



Cairns Yacht Club

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Cairns Yacht Club Sailors with a Disability Program:

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A special launching ceremony will be held **at the Cairns Yacht Club Boatshed and at the CYC Pontoon Facility** in the Marlin Marina at **11.30am on Saturday 08 March**. The new access dinghy gifted to the Cairns Yacht Club by the owner of Fitzroy Island will be officially launched by him and his wife.

This very generous gift has allowed the Sailors With a Disability Program to make plans to expand this recreational and sporting service to Respite Care providers and Special Education Units in High Schools. The program has run successfully on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (4 – 6 pm) since commencing last year on 6th November. We have been fortunate to attract some twenty-four volunteers to be trained in rigging the boats, operating the hoist, manning the support vessel and assisting the sailors with learning to sail the boats safely. Many of these volunteers have been drawn from existing club members, while a good number of new volunteers are signing up as members.

With numbers of sailors predicted to grow, we are currently trying to source funds to purchase more access dinghies and improve the handling facilities currently available. All inquiries or offers of assistance are welcome.

For further details please phone **Rear Commodore** (Gordo) on **0411 524 262** or **CYC Office 4031 2750**.
