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## Access Dinghy & Sailability Win Top Award

### Prime Minister's Award for Excellence



**Access Dinghy Sailing Systems Pty Ltd , Access Dinghy Foundation and Sailability - awarded the 2002 Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships—small business category.**

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On December 11, the Access Dinghy Foundation, Access Dinghy Sailing Systems & Sailability were recognised for their contribution to the community throughout Australia.

These annual awards recognise the positive opportunities of business and community partnerships, and their contribution to building stronger communities through shared commitment, energy and creativity.

Close to 400 people attended the special lunch event, including representatives from the nine national finalists, members of the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership, Members of Parliament and Senators, award judges and community and business organisations.

The Prime Minister and Minister Vanstone honoured seven community business partnerships for their positive contributions that have helped to generate opportunities, hope and support for thousands of Australians. The winners of these awards have each demonstrated how shared energy, creativity and commitment can build stronger communities.

In his address, the Prime Minister, John Howard, said, "This is the fourth year of the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships and the awards are a great opportunity to recognise those who are contributing in a very direct way to what I have called the social coalition."

We were honoured to share this special day with a number of good friends who were present for the ceremony :

- Trustees, Zoltan Pegan, Grahme Rayner,
- Ken Grinham (CEO of NSW Sports Council for the Disabled),
- Terry Peek (Co-ordinator of the Australian Access Dinghy Championships),
- Barbara Anderson
- Neil's parents, Ken & Vida (volunteers for Sailability Dobroyd)
- Andrew Hurd (Synthetic Resins, Melb).
- Greg Hunt (Federal Member for Flinders)
- Phil Vardy (IFDS Executive Committee)
- Lindsay Grenfell & Mary Papantoniou of Boating Industry Association of Victoria



*Back L-R Neil Anderson, Chris Mitchell, Prime Minister of Australia, John Howard Front: Jackie Kay*

<http://www.partnership.zip.com.au/awards.html>

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## Editorial

Ahoy to all our World-wide Friends,

I wonder if life will ever slow down and we will have time to sit and reflect. Still, life is certainly very rewarding and interesting, if somewhat busy.

There are some exciting developments going on around the world which we will report to you in the next edition, once the "official business" has been taken care of. But we are able to advise that by the end of 2002 Sailability NL will be formed in The Netherlands and moves are under way for Sailability in Hungary. See report below by Foundation Trustee Zoltan Pegan and his Dad, Les.

Our philosophies of "sailing for everyone" are recognised around the world as a progressive concept to include all of the community. Recently at the Global Conference on Ageing held in Perth, Access Dinghies were acclaimed as a wonderful example of Universal Design.... And at in January, at the inaugural Australian Sports Commission conference, "Our Sporting Future", being held in Melbourne, Access Dinghy's abstract, "Inclusive Sport for Everyone—Fact or Fiction" has been accepted. Unfortunately there is a scheduling problem with our presentation being on the program the day before our Australian Championships, but as much as I'd like to, we cannot be in two places at once.

Negotiations are also underway with the USA National Institute on Recreation Inclusion (NIRI) to hold a one day seminar on accessible sailing as part of the 2003 conference in Bloomington Minnesota in September. NIRI is a branch of the American Parks and Recreational Society.

Sigh... it looks like 2003 is shaping up to be even busier than this year.

A happy Christmas and a safe New Year to you all.

*Jackie Kay*

## 2004 World Disabled Single-Handed Dinghy Championships

In the last edition of Tell Tales we advised of a forthcoming Worlds regatta to be sailed in Access 303's.

**We wish to advise that due to a number of circumstances details of this regatta have altered. Please make note:**

**DATE:** January 2004  
**VENUE:** Host club TBA  
 Port Phillip Bay,  
 Melbourne Australia  
**CLASS:** Access Liberty



This regatta will be part of Sail Melbourne International Regatta, organised by Yachting Victoria. Sail Melbourne is one of the eight significant competitions on the ISAF annual calendar.



The World Disabled Single Handed Dinghy Championship will be a four day event run under the authority of the International Foundation for Disabled Sailing (IFDS).

The regatta will be sailed in Access Liberty's. The Liberty is the new 3.6m single seater from Access Dinghy. Twenty servo assist Liberty's will be available, with the championship being open to those sailors who have an IFDS Classification of 1 or 2.

Two fleets will sail, providing a total forty places available to sailors from all over the world. Boats may be sailed manually, partial servo or fully servo assist. Depending on numbers and classifications entered, the second fleet may be a separate division sailed by those sailors with Classification higher than 2. However, the championship entry preferences will be for sailors with a Classification of 1 or 2.

For more information see [www.accessdinghy.org](http://www.accessdinghy.org) or email [info@accessdinghy.org](mailto:info@accessdinghy.org)



*Herb Meyer :-  
 Chairman of Sailability USA  
 and US Sailing's SWSN Com-  
 mittee - putting the Liberty  
 through its paces on San  
 Francisco Bay. Herb is a  
 quadriplegic.*



## Hungary By Zoltan Pegan, Sailability NSW & Trustee Access Dinghy Foundation

It's winter in Europe. In eastern Europe, the 10 million citizens of Hungary are looking forward to Christmas and the New Year holidays. But that's because they don't know that there's something better than Christmas in their future: Access Dinghies are coming!

My family hail from Hungary, but have been living in Australia, Canada and the USA since the late 1950s. We speak Hungarian at home, we cook Hungarian food. And on our next visit to Hungary we are planning to teach the whole country a little bit about Australia. We are going to introduce them to the Access Dinghy and the Sailability concept.

With contacts in the TV and magazine industries, and in the Ministry of Sport, we are going to let the people know well in advance that a starter pack of Access Dinghies will be arriving in

late May and everyone is welcome to come and give them a try.

In western Hungary, less than 2 hours drive from Budapest (the capital) is a large lake called Balaton. Lake Balaton is 75 km long and up to 12 km wide. Already a popular destination for tourists from all over Europe, it is also a great place to sail. Word is that there is a small group of disabled sailors already using Lake Balaton, but their wooden boats are prone to capsize, and certainly not suitable for everyone.

Last September my parents came to the Netherlands to assist our team at the Disabled World Championships. While speaking with the Polish team there, my father decided that he wanted to do something for the people of his home country. So we are going to help Sailability Hungary get started. And it's going to be better than Christmas!



## Turning the Tables in Berck, Northern France

### Pierre Bernay, La Voile Ensemble

Just a word to inform you that the Access make our new sailors very happy. The other day there was a sailing day in Berck, very North of France. There was a strong wind with gusts at 30 knots.

Then the able bodied young sailors sailing optees were told they couldn't sail in these tough conditions having a risk of capsizing. Only the disabled sailors sailing the Access could sail because of the stability and reefing system.

Isn't that marvellous, for one time the rule is changed and our young disable fellows were more able than everyone else!!!

<http://www.sailability.org/fr/france/lavoile.ensemble@wanadoo.fr>



Denis (in boat) at Lac du Vouglans, Jura and Marie-Claude Acker-Frottee, President of La Voile Ensemble.

### 2003 Access Dinghy Internationals

**We invite all sailors to visit this beautiful region of France and sail with us at**

**Thonon, Lemman Lake (near Geneve)**

**20—21 September 2003  
(yet to be confirmed)**

**For more info email  
lavoile.ensemble@wanadoo.fr**



<http://www.sailability.org/au/narooma/amethyst@sci.net.au>



## Women of Narooma Unite

**Marie Nesbitt—Convenor, Women on Water  
(Sub Group of Sailability Narooma)**

Founded 30<sup>th</sup> October 2002

Women On Water, or WOW, has been recently formed to maximise the opportunities for local women to have an enjoyable, stress-free time on the water, sailing in the 2.3 Access Dinghies of Narooma Sailability NSW.

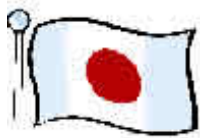
WOW meets on Wednesday mornings, beside the Quarterdeck Marina, Narooma, from 10.00am to 12.00pm, sometimes sharing a coffee afterwards.

After the first two weeks, I am pleased to report that members are becoming familiar with setting up the boats, and the basics of sailing. We have enjoyed perfect weather, with mild to medium winds, to sail Fosters Bay of the Wagonga Inlet at Narooma.

All women are invited to have a try at sailing. Sailability's philosophy is 'Freedom on the water regardless of ability'. Women can either join Narooma Sailability, or have a 'Come & Try' experience any Wednesday, where members will 'show you the ropes' of sailing, for a cost of \$5.

WOW hopes to expand to offer women members other options for enjoying the water, like 303 Access Dinghies, rowing and windsurfing.

Members can sail every Sunday of the sailing season (Generally 1<sup>st</sup> Sept to 30<sup>th</sup> April), plus with any other appropriate sailing group, currently—WOW, on Wednesday mornings and High School Sailing on Wednesday afternoons, all weather dependent.



## 3rd International Access Dinghy C'ships Osaka Japan, 12–14 October 2002

By Maria & Lindsay Dalmon—Sailability Pittwater



On Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, the Australian team, lead by Terry Peek, flew out of Australia bound for Osaka, Japan to compete in the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Access Dinghy Championships. The team of 27 competitors and carers were met at Kansai Airport by the rousing sound of Aussie, Aussie, Oi, Oi, Oi, which made us proud to be representing our country. Our welcoming party included Graeme Rayner, Nobi, our host, Paul Borg, a blind sailor, and many people from Sailability Japan.

Once out of the arrival terminal, we were boarded a large, wheelchair accessible bus, which was to be our transport for the next ten days. An hour and a half's journey saw us at our accommodation for the following seven days. This was a sporting complex for disabled people, consisting of six floors of hotel-like accommodation and amenities, and a basement containing all kinds of sporting facilities for the disabled. There were four 10 pin bowling allies, a fully equipped gym, a gymnastics training room, a very large indoor playing area for wheelchair basketball etc. and a heated swimming pool complete with spa and sauna.

Our room, on the sixth floor, had a wonderful view overlooking part of Osaka harbour and the regatta site, which was five minutes away. This was Osaka Boat Harbour, a marina protected from the open waters of the main harbour by two sea walls. This was where we were to spend the next 5 days, as guests of the Osaka Harbour Yacht Club.

The container with our boats and equipment had been shipped to Osaka by P&O. This was unpacked early Thursday morning and some of us were soon out on the water. This was the start of two days of practice, giving us a chance to familiarise ourselves with local conditions. This was a good time to meet many Japanese sailors and volunteers who soon became our good friends.

The lavish Hyatt hotel in Osaka, was the venue of the opening ceremony on Friday night, where there were many welcoming speeches by dignitaries and regatta organisers. A band played throughout the night and a good time was had by all.

Saturday saw the start of competition, each division having 5 races over 2 days. The course for the 2.3 fleet was laid within the confines of the boat harbour, but for the 303s the course took them out the entrance into more open water. Weather conditions on both days were ideal, sunny and mild to warm. However the wind varied between 0 and about 12 – 15 knots and many races were sailed over shortened courses. There was some very close racing with boats often finishing only seconds apart. We were very impressed with the organisation and the dedication of the many Japanese volunteers. They had great enthusiasm and showed a good understanding of sailing, the Access Dinghy and the needs of disabled people.

On Sunday afternoon, the medal presentation was an occasion to be remembered, with entertainment and a Japanese B.B.Q. Many of our team members were awarded medals with Lindsay



Lindsay Dalmon—303 International Access Dinghy Champion

Dalmon, from Sailability Pittwater being awarded The 303 International Championship for his 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 303 singles. Lindsay and wife, Maria, also presented with a medal for their 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 303 doubles.

Monday was a Public Holiday in Japan and the Australian team were involved in a "Come & Try" day for the local people with disabilities. We were amazed to learn later that 127 people had come to try sailing for the first time.

The Regatta had come to an end. It was time to repack our container and say good bye to many new friends. We were very pleased to hear that 3 new Sailability Clubs will be formed in Japan by people who watched the weekend's activities.

The next five days were spent sightseeing visiting the Maritime Museum and Aquarium in Osaka as well as Osaka Castle, (which was wheel chair accessible!). We also went to Nara, which is Canberra's sister city and met with a government representative and to Kyoto where we visited The Temple of the Thousand and One Warriors. During these five days we moved to accommodation at "Kaifukan" at Tannowa. This hotel was shaped like a ship and overlooked the sea, with Kansai Airport on an island in the distance.

Our final day saw a small group of us (2 in electric wheelchairs) including two of our Japanese friends who could speak good English, ventured on a train ride from the local provincial station into Osaka where we walked the streets and got a taste of city life in Japan. We then caught a train to the airport where we met the rest of our team for the flight home.

There were many people at the airport to say good bye to us. It was very sad to leave so many new friends. It was a wonderful experience and we are very proud to have been part of the Australian Team and have had the opportunity to compete overseas.



A happy Lindsay and Maria after the trophy ceremony



# My Japan Experience

By Ame Barnbrook—Sailability Narooma



At the 2001 International Access Dingy Championships I was invited by the Japanese to compete at the 2002 international championships in Osaka. At that time it seemed a long way away both financially and physically but its already past and I'm planning my next championships.

It was lots of fun! The people were really nice and the competition was great! I went in a team of 20 sailors and 4 organizers from Victoria, NSW, ACT and Qld.

Australia came home with 1 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals, which was a great effort from the Australian team. I came 2<sup>nd</sup> in my div and 8<sup>th</sup> overall in div 2.

Before the official racing I presented the Mayor of Osaka with a salutation from the people of the Eurobodalla Shire and a clock manufactured in Mogo. A few days later we went to Nara, the sister city of Canberra, and the members from there presented a greeting to the people of Nara via their Mayor. We also visited Kyoto. I made many friends and can't wait to get back there as soon



Ame demonstrating her "servo assist" trumpet to Executive and Staff at Yamaha

## Results—Osaka

### 2.3 Divisions

#### Div-1

1. Akko Nakura (JAP)
2. Yasu Nozaki (JAP)
3. Tosi Ikeda (JAP)

#### Div-3

1. Toshi Harata (JAP)
2. Sonija Gilmore (AUS)
3. Ai Nakakita (JAP)

#### Div-5

1. Michi Hayasi & Akko Nakura (JAP)
2. Gaito Satou & Yusuke Satou (JAP)
3. Hana Akasaka & Masa Nisiura (JAP)

#### Div-J

1. Kou Nisiura & Masa Fusamoto (JAP)
2. Kazu Takatani & Kazue Takatani (JAP)
3. Mariko Perry & Emi Perry (JAP)

### 303 Divisions

#### Div-6

1. Lindsay Dalmon (AUS)
2. Yoshi Watanabe (JAP)
3. J.T.Perry (JAP)

#### Div 7

1. Paul Borg & Michael Oka (AUS & JAP)
2. Athu Kimoto & Ryou Tabata (JAP)
3. Lindsay Dalmon & Maria Dalmon (AUS)

#### Div 2

1. Chika Mukai (JAP)
2. Katu Sumitani (JAP)
3. Bill Gabriel (AUS)

#### Div 4

1. Emi Kageyama (JAP)
2. Jonathon McLaren (AUS)
3. Ken Watanabe (JAP)

#### Div O—ServoAssist

1. Hiroshi Oda (JAP)
2. Ame Barnbrook (AUS)
3. Hiro Hamamoto (JAP)

## P&O Nedlloyd Supports Access Dinghy Foundation



Over the past three years P&O Nedlloyd Australia has been an outstanding supporter of disabled sailing worldwide. This year for the Access Dinghy International Championships, P&O Nedlloyd shipped a container of Australian boats to Osaka for the regatta and then shipped them home again.

Without P&O's very generous support there would not have been enough boats for the twenty-seven Australian sailors who competed in Osaka.

Because of P&O Nedlloyd's magnificent contribution to the Access Dinghy Foundation, many thousands of people with disabilities throughout the world are being given the opportunity to sail. Just recently P&O Nedlloyd's assistance has helped to set up the first four Sailability branches in Portugal.

3 CHEERS FOR P&O NEDLLOYD



Farewell at the Airport

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## North American Access C'ships

Baltimore's Downtown Sailing Center

Kirk Culbertson, Executive Director

19th—22nd Sept. 2002



*Martin O'Malley, Mayor of Baltimore set the scene for a great weekend's sailing with the following Proclamation – "..... I, Martin O'Malley, Mayor of the City of Baltimore, do hereby proclaim, September 20, 2002 as "The 2002 Access Dinghy North American Championship Regatta Day" in Baltimore, and do urge all citizens to join in this celebration."*

Racing on Saturday & Sunday began in light air but by noon the breeze was a nice 10 knots - perfect for DSC's fleet of 11 Access Dinghy 303's. Competition was tough with aggressively contested starting lines and multiple boat mark roundings. The racers demonstrated that 303's are not just colorful toys! They provide a smart handling, easy to control sailing platform that allows tactics to determine the results.

This event was one of the greatest highlights of my long association with the DSC. Like many events at DSC, some things got planned late, but the job got done. It might have been bigger but it couldn't have been better. Thanks to all of unsung heroes that made it the special event that it became. With such volunteers, there will always be "Sailing for Everyone" at the DSC. Kirk Culbertson—Executive Director, Downtown Sailing Center.



## Upcoming Regattas

### 2003

#### January, 03

11-12 **Sth Aust Sailability Championships**  
billrichter@ozemail.com.au

18-19 **Victorian Access Dinghy C'ships**  
david@yachtingvictoria.com.au

25-27 **Queensland Access Dinghy C'ship**  
newco@powerup.com.au

#### March, 03

15-16 **Australian Access Dinghy C'ships**  
3 Lakes Sailing Club ACT  
Lake Tuggeranong, Canberra  
accessdinghy@msn.com.au

23 **Sth Aust Access Dinghy C'ships**  
sahobie@senet.com.au

24-28 **Trans Tasman Masters Games**  
Belmont 16 Foot Sailing Club  
Belmont, NSW, Australia  
www.belmont16footers.com.au

#### May 03

4 **Japanese Access Dinghy C'ships**  
Osaka City Hokkou Yacht Harbor  
sailability@ohyc.gr.jp

#### June 03

14 **Pacific NW Access Dinghy C'ships**  
Sailability Spokane/Kootenai  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho—info@sail-s.com

#### September 03

TBA **4th International AD C'ships**  
La Voile Ensemble, France  
Thonon, Leman Lake (near Geneva)  
lavoilensemble@wanadoo.fr

TBA **North American AD C'ships**  
Sailability Greater Tampa Bay  
Clearwater, Florida  
sailabilityfl@aol.com

### 2004

#### January

TBA **World Disabled Single Handed Dinghy C'ships**  
Venue: TBA  
Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne Aust.  
david@yachtingvictoria.com.au

### Accessible Solo Division:

1. Jim Thweatt - San Francisco (Treasure Island SC/ BAADS)
2. Carwile Leroy - DSC / Veterans Administration
3. Anthony Acosta - Shake-A-leg Miami

### Accessible Team Division:

1. Lee Page (PVA) & Mike Oh (DSC)
2. Josh Delclos - Kennedy Krieger / Allen Shearn & Bob Baginski (DSC)
3. V. Sanjoy (BARS) and Sarita Sanjoy & Karen Callahan (DSC)

### Open Division (Able-Bodied or Challenged)

1. Sean Farley (DSC Instructor)
2. Sadiq Zaghab (DSC Instructor)
3. Andy Herbeck (DSC Outreach Coordinator)



## 1st French Access C'ships

Marie-Claude Acker-Frottee. La Voile Ensemble

Annecy, 21—22 Sept. 2002

This competition was very friendly. All the competitors were very, very delighted to sail in Access Dinghy, children and adults, men and women. We had nine boats and 21 sailors ranging in age from 6 to 60 years. There were 16 male and 5 female competitors. All the people want to start again!

### RESULTS

#### 2.3

1. Bran et Cyrille VASSAULT
2. Charlie ACKER
3. Camille et Antoine DURAND



#### 303

1. Michel RAYMOND
2. Loïc CHAFFARD
3. Jean-Claude MIRC