

Five Broulee Surfboat crews make South Coast Boat Series Finals

Broulee Surfers Surf Life Saving Club had five crews make the finals in round two of the South Coast Boat Series at Corrimal on Saturday.

Open Women had two crews in the Final with Sweet and Sour Pork coming third and Capitals sixth. Great effort from both crews leading into the upcoming George Bass Marathon.

Sweet and Sour Pork were unlucky after given an ordinary start by the starter and rowed strongly after being in fifth spot after the start. Crew came back to be in second place but were edged out on the finish line when caught in a rip and given third. Capitals had their first surf carnival in the new boat "Spike" and delighted to get the boat into the finals on its first outing. Crew members were Pip Butt, Mel Fitzgerald, Vikki Fischer and Nicole Cobb with sweep Gary Pettigrove

Sweet and Sour Pork crew Louisa Bonner, Kimberly Eke, Nikki Kemp and U 23 girl Jaykie Bull filling in for experienced Michelle Cottington, sweep Rob Pollock.

U19's also had two crews in finals with Dims Sims coming second and Prawn Chips 6th. It was Prawn Chips first carnival and also had the "incredible" Jaykie Bull backing up after Jessie Ekin couldn't make it. Prawn Chips also got "Spike" to the finals and had Gary Pettigrove sweeping them for the injured Darren Reidy. Ned Brogan, Kim Suande and Jack Dunn were pleased to get a row after training hard for a few months and they will get better as season goes on.

Dim Sims were very unlucky and were leading all the way until the rip stopped them in the wave Zone and were edged out on the line by Corrimal who came from behind on a wave. Crew members were Dean Scott, Ewen Pollock, Hayden Connor, Jeffery Gamble and sweep Rob Pollock.

U23 Boys "Wild Turkeys" made the final and came a credible third, the crew is having a soft start to the season and will ramp up training in the new year. Crew members are Dean Scott [backing up from Jnrs] Matt Ivanoff, Tom Hilyear, and Zach Oborn and sweep Rob Pollock.

Reserve Crew Rob Dale [first row in 12 years] Matt Ivanoff [backing from 23's] Craig Sheppard, Mat Stevens sweep Rob Pollock got a 4th, 3rd and 2nd in the rounds and just failed to make final. Crew had not trained at all and was put together on the day. Not a bad effort, Rob Dale really enjoyed his comeback.

Broulee U23 Women did not row two due to illness. Broulee lost ground to Bulli in club championship but are running a close second.