



A Day at Sailability



As a volunteer, you can expect your sailing day to look a bit like this, but we need to remember no two sail days will be exactly the same. We can never be sure just how many clients will turn up on the day. The number of clients we can take for a sail is capped at 40. We get replies from **most** carers the night before telling us whether they will be coming or not.

Volunteers will also get a text from the president the night before to check if they are available. Replying to this is important so jobs can be allocated for the day.

There will be a maximum of **8** boats on the water on any sail day-4 Hobies and 4 Hansa 303 dinghies. Each client will have a maximum of **30 min** on the water and each volunteer will not be expected to take more than 5 clients on the day.

- 8:00 am** Volunteers arrive and set up – rig boats and get them to the boat ramp, set up all gear lakeside and at the shed for signing in
- 8:45 am** Volunteer briefing. Allocation of jobs for the day including Officer of the Day
- 9:00 am** Sailing commences. Carers check in at the shed to pay and get lifejackets then check in again at the whiteboard to find an approximate time for their client's sail.

Times are recorded on the whiteboard.
- 12:30 pm** Last sail
- 1:00 pm** All boats off the water. Clean all boats and gear and pack up the shed.
- 1:30 pm ish** Fish and chips at the Causeway Café. Optional but it's a great chance to debrief on the day and get to know some of our clients and their carers and socialise with other volunteers.

Every volunteer is an important part in the success of a sail day- whether you are in the shed collecting money, checking boats in and out on the shore line, helping clients in and out of boats, sailing with clients or assisting on the support boats. Feel free to try out any of these jobs on a sail day. Chat to others about what is entailed in each job.

Thanks from all of us at Sailability for taking the time to volunteer with us. We hope you find the experience as rewarding for you as it is for the rest of us.