



Easter Bunny . . Easter Bilby . . Who cares, just as long as they bring lots of Easter eggs . . Yum



Did anyone notice that this week was much cooler than the fantastic weather that we are used to, so now you have a REAL reason to hide under that doona and cause St Peter endless stress. Sadly this also flowed to the SVP which refused to start, and we are still not sure if it was a mechanical failure or a tantrum. Probably a combination of both we suspect. Everyone managed to get off the beach in good time to have lots of fun off the moorings chasing each other between two marks that St Peter vainly tried to use for you to get some practice. *BB* is much smarter than to fall for that one, as we know you were just chasing Gladiator to get the cookies/lollies.

None of the parents/coaches were that worried as they headed for the coffee and cookies shortly after clearing the moored boats, huddled in their various winter clothing. There were lots of kids showing off their new found styles of hanging off/over/around various parts of the boat, and strangely all the different techniques seemed to work. There were some notable exceptions and spectacular nose dives, near misses and capsizes and you will





Scooter & Matthew "working" the gunwale

know who you are as you were the wettest of all of us.

Thanks are also due to *Deb James* who improved her personal best with some *chocolate slice* that nearly caused a revolt on Pittwater as they were *SOOOOOH* good. *Scooter* is now on clear notice that the standard is VERY high. Our *Burblers* were spoiled with lollies, which were soon found to be kid magnets, with all sorts of antics for rewards, most of which would have been more appropriate in a zoo.

If you want to know any more

sailing details about this week ask St Peter (and if you want the truth – talk to Jeni!!!).

Advanced *Burbler's* Report

The afternoon *Burblers* got hammered again by the wind and *JJ* got hammered by the boom, but the boom seems undamaged. The wind made it difficult to work on their skills but everyone did well and it's obvious skills you're all improving. It's in fresh winds that boat handling improves but you have to believe in yourselves and get the derriere over the side. If you don't know what a derriere is, ask your parents but you need to get over the side and sit on your thighs, not your derriere.

It's not good enough to go fast, you need to go fast in the right direction!!!! Best capsizes was *JJ* who

Chocolate Slice . . . What Chocolate Slice?



Lachlan . . . Aren't you supposed to be IN the Boat



was screaming downwind and didn't hear St Peter's call to move back in the boat and buried the bow of the PJ so hard that the stern ended up where the bow should have been. Great capsizes and great recovery *JJ*!! Elizabeth's boat maintenance person sealed her mast so that righting the boat after a capsizes is now really easy - just as well cause there were quite a few swims. *Scooter* lost his spinnaker again. He knew it was in the boat, but never had enough time to find it.

Sabot State Titles

Remember this lot who we were tempted to blockade off the beach? Well Doug Pagett (of **BYRA** 420 fame, and we will get to that later) has written a report on their series for all of us to share:

On the 26th and the 27th of February, the final three heats of the Sabot State Championships were held at BYRA. The regatta was run extremely well with positive comments from all sailors. The moderate south east winds led to a great regatta

which concluded the state championships, the first heats being held before Christmas at Vacluse Amateur 12" Skiff Club. The two clubs are quite a contrast with sabots sailing amongst 60 foot yachts, ferries, planing 18 foot skiffs, cruisers, the huge spirit of Tasmania and a soling that sank during a storm at Vacluse and sailing basically alone at BYRA. It's easy to see which club the young sailors and apprehensive parents enjoyed more.

To the sailing itself, the BYRA sabots had a smashing series with myself finishing 8th overall, Kyle Jenkinson finishing 9th, Stuart Johnstone 23rd, Steve Pagett 24th and 5th on handicap. Georgina Johnstone did a great job, being the lightest person there, to finish several races in her first regatta.



On behalf of all the competitors, I would like to thank everyone involved in the regatta, from the start/finish boat, to the pickup boats, to the race committee, especially to the canteen (brilliant food and service) and to anyone else who helped out in anyway. It was a great weekend much enjoyed by all.

Also, the 420 states were held at RPAYC on the 5th and the 6th of March. Tom Brewer and Sam Mackay finished 4th and my dad and I came 15th.

Doug Pagett.

Thanks Doug, as usual **BB** treats visitors to our pages with the usual amount of irreverence, so there is an obvious question.... who was that 420 sailor competing in a Sabot.....if you want to go that slow we'll lend you one of our PJ's.

To all of our other Sabot competitors, well done and congratulations on some great results. Why don't you come and join the *Burblers* for some REAL fun on Sunday mornings (*pssst..... we have cakes and lollies and laugh a lot*).

Club Boats

The pre-booking system is working well and most people are capable of being accommodated despite the heavy demand. There are a few matters that we need to remind people of when using these boats to ensure that they are available for a long time to come:

PLEASE:

- Make sure that all tanks are emptied of any water before the boats are put away;
- All equipment is to be returned to St Peter for storage and security (*no excuses*);
- Any damage is advised to St Peter/ Greg so that we can make sure the boats are available for the following week;
- LOOK AFTER them for us.

The **BYRA** Committee recently adopted a fee policy for the use of these club boats which are available for the regular sailing members use:

- Part of *Burblers* (morning or afternoon): \$10 per session.
- Association regattas: \$50 per regatta.
- Association training: No charge.

Parents can also use these boats provided they are members of **BYRA** at a cost of \$20 per morning or afternoon session (*and from what we have seen, BB highly recommends the afternoon training session for most*) PROVIDED they are not being used by the kids who will always have first priority. Parent allocations will not be made until Friday, to ensure kids have priority. If there are any complaints tell St Peter. (*not a good idea if he's carrying his gun!!*)



These boats are a valuable resource and are in excellent condition, so please help us to look after them and maintain them in peak condition.

There is also good news, the Flying 11 **Wonderland** will be on the water soon, having its substantial refit almost completed with some last minute detail being done by Mark Phillips at **Dinghy Sports** (*hint hint. . . his factory is located in **Darley Street, Mona Vale** and he makes fantastic boats - F11's, Sabots, PJ's. Contender and goodness knows everything else*) **PLUS** he does wonderful repairs on all of our club boats when you lot break them). Hopefully this boat will be on the water soon after Easter, as it is a beautiful boat that is well capable of serious sailing at title level.

PS Can whoever put that **BIG DING** in **CHILL PILL** talk to St Peter as he is looking for you with a loaded gun (*featured in last week's **Burblen***), and he does not need the stress.

Grandparents and Old Friends Day

This is a favourite day of **BYRA Burblers** and is a great time to show off your newly developed aquatic (*under and on top of the water*) skills to any of your favourite “oldies”. (*We know St Peter is here every week, so don't include him in your invites*) This is for any of your family, relatives, friends or insignificant acquaintances that you want to show off to, so get them organised with cameras to share our fun on **3rd April**.

Plans include morning tea on the deck at about 10.30am, but they can wander down at any time to watch or go out on one of our motor boats if they want to. We found last year that most were happy to watch from the deck, so that is fine as well.







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Deb James (of **chocolate slice and poppy seed muffins** fame) has taken over responsibility for organising this, so we would really appreciate an email if you plan to have visitors with you so we can get a rough idea of numbers and it would be fantastic if any parents could help with a plate on the day. Deb's email contact details are deb_james@ram.net.au.

Kids vs Trainers Day

This spectacular event is looming for **24 April**, just a few short weeks away.



St Peter has already been overheard plotting and scheming ways to inflict a humiliating defeat on all of our little darlings, who have given him such a hard time this year. Something about 29ers, NS14's or B14's we believe, although after last weeks photos he was hunting for the owner of that Cherub. **BB** is all for fairness and equity, so some friends have been invited to help keep the oldies in check. There will be four teams:

-  Team A: St Peter, Jeni, Greg and Andrew (*and the Gun!!*);
-  Team B: All *Burblers*;
-  Team C: Karen, Bryce, Michelle, Lizelle, Richard and Scooter;
-  Team D: Parents of B.

The competition will be Teams A and D versus Teams B and C.

We therefore need some heavy hitting parents to prop up the oldies and to keep all the *Burblers* in check and UNDER control. So register with Greg now, or **BB** will continue to plot and scheme.

There are also helpers needed for the following tasks on this day:

-  **BYRA** members to man rescue boats and plan the nearest and faster path to local hospitals;
-  Parents to help with rescue boats.

The competitions will be sailed with all of our boats, although parents and coaches will be restricted to Spirals and Pacers.

Upcoming Morning Program

Date	Event
27 March	Easter: NO sailing
3 April	Grandparents morning tea
10 April	Normal sailing
17 April	Normal sailing
24 April	Trainers vs Kids races Parents/Trainers Drinks (we will need it) and family BBQ
1 May	Last day of sailing

SPECIAL REMINDER

Don't forget, there is no **BYRA** sailing next week due to Easter, with some of our troopers heading off to the Spiral State titles on Lake Illawarra, so good luck to everyone.

If you do forget about Easter and go down to **BYRA**, please wash all the boats, pack up all the gear left lying on the decks, restack all the cradles and generally tidy up around the place. (*and, if*

you are feeling really energetic, there are some barnacles on the bottom of the SVP that need removing)

HAPPY EASTER to everyone and we hope the Easter Bilby is kind to you and leaves you chocolate Easter eggs. (but not bilby jelly beans??).

More SVP Replacement Contenders

St Peter has been looking at two more replacements for the SVP. *(I'm sure we could find a use for the helicopter)*



Would anybody who has a VERY rich *Uncle/Aunt/Close Relative/Benefactor/Lottery Winner*, please speak to Greg or St Peter about the benefits of donating a large sum of money to **BYRA**.

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