

Last words from the editor

Hey guys I figured that since I took on the mission of putting all your marvelous masterpieces together with the great photos taken over the season that I get to have the last say!

First the list of thank yous...Thank you to team members that did extras for the team. Thank you to Red, Malene and Rachel for organising our fabulous uniforms and convincing old men to part with their money to support us. Thank you Red for always organising social occasions (and Jay for putting up with us) where we could have a great time together off the water. Thank you to Al who worked constantly behind the scenes keeping everything running smoothly. There would not have been a Dragonboating season without you! Thank you Muzza for handling our funds and Jane for organising all our flights. Thank you Derek for your weird but strangely effective warm ups. We were a little lost when you weren't there to lead those and our own little versions were somewhat lame. Thank you Blair for supporting us as team captain and Roscoe for always steering us in the right direction (you could give Al's boy a tip or two on his steering techniques!). And of course thanks to our coaches who were both very different in persona but in their differences made a great complementary contribution to our team, training us to succeed the way we did.

Thank you to our supporters including coaches, captain, partners and families. Thank you to those who attended our fundraisers even though they weren't to directly benefit from it including Pippa Berry-Cope, Kate Keep, Jan Wild, Nicola Boyes, Steve Schwartz, Dot Grocott, Charlotte, and Jay Shortt. Jay how many did you go to anyway?! Probably more than me! A special thank you to Charlotte, Jay, Deb and Tery that followed our progress attending our regattas following our ups and downs as we raced. To Jacky Sandford, Ros Wilton and Louisa Julian, thank you for jumping in as subs when we needed you. Thank you also to those who supported us by providing us with opportunities (and often favourable beverages afterwards) to raise money for the team.

As the editor I would like to thank all of you who contributed your comic memories and Jay and Silverdebster for allowing us to use the photos you took. It has given us a great momento for the season. Thanks guys for sending your most memorable moments. It appears the Blue Note Café was a common favourable memory. Certainly not an experience I'll forget in a hurry!

And now for my personal sappy bit...this season is one of the best and most fun times I've had in my life and that is due to EVERY person in the team. Each person brought their own dynamic, humour and fun to the team. It was great! The dedication of team members was impressive as they continued to attend hard trainings and fundraisers. It was all worth it though guys because we got great results! I was proud to be part of the EW Dragonboat team at regattas. We looked great (very important!) and we paddled to win but most of all just to do the best we could. I hope our coaches were proud of our efforts and successes. One of the best things about our team was attitude. I loved that even though it was pouring with rain and freezing cold at the Super12, we were buzzing with excitement and happy smiley people. So I'd like to thank everyone for being such a great team all contributing in their own ways to make the best dragonboating team of the 2005/2006 season!



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