



## BYRA Struts their stuff before the big fellow arrives



Some people are good aren't they...

After a brief absence, our BB crew are back on deck with some great experiences of the last few weeks. The unusual weather patterns that have been evident on Pittwater tested our kids and trainers to the limit. Unfortunately, while the Spirals were away at Canberra, BYRA was hammered with some very severe wind storms so sailing was just not possible. In theory this should have given St Peter a well earned rest, but alas working bees came to the fore to tidy up the shed.

This was followed last week by a gusty westerly that gave our older kids a real blast across the bay leaving the boat crews in their

wake. Some of our PJ's wisely managed to stay within the moorings and cause havoc during the perfect high tide. More on that later, so watch this space.

On another note, we thought we would share with you some of the current escapades of some older Burbler graduates to show how seriously they take their skills.



Check out the look of horror on Michelle's face



Can anyone pick what is odd about this photo?

If you want more of the Cherub, look at their spectacular capsize on the last page. These guys are still offering free rides at BYRA and will shortly feature on Who Dares Wins.

Then again we have some current students.



## Sailing Report

Seems cookies count for a lot with our students.



Everyone thought they were safe with Scooter away this week, but not so, we had completely forgotten the Bublbers motto of seek and destroy, which occasionally back fires on us. The wind was a gusty 10 to 15 knot westerly that whirled around the bay chasing all of our boats from three different directions at once. Most mastered the conditions and stayed within their limits and some huge fun had by the older kids who showed everyone some great lessons. Particularly notable were:

- Elizabeth's back flip off the side of the boat which was travelling eastward while she was going to the west.
- Bryce's vain attempts to do something worthy of a shot (camera that is).
- Julia changing horses and proving that Swelke goes just as fast as our blue Spiral.
- Sarah trying to push Bryce off the bay whilst sticking out her tongue.

➤ Some of our PJ friends (who shall remain nameless) trying to push the limits while the boats had not been fully rigged (remember rudders down and locked, sails tied to the boom).

Luckily everyone returned safe and sound after a huge morning, while St Peter was searching the bay for a serious drink at 11am.

## Lesson of the week



The boat goes faster if you are in it!

If you own the boat, you get to do what you like, but when you sail our boats you need to look after them. Sailing is about being responsible for the safety of yourself and all of your friends so that means you stay within your limits (if the wind is too strong for you stay on shore), keep a lookout (and that means all around you not just in front), watch the wind (so you are ready for the gusts) and more importantly if St Peter sees you muck around, understand you may spend a bit of time on the shore whether you are in the right or in the wrong.

You must be nice to our boats. This week saw some really nasty things happen to a few of our boats which will keep St Peter and his masterful apprentices busy for a few days. It is easy to blame the weather, wind, sun, but at the end of the day you must keep a close look out where you are going, what boats are around you, and where they are heading and what speed they are travelling. That is called good sailing.



Julia dragging Bryce across the bay



Bryce... is Bryce



Elizabeth just gets better

## Spiral News

A group of brave souls headed off to the notorious Lake Burley Griffin for the ACT and NSW State titles. BYRA were well represented by *Sally, Sarah, Bryce and Doug*. Some great results in very difficult circumstances, (flukey winds, cold, lightening and thunder) with the need for copious quantities of medications on Sunday after the Saturday dunking. As usual, very social, and lots of fun by the support crews finding luncheon places, visiting museums and restaurants in their vain attempts to hide from the weather.

## Spiral Training

Don't forget this Saturday is the next EAP for Spiral training which have been absolutely fantastic. Coaches *Murray and Richard are great guys*, so we owe them and the Spiral Assoc. a big thank you for helping our kids. This week we expect a huge turnout so come and watch if you are not game to have a go.

**Tip from the Coach:** Look around you, watch all the other boats, keep under control and DON'T damage the boat unless you own it, then you can do what you like. **YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.**

**Tip for the Coaches:** High tide, strong winds, full attendance.....stay in bed.

## BIG FAT GENTLEMAN ARRIVING NEXT SUNDAY

Don't forget our special family BBQ (BYO all except drinks which BYRA will provide for adults) day next weekend, with a surprise visitor and lots of fun. There are special prizes for the **best fancy dress or hat**. All family are welcome including younger brothers and sisters so make a special effort to make this a great morning.

We thought we would end this week on a question, what is he doing? Answer, posing for the camera.....works for us. Free rides on this Cherub at BYRA next Sunday any takers?.



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