



AN UPDATE  
ON THE  
COMINGS AND  
GOINGS OF  
NUBC

# NUBC Newsletter

## DECEMBER 2011



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It has been a while since the last update, and generally we have been very busy with lots of regattas, socialising, and of course, the dreaded end of year uni exams (some of us anyway).

### Regatta Performance in October

NUBC sent a small group to Spring Regatta on the 22/10/2011, and performed quite well, winning two doubles events, the Men's B Grade double (Jack Hanley and Chris Maytom) and the Women's C Grade double (Jessica Richardson and Tarin Davis).

The second NSW Time Trial was held on the 22/10/2011, and five NUBC members headed down to Sydney to participate, including Conrad Bond, Jack Hanley, Chris Maytom, Jason Nissen and Jessica Richardson.

We hosted our second regatta of the season, the NUBC Regatta, on the 29/10/2011, and as usual there was great participation from the club. Entering nearly 20 events, the club achieved first place in the Women's Open Single, the Men's Open Single, the Open Women's Double, the Men's Open Double, the Men's C Grade Double, the Women's C Grade Quad, the Women's D Grade Quad, the Men's C Grade Quad, a composite Men's Masters Quad, the Women's D Grade Coxed Four, and the Mixed Eight.



NUBC Members after the regatta

The following day the Hunter Valley Grammar School held their regatta at Berry Park, and Conrad Bond achieved second place in both of the singles he entered. The men's open double was won by a composite crew of Conrad and Austin Bond.

### Port Macquarie Regatta

On Saturday 13/11/11, a large crew headed up to Port Macquarie for the regatta on the Sunday. After setting up tents in reasonable weather, we headed over to the beach for a quick dip in freezing cold water. As we arrived back at the tents, just before dinner, a huge storm blew in drenching anyone unlucky enough to be standing outdoors. It took just seconds to swamp us, snapping at least 4 tent poles, ripping one of the tents and flooding the other. Needless to say, NUBC had to find alternative accommodation. Luckily the caravan park could fit us into cabins, and we headed out to the local bowling club for dinner, our spirits slightly dampened by the downpour. After a few beers and board games we were ready for bed, everybody being very responsible in getting enough sleep prior to the racing the next day!



Some of the NUBC Crew at the Wauchope Course

There were some very strong performances on the 850m course at Wauchope on the Sunday. The

Women's Open Single was won by Jessica Richardson, the Men's B Grade Single was won by Anthony Mujic, the Men's Open Double and the Men's B Grade Double were won by Jack Hanley and Chris Maytom, The Mixed Double was won by Merran Holmes and Conrad Bond, and the Women's C Grade Quad was won by Rachel Kirby-Faust, Julia Hanrahan, Natasha Pianca and Roanne Maxwell.



Jack Hanley and Chris Maytom, MO2X, MB2X



Rachel Kirby-Faust, Natasha Pianca, Roanne Maxwell and Julia Hanrahan, WC4X

Our Men's Coxless Four was unlucky to come away without a medal after a near collision forced them to stop during their race, and the sprightly youth of their competitors was just too much in the re-match. Overall everyone had a fun weekend, encouraged by the sun finally making an appearance on Sunday.

### End of Year Drinks

The end of year celebration for club members was held at the Clarendon on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, and a large contingent of social and competitive rowers attended. With short speeches from our club president and two of our novice members during the meal, the night got off to a flying start, which was followed up by celebratory drinks at the Honeysuckle Hotel.



NUBC Members at the Honeysuckle Hotel

The night progressed from there, and ended with the discovery of Rach's bird call abilities, and a display of Buddy's teeth cleaning skills...

### Regatta Performance in November

NUBC attended the North Shore regatta on the 19/11/11, entering in 8 races, and achieving second place in the Men's Lightweight Double.

The third NSW Time Trial and the Nepean Rowing Club Regatta were both held on the 26/11/2011. Both Jack Hanley and Jessica Richardson competed in the time trial, and NUBC achieved first place in the Men's Lightweight Single (Conrad Bond) and the Men's Lightweight Double (Jack Hanley and Chris Maytom) at the regatta.

### Annual Day at the Bay

Following tradition, the annual Day at the Bay was held in 2011, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. After a miserable week, somehow the weather improved and everybody had a fantastic, relaxing time. We started by climbing Mt Tomaree, before heading down to the beach for a slightly chilly swim.



NUBC at the Bay



The day was finished off with delicious ice creams by the marina, as everyone tried to forget that it was Monday the next day.



### Regatta Performance in December

Finally, the CDRA Sprints Regatta was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December. The weather didn't behave, and by about 10.30am the wind had picked up significantly, making the already narrow course even more difficult to navigate. Due to these conditions, the majority of the finals were called off, however NUBC did achieve wins in many of the heats, including the two heats of the

Women's Championship Single, and two heats of the Men's Championship Single, the Men's Championship Double, the Women's D Grade Double, the Women's C Grade Quad and the Men's C Grade Quad.

It was a fun day of racing with everyone enjoying the (barely) 500m course, however it ended in disappointment as we lost the Linwood Throsby Gift relay to Lake Macquarie Rowing Club. This means that the record is maintained, no club has ever won the relay three years in a row! We'd better get training for next year, and begin our run again!



NUBC Members at CDRA Sprints

Over the past weekend (10/11/11 and 11/11/11) two more regattas were held— The Reindeer Regatta, and the NSW Sprint Championships.

NUBC performed very well on Saturday, winning the Men's Lightweight Double (Hanley and Maytom) and achieving second place in the Men's Under 21 Single Scull (Bond) and the Mixed A-D Double (Holmes and Bond) at the Reindeer Regatta.

At the state Sprint Championships NUBC came home with three medals, coming second in the Men's Open Quad (Maytom, Bond, Nissen, Hanley) and winning the Men's Lightweight Pair and Men's Lightweight Double (Hanley and Maytom). Congratulations to all the competitors!

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The Men's Open Quad



The Men's Lightweight Pair and Double

### Other News

In other exciting news, Jack Hanley has been selected in a preliminary 8 person squad, competing to be part of a four representing NSW at nationals, in the Penrith Cup. The crew is coached by Steve Luker, and they train weekly at University of Technology, Sydney's sheds.

NUBC is also currently in the process of expanding our fleet, which is exciting for our lightweight women and (very) lightweight men. We have been able to purchase a lightweight single, to provide more options to our competitive members.

A reminder to all members, we are having a general meeting on Saturday the 17th of December, starting at 10am. Come along and share your ideas!

Just a reminder that the first regatta back after the Christmas break is Taree, held over the 13-15th of January.

Finally, MERRY CHRISTMAS to everyone! It is crazy how quickly the first few months of being on the NUBC executive have gone, but we've really been enjoying it so far. We have big plans for the boat club next year, so stick around to see what we can achieve!

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season, from the NUBC Exec.

Cheers,  
Ro  
NUBC Vice President

