



*Freedom on the water regardless of ability*

#### WHERE ARE WE LOCATED:

Southport Yacht Club  
1 Marina Crescent  
Hollywell QLD 4216

Sailing Information Line  
**0407 979 666**

*Please phone after 7am on a sailing day to confirm that we are operating on that day.*

#### CONTACTS

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**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

**SAILING ~ SUNSHINE ~ SMILES**





## WHO ARE SAILABILITY?

Sailability' is a world wide organisation but is operated independently in each location and country. It started some 35 years ago in the UK and has spread rapidly across the USA, Australia, New Zealand, Asia & Europe.

## WHAT IS SAILABILITY GOLD COAST?

We are a true community non-profit organization whose principal purpose is to facilitate sailing and boating, in all forms, for people with disabilities.

Sailability is a recognised charity and receives no Government funding. We rely totally on local residents, corporate entities, schools and other charities to fund our activities.

Southport Yacht Club at Hollywell very generously provide a home base for us to provide fun & freedom for all our clients.

Our activities include an introductory and recreational sailing program every Tuesday from 9:00 am and advanced training for volunteers and selected sailors with a disability on Thursday.

We believe in making the almost impossible happen and with the help of all our volunteers we are able to provide people with disabilities the opportunity to make their dreams of freedom on the water a reality.

Sailing is one of the very few sports in which able-bodied and disabled sailors can participate on equal terms. Imagine the thrill of sailing for people who can feel and hear but have no sight, or of sailing a boat at speed even though they can't walk, or of joining in a sport where deafness or any disability doesn't matter.

## *"Sailing into Freedom"*

*The sky is blue,  
The sun is out,  
On my own I am sailing,  
I feel as free as a bird,  
I love getting to know the wind,  
I feel free outside my wheelchair,  
I can do anything!*

*Author : John Rynne, describes how he feels about sailing with Sailability.*



**The sport of sailing has given added meaning to the words freedom and fun for a person with diminished capabilities be they physical, intellectual or both.  
This experience truly enriches their lives.**

**Our program also encourages people to sail solo in our dinghies or as a crew member on our yachts.**

## OUR FLEET

Since the inception of Sailability Gold Coast in 1997 with two 2.3 Access Dinghies' our fleet has grown rapidly to :-

- Two 7.4 metre yachts.
- Two 2.3 Access Dinghies.
- Thirteen 303 Access Dinghies.
- One Access Liberty
- Three "Savage Dolphin" motor boats – two with sails.
- One Support/Safety Boat



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