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Well good evening everyone, and we hope you all survived / breathed a sigh of relief upon the first day of Term 4!!! And what a hot couple of days it was too ... phew!!!

If you read and action no further than the next 8 or so lines, your week is sorted ...

Wednesday 7th - Club Race Official Course at HHSC - 6:30pm to 9:00pm - Week One of Two. Please come along if you can - email Chris if you can squeeze in at the last minute!!! The more we have, the more we can learn and share on the following weekends!!

Friday 9th - Yes, its back - our world famous "Friday Afternoon Sessions" - Coach Lizzi and the team have been looking forward to the long evenings, steady breezes and almost empty bay ... Club will be open from 4pm, aim is to be rigged and ready by 4:30pm, off the water 6:30 ... All Opti sailors welcome!!!! Note: if you are skipping, or crewing, in a Flying 11, then we would prefer you sail your F-11 (with Coach Jenni) rather than Opti on Friday nights... and there will be pizzas, or BBQ, or something yummy for after sailing!

Saturday 10th - RaceFleet with Lizzi - 2:30pm for 3pm rigged and ready. (Fearless Midgets also for lesson and warmups) Finish off the water around 5:30.
General Group Opti Sailing with Chris & Flynn - 2:30pm for 3pm. Finish off the water by about 5ish.

Sunday 11th ... Our first InterClub Race Series with our inner-west neighbours, Dobroyd Aquatic Club - we are hosting Round 1, which also is an ongoing round of our Club PointScore series. We are aiming for a three short race session, boat start, with either a sausage or race course - the kids will know the technical terms for these courses, but we are writing for the grownups, so keeping it visual!!! :-). Rigged by 1100, Briefing at 1115, Launch at 1130, Racing from 12 noon until about 1:45. This race series is suitable for everyone in our OptiFleets are short enough that even if the Open kids bolt off the front, they can't get too far away from the rookies we'd love to see an explosion of Fluoro for this race, so be bright, wear your race top, and anything else bright you can!!! Weather is looking perfect for Sunday racing, knots of breeze.... perfect!!

Ok - now for the commentary ... :-)

Over the last weekend we had HHSC OptiSailors here, there and everywhere!!! A group competed in the NSW Youth Championships over the three days of the long weekend, while Admiral Ashton lead a raiding party around the Inner West on a mega adventure sail, sliding up Cove Bridge, around Rodd Island, before sneaking back under Drummoyne Sailing Club's nose to land and storm the ice-cream shop, before a great reach back to the Club that stretched all the sailors! The pics are superb of this raiding session - oh to be a kid again!!!

Down at Botany Bay, we saw stellar results come from our Greenies and Intermediates, as follows:

Green Fleet

- Maddie Nash finished 7th in the Green fleet, with 8 of 13 races in the top ten - including a third and a fourth on the last day - and as you can see from the pics, rocking the sunnies and zinc look big time!!!
- Bella Durran finished 8th, right behind Maddie, also with 8 finishes in the top ten, and a third, and an OCS as well - going hard on the starts!!!! These two had a ball on and off the water....
- Jonty MacIntyre finished 14th, with 3 top tens - great work by our littlest man and future Association of Fearless Midget member!!!

Intermediate Fleet - and we have to say were delighted with the really solid gains made by both Morgan and India in what was a very solid fleet... with a shout out to honorary Hunters Hill Opti sailor AJ Whitnall for a great regatta too!! Morgan and Indi made great strides into the third of the fleet, almost cracking the exact middle at 21st and 22nd respectively. Indi scored her best ever result at this level, with a tenth and these further results in the teens (for fifth girl overall of 12), while Morgs had three results in the teens. These two are plugging away and are getting ready for a big jump, which we expect will happen when we finally get a regatta with a bit of breeze!!!!

In the Open Fleet, Sylvie, James and Amelia were handed a stern lesson in the need to be on the front line of the start, in every start. Being in the second or third row of the start line is a real challenge.... one best filed away in the memory banks and worked on in forthcoming sessions!! "Nuff said. Go sail your F-11's you three, and get some speed and splash back into your game!!!

Speaking of F-11's, we had a smattering of OptiKids crewing in the F-11 races, with Coach Caitlin having both Matt and Tom Q as her crew over the weekend - Matt got injured in a collision (he's all ok), and so as Tom's regular skipper Rohan had broken a finger earlier in the week training sigh), Tom was free to step in for his big brother, after having crewed for Seb, while Max T watched the AFL grand Final, before closing out the regatta with Seb for the last two days ...

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so here goes - some fantastic shots gleaned from FB pages, iPhones, official shots and random emailed pics, which show just what a cracking weekend all our sailors actually had, whether or not they were on the race course or a sailing or on the beach!!! As Coach "Curly" Jenni always says at her Tacker classes ... Kids + Boats = Fun .. and it does!!! And Chris & Bec enjoyed being a mark boat out on Course C ... though missed the apparently bottomless coffee serves enjoyed by the shore patrol (a great stuff from a super group of parents!

Speaking of Tackers this coming week we are likely to welcome a couple of graduates from last week's Tackers Class to Friday night training, along with young Adie Suttie, whose birthday present was an Opti - awesome!!! great to have further new sailors coming into our group early in the season!! Just by way of information - last week's tackers class was booked out, our Sunday morning Tackers classes for Term 4 are booked out, and we already have a "waiting list" for when bookings open for December and January Tackers - if you have an Opti! OptiNeighboursKid or OptiKidsBestFriend you think might like to get involved in sailing this summer, please keep an eye on the club website!!!

Here is the official video of the Nsw Youth Champs - including an epic "helmeted body slide behind an Opti" by truly Fearless Midget Tom Q, and you can spot others in there too ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=1&v=qvW4Tv4hqls>

Finally - a big shout out to two of our fantastic young coaches, Isabella and Caitlin - both these gun sailors, and even better teachers and coaches are sitting their HSC exams in the coming weeks - good luck from all of us!!!!

See you all at some point in the next few days - lets make Friday and Sunday HUUUUUGEEEEEE!!!!

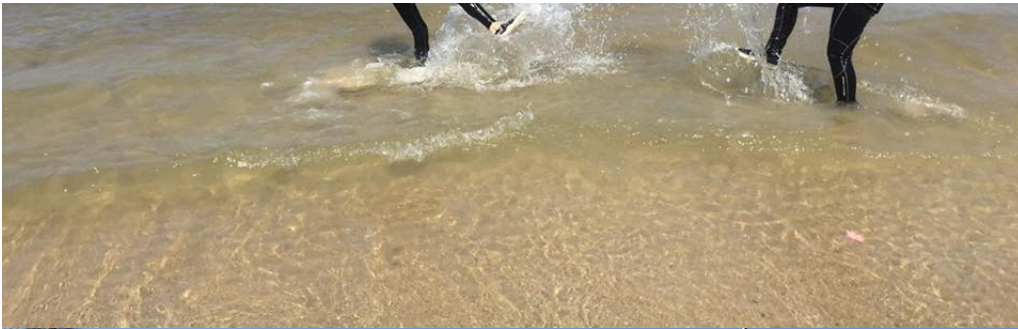
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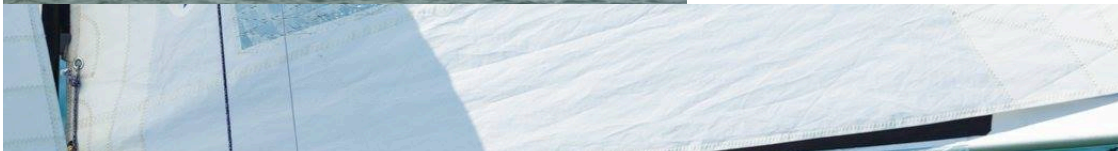


















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