

Broulee U19 Women's surf boat crew "Sum Yum Guns" Silver at NSW State Titles

After huge 10ft surf during Friday's events, the women's surf boat heats were moved from Blacksmith Beach to nearby Lake Macquarie on Saturday morning. The girls had an unexpected early start on Saturday, but were able to relax a bit after the number of crews competing in the u19s dropped out. With two strong efforts in the lake, the girls placed 2nd and 3rd respectively and qualified for Sundays finals. Although the girls are used to training and racing in the ocean, their weekly training session in Moruya River with the more experience Broulee Open women's crew certainly helped in giving them an extra push to edge out some of the other crews when racing in the still water.

The girls had a very late start on Sunday afternoon after large surf conditions at Blacksmith Beach caused significant delays in Saturday's events which then rolled over to Sunday. On Sunday the surf was 3-5ft and had a challenging surf break.

In the semi final of 4 with 3 thru to the final, Broulee had a great start and were able to charge through the break quicker than the other crews, Newport, Terigal and Wanda. The girls were able to sustain their boat

speed throughout the race and came first by nearly 5 boat lengths in front of Newport and Terigal.

In the final, 6 crews faced the starter and Broulee once again had a great start as their power, execution and patience allowed them to get through the waves without issue. After leading Newport nearly the whole way out, Broulee was a bit slow getting out of the turn and missed a vital runner and allowed Newport to gain a slight advantage, the two crews battled stroke for stroke all the way home with Newport just gabbing a wave ahead of Broulee for the win. Powerful club Palm Beach third Terigal 4th, McMaster Beach 5th and favourites North Cronulla 6th.

**The crew consisted of 5 girls Violetta Favalaro, Allana Ofee, Paris Hadley, Topaz Eaton, Isobella Bussa, and Sweep/Coach Rob Pollock
Australian Titles are on in three weeks at North Kirra Queensland and crew will now train hard and be encouraged by their boat speed and skills leading up to the National Title .**