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Ice Breaker Regatta

Round 1 of the Ice Breaker regatta was held on 31st May with 62 boats sailing. This is a fantastic number, particularly given the weather at the start of the day and hopefully even more boats will be entered for this Sunday.

Race Officer Rob Brewer did a great job with the courses given the usual shifty winds on Pittwater. It was also great to see the Hobie Wave fleet adding great colour to the regatta.

Volunteers are always needed to run this event so if you are able to help please call or email Pru Bennett 0412 385 701 or prubennett@pacific.net.au.

REMEMBER THAT RACING STARTS AT 1000 HOURS SO DON'T BE LATE!

Queensland Youth Week – Australian Youth Winter Championships

Queensland Youth Week is approaching very quickly. It is run out of Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron and is a major event on Yachting Australia's calendar. Entries can be made on-line at <http://www.qldyouthweek.com/>.

Laser Training in School Holidays

Josh Chant is running a three day coaching clinic from RPAYC in the winter school holidays on 13, 14 and 15 July. This is a great opportunity to capitalise on skills gained at Queensland Youth Week. Details are on the Club's website www.rpayc.com.au or by contacting Josh directly on 0414 962 740 or joshuadadourchant@gmail.com.

Optimist Training Clinic in School Holidays

Tom Brewer is running a three day training clinic for all optimists. Further details will be announced on Sunday after round 2 of the Ice Breaker. Details will be on the Club's website next week.



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Intermediate Youth Development / Youth Development

All is going full steam ahead with both Youth development (YD) and Intermediate Development (ID) in full flight.

A squad of 19 ID members, most of whom have never set foot in a keel boat before, jumped into the Force 24's and took on the challenge. We managed to have some very intense training, with the squad starting to develop some advanced tactics and boat handling skills.

The ID squad took their newly learnt skills and travelled to the CYCA and the RSY to race in the Interclub Challenge. This involves the CYCA, RSY & RPAYC with each club hosting a stage of the event.



*Shaun Hannan, Adam Halliday, Kenneth Ogle-Lang and Julian Hannan
at the RSY Inter-Club Challenge.*

The RPAYC teams were the youngest there but showed some great maturity and talent to achieve some promising results. Be sure to come down and see them race when RPAYC host the last stage of the event on Sunday 5th of July.



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Blackmores 3 Islands Race Day

Youth Development has been enjoying intense drills and fleet racing in various classes such as Hobie Waves, Pacers, Sydney 38's and Force 24's.

YD has also had the privilege of having special guests coming along to lecture on various topics for the Friday theory sessions. These guests include, Mick Miller, Andrew (Dog) Palfrey, Traks Gordon, Angus Gordon, Ken Batt, Katie Spithill & Damian Devine.

As mentioned above YD has enjoyed some big boat racing with Rick Welch (The Bolter) and Chris Way (Easy Tiger) kindly lending us their yachts for some close one on one fleet racing and we thank them for their support. Eight of the YD crew sailed on Easy Tiger in the Blackmores 3 Islands Race and received first place together with team mates Easy Tiger II (Farr 40) and Hydrotherapy (Etchell). YD is currently gearing up to learn about match racing, so feel free to come out and watch as there is sure to be plenty of action!



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Storage Racks / Trailers

Please ensure your boats are in the correct racks. Places are available for top and middle racks; however there is currently a waiting list for bottom racks.

To be allocated a rack space please fill out the required forms which are available from Joanne Neale at the waterfront office. A separate form needs to be completed to be on the waiting list for bottom racks. Joanne can also provide this form.

Just a reminder that **the Club's By-Laws prohibit trailers being parked in the bottom car park.** Trailers may be parked in Crystal Bay only.

Pru Bennett
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