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2015 Queensland Dragon Boat Championships

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS and NATIONALS



STATES 10's

This year the DBQ State Championships were held over two weekends. The Small Boats 200m championships were held on Sunday 15th March and the Standard Boats 500m and 200m championships were held over the weekend of 28th & 29th March.



A total of 22 clubs competed in the Small Boat championships. Redcliffe had 30 paddlers competing over a total of 8 crews –

PREMIER WOMEN, MIXED & OPEN

SENIOR A WOMEN & MIXED

SENIOR B WOMEN MIXED & OPEN

The whole day proved to be exhausting at times with several paddlers having to back up from one team to the next. Unfortunately no teams were able to achieve any success. Nevertheless each paddler gave it their 100% on the day.

THANK YOU

A **HUGE BIG** thanks must go to Susan Harris for doing a magnificent job as assistant Team Manager on the day. Without her help the day would not have run so smoothly for the club. Lyn would have been so proud of her.



CONGRATULATIONS



Our juniors RYAN, JESSICA and KYLE paddled with the SONICS 'U24' MIXED OPEN teams and were successful in winning a bronze medal coming in third to MANLY and COOMERA on the day.

STATES 20's

There were only a small contingent of clubs competing at this year's 20's championships. A total of 12 clubs paddled on the Saturday and 13 clubs on the Sunday.



Redcliffe had a crew of 36 paddlers for both days. These were spread over 12 teams :-

PREMIER WOMEN 200m & 500m

PREMIER MIXED 200m & 500m

PREMIER OPEN 200m & 500m

PREMIER MIXED 2km

SENIOR A MIXED 200m & 500m

SENIOR A WOMEN 200m & 500m

SENIOR B MIXED 200m

Over the two days, 6 teams made their respective Grand Finals— PREMIER WOMEN 200m & 500m, PREMIER OPENS 500m, SENIOR A WOMEN 200m & 500m and SENIOR B MIXED 200m.

Only the SENIOR B MIXED 200m were successful in winning a bronze in coming third to BRD and MANLY. There was only a 2.2sec difference between first and third. This result proved what can be achieved if there is commitment to training and doing the hard work required to compete at State level.



As always everyone gave their 100% (if not more) and came away with a sense of achievement on what they had accomplished over the weekend (especially in the 200m races).

As someone once said 'if medals were given out for endurance due to back to back racing you all deserved to have come home weighed down by a stack of medals.'



NATIONALS

This year the Nationals were held at Champion Lakes, Perth, Western Australia over 5 days on April 14th – 18th. Although Redcliffe did not attend the Nationals as a club, we did have 8 members representing Queensland on **STATE v STATE** day Thursday 16th.

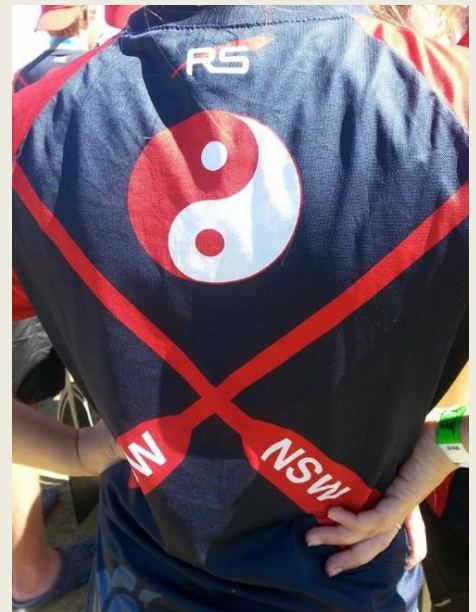
The club representatives were:-

Juniors BRITTNEE, ZHARLEA, JESSICA and COURTNEY

Premiers MICHELLE S.

Senior B TINA, ICIAR and YUKON

As the club was not attending, paddlers were allowed exemption to paddle for another team during the four days of club racing. Brittnee, Zharlea, Courtney and Jessica were lucky to paddle with the NSW ZODIACS. They were made to feel one of the team and the girls' parents were ever so grateful for the Zodiacs for taking the girls under their wing. Each of the girls enjoyed their experience.



Tina paddled for CURRUMBIN and Yukon and Iciar paddled for MANLY.

Tina, Yukon and Iciar were fortunate in bringing home some bling whilst paddling for their respective 'surrogate' clubs.

TINA



Senior A Women 20's 500m
BRONZE

Senior A Women 2km
BRONZE

Senior B Women 20's 500m
SILVER

Senior B Women 20's 2km
SILVER



YUKON

Senior A Mixed 20's 200m SILVER

Senior A Mixed 20's 500m SILVER

Senior A Open 10's 200m BRONZE

Senior B Open 20's 200m BRONZE

Senior B Open 20's 500m SILVER

Senior B Open 2km GOLD



ICIAR

Senior A Women 20's 200m SILVER

Senior A Women 20's 500m SILVER

Senior B Open 20's 200m BRONZE

Senior B Open 20's 500m SILVER

Senior B Open 2km GOLD



Manly won the AusDBF Masters Championships Trophy at the Nationals. Yukon and Iciar felt proud that they contributed to Manly relieving BRD of this trophy. BRD has been the custodian of this award for several years

On the STATE v STATE day, the Club Juniors were not able to paddle for Queensland due to their coach's illness. They paddled with ACT and were successful. Even though they were paddling with ACT they were proud to wear their Queensland colours underneath.



U18's OPENS 500m BRONZE
U18's MIXED 500m BRONZE
U18's WOMEN'S 500m SILVER

BRITTNEE
COURTNEY
ZHARLEA
JESSICA

Results for Queensland on STATE V STATE day are as follows:-

PREMIERS

Mixed 10's 500m GOLD
Mixed 10's 200m BRONZE
Open 10's 500m BRONZE

SENIOR A

Mixed 10's 500m GOLD



MICHELLE
PREMIER - GOLD & BRONZE

SENIOR B

Women 10's 500m GOLD
QLD A

Women 10's 500m SILVER
QLD B

Mixed 10's 200m GOLD
QLD A

Mixed 10's 200m SILVER
QLD B

Mixed 10's 500m BRONZE

Open 10's 500m SILVER
QLD A

Mixed 20's 500m GOLD



TINA & ICIAR



Bronze medal winning Mixed 10's 500m – TINA & YUKON

SENIOR C

Mixed 10's 200m GOLD
QLD A

Women 10's 500m GOLD
QLD A

Mixed 20's 500m SILVER

Next issue... 'Come & Try' Day, Fun Day and Barefoot bowls