



## BYRA CUP Race Day

Well, they were off and racing like a bunch of overweight brood mares as they tried to hold their own version of the Melbourne Cup on Pittwater. With a lot of coaching from our intrepid St Peter, the BYRA Cup got under way off the Clubhouse. All of our boats were masterfully renamed by some of our parents and they bore a striking resemblance to the actual Cup runners as our kids tried to emulate their attempts at success. There was Robin in Tout Les Jours, Alex in BYRA Dancer, Emma in Pazzaz Man, Sean in Media Hand, Emma (2) in Distinct Pain, all circling other boats such as Loo-Man, Elvis is Back, Maybe Diva, Arch Cookie, Lashed by Coach, and Another Survivor. All suitable pseudonyms for our budding champions.



I could get used to this

All of this under the watchful eye of our parents

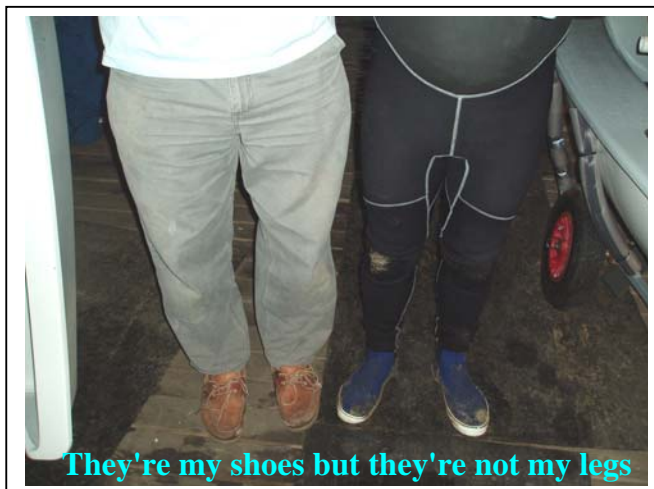
who were more interested in the morning tea than the sailing skill of their little darlings. On the water, the main focus was on the chocolates and muffins rather than the skills development of the kids, much to the angst of St Peter who retreated into his cookie haze. Well done to everyone who had a go around our impromptu course.

### Fashion Stakes

As we all know Melbourne Cup is famous for its fashion parades. What can we say about our best efforts.

### Steward's Report

As everyone knows horse racing has very stringent rules under the control of Stewards, so BYRA has followed their fine example with our own highly skilled and talented group of individuals. We believe in leading from the



They're my shoes but they're not my legs

front, so to set an example, we tested our leaders for illegal or performance enhancing substances before today's big race. The results are now in and we have a problem.

**ST PETER** - has a higher than allowable blood content level for cookie residue.

**ANDREW**:- was diagnosed with a very low level of blood sugar level necessitating immediate and vast quantities of chocolate indicating a past history of substantial cocoa substance abuse.

Both will be called before the next meeting of our disciplinary Committee for sentencing, although we cannot be too harsh as who else will do what they do for no wages every week.

We are also pleased to announce that two of our Committee passed these tests and were last heard planning the parents drinks next week. This has caused the Stewards great concern and will introduce additional and enhanced tests next time.



## BYRA Cook Off

This week the Newlands had some new found competition as Scooter (Scott in *Diva* talk), so we were overwhelmed by chocolate and choc chip muffins. Fantastic effort everyone and as always greatly appreciated by the masses. Unfortunately we could not form a view as to who won, so you will have to repeat the performance next week.



## The **DIVAS** are in the house

Well it finally happened and the **DIVAS** snuck up the stairs at precisely 2.25pm for a grand appearance. True to form, they tried to sneak up behind Greg, who strongly suspected a bucket of water behind their backs. They then cornered St Peter on the deck with their usual charm.

Poor old Scooter, who was back on the grass after a heavy dunking in Saltpan, was to have his spirits lifted when the **Diva's** got him in their sights. He was soon being attacked without notice, provocation OR mercy, and then lifted in their normal fashion (*the classic sleeper hold*) into the boat shed (*not even we were game to ask why*) and his hair was redone into pigtails.

Seems that Year 12 exams are keeping our girls under pressure at the moment so good luck girls for all of this self control. You should know this is all a waste of time as your careers are predetermined as **DIVAS**, nothing more or less. We hope that you remember your BYRA friends when you are rich and famous and are emblazed across the gossip magazines.



### Coach's Tip

**Hike:** {verb; English} – eg. *to hike*: a nautical or sailing term used to describe the placement of one's bottom on the sailing boat's gunwale to prevent the boat capsizing when the wind blows. By hiking out, the boat stays upright.

*Simple rule of sailing:* Don't Hike, get Wet



### Tip for the Coach

**UH-OH**, the "**Perfect Angel**" is back again!

*Peter,*

*Is this really the right way to ask for a chocolate chip muffin?*

*I know you spend a lot of time teaching us kids but don't they feed you sometime?*

*from "Perfect Angel"*

## Help Wanted

Thanks to all of those parents who did the right thing and put away the boats this week. There was still one boat left on the deck when everyone had left and we want the person who did that to join the rest of us who do the right thing. Remember if you take it out, you put it away.

## BIG Thank You

BB is now into brazen commercialism so listen to our good advice. The gang at BB would like to thank **Carolyn Darragh (Phillips) & Mark Phillips from Dinghy Sports**. Their assistance and support in helping BYRA keep its fleet (and the school's fleets) of PJ's on the water is really appreciated. Carolyn, Mark and Hugh, please feel free to join us any Sunday and meet the kids who do dreadful things to your boats. (*We're only kidding*). **So if you need a boat or repairs, speak to Mark first.**



## Upcoming Events

**Parents:** Next Sunday 7 November we will be having our parent's drinks and nibbles on the deck at about 11am. So banish the kids into the care of St Peter a long way offshore and have some respite.

**Kids:** Your turn comes on the following week (14 Nov) when we will have a kid's BBQ.

Don't forget these two important dates coming up:

14 November	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Battlestar BYRA</b></p> <p>Bring your own water pistols. For those that were here last year, this was a memorable day so don't miss it!</p>
28 November	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BYRA BBQ</b></p> <p>Family Barbecue (BYO everything) on the deck at BYRA .</p>



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