

SURF BOATS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPION CREWS



“The Z Crew” 2005

The Z Crew: Beau Meridith George Ruzek, Brad Cox, Ben Shine and, swept by Richard Brierty

Without any doubt, the highlight of Avoca Beach surf boat competition was the winning the Australian Open Boat Championships at Kurrawa in 2004/05. This was the first Open Australian Surf Boat Championship ever won by a Central Coast club. This crew won in a boat borrowed from the Pacific Palms club after the Avoca boat was damaged in previous race.

Ross Ibbett played a major role in the crews coaching throughout the season.



“The Zeniths” 2006

The Zeniths: Leslie Twible, Sharon Brierty, Mel MacPherson Julia Mitchell, and swept by Richard Brierty.

In 2005/06 this crew won the Ladies Open Australian Surf Boat Championship Boat at Kurrawa



“The Zeniths” 2007

The Zeniths: Mel MacPherson, Julia Mitchell, Jessa Brierty and Sharon Brierty swept by Richard Brierty

This crew had backed up to win the Ladies Australian Open (2006/07) again with Jess Brierty replacing Leslie Twible (now Parker) who was having a baby



The Z Crew 2006

The Z Crew” Mitch Hirst, Ben Shine, Brad Cox, Dan Mitchell, swept by Richard Brierty

In 2005/06 the “**Z Crew**” were place 3rd in the Australian Open Boat at Scarborough WA

Although they were not the Australian Champions that year, they deserve a special mention here



The 2007/08 Aust Champion Boat Relay team

The Z Crew” Brad Cox, Dan Mitchell, Ben Shine and Mitch Hirst, swept by Richard Brierty

The Zeniths” Mel MacPherson, Julia Mitchell, Jessa Brierty and Kate MacNamara swept by Richard Brierty

“The Helmets” Jaxson Prince, Matt Anderson, Joel Houghton, Adam Houghton (Their sweep was Paul Nicholls however Richard Brierty swept the whole relay race)

This Avoca Beach team won the inaugural Australian Boat Relay Championship in WA, a thrilling race and great result



“The Helmets” 2009

The Helmets: Jaxson Prince, Matt Anderson, Joel Houghton, Adam Houghton swept
by Paul Nicholls

“The Helmets” won the Under 19 Australian Champions 2009, Bronze medalists
2008 and Members of the winning 2008 Australian Champion boat relay team
(*see their 2009 result details on the home page*)

OPEN AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP “MEDALISTS”

1979/80

3rd Australian Reserve Boat

“B Crew” Andy Hoban, Dennis Gee, Mike Tamblyn Garry Hughes. Sweep Phil Gee
This was the first Australian Boat Championship medal won by an Avoca Beach crew

1991/92

3rd Australian Under 18 Boat

Steve. Rawlinson, Matt Parker, Robert Nash, M. Warwick. Sweep
D. Gee

1995/96

Finalists Australian Under 21 Boat Dan Mitchell, Matt Parker, Paul Kendall, Todd
Petrie. Sweep Dennis Gee

(This under 21 Final was never rowed due to death of under 19 rower Robert
Gattenby while competing for Kurrawa on his home beach)

2000/01

3rd Australian Reserve Boat

“C Crew” Paul Nicholls, Brendon Cullen, Darren Moore, Paul Kendall. Sweep Phil
Gee

2002/03

2nd Australian Ladies Open Boat

“Ladies Blue” Bev Chell, Sharon Brierty, Sharon Eason, Kristy. McQueen. Sweep
Richard. Brierty

2002/03

3rd Australian Ladies Open Boat

“Ladies Green” Lesley Twible, Sharon Eason, Julia Mitchell, Jade Hogan. Sweep
Phill Gee

2003/04

2nd Australian Ladies Open Boat

“Phills Chicks” Leslie Twible, Julia Mitchell, Tiffany Braund, Sharon Brierty. Sweep
Phil Gee

2005/06

3rd Australian under 19 Boat

“Japeyes” Ben Ide, Tim Paterson, Jason Pickup, Josh White. Sweep Richard Brierty

2006/07

3rd Australian Reserve Boat

“Munjas” Duncan Smith, Matt Parker, Brett Stewart, Mick Tsolakis. Sweep John Mitchell

2007/08

2nd Australian Ladies Open Boat

“Zeniths” Mel MacPherson, Julia Mitchell, Jessa Brierty, Kate MacNamara. Sweep Richard Brierty

(For the [full details](#) of [all](#) boat crews and their results go to the “Crew names and results” page in this web site)

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