

Saturday

Alice... Races throughout the day were up and down.

Our first race was the Council Race for the Hawkins Trophy. ARC Angels had their best race of the weekend and won, with EW and WCC very close behind. There was little wind and wave action for this race, which made a few hopeful that the weather would stay like that for the day.

The waves were certainly bigger for our second race. We won this race (woo hoo!) beating Deloitte and the fit looking Air Force team.



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Alice...By our third race a little bit of a rivalry was going on between us and the WCC team. This time they beat us into second place. But they should be used to the waves since this is their 'home-ground' unlike us who are used to a placid (yet disgusting) lake. In this race the Air Force team sunk like a brick way out at the beginning of the course before the race even started. The safety boat took a little while to notice the upturned dragon boat and the 22 people squirming in the water.

In race four it was our turn to beat WCC and we did! I think this was our best race of the weekend and has to be one of the best in the season. The boat just motored along and everyone worked in unison as a real team. We were all buzzing afterwards! This win, along with our successes in the earlier races, put us into the Corporate Championship Grand Final!!



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Alice and Martin...Our last race was the Corporate Championship Grand Final. Some people were pretty buggered by this stage and a few of us were nervous. From memory I think we were one of the first into the starting blocks and had to wait agggggee for the other teams to arrive. So we got a bit cold from sitting and waiting. Unfortunately we were just beaten in this race and came in fourth place. WCC were the winners, NZ Army 2nd and Screws loose 3rd. The Wellington nationals were a testing time for the team and although we did not win the final we performed really well and we probably gave just a little too much in the second to last race. We were unlucky in that event and the time between the winning team and our team was minimal! At least when we were unloading in the bay afterwards everyone in our team was still stoked to have made the Grand Final and buzzing from a hard race, unlike the other team beside us who were swearing and abusing each other!! Even though we didn't win a medal, that didn't stop a few of the girls at the after function stealing the WCC guys first place medals (eh Rachel?). All 'borrowed' medals were returned.



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