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THIS YEAR IN REVIEW










53 Boats all along the Beach, *Burblers* to World Champions sailing,
What a "Marathon" Day for Everyone !!!

My goodness, what a season this was so THANK YOU everyone for the fantastic support. There is NO DOUBT that all of our kids had fun and have progressed enormously in their sailing and life skills, so WELL DONE to everyone. Let's try and get down to some specifics:

The Burlers

There were some very special moments this year, and who could forget;

-  that SPECTACULAR race and finish by HANNAH in the PJ;
-  the smile on Robin and Julia's face when they were dislodged out of the PJ and into the Spirals;
-  Elizabeth and Sarah joining the racing ranks;
-  the dash for the muffins by Jordan after winning a kids versus trainers race;
-  the thank you note sent by Oscar to St Peter after last weeks race;
-  our group of kids who took over the Spiral National and State titles with their own brand of humour and determination (*the DVD is coming, so watch for the soon to be released "Heterosexual Jellyfish" ask Michelle*);
-  the thrashing of the trainers by the kids after some attempts at dubious tactics by St Peter.

There were many more moments, but you get the message. You kids should be proud of what you have achieved this year, and the way that you have all joined in the fun and the more serious side of **BYRA** life.

The Parents

Every week, our kids take out 20 plus boats from the shed, rig them, sail them and mostly put them back, and after tantrums from St Peter and **BB** Ed, parents stepped into the fray and helped every week. That makes their role vital if **BYRA** are to keep this project (*ie sometimes nightmare*) going, so thank you.

Every week there was a band of willing helpers seen running around the shed under instructions from the *Burlers* who were usually lazing in the sun, on the grass and away from the action.

BYRA recognised the important role of our parents in this project, so tried to make up for the demands on their time by including them in such aspects as SVP Coffee projects, deck BBQ's, deck drinks and whatever else could be dreamed up. There was little reluctance on any front with any of these activities and notably they wore out SVP under the arduous load of coffee and muffins every week. Thank you to each and every one of you who contributed and joined in the fun and supported the **BYRA** efforts.

BYRA Juniors

It is a long tradition at **BYRA**, that our Juniors are expected to make their own contribution back to the club activities, so it is with much thanks that we recognise the efforts of **Bryce**, **Lizelle**, **Scouter**, **Michelle**, and **Karen** who turned up on many weeks to support out trainers and give that extra helping hand on and off the water. Thanks everyone, it was a fantastic effort, we just wish you would not have so much fun ALL the time.

Anyone who witnessed the dash to the line in the Marathon race this week by **Karen**, **Bryce** and **Michelle** would have been immensely proud. Never have so many starboards been called against

each other in such a short distance as they tried to block each other out, and then laughing all the way to the finish on the deck.

Fantastic show and highly entertaining for all parents on the deck who were urging them on. This is what **BYRA** is all about, fierce competitive spirit, great friendship and lots of fun. It would have been even better if they did not return to the club after rounding the MJ mark, whilst all the other Spirals, continued to sail northward.

Burbler Team

What can be said about our team except the results say it all. **BYRA** is a volunteer association and *Burbler* type things only happen when people make extraordinary efforts. This is not just on Sundays, but also many nights each week to address issues and resolve challenges. Let's look at each of them:

St Peter

(Our very own Patron Saint of Perpetual Patience)

BYRA is so lucky to have someone of such immense talent and immeasurable patience. Everyone should have at least one St Peter in their life at some stage to show our kids not only sailing techniques, but also life skills and helping with individual personal development issues, as well as teaching the value of positive attitudes and individual self belief.

St Peter has led the **BYRA** programs for Schools, Learn to Sail, *Burblers* and Advanced *Burblers* this year, so has given an extraordinary amount of his own time for our kids and made an enormous impact on the **BYRA** community.



This year was capped off by a wonderful letter received this week from Oscar Stranack (*hope you don't mind Oscar*):

Dear Peter,

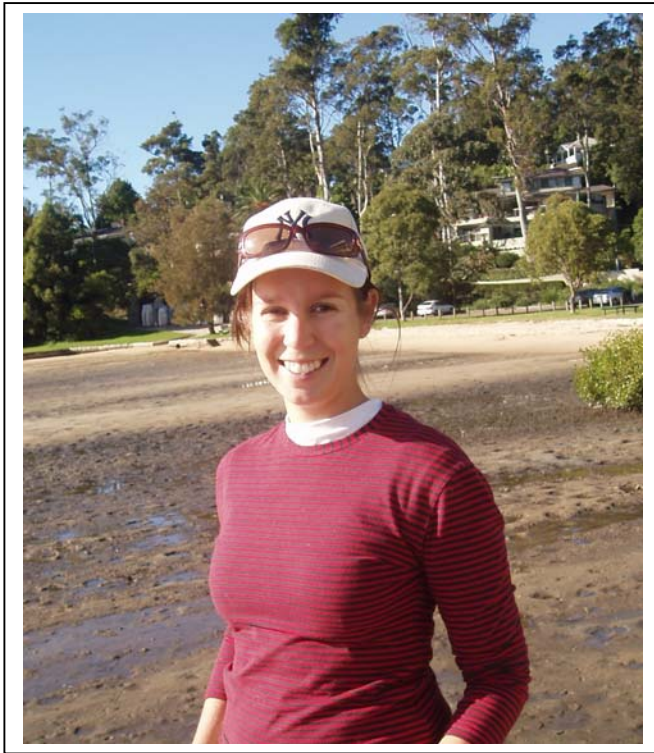
Thank you for a wonderful season in sailing. When I saw my name in the paper I was so excited.

Sailing the PJ's was so much fun I had a great time. Thank you for giving me so many tips it has improved my sailing heaps.

Thank you for building up my confidence and ability to sail.

OSCAR.

BB is sure that Oscar speaks for everyone, so **THANK YOU St Peter.**



Demi Saint Jeni

Due to the heavy demand this year Peter brought daughter Jeni on board to help with all of our programs, especially for the Advanced *Burblers* and Junior development. Again the results have been fantastic and there is no better example than the Juniors in the Spirals in both National and State titles, plus all those wonderful and memorable moments in the afternoon races.

Sadly we will lose Jeni next year as she is off to Oxford University in the UK on a Rhodes scholarship. Even we can accept that some things are of more value than **BYRA**.

We wish her every success and thank her enormously on behalf of all of the kids. St Peter will also miss those father/daughter spats on technique, we are sure and those many nights of discussion on techniques and tactics mostly over a glass of wine in the kitchen.

Greg

Our very own *Burpler* Editor, who puts a tremendous amount of effort into making the whole *Burpler* program the success that it is. Whether it's slaving over a keyboard writing *BYRA Burpler* on Sunday and Monday nights, negotiating a bargain price for yet another top class club boat, arranging for a **BYRA** invasion at various championship events or just being the consummate host on the SVP. Greg's contribution and energy keeps us all on the same tack – "it's got to be fun for everyone", kids, parents, trainers and everyone who helps, if it wasn't fun, it just wouldn't be worth doing.

(Snuck in by **Andrew**, how could we not thank our ever vigilant(e) *BB Editor*)



Andrew

The quiet achiever in our team, who turned up every Sunday (*sometimes extremely "tired"*), quietly moving amongst us before escaping into the shed to find a water pistol or strange green face mask. **Andrew** has also compiled *BYRA Burpler* each week in consort with his co-conspirator and has his own little brand of humour that he attempts to intersperse into the real stuff. There is even a strong rumour circulating that he has staff organised each Tuesday night to feed him half decent

chardonnays whilst he does his stuff on *Burblar* mostly until he finishes. Many production delays have been caused by lack of supply.

Kim

This year **Kim** really came on board and helped us with all those on shore things that no one likes doing (*especially collecting money*), canteen, catering for social function and many, many more things that occurred from time to time, including supervising the Newland Bakery productions (*ably helped by Kate, Jordan & David*). There were many things organised by our **Kim** behind the scenes that help make our Sundays such huge fun and tremendous successes.



THANK YOU TO all of our TEAM and to all those others that also threw their effort behind the projects this year.



Marathon Race

This week was the **BYRA** annual marathon race in memory of **Peter Loft** who was a very talented **BYRA** Junior who was tragically killed at a very early age. In his honour, **BYRA** established the **Peter Loft Foundation** and this annual event contributes to that foundation via a special race entry fee supplemented by canteen proceeds. This year was HUGE and the "le mans" start always challenges the ingenuity by crews in how to beat the starter. It was much harder this year with a high

tide as the race across the sand is a great leveller especially for all those "more mature" sailors.

The fleet this year was 50 plus boats with an array of all sorts of strange craft as we were joined by other clubs and anyone who cared to make the effort. Tactics as usual were "anything goes" which adds to the fun. Well done to everyone who joined in and hope you pass the message for next year to all your friends. This year was also notable by the number of parents who decided to celebrate the race results on the deck, just after the sailing boats cleared the moorings heading north.

Late Breaking News

The Spiral Association has chosen two **BYRA** Juniors (**Karen** and **Bryce**) out of three invitations to apply for the YA State Training Squad because of their fantastic efforts at the Spiral Titles this year. Congratulations and GOOD LUCK.

This is a fantastic result given both of them only started sailing Spirals this year, and is a HUGE encouragement for all of our *Burblers* to get in and have a go, as anything is possibly under St Peter's guidance.

Next Season

Our season is scheduled to start again in late September and whilst there is some preliminary planning starting in May, hopefully we will have some exciting news for you soon on projects both within **BYRA** and especially for the *Burbler* Program. As soon as we have news, we will issue winter updates to keep everyone up to date.

Burbler Distribution

One of the initiatives we are already working on is a revamp of the **BYRA** website that will allow everyone to access *Burbler* directly rather than via an email distribution system. This will save a lot of effort and dramas which sometimes occur with manual mail lists. If anyone wants to come off the *Burbler* list please advise **BBED** as we are doing some preliminary regrouping over winter as well.

Boat Purchasing

Many of our kids (*and parents*) are now well positioned to buy their own boats and winter is a perfect time to do this as lots of boats come on the market as other kids upgrade or change classes. Don't forget St Peter or Greg are more than happy to help with advice or assistance in finding the perfect boat for you.

At the end of the day, if the kids want to sail then they are better off buying and owning their own boat as that also is part of the commitment with this wonderful sport. Many of our families have made the plunge this year and the kids have gained enormous personal benefit from it. It is also important that the Club boats are freed up for the next group of learn to sail graduates, and that helps us to build the numbers within the club and all the benefits that flow from that process.

Final Message

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE involved in the *Burbler* program. Please have a fun winter break and we look forward to coming back when the sun starts shining again.

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PS: St Peter arranged a visit by our new SVP. You may have noticed it moored off the club. Note our new sponsors name below the bridge deck

