



We welcome your involvement in *Sailability*, a not for profit, volunteer based sailing program for people with a disability.



The objectives of **Sailability** are:

- To encourage and facilitate sailing for people with a disability.
- To educate the broader community to the needs and attitudes of people with a disability
- To promote the inclusion of people with a disability within mainstream yachting activities.
- To promote yachting as a fun, safe and rewarding activity in which people with a disability can safely participate
- To imbed the safety procedures of Royal Geelong Yacht Club within all Sailability activities

All people involved work together to deliver a quality program for our participants.

The RGYC supplies the yachts, the PFDs (personal floatation device), hoist and slings.

The responsibility of duty of care for participants is shared by all **Sailability** volunteers and all **agency staff** caring for the participants, in both on and off water activities.

We ask Agency staff to inform volunteers of any participants:

- who have communication difficulties and how best to communicate to support their involvement
- with medical conditions that may impact on their participation
- who present with behaviors that may pose a safety risk to either themselves or the volunteer.

Agency staff are responsible for ensuring all participants:

- are dressed in weather appropriate clothing and footwear
- have sun screen applied and a hat available when appropriate
- have a drink available in hot weather
- are wearing a suitably sized PFD (Personal Floatation Device) before approaching the jetty area.
- who require hoist transfers are seated on a sling **before** approaching the jetty area
- are assisted onto the jetty area and with all transfers in and out of the yachts.
- are listed on the daily registration form

Agency staff will wear a PFD (Personal Floatation Device) when assisting participants on the jetty

Volunteers will:

- be allocated tasks suitable to their skills and experience
- ensure all participants understand on and off water safety requirements and act within these requirements so no individual is placed in a dangerous situation
- provide sailing experiences commensurate with the abilities of the participants, allowing them to develop skills to enhance their enjoyment of sailing

The Sailability Co-ordinator for the day will:

- monitor the weather and sea conditions to ensure the safety of all.
- Notify volunteers and agencies in the event of cancellation or being abandoned should unsafe conditions develop.
- ensure names of all volunteers are recorded on the registration form