



Coach's Report

Well, a lot has happened since the end of the 2008 season. We have started our journey in getting used to the new-style boats, and with the introduction of the IDBF approved paddling blades it has certainly been an interesting season.

We started off our 2009 campaign with a hiss and a roar, winning the Hamilton Super 12 (pg 4) and placing a respectable second in the Tauranga Super 12 regatta (pg 12). But better things were to come. And they sure did. We had a very triumphant season and I was very proud of the effort that the team put into each regatta. The competitive spirit of the team was evident as each race was analysed and improvements were made in each race.

I have enjoyed coaching EW this year as the culture that we have within the team is very inclusive and tight-knit. Our paddling technique is continuing to develop and I wish to further this next year.

There are a lot of people behind the scenes who make our team operate well, from the likes of our committee who organise travel and accommodation arrangements, to our photographers and statisticians, to the people who bring the paddles to training every week. Also special mention to Ric who has been my assistant coach, and to Tama who has tirelessly kept up the team motivation at every regatta. To all of you guys... 'Cheers'

Finally, I would just like to say that being a coach is a cool job and I respect the privilege it has been to coach EW. However, on the other hand it can be at times a little stressful because there are calls that are made which may not be accepted by all. The calls coaches make are always in the best interest of the team, and I believe that I made calls that reflected that.

Enjoy the time off that you have and start training during the off-season, and be ready for a hard and challenging season ahead.

- Jimmy



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