

REGION V - Awesome Weekend's Racing Round 4

Region V – Round 4 was held at Toukley on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th April, 2016 and what a weekend of absolute awesome racing!

Saturday commenced with the curtain raiser and what a race - Novice Women! This Race was fantastic with a three way side by side battle with Sarah Jordan behind "Thanks Mum", Kara Benson behind "Revolution Racing 111" and Haylee Gibson behind "Revolution Racing 110", closely followed by Nicole Follington behind "No Bull" and Charlotte Neal behind "Flaamin". The first three girls went out leaving nothing in the tank, they raced closely for the entire race with Sarah Jordan coming through to take first place in a very close finish. Look out Round 5 as the points are very close. 50+ Women was also on the water with the young Novice Girls and we saw Mary New behind "Pure Evil" turn the tables on Kerrie Eagle behind "Tuff N Ruff" to take out Mary's first win for the season.

The 60mph Kids were next with Jaali Walsh behind "Revolution Racing 111" taking out the win, Camden Cooper behind "Tuff N Ruff" in second and Anabelle Ross behind her dad's boat "Flaamin" in third place.

70mph Social saw Shannon Lewry behind "Dr Evil" in first place, Jason Feros behind "Revolution Racing 111" in second and the evergreen Peter Nixon behind "Pure Evil" in third place. Once again the points in this Class are very close and Round 5 will be a ripper!

Novice Men saw nine skiers front the Starter and this race, like the Novice Women's Race, didn't disappoint. Corey Lalor behind "Revolution Racing 111" stamping his mark on this Event after being knocked off in Round 3, worked hard to take out the win from Kyle Lingard behind "Mojo" and Murray Bushby behind "Causin Trouble" was in third. Well done to new comer, David Claydon, who had his first run behind "Revolution Racing 110". Points in Novice Men will also go down to the wire for Round 5.

In 60mph Engine Class, we saw Jaali Walsh behind "Revolution Racing 110" take out his second win for the day, with Zak Armstrong behind "Revolution Racing 111" in second spot and Camden Cooper behind "Tuff N Ruff" in third.

Thirteen competitors greeted the Starter in 70mph Engine and they certainly didn't disappoint. Once again putting on a great display of Water Ski Racing through all water conditions on the course to produce some of the closest racing Region V has seen. In another very close finish eleven year old Nellie McMillan behind "Revolution Racing 111" showed the Men how it was done, taking out the win in the narrowest of margins from Peter Nixon behind "Pure Evil" and Corey Lalor behind "Tuff N Ruff". This Class is still wide open for second and third placings for all, so look out Round 5.

Outboard Class was another good race with Brock McMillan behind "Revolution Racing 111" taking out the win closely followed by Matthew Jordan behind "Thanks Mum" and Kyle Lingard behind "Mojo". Social Women also didn't disappoint with a very close and exciting race, Nellie McMillan behind "Revolution Racing 111" in first place, Riley Jarvis behind "Double Trouble" in second and Samara Ross behind "Flaamin" in third with Haylee Gibson behind "Revolution 110" in a very close fourth and Kerrie Eagle in fifth. High Points for second and third are also very close in this Class – bring on May 28th & 29th.

30-35 Men's saw Braden Hall behind "Dr Evil" take out the win with Shannon Lewry behind "Pure Evil" in second and Jason Feros behind "Revolution Racing 111" in third. Great to see you back a Region V Jase! 25-29 Men was a quick race with Sean Hamilton behind "Pure Evil" showing a clean pair of heels to take out the win from Josh Moxom behind "Double Trouble" and Ben Baker behind "Indian Outlaw" in third with the old boy from the bush Troy Dickson behind "Mojo" having a NFP Run and coming third on the water.

36-44 Men was also a great race with the mature Ski Racers putting on a show, Troy Evans behind "Pure Evil" taking out a great fast win, with Jason Walsh behind "Revolution Racing 111" in second and the ever reliable Matt Cooper behind "Indian Outlaw" in third.

Ten Boats faced the starters for the Unlimited Race with Bradley Osmotherly behind "Dr Evil" taking out a great win, Sean Hamilton behind "Pure Evil" in second and Brayden Jameson behind "Double Trouble" in third.

After a fabulous Saturday's racing, we were then treated to a fantastic fun event being the "Annual Region V Iron Man Event". In perfect conditions on the picturesque Lake Budgewoi, this Event was run in two Sections with the "Team's Event" being first and the "Individual Event" next. Rules – well were there any? Not much apart from the fact that you had to Ski one lap, then swim into the bank and then run a two lap circuit (approx 2 kms) with some surprise Burpees and Push Ups thrown in for good measure.

Lots of laughs and fun had by all the competitors, whilst the Bar was open so the spectators enjoyed the shenanigans! "Teams Event" was won by the very well prepared duo of Kobe Russ & Jack Manning with Dick & Parto doing the crewing. "Individual Event" went to the very serious, out to win and beat all – Cameron Osborne, who skied behind the "Top Turn Course Boat" – Driver: Alyssa Long, Observer: Brock McMillan, Trainer: Emily Osborne, Navigator: Milana Long. We actually think it was Cameron's well prepared Crew that bought home the bacon for him.

It didn't end there... Saturday Night was our "Social Fundraising Night" with approximately 140 People all being treated to a beautiful sit down meal with the bar in full swing. Lots of funny antics including a fantastic display of Karaoke by the kids and a few older people! 100 Club was a hit with the \$500 won by Jarrod Jarvis with Kim Jarvis quickly claiming the envelope of cash!

"Region V's Annual Tug O War" saw the Sackville Kids + Some -v- the Rosevale Kids + Some, what an event!. Judges are still out on that one, Tim Dubois our Official Adjudicator hasn't handed down his decision as yet for the fear of being mobbed by competitive children!

Sunday morning was once again very busy with new crews and members signing up for racing. We knew that the weather on Sunday could pose problems with thunder storms predicted for the afternoon, so we kicked off with the Five Minute Siren, ten minutes earlier than usual with the help of our organized Competitors, Parents and Course Helpers.

0-9 Boys & Girls were the organized ones as their race was first, a "Big Thank You to All the Parents & Crews" as you all work hard to get the kids on the water. Conditions were a little rough for the kids but as usual they all did extremely well, with Kianna Walsh behind "Revolution 110" in first place, Charlotte Neal behind

“Bearsey” in second and Anabelle Ross behind “Flaamin” unfortunately had a fall and failed to finish in the 0-9 Girls. Jaali Walsh behind “Pure Evil” chased down the field after missing his start to take out the win from Zak Armstrong behind “Revolution Racing 111” and Bailey Cooper behind “Thanks Mum” in the 0-9 Boys.

10-12 Boys had nine starters with the win going to Riley Cicognani behind “Revolution Racing 111” in a dominant display of skiing from Race Cotton behind “Atomic” in second and Jack Manning behind “Double Trouble” in third. There isn’t much that separates the minor placing’s, so the pressure is on for the last round.

10-12 Girls was a great race with Nellie McMillan behind “Revolution Racing 111” and her two up partner Haylee Gibson behind “Revolution Racing 110” having a fantastic dual, Haylee didn’t let Nellie slacken off and kept her honest for the entire race, closely followed by Samara Ross behind “Flaamin” in third place, fourth place went to Raquel Osmotherley behind “Pure Evil”, fifth in her first ever race was Alicia Ausburn behind “Thanks Mum”, sixth was Tori McDonnell behind “Mad Ranga” and seventh, also in her first race was Telicia Lalor behind “No Bull”. Congratulations to Alicia and Telicia for competing in their first Region V Race.

Social Men’s was well won by the current Australian Champion – Cameron Osborne behind “Critta” with Shannon Lewry behind “Pure Evil” in second and Matthew Jordan behind “Thanks Mum” in third. 13-15 Girls was convincingly won by another Australian Champion – Milana Long behind “Critta”, with Riley Jarvis behind “Double Trouble” in second and Nicole Follington behind “No Bull” in third.

Next Race was an absolute sight! We had fifteen boats, thirty kids, sixty crew members, plus Parents, Grand Parents and Great Grand Parents all helping each other get ready. Yes it was time for the Junior 2 Up... which sends the place into utter kayos, but with the help of some very organized kids, who, by the way are too scared not to be, as the Race Chairman is straight onto them, we successfully got the race underway without too much delay. This race was won by Brock and Riley skiing behind “Revolution Racing 111”, with Kobe and Matty behind “Indian Outlaw” just beating Nellie and Haylee behind “Revolution Racing 110” for second. Yet another Class where the overall placing’s will come down to the last race.

16-20 Girls was won on the water by Milana Long behind “Critta” skiing up a Class NFP, but first overall was Angela Montanes from Spain behind “Atomic” and second was Sarah Jordan behind “Thanks Mum” keeping up her good form from Saturday and nudging out Emily Osborne behind “Revolution Racing 111” in a neck and neck battle for the entire race. In the same race Sarah Eagle took out 21-30 Women behind “No Bull”.

20-24 Men with Ben Hackett and Patrick Hunt continued their close racing with whoever is on the inside winning the race. Ben took this one out behind “Thanks Mum” with Pat in second behind “Double Trouble” and Kyle Lingard behind “Mojo” in third. Look out last round as the points between these two are very close and after having a “Dead Heat” in the first round, the last race will be very interesting...

Cameron Osborne took out 16-19 Boys behind Danny Knappick’s new Cyclone “Tuff N Up” from Bradley Osmotherly behind “Dr Evil” and Brayden Jameson behind “Double Trouble” in third.

13-15 Boys was taken out by Brock McMillan behind “Revolution Racing 111” from Matthew Jordan behind “Thanks Mum” in second. You have never seen two boats more trimmed out than these two! Blake Dingli behind “Revolution Racing 110” was third.

With the weather starting to turn, Women's Open was next and won by Milana Long behind "Crittta" with Angela Montanes behind "Atomic" in second place in the closest of finishes from Nellie McMillan behind "Revolution Racing 111" in third. This is also another Class where the points are very close and will all come down to the last round.

Men's Open was another awesome race with ten starters, we saw Cameron Osborne behind "Tuff N Up", Braden Hall behind "Pure Evil", Bradley Osmotherly behind "Dr Evil" and Brayden Jameson behind "Double Trouble" race side by side for lap after lap. Cameron ended up with the hard fought win from the outside from Braden Hall in second and Bradley Osmotherly in third.

As soon as the boats had finished Men's, the heavens opened and it absolutely poured with rain. Unfortunately the visibility was so bad that the last race of the day, being the Senior 2 Up had to be cancelled.

With the rain being a very wet end to what was a magnificent weekend, both on and off the water. A big thanks must go to the entire Region V Committee for all their hard work with the smooth racing and weekend's social events. That Clubhouse is becoming a little too cozy on Sunday afternoons...

Last Round – Race Date

Round 5 **Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th May, 2016**

Reminders

- **All Perpetual Trophies** are to be returned by Round 5 – 28th & 29th May. Please contact Christine Jameson Ph: 0407 971320 or Bobbette McMillan Ph: 0414 365763 to arrange return.
- **Social Drinks** – Saturday Afternoon in the Clubhouse to celebrate our last round for the season.
- **"High Point Presentation"** on Saturday 23rd July, 2016 at the Halekelani Bowling Club. **Bookings are essential so please contact Kerrie Eagle 0419 698 302 kerrie.eagle@optusnet.com.au OR Karen McLeod 0447 757 736 kmctrailers@bigpond.com
- **Region V Hats & Stubby Holders** for sale Round 5.
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