

Saturday the 30th of October saw the first round of the SNB surf boat series, held at Sunny Newport beach.

A fantastic turn out on the day saw some brilliant racing, with dominant performances from Newport in the Juniors, U23 Men and U23 women.

Juniors:

The juniors were well represented with 2 crews racing. The Fitz swept junior crew performed strongly all day to win their division on points quite convincingly. The new juniors swept by Michael King did brilliantly in their first carnival, and with 3 more years to follow after this one, we can already see a bright future ahead for all of these boys!

U23 Women:

The sunshine performed well, with a noticeable improvement in their racing from last season. 2 of the rounds saw both of our U23 girls crews battle against each other, and some great racing unfolded. The Borthettes, swept by Jay Borthwick performed brilliantly in their first proper season of racing together to claim second overall on points, a brilliant effort by all of the girls!

U23 Men:

With three crews entering the 23 mens division, we performed exceptionally well and dominated a number of races, showing the northern beaches we are a real threat this season. The New boys crew swept by bortho in their first carnival raced well and got a very positive introduction into racing. The Josh Hayward swept crew raced well and scored a well earned semi final berth and were very unlucky not to power into the final after a very tight semi final finish. The mako dominated their heats and streaked away to win their semi final in convincing fashion. Only threatened by Dee Why all day, it was unfortunately Dee Why who took the honours in the U23 men with the mako a very close second. It should make for exciting racing this coming Saturday at Bilgola, with the mako focused on another dominant display and the other colts crews keen to impress in just their second carnival together.

Reserves:

This division saw the newly formed Coi alongside the Benders and Flounder racing in the open division. Strong racing from all crews saw good results with a very positive platform to build on. The Rob Emerson swept coi raced very well after only one training row on thursday night and showed they could do some real damage with a bit more training under the belt. The masters crews are making their presence know to the other masters, turning out strong displays in the reserve division, these crews will both be right in the thick of things come later in the season.

The Carnival:

What a spectacular day!! Thank you to all members of the rowers and the extended club who helped with setting up, packing up and other odd jobs. You all contributed to make it one of the best carnivals i have been at. We have received no end of compliments about the way everything was run, and this showed with a huge turn out in the bar afterwards! And if the day itself wasn't enough, the wallabies final won!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Gary Cook:

ON Saturday we welcome our newest member to the boat shed. The Gary Cook was christened at 11 am by Mark Fitzgerald, James Brook, Lachy Brook, Lucas Wilson and Tom Holland. A huge thankyou to Michael Heatcote, Ian Taylor and Rob Emerson for his help with organising sponsorship and getting this boat to the club, Mark Fitzgerald for all of the administration required to get the boat in the water, and to the boys who rowed it for the first time for their continued efforts around the club

and the boatshed! We were supported on the day by Gary and his family who were on hand for the surprise, as well as our local parliament members Bronwyn Bishop, Rob Stokes and local councillor Bob Dunbar. Add to this a swagger of life members and a beautiful day and it made for a spectacular sight. This boat promises to feature in many finals this coming season and hopefully can bring us home that long awaited aussie gold!!!

Bilgola:

We have the second round of the SNB series this coming Saturday, scheduled to start at 8am sharp. We will need to be set up on the beach at Bilgola no later than 7:30, which means be at the club by 6:45 if possible. Consult your sweeps for further information.

Everyone keep up the good work and keep training, the results are starting to show!!