



## **President's Message**

Sailability originated in Britain during the 1980's and was introduced to Victoria, Australia in 1990. Sailability NSW began in Gosford in 1994 and was incorporated as a state-wide association in 1995. Sailability has now spread to every State and Territory of Australia and continues to extend its reach around the globe. Through this program, we have proved that sailing really is for everyone.

Sailability not only benefits participants, but the volunteers and wider community as well. It is an enormously rewarding activity to be involved in and I congratulate you on your decision to develop Sailability in your community.

The knowledge and experience of the Sailability NSW Committee and all the SNSW branches is a resource to draw upon throughout the establishment and operational phases of your branch. We welcome the opportunity to assist.

Good luck and good sailing.

***Grahme Rayner***

## **Introduction**

- **Sailability NSW Mission Statement**

Sailability NSW will facilitate participation in sailing and boat usage at social, recreational and competitive levels on inland, estuary and ocean water, for people with disabilities regardless of age and level of disability.

- **Sailability NSW Philosophy**

Sailability NSW is the ideal means of encouraging anyone to enter the sport of sailing.

1. Sailing is one of the few activities in which everyone can participate on an equal basis
2. All people feel at home when surrounded by family and friends; people with disabilities are no exception
3. There is also a need for a venue where able bods can learn to understand disability.
4. Sailability can be the starting point for the normalisation of many peoples' lives by empowering people with disabilities to actively participate in administration of the organisation as well as participating in on-water activities.

- **Sailability NSW Objectives:**

- (a) To provide a safe and fun environment where people of all abilities are accepted and encouraged to participate in the sport of sailing.
- (b) To implement safety and procedural policies in relationship to activities pertaining to sailing around NSW.
- (c) To support people with disabilities to become intrinsically motivated to participate in the organisation at all levels, to increase self esteem, and empower PWDs to live happier and healthier lives.
- (d) To increase the range of recreational, competitive, therapeutic and training opportunities through the provision of sailing and power boating; and sail and power boat training programs - from fun and social activity to elite level competition.
- (e) To provide and encourage training opportunities to members at whatever level they choose.
- (f) To provide sailing opportunities throughout regional areas of NSW.
- (g) To provide support, information kits and training for new clubs and volunteers.
- (h) To liaise with sporting bodies, educational institutions, government agencies and other relevant bodies to represent the interests of the members of Sailability NSW.
- (i) To implement fundraising and sponsorship activities to maintain the financial viability of Sailability NSW.
- (j) To liaise with other States and Territories on appropriate matters such as event coordination and promotion of Sailability.
- (k) To liaise with Sailability NSW branches to coordinate events within NSW.

## **Organisational Structure**

- Sailability NSW Inc is an association incorporated with NSW Department of Fair Trading.
- Member of NSW Association of Disability Sport (a committee of NSW Sports Federation).
- Representation on the National Sailability Committee. Yachting NSW provides the nomination for the NSW representative to Yachting Australia.
- Close associations with
  - a) Boating Industry Association of NSW
  - b) Yachting NSW
  - c) Access Dinghy Foundation

Sailability comprises numerous branches throughout regional NSW and metropolitan Sydney. Representatives of each branch make up the committee of Sailability NSW, with the Executive Committee being elected annually at the AGM.