



St Peter takes three races to win and then cancels the gig



As we promised, this weekend was the Battle Royale, Trainers versus "All comers". The atmosphere on the beach was electric, the trainers ensuring they had the fast gear on their Spirals and Laser, (*4000:1 purchase on the boom vang, sails washed, ironed & trimmed to within an inch of their life, hulls polished to a mirror finish, Panadol at the ready*). Even a few of the Dads got in on the action in Spirals and a Pacer. After all, the honour of the *Burbler* Trainers and Parents was at stake here, the *Burblers* just shouldn't beat their trainers or dads, regardless of the conditions. We hear the trainers took this challenge very seriously, St Peter did a "Sit Up" as training for this event, Andrew rode his bicycle to the local shop, Greg even took a whole week off work and went into a secret training camp in Queensland (*ask him*



where). Jeni didn't need to train, she just sails fantastically anyway.

The *Burblers*. . . well, they didn't care, they'd been training for this battle all summer. They were just going out on the bay to have fun and if they beat the Trainers (and Dads), all the better.



And the results, Yes its true, the Trainers were systematically and humiliatingly thrashed by the *Burblers*. As the old saying goes "Strength in numbers", in the trainer's case, it was the overwhelming number of *Burblers*. It was almost impossible to sail a Spiral through the solid wall of *Burbler* filled PJ's. They worked out very quickly that if some of the *Burblers* just kept getting in the way, the rest could make a break and be around the top mark before the Trainers could find a way through the melee. It wasn't

until the last race that St Peter worked out how to avoid the PJ "Jam" at the start and get a break on the *Burbler* (ice) pack.

Then of course, as soon as St Peter wins the race, he calls "that's enough". Nothing like a desperate and beaten St Peter to take revenge when the *BB*'s were just getting warmed up.

You lot better believe how lucky you were that the weather was so light and you had a huge weight (or lack of) advantage over the Trainers. Then again the Trainers were helped by:



➤ Richard in a PJ beating most of the Spirals in the first race.

➤ Bryce starting a full leg behind everyone else and still winning. Don't believe all that talk about skill it was a lucky wind shift.

➤ Some of the PJ's sneaking around doing HORRIBLE things to everyone in sight, even their own on occasions.



There were also some strange sailing techniques taught about 30 years ago when most of the Trainers learnt.



Tell them to go round the island

Congratulations to Jordan for sailing the first race of her life and winning the final PJ derby in a brilliantly executed race plan, capped off with a muffin stop at the start boat.

Thank goodness that is over for another year.

Advanced *Burblers*

There was quite a turn out this week with a mixture of classes.

PJ's : This week won by *Oscar* who beat *Hanna* by

a short half towing ring. Carolyn and Corrine worked out a great way to tack the Flying 11 in light winds. Whoever was steering at the time just handed tacked the boat and handed the tiller over to the crew – smart thinking girls. Well done all of you.

Spirals: Sarah and Lizelle laughed their way around the course and managed to cause havoc wherever they went. If anyone wants to join the conservation cause, talk to Lizelle as she had everyone convinced she was catching penguins to eat, while she tried to save the pigs of the world. You work it out and YES she was kidding.

F11: Scooter and Sarah played at different ends of the course seemingly in separate races, but hey, if you are having fun, enjoy it.

F11: Jessica and David finished their race in the afternoon. The wind still continued to be light and flukey all afternoon but they stuck at it and finished. Well Done

Whilst there was no *BB* last week, special mention should be made of *Hanna*'s HUGE effort which rated as one of the gutsiest sails St Peter has seen for a long time. This was a



Maybe if I pray, it might help

very long course in strong winds, and *Hanna* hung in there to the end to beat a heap of Sabots and MJ's. A fantastic effort and HUGE congratulations. St Peter also showed his warm and caring side when *Hanna* complained of VERY sore hands (*which was totally understandable and very real*) when he muttered "if they were not bleeding and you could still feel them, then KEEP GOING"...some mothers do have them.

Future Weeks

Only one more week to go. This is our FINAL day for this season, so let's make it a bigger than normal day. Can everyone come a little earlier at say 8.30am for a 9am start as there is a marathon race for the rest of the Club (*to Lion Island*) at 12 noon.

Date	Event
1 May	Last day of sailing (Marathon Race)

Tip for the Coach

Don't forget, NEXT week is the last week.

Tip from the Coach

Two of our Spirals sailors learnt important lessons this week.

1. The wind doesn't blow from the same direction all the time. It bends around headlands and comes out of bays so you need to watch and trim all the time. Otherwise (Sarah) you'll get passed.
2. Check your boat. If you leave the bung out, water comes in and the boat gets really slow and St Peter will beat you Bryce.

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