

MAY CAMP 2012



J-Z here, your one and only source into the scandalous lives of barefootings elite.

We bring you the exclusive highlights from our weekend at may camp 2012, where bare footers wrap up warm and come out to learn new and exciting skills. There's plenty of learning to be had, and with world-class skiers attending there's no lack of instruction. With a dress code of thermals and dry suits, and bunking in with friends, what's a better way to spend your weekend than at Finlay Park.

Saturday morning kicked off with spilt milk in the dining hall, which was attempted to be cleaned up with a window cleaner.. Looks like no one told the newbie where to find the mops. Amidst the morning entertainment we were given our boat crews and off we went for the morning set.

Session one: First lesson of the camp is mastering the act of the dry suit. Chalking up the seals certainly helped, which left no room for the use of Jarna's lube. Gary O'Donnell loved having the ladies crew to start the weekend off, getting amongst the spirit with some funky sunnies and some ragging music.

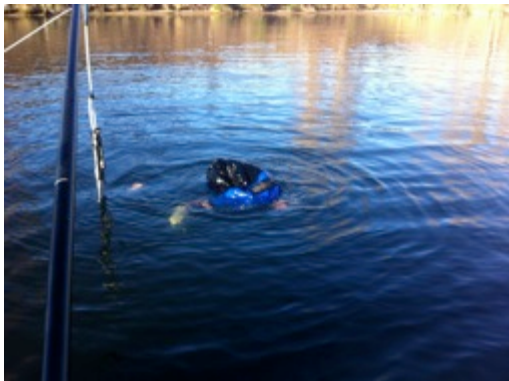


Along with all the fun we saw some awesome skiing, with first time one foot stand ups, toe holds and back one foots thanks to the help of Kelly

O'Donnell.



Of course entertainment was provided with the putting on of shoe skis and we finishing off with some disking fun.



Midday break gave a chance to kick back and enjoy the delicious hot lunch we were dished up, followed by some fun activities.. Playing in the gym showed Ryan's lack of talent on the rip stick, skillful jumps over ramps by William and Zoe being hoisted into the air on the rock climbing wall and left hanging.



Having had our down time, we were back on the water for our afternoon session with a new coach and crew.

Saturday afternoon saw the women's one crew (Jarna and Zoe aka J-Z) being coached by Heinrich, who despite appearances can be quite the softie when it comes to coaching J-Z.



The morning session had left us with skills to build on; we spied some

tidy back to fronts from Doug with perfectly executed toeholds from Hugo.



But, it wouldn't be a true women's one ski session with out a hint of dramatic happenings. Zoe walked on water, after being skied over a sand bar by Kelly, and Todd got taken home after a knock to the head in back slalom. The Women's One crew were conned by Heinrich, and got left in the middle of the lake until we were collected 10miutes later.



The session came to an end with Heinrich showing off some of his outstanding skills on the

water with some 720 turns and side slide switches. Must have been the luck from the women's one suit helping him along.



The action of Saturday left us thawing out in the hot pool that night, followed by a divine dinner and chilling out in the cabins.

As the sun rose Sunday morning there were some not so happy campers, a bit tired and sore from the previous day. However as the clock struck 8, we were all out on the perfectly glass water, ready to go. Kathy Duxfield and Karen joined J-Z, with our exquisite coaches Gary Oakes and

Warren

Herbert.



Sunday bought with it some exceptional skis from all with Karen learning a new starting technique, Kathy tweaking tricks for her trip to the worlds in Waco Texas, and J-Z being awesome as usual. Gary gave out some helpful hints, which included Jarna needing to keep her legs closed in her backwards, which prove difficult; as it's something she's not use to.

With skiing over it was time to pack up, clean up and wave goodbye to our fellow skiers. Word on the street is there was good skiing from all, and most importantly everyone had a ball. To top it off J-Z was named best boat crew by multiple coaches, it came as no surprise, but it's nice to be recognized. Thank you to all that helped run the camp, it was a fab weekend!

Rumor has it the new and improved skills are going to come out at the polar bear, should make for some impressive skiing. Until then, you know you love us.. XOXO J-Z.

