



ORACLE

The Newsletter of Canberra Rowing Club

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We hope you enjoy this edition of Oaracle and welcome any comments you may have.

The Past

Winter Time Trials

Last of the series with some top performances seen so far with club highlights (and not limited to):

- Fastest Women's Single Sculler in each to Rhiannon Hughes, Megan Bagworth, & Sorelle Bowman. Who will sneak home for fastest in the final event?
- Nick 'Barney' Barnier stealing the men's single on all occasions!
- A slightly rotating Women's composite 8 boating from the club of Emy Ayliffe, Ann Charlton, Adair Ferguson, Kerry Knowler ... and a very heavy cox in your Club Captain showing himself in the largest form of his lighty career, with the fastest women's boat across the line.
- Points score with 2 crews sitting closely in 3rd spot and vying for the overall top spot. The Women's 8 of Esther, Cathy, Julie, Helen, Christine, Jackie, Sara, Janice, Alison and Deb have been steady performers this winter and look to charge home! And in the sneaky running with only 3 points in it to take out the Quad on points is Pat, Strapsy, Suzanne and Amanda!

High Performance

National Reps – Congrats to Angus Moore, Amy Fowler and Dave Wright again for making a National Rowing Team! Superb results from all 3:

- Gussy – BRONZE in the Junior Men's Coxed Four
- Amy – 5th Place in the U23 Women's Quad
- Dave – BRONZE in the World University Games Double Scull

The Present

Safety

The Winter broolly and pogies can soon be put away with Spring warming things up. With windy conditions expected across September and October though, members are urged to still be cautious of the white caps and easy capsizing.

National Team Selection Trials

Much like a certain role out of a Harry Potter story, ACTRA (or RowingACT now) are searching for a new Chief again this season. Feel free to raise a hand – the website would have more details www.rowingact.org.au

Fleet Activity – New Boats and Boat Use

Farewell to the Phil Pain. Apologies from the Captain given its sitting on trestles in the way of everything at the moment whilst our new Four has found a home in the Club. There are 2 interested buyers interstate at the moment and will hopefully be out of our hair with a few bucks in our pocket in 2 weeks so please do be patient a little longer and careful when handling boats and riggers around it.

Club House Activity

Let there be light! A huge thankyou (especially from the evening ergo'ers & Pokie) to Dave Boughton who saw to it to arrange a front street side spot light arranged on behalf of the club. It shines now on a tidier patch of landscaping to make the club attractive both on and off the water.

As if the shed didn't have a spot without his signature on it somewhere, Simmo's handywork has improved the Club not once but twice more this winter with new rigger racks built and replaced on the back wall to the tinny bay off loading the mess on the Rigger Trolley and making more effective use of that wall. If that wasn't enough, there is more space now for people (particularly the kids here) to place their bags now on the TV bench with a new shelf made up above to clear the way.

The Future

Call for Volunteers - School rowing program

Marist parents have approached CRC with interest in developing a Marist College Canberra Rowing Club. In accordance with Rowing Australia's and CRC's interest in developing rowing CRC is supporting this initiative.

Over the last month over 50 boys each Sunday at CRC have been trying out rowing. A small group of CRC volunteers have been assisting. The trying out rowing sessions are expected to last for another couple of weeks.

The next phase will be to move set crews and training times of this group at CRC. The rowers at this point will be required to join CRC, though they will race under their school colours. The ultimate aim is for the school to set up their own club, and for CRC to help in facilitating this.

Everyone is asked to please contribute, whether it's as a one off, or on a number of occasions, as a coach, cox, rower, on shore helper, tinny driver, or in some other capacity. Many hands make light work, so please do put your name forward to let one of the contacts below know you are interested in helping.

A high level of organisation is being shown by the parents, who have formed a committee, are running fortnightly meetings, and attend the club when their boys are rowing. CRC members are asked to provide experience to match this enthusiasm.

Please contact either Neil or Laurence at the contact details below to let them know you are interested, preferably by Thursday 9 September 2010.

Thank you

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BBQ

A BBQ will be held on the Sunday after the final Time Trial on 19 September with food cooked between 10 & 11am.

All clubs are welcome and for \$5 per head you can help yourself to food and drink. The Youth and Seniors about the club will be helping prepare with funds going to help those travelling interstate this season so your support with a bit of bacon in one hand and a sanga sandwich in the other will be appreciated.

The rowers and parents involved with Marist College Canberra Rowing Club will be at this BBQ so please make them feel welcome.

Motor boat (tinny) experience

Experienced tinny drivers who are interested in helping others learn, and those who want to learn or have licence log book requirements to complete are asked to let Laurence know by Friday 3 September (please see contact details above).

Arrangements will then be made for lessons to be provided by the volunteers over the months of September/October.

If you have a licence, please advise in particular if you have had it at any stage for at least three (3) consecutive years, as this is necessary to sign off anyone looking to complete log book requirements.

Coming Events

Upcoming Events (check the notice boards for firm dates after the Committee meeting next week) or our comprehensive [calendar](#) on the CRC web site:

September

Winter TT 5 & BBQ

National TT 1

October

Col Panton Marathon

Corporate Rowing Program kick's off - all hands on deck if you want a new 8!

National TT 2

November

ACT Local Regattas 1 & 2

Corporate Rowing Program Regatta ... kids, get ready to help for a busy morning at the office

National TT 3

Head of the Yarranearly 5 x 8's going this year!

December

CRC Local Regatta – this is usually huge for the Club (Alison and crew manning the tent last year raised \$1000 all up) and sees big interest from interstate clubs expecting a good showing from Canberra!

Annual Xmas drinks at the Club

Sleep-ins and Santa!