



## BB RETURNS ... SO BE AFRAID, BE VERY VERY AFRAID



BB returns this week after a long Christmas holiday and a well earned rest, with increased vigour to expose and publicise all our exploits on and off the water.

February saw the return of all our little angels coming back in droves. There has been even more chaos than normal on the deck, as St Peter and his team of volunteers struggled to get everyone on the water. Chaos is probably an understatement, as it was more like turmoil the whole month. There were many reasons:

- Many kids couldn't find gear in the shed or were unable to rig boats.
- Some of our advanced kids stepping up into Spirals and needing to learn the ropes on a new boat.
- Gear missing on some boats because it had not been put away correctly the previous week.
- Some parents "hiding" while the work was going on.

### GRUMP ALERT

St Peter and his volunteer stress levels have reached all time highs, so we need to get ourselves organised if we are going to get MAXIMUM time on the water, which is what we are here for.

Remember:

- YOU must arrive in time to get organised to be on the water by 9.30am.
- St Peter and his team leave the deck at 9.30am and **we wait for no one.**

- If you want to sail a F11 then come earlier as it takes longer to rig them.
- Our boats have been in high demand so come early or you may miss out.

BYRA is a volunteer club and there are a few who hold this program together every Sunday morning and they get worn out, then who will do all the work. That means we need **HELP** from parents who must **HELP** us get the boats **IN** and **OUT** of the water and back in the shed. That means helping all kids, your own and everyone else. Boats in racks, gear where it belongs and everything off the grass and away including cradles. When you are leaving (kids and parents) **LOOK AROUND** and if anything is left out **PUT IT AWAY WHERE IT BELONGS**.



St Peter has developed a simple system for all the gear:

**PJS:** Everything goes in the boat in the racks and some masts are stored on the racks at the front of the club.

**F11:** All gear goes inside the boat.

**Spirals:** Sails on the wall near motor boats. Masts/boom on racks at the front of the club (all neatly tied together for each boat by the number of the boat). Rudder centreboard and ropes in the bags in the area behind the door to the motor boat area. If boat on a dolly everything in the boat.

**PARENTS** please also remember that whilst you may have sailed all those centuries ago we can have only one person directing this chaos on the water and that is St Peter. If you have any suggestions be nice and he will listen to any good suggestions **BUT** we must cater for all different skill groups and his decision is **FINAL**.

## Sailing Report

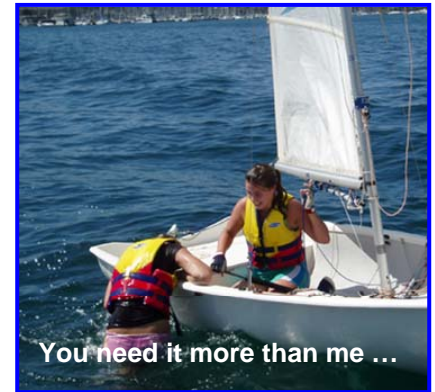
Our Burchers have broken into two distinct groups with some “up skilling” in the moorings and others having serious fun outside. No problems for us as long as we know where you are so **TELL** St Peter or Greg where you are going and **REMEMBER NO ONE** goes outside the moorings without the all clear from ST Peter.

The Spirals continue to be in high demand as many of you take up the challenge and show us the new found skills, so **KEEP GOING** they are fantastic boats.

Our F11 faithfuls are growing in number with some spinnakers starting to be dragged out, so great progress on that front as well.



On an even more positive note, Corrine's crew has escaped unhurt for three weeks in a row but the record was almost broken this last week:



## Rigging HINT of the Year



Who was that F11 sailor/crew who took a boat from the beach and forgot to check that the front hatch was fully done up?

LOOSE HATCH + WATER = SUNK BOAT

There was even a wild story circulating (from them as a distraction) that the boat was attacked by some monster from the Pittwater depths...nice try girls.

## Report from Spiral Nationals

The Australian titles were sailed on Wallis Lake in January and BYRA had a HUGE contingent who made the trip north. Juniors and Seniors were well represented and gave a great show. There were many great results and some HUGE personal bests, and a great time was had by ALL. The EAP training was obviously worthwhile, and as usual BB is not interested in the official account of events but all those SPECIAL moments of high performance and humility, so we thought we would share just a few with you:

➤ *One especially up and coming competitor who infringed one day reckoned it was his fathers fault for not buying him a rule book.....oh PLEASE briefings are meant to be listened to..*



- One of our female contingent would have fared much better if she had not been covered around the whole course by the same “lad” from another club.



- Some of our more mature ladies chose to stay on shore and drink for longer than the heavy weather.
- One of our stars claimed the only way she could beat one fiercely competitive rival was to skip one mark and get ahead of her over the line. Got everyone hooked big time.
- Special recognition also should go to ALICE for her selfless act of handing her boat to Sarah so she could race in a boat with a mast after a nasty accident on the way to the start. That was one of the NICEST things BB has witnessed in a very long time.

## Tip from the Coach

If I have to unrig, put away any boats or cradles after everyone else has gone home then there is going to be big TROUBLE. Then again if anyone wants to complain about our coaching techniques, check this out.....



## Tip for the Coach

Chill OUT, have some fun and watch the junior stars come out on Pittwater

## Season program

The program for the rest of the year has been reviewed and will be as follows:

Date	Event	
5 March	Sunday sailing	
12 March	Scotland Island race	Weather permitting 9am on the water
19 March	Sunday sailing	
26 March	Sunday sailing	Spiral Nationals Lake Macquarie
2 April	Parents vs Kids races	Parents decide the rules on the water
9 April	Family BBQ all welcome BYO especially grandparents	(Only Burlers may sail)
16 April	Easter NO sailing	
23 April	Sunday sailing	
30 April	Fancy dress races	Kids BBQ BYRA supply

## Step UP Program

Judging from all our recent photos there are many of our kids who should step up into the afternoon racing because:

- They are now too tall to sail PJ's.
- We need to free up some boats for new kids.

Don't forget that sailing is a sport and parents do need to buy a boat to help the kids develop further and reach their true potential. Kids be nice to your parents and NAG them incessantly but you have to do all your homework, keep your rooms clean and tidy, and do everything you are told to get away with this.



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