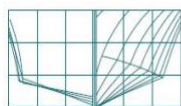
## CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF FEDERATION NAVY FLEET REVIEW

In 2026, Australia will mark 125 years of Federation, when Australia's six British colonies became one nation, the Commonwealth of Australia, on 1 January 1901. On 1 March that year, the former colonies transferred their naval and military forces to the federal government. Over the course of 2026, both Navy and Army will celebrate their *quasiquincentennial* anniversaries.

Navy will mark the 125 years with a series of events in every State and Territory, including multilateral exercises, leadership outreach, parades, recruiting, defence industry and community engagements. Over 100 activities across the nation will highlight the breadth and strength of naval capabilities.

We aim to host the centrepiece of the year's events in Sydney, with over 50 nations invited to attend the International Fleet Review.

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 Our Halvorsen 26, Helen-K had extensive timber rot which ruled out local repairs so we went for a full rebuild from the deck up. Fly and tank cabins with laminated Oregon beams. Stayed true to the original shape and dimensions but added a helm door. It was a 12 month job and I can heartily recommend the work of Murray, Stuart and the boys at Castlecrag Marina - excellent workmanship throughout.

A rebuilt deck for Emerelda

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<b>Single Vineyard Range</b>						<b>12 Pack</b>		
'Venus Block' Chardonnay	Orange	2022	\$50.00	\$42.50		\$510.00		
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