



National and State Flying 11 Champion joins Burblers for Training



James & Holly show us their winning form

Burbler has never allowed the facts to get in the way of a good storyline to grab everyone's attention, so we have probably taken a few liberties here.

James Dorrn and crew Holly Johnston in Ace, came the closest they have ever come to any BYRA boats on Sunday. Unfortunately for BYRA it was not a race, BUT they did sail through our Burbler fleet at the usual flat out pace on their way north of the Island. Many of you had no idea how close you were to greatness, and they probably wondered who were those pests in the way, but hey, close is close. Hope a few of you managed to yell some vital sailing tips as they passed.

If you want to know how good these two are, check out the Flying 11 website and weep.

Special Thanks

This weekend went off without a hitch in spite of 89 Flying 11's competing for our space. Hope everyone saw the sighs of relief of all the organisers who had nightmares for weeks about all sorts of calamities both on and off the water. Thanks everyone for being so considerate and helping us get through this weekend. These events are important for BYRA as they help maintain our reputation as a well run club with excellent facilities and NICE people. Occasionally we have to put up with the disruption that comes with some large fleets and we coped brilliantly last weekend.

Sailing Report

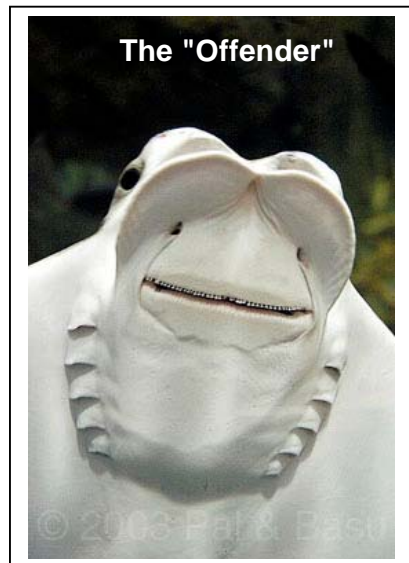
Who cares, everyone had fun, the parents drank all the coffee and ate all the muffins and cookies, and we got back onto the beach safely.

Sharing our beach with nature

Did anyone notice last week that there were two pelicans fishing just off the deck as the tide got higher. St Peter also reported last week that the fish have again started to come into the deck area for feeding at high tide. If you ever get down early and there is a high tide, go out on the deck, sit quietly and just watch, there are some fabulous things to be seen early in the morning.

Last week we had a rather unusual accident when a stingray took exception to one of the adult trainers and managed to get the ultimate revenge. Whilst we are looking for the kid who trained this thing, there were two lessons to be learnt for all of us:

- Never walk in the weed zone at low tide.
- Always wear shoes or sailing boots.



Parents, can you please spend a little money (*less than \$40 at Whitworth's as an example*) and buy the kids the sailing boots as they also make the sailing much more comfortable. BYRA have a few old ones (*shoes that is!*) in the locker, so see us if you don't have any and we will do our best. Please return them at the end of the day.

This is the first time this has happened at BYRA for many, many years, so don't panic, just help us take some simple precautions.

Eyewitness accounts describe the offender as a particular pretty little creature (*who was almost as shocked as the*

victim), with fine brown markings, a very fast swimming action (*towards the moorings*) and with excellent vision to ensure that it was a non BYRA target.

If anyone finds the offender then please be nice to it.

Bakery news

There was a late starter in the baking competition this week with a surprise entry from Debbie James and her **STUNNING orange poppy seed muffins**. Well done and a definite prospect for a repeat order. Despite their heavy workload the Newlands



must have got out of bed at midnight for the fine batch of chocolate chip cookies which were also the usual treat.

Thank you to both families, although you will need to set up parents exercise classes BEFORE and AFTER sailing if you want us to keep up this pace. One request please, can you check the recipes as something in one of the batches invoked rather unusual behaviour on SVP with a huge reluctance to share and some mildly disturbing personality disorders by the mainly male passengers.



What is Jeni up to?

Everyone would have read about the huge efforts that Jeni has been putting into our junior sailors, with some spectacular successes with everyone involved. Well, it seems that we have an oldie who wants to fight back.

Last Sunday after everyone had either gone home or were racing north of the island (*why does it always happen like this?*), this unidentified female was seen slinking to the southern end of the bay to get some 'one on one' coaching. Ladies, if you want to be discreet, go to Botany Bay.

The competition is obviously hotting up and this parent is sick and tired of being thrashed by the kids on and off the race course, so she has resorted to

bribery and subterfuge to try and balance the scorecard. It would be highly irresponsible of BB to identify this individual as she might be subject to severe and brutal retribution so even BB has principles and **WE WILL NOT DO IT.**

We will however suggest that all the kids take their **CHILL PILL** before sailing next Sunday and be especially cautious about approaching large yellow objects that appear to be floating around the bay under the control of a female sailor over 21 years of age.

All we can say now to all the kids is, **OVER TO YOU NOW.**



BB has learnt from St Peter to be kind and caring. Mind you, it is time that there was another target other than St Peter after his incessant whinging about being picked on every week. All to no avail we should add.

Flying 11 Regatta Report



Most of you would be aware that the second round of the Flying 11 State titles was sailed at BYRA last weekend, and we were ably represented with some fantastic results. This is a tough class to sail in with very competitive sailing and large fleets, so we should be proud of our representatives.

Sarah and Carolyn sailed two races which were their first major events, so fantastic effort girls and yes, we are still trying to get those photos of the spinnaker work which we hear is brilliant.

Jessica and Scott/Hugh (*Why is that so typical of Jessica to have two males to rig her boat*) managed to finish both races and introduce their own brand of frivolity to this seriously competitive lot. They even managed to avoid protests, collisions and threats of violence, so well done.



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Michelle and Kate managed a very credible place overall with a brilliant result on Sunday as the going got tough. Great work for sticking with it and producing the goods at the same time.

Richard and Ashley (*RPAYC, we don't mind sharing with the opposition*) teamed up for this weekend and really pulled some fantastic sailing out of the bag. Maybe we do need those Olympic drug testers after all if Richard keeps this up.

Bryce and Lizelle sailed a very consistent series and improved substantially in the fleet due to lots of hard work and never losing their sense of humour. Their patience and perseverance has really paid off big time with a quantum leap in their performance.

Congratulations and well done to each and every one of you as individuals and teams. Everyone improved in their performance, so you should be proud of your results. Just as importantly as the sailing, you all represented BYRA as outstanding ambassadors and sailed hard but in good friendship and spirit.

BYRA trots out a favourite oldie

This weekend could not pass without a special thanks to one of BYRA's favourites, John Gordon, who helped out with the prize giving at the Flying 11's. John also led the Protest Committee and sorted out a tricky situation with his usual skill, diplomacy and wisdom.

John has been a proud member of BYRA for more than 20 years and is a current life member with his wife Eileen. He has spent many years with the kids of BYRA and is

actively involved in Sailability an organisation that supports sailing for the disabled. For those of you who do not know him, John loves to have a chat, so if you see him wandering around go over and introduce yourself to him and you never know what you might learn. You could even ask him what it was like to sail in the first Sydney to Hobart Race in 1940's or to fire the 5 minute "cannon" at the start of the recent 2004 Sydney to Hobart Race.

John is featured in this month's "**Australian Sailing**" so he is one of our own media stars. He allegedly carries a business card that reads:

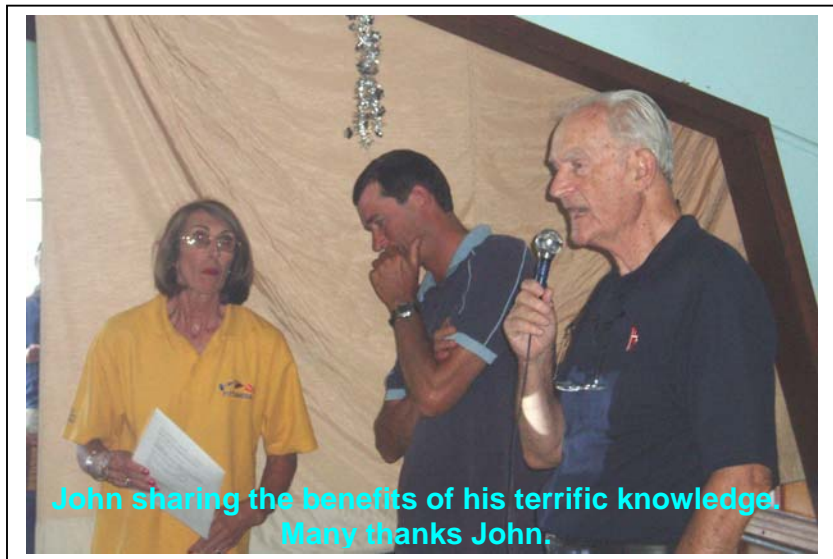
Captain Long John Gordon BSc. : BOC. : BGC.

BSc: (This is fine as he is a geologist by profession).

BOC:(Represents the Brotherhood of the Coast who are allegedly a group of professional skippers).

BGC: (Aptly stands for Bloody Good Coach).

John, a very BIG thank you for your help this weekend and make sure that if you have any Sunday free that you come down and share the Bakery cook off results on Jubilee. You and Eileen will always be VERY welcome.



John sharing the benefits of his terrific knowledge.
Many thanks John.



Message from Jeni

“We had a bit more wind on Sunday and it was great to see some of you sitting up on the side of the boat and hiking. For those of you still sitting on the cockpit floor, let’s see you trying to get up on the side next time the wind comes up – a guaranteed go-fast technique. (*Just ask **Robin** – after 6 months of hassling, we **FINALLY** saw him up on the gunwale. Well done!*) It does mean you need to use your tiller extensions, though, so that might be the first step for some. ***Go for it!***”

Next Sunday's Training

The Sunday afternoon training with Jeni will resume this weekend for anyone who wants to come. This is not for beginners but is intended to help the kids improve their skills to racing level. Jeni has asked that anyone who comes this week to bring a watch with either a stopwatch or countdown function as she will be covering “starts” this week.

You must be rigged and ready to go by 12.30pm

Boat Naming competition

Where are all you creative types as the **DIVAS** have left you in their wake. There are **REAL** prizes and we WANT your suggestions. If you don’t take this opportunity WE WILL name the boats for you and we can hear the **BORING** groans already, so if you don’t take up this opportunity, its all up to you.

We want names for

➤ **Spiral:** Three of them

➤ **Flying 11:** Three of them

(*YES, we have just bought another F11 that will be delivered this weekend*).

➤ **PJ:** One of them.

SPEAK UP NOW or forever hold your peace.

Tip for the Assistant Coach

Now that St Peter likes taking holidays, maybe we should reorganise the schedule and teach the adults to sail, send the kids to child minding and have more Sunday parents social events?



BURBLER BOATS

Would you believe that this was the third week where ALL of the boats were used save for some PACERS which has been excellent and is exactly what we want. Parents and kids need to think about where they are going now as their skills grow, and maybe it is time to team up with a mate in one of our Flying 11’s or even think about buying your own boat.

Peter and Greg will help if you want to do this, so don’t be shy about asking for advice or guidance. BYRA is investing heavily this year in our club boats, so there will be lots of opportunities for everyone to sail and all the funds that we raise from our Sunday program are being invested back into more facilities as we like large crowds.

Don’t forget boats have to be booked with Greg by email before Friday.

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