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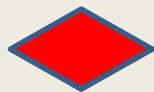


TIN CAN BAY JULY 5TH & 6TH

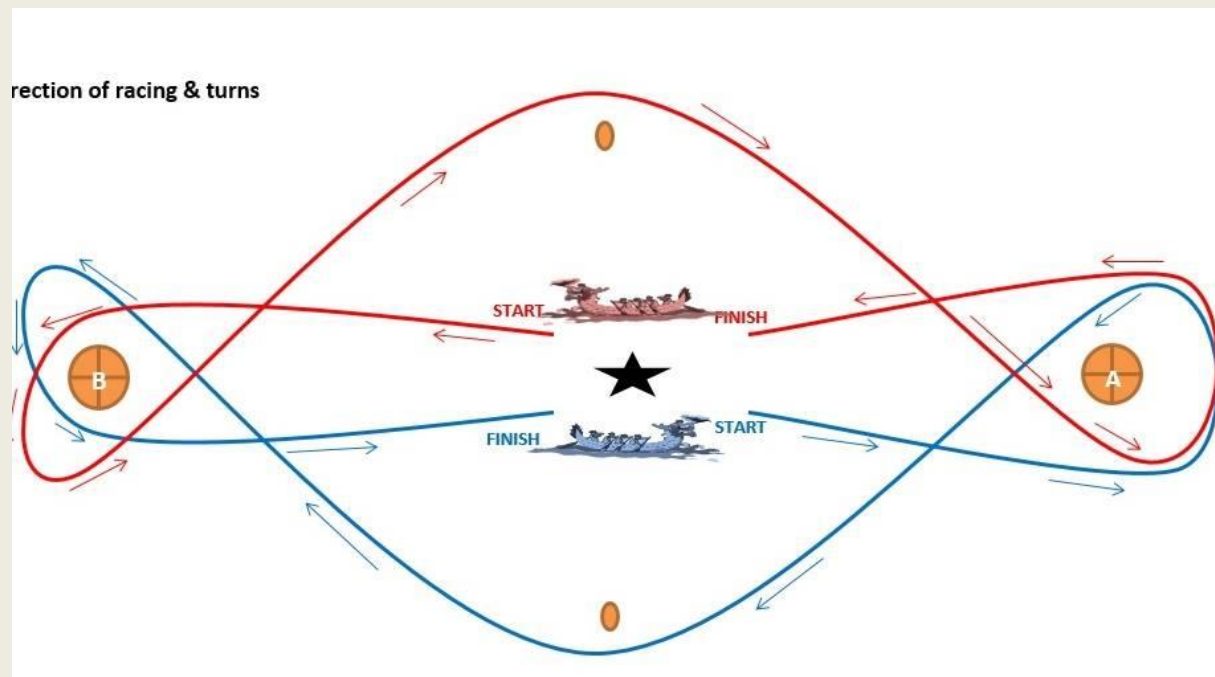
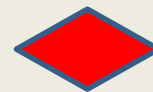
This newsletter is the next in a series designed to bring the club's activities up to date from our last newsletter which unfortunately was back in January of last year.

SATURDAY 5th JULY 2014

The COOLOOLA DRAGON BOAT CLUB hosted the Inaugural Diamond 'Dash-for-Cash' which was contested by 6 teams. This brand new and exciting race format made its debut on the Saturday afternoon



THE DIAMOND 'DASH FOR CASH'



Certainly a test of sweeping skills but it was also very interesting to observe the various paddling 'strategies' adopted by crew to execute the 270° turns at each end of the course. No doubt, some sweeps needed to 'refine' their manoeuvres and they will definitely be back in 2015, eager to show their new plan of attack in battling the course.

TEAM RED



TEAM BLUE



Redcliffe entered two teams in the Diamond Dash – TEAM **RED** and TEAM **BLUE** with Del and Brad at the helm respectively. Some of the team members wore their own diamonds.

It was great to see that the spectacle was popular with onlookers! The format was devised by Gayle of Cooloola Dragons with the intention of providing something of interest for spectators, as well as some fun and variety for paddlers & sweeps... and by all accounts, it didn't disappoint.

The local crowd cheered as the home team Cooloola claimed victory, 'whipping up' the best time on the course, *and* finishing with the best aggregate time.



2nd PLACE DIAMOND DASH TROPHY

An impressive Redcliffe **RED** crew placed second overall and we shall be back again in 2015 ready for a rematch.



Congratulations

Cheryl and Kaye, our trainee sweeps, who were accredited on the Saturday after all the day's racing was over

PRIOR ACCREDITATION



POST ACCREDITATION



A well earned celebratory drink for both Cheryl and Kaye after becoming accredited.

**WELL
DONE
GIRLS!**



SUNDAY 6th JULY 2014

This year's ***Sleepy Lagoon Hotel Dragon Boat Regatta*** was the 11th annual event hosted by the Cooloola DBC, and saw a full program of Mixed 200 metre racing.

The day's racing consisted of A & B Divisions as well as the Pink Challenge. Both B Division and Pink Challenge Trophies were strongly contested. The composite team of Redcliffe Pink Snapdragons and Dragons Abreast Gold Coast won the Pink Challenge trophy.



Redcliffe's Pink Snapdragons and Dragons Abreast Gold Coast Composite winning team

Redcliffe Red Dragons **GOLD** came second to Sunshine Coast in the Mixed A Division Final.



Proud club presidents

The night before the Sunday regatta the club had their annual dinner. This was held at the Tin Can Bay Golf Club. Everyone was looking forward to letting their hair down (just a little bit) before a big day of racing.



It was at this dinner that the Inaugural President's Award was announced.

The award for 2013/2014 season went to Iciar Argus.



It is planned that this award will be an annual event to give recognition to the club member who, in the President's opinion, has performed duties far and above those expected of them.



At the end of the weekend of racing there was the customary 'debrief' of club paddlers with the Head Coach. This usually consists of paddlers assembling at the DOLPHIN WATERS HOLIDAY APARTMENTS for some alcoholic beverages, nibbles, fun and frivolity and a discussion of the weekend's events.



This is an annual event to which the paddlers always look forward to immensely to end a great weekend of fun, both on and off the water.

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