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Here's to the BYRA heroes

Flying 11 Nationals Perth



A **HUGE** effort from Scooter and Max in the Flying 11 National Championships held in Perth. What a **SUPER TEAM EFFORT** which showed the benefits of a lot of hard work this season, in some very difficult circumstances. Swimming in 30 knots plus is never easy and even hard hanging onto a boat that wants to keep going!!!! These guys worked VERY hard and practised all year and proved that TEAM WORK is everything. Not only did they win the handicap section in unprecedented style, they had four top ten positions over the series, and this competition was **HOT.... HOT.... HOT**. Well done guys and we were very proud of you as we watched the results come up on the website.

Spiral Nationals Saratoga



This was another typical Spiral regatta where the social events are almost as difficult as the sailing. Under the watchful eye of Club Coach St Peter, BYRA team did us proud in this very long four day series. The wind varied from nothing to 30 knots plus, and came from almost every point on the compass, and sometimes on the same day. Some **FANTASTIC** sailing with the “grey hairs” showing the kids how to get their heads out of the boat and watch what is happening around the course. This was even more surprising given the behaviour of some of those grey hairs after dark.



There were some notable moments with:

- ▶ Alice choosing the comfort of her own bed on Thursday night, much to Barry’s surprise as he was planning a quiet night on his own.
- ▶ Doug pretending to be totally relaxed whilst beating the daylights out of anyone who got in his way.
- ▶ Bryce going from 34th to 2nd in one leg (due to a 90 degree wind shift) and as he crossed the line, asked “how did I do that”. Don’t worry, no one else knew either.
- ▶ Marty trying to swim around the course on most days.
- ▶ Ross staying under everyone’s radar pretending to be Sally, and no one noticed the speed of that damn new boat (anyone have some lead?).
- ▶ Henry blitzing the kids time after time and don’t anyone believe that garbage about how he needs a new boat.

Huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Matt Craig** (Jervis Bay) for a superb scratch win and some masterful demonstrations of everything that is good about this class AND ALSO to **Alan Davidson** who also escaped notice during the program to have a huge handicap win overall.

Let’s go guys and build the team again for the States in late March. Special notice to Sally, Julia and Sarah, PLEASE start planning now, as the boys need some lessons if we are going to match some of these other clubs.

Sailing Report



At last some great weather has provoked some post Christmas activity, with vastly increased numbers this week. Then again it could have been the water pistol day which always seems to bring out the best and worst in our lot.

Those who forgot to read our program (on the website) and arrived unprepared, suffered greatly at the hands of the others, both on and off the water. It is amazing what brings a smile to some of your faces, usually at the distress of someone else as they were showered mercilessly. BB is particularly worried about an up and coming member, who is barely walking and who attacked everyone from all different angles with no fear or favour. One poor victim was even pleading for mercy, saying he was his friend to which young Hugh responded without hesitation... **NO YOU ARE NOT**. The future is looking particularly fun loving with such warm and caring younger generations. At least his Dad will be able to fix all the damaged boats without anyone knowing, then again Dad was encouraging him to hold his ground!!!!



St Peter got his fair share of hits, which were entirely justified as he asked for a bucket as he left the deck.

Esteemed status amongst peers was no defence, as Scooter copped it even before he was in his



boat....Scooter in case you were too busy ducking, you can thank David later.



The said events had no impact on Jordan who seems happy being in the water next to her upside down PJ. Camilla also barely noticed as she abandoned her boat and non sailing friend in preference for a swim around the bay from midway between RMYC and Scotland Island. Last sailing lesson BB had, started with the premise that you were INSIDE the boat.

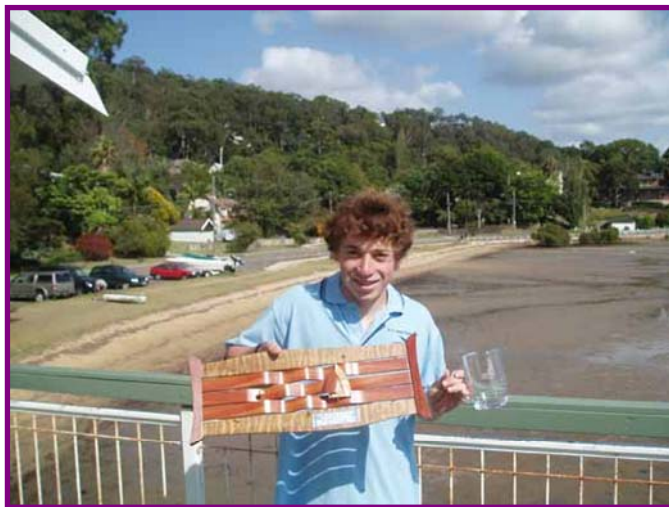
St Peter, BB and Kim were last seen heading towards the fridge muttering, **WHY US, WHY US...**

Tip from the Coach

Regardless as to what Alice and Barry try, DO NOT accept offers of drinks after midnight.

Tip for the Coach

Stay away from Alice and Barry, and Henry, and Alan, and Sydney, and anyone from any other sailing club at Spiral regattas.



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