



## Perth Pirates Newsletter

***Pirate Pride! Pirate Power! Pirate Passion!***

**December 2010**

### 1. Christmas Training break



OK . it's that time of year when you find out whether you have been naughty or nice .or at least whether you have been caught doing either .or both .hmmm both .

Anyway, Pirates will be taking a short training break, with the last training on Tuesday 21 December and returning to training on Tuesday 4 January. So use this time to practice your:

**Reach!** .for some Christmas pud

**Drive!**.....to the bottle shop for another bottle of Tia Marai

**Twist!**.....the top off a bottle of West Coast Cooler\*

\*Perth Pirates promote eating and drinking responsibly . aim for your mouth every time or it just gets messy.

### 2. Regatta #1 and #2

Well Pirates made a mighty fine start in the first two regattas of the year, taking out the 500m Mixed and the 200m Tens Mixed races in November. Then we won the Open 200m Tens in December. Special mention must go to new paddler Anna who drums, balances and yells with the best of them! And thanks to Ross, Fi and Ritha for helping out too!

Pirates are applying a distinct strategy to build towards the State Championships in March 2011 . not revealing too much too early in the season.

The hard work on technique has certainly been paying off, and in the new year we'll see a greater focus on building fitness.

Let's keep it up to score some more Pirate bling! ( We do know that we Pirates look fabulous in gold)

### 3. Pirates at the Nationals 2011

Don't forget . if you are keen to take the ultimate Pirates Road Trip and be the first Pirate team to not get banned from a capital city, make sure you sign up for the Nationals in Canberra from 30 March to 2 April 2011.

The Pirates intend to leave on Tuesday, 29 March and return on Monday, 4 April, and the actual race days are Thursday, 31 March to Sunday, 3 April (extra days are required for travel, practice training and the after party). Reservations have been made at the Pinnacle Apartments, which are only about 2 km from the event grounds (<http://www.pinnacleapartments.com.au/>). A group booking will be made for the flights, although you can travel separately if desired ( ie you don't want to

The cost to attend the Nationals is estimated to be about \$1,300 per person -- this includes flights, accommodation, race day fees and after party. The apartments are fully equipped with kitchens, so you may cook your own meals, if desired. So if you are up for it, please let Kristin know. It doesn't matter if you've only just started paddling, the Nationals are a great experience for everyone.

#### 4. *Sea-anchor Cheryl*

It was a Sunday. The water was calm, the sky slightly overcast, and the dragon boat was loaded with a full crew of 22. Rhythmically, steadily, the dragon boat powered its way towards the Garratt Road bridge; the taught, athletic bodies of the exceptionally gorgeous paddlers were glistening, their muscles rippling, driving their paddles into the water like a well-oiled machine. The Perth Pirates were strong, sexy, and unstoppable.

Silently, a phantom boat, or possibly a submarine, snuck past with such stealth that none of the paddlers saw it. The wake caught the boat, but the incredibly fit and powerful Pirates held their shafts more firmly and drove in more deeply, because, well, they knew they were sexy, sexy Pirates. At the back of the boat, Cheryl skillfully caught a wave and surfed the dragon boat for what seemed to be an eternity. The paddlers dug deep and rode the wave, keeping rhythm, keeping time, and always looking amazing. The Pirates were a thing of beauty, skimming along the shimmering surface of the waves, in all their splendor and glory.

Suddenly, the phantom boat/submarine silently shot past again! The brilliant Pirates were caught as two enormous waves slammed the left side of the boat! In a move reminiscent of the Titanic, the dragon boat lurched, tipped, and nearly capsized! The heroic Pirates struggled to keep paddling and stay upright, desperately trying to maintain control of the boat, while Cheryl decided to take leave of the sexy, sexy Pirates by not-so-gracefully flinging herself overboard with a squeal.

A booming command to 'stop the boat' was yelled, and the athletic, beautiful, sexy and somewhat soggy Pirates turned around to retrieve Cheryl, who was bobbing in the water and being fondled by hundreds of not-so-sexy jellyfish. In return for her rescue, Cheryl has volunteered to take up her new role as sea-anchor.

#### 5. *Next Regatta!*

Sunday 16 January 2011 is the next regatta date. Lock it in your diaries dudes! Let Kristin know if you are in!

#### 6. *Pirates get Royal on Sunday 16 December*



*William and Kate decide to walk to the Royal for Pirate drinks*

If you thought that the biggest Royal news was Willy and Kate's nuptials, then think again!

The Pirate Yuletide Non-Denominational Festive Season Gathering will be at The Royal in East Perth from **6pm Sunday 19 December**. It will be grab your own food and nibbles and we can just chill out together pre-Christmas!

See you there. Not on, but NEAR the water!

#### 7. *Superb Sponsors*

With many thanks to Pirate Rod, have I got a deal for you! Soulsby, Pirates now have some fantastic new sponsors to add to our existing loyal sponsor Hot Cotton.

Maylands IGA, Chalice Financial Service, Hayway Marine and Kiss Café have all come on board to support the Pirates and we can't thank them enough for their help.

Each newsletter, we will feature a different sponsor at the end of our newsletter - we encourage all Pirates to support our sponsors as much as they support us.

Check out the info on Chalice Financial Services in this edition.

## 8. Welcome to new paddlers

A huge Pirates welcome to our new paddlers . Karin, Brian, Ann, Janette, Andrew, Dave, Chris, Penny and Anna.

Welcome to the Pirate team . feel free to make gratuitous use of the word ARGHH, wear three-cornered hats with pride and know that grabbing someone's booty is considered part of the job description.

But be aware that you may be given a nickname from which it will be impossible to retreat.

Consider if you will:

Helen %**Where's Wally**" Rawlins

Edie %**Let your hair hang down**" Ecker

Sue "**Shitzu**" Akerstrom

Bob %**Lungebob Squarepants**" Oliver

Sue %**Curly Sue**" Konning

Steve "**Cap'n Steve**" Davies or %**Mr Happy**"

Vic "**Viiiiiiiictor**" (said with horrendously overworked Transylvanian accent) Finkelstein

**Remember.....we like to watch....and name you!**



## 9. Thoughts for December



Merry Christmas to all our wonderful Pirates!

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