



A large group of students, parents and Rotarians gathered at Dock 2 Port Adelaide for a ceremony to farewell the young people about to board the **One and All** for the April 20th **Rotary Youth Sailing Challenge**, a five day adventure.

It was a beautiful, sunny morning. The young people were very excited although some a little apprehensive about the challenges lying ahead of them. In the group was DG Craig and Zoe Stangoulis the promotions coordinator for SeaLink, one of the program's long standing sponsors.

Don Will, DG Craig, Zoe Stangoulis (Sealink) David Binks

DG Craig a strong supporter of the program made an exceptionally good speech to the assembled group. He explained how successful the program has become having now expanded into Victoria. The Victorian ship Enterprize, he said, had recently completed a RYSC sail from Docklands in Melbourne.

DG Craig thanked all those involved for their efforts in the success saying the ship was filled to capacity for this voyage with a number of clubs and students disappointedly missing out.



Students on the foredeck in their watch colour tee shirts



They're underway for the Challenge



Heading down the river



Returning students confidently high in the rigging

DG Craig also pointed out that the Coopers Foundation, another of our commercial sponsors, had just given the program \$10,000 to assist with the expansion of the program into NSW.

Finally Craig wished the young participants well, urging them to do their best in facing and overcoming the challenges coming their way, but assuring them they would have a great time and would look back on it as one of the best experiences of their life.

About 9.30 the ship sailed away cheered on by the group on the dock. She returned the following Wednesday with the group of now confident and very happy young sailors high up in the rigging as she sailed back to the dock.

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