

Greetings. I apologise for this being a little longer than usual. But there are many things I'd like all Sailors, Volunteers and Friends of Sailability to consider.

In just a few days, we celebrate 15 years since Sailability Wellington began. It's cause for celebration! To that end, we have made a booking for a gathering of up to 350 people. Here's the details.....

Sailability Wellington Celebrates 15 years.

- PWMC Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 6:00pm for a dinner beginning at 6:30pm
- Our guest speaker is Josh Junior, - a member of the crew of Emirates Team New Zealand that won the America's Cup



- We are keeping the cost low at \$35 per person and you buy your own drinks on the evening.
- Bookings are being handled by Eleonore van der Reyden who requests you to text her 0279603507 with names
- You may pay by putting the ticket money into the Sailability Bank account at ANZ Petone. The account number is 06 0545 0279558 00 Please put your name as a reference. Bookings will be heavy, and I'm sure PWMC will fill all spare spaces. Be Quick!
- Please bring money for a raffle or two.
- We do need people to help with a) Setting up, b) cleaning up, c) organising raffles, d) making up a PowerPoint of our history.

Winter!

It is winter and we lose many sailing days to cold weather, rain, high winds and illness. Communication with both sailors and volunteers becomes more spasmodic. Please do your best to let me know if you are away from any sailing day. It's very helpful for me to know the day before, so that I can find a replacement. For the sailors, there is always others who would like to fill any

empty slot.....for the volunteers, you will all be aware that having a full crew is often a matter of safety.

New Jetty for Porirua.

Fundraising is still in progress and although it has not been as swift as we may have hoped, however I am now confident that it will come together over the next few months.

Mariner's Shed

Some of you will have heard of our intention to have a 'Mariner's Shed' - a bit like a 'Men's Shed' so that we can maintain our boats and also help other boaties work on theirs. There has been much discussion with the Seaview Marina Management and Hutt City Council, both of whom are committed to the idea. Negotiations are coming on quite swiftly and a decision about this will result in an announcement very soon.

Regattas coming up

- 'Bart's Bash' (which we competed in last year) and our Annual Liberty Regatta will be held at Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club on the weekend of 16th and 17th of September.
- Hansa NZ 2018 National Regatta will be held in the Bay of Islands - warm, but a long haul!
- Hansa Worlds will be held in Hiroshima on the 12th to the 18th of October 2018. You'll be aware that our Sarah Dunckley is the current world Liberty Champion. We hope to have a significant team of sailors and support crew at that regatta. In the meantime, there will be lots of race practice, including starts, tactics, rules and boat tuning.
- More details will be provided as they come to hand.

All the best,

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MOMMY,
When I Grow up
I want to be a
sailor.

Well son
you have to decide,
you can't do both