

NT Surfline 15 April 2010

NT Surfline is a weekly e-newsletter for members and supporters of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory. It provides brief information on the latest news and activities on the National and Territory scene.

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NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...

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Surf Life Saving provides a great community service and is awesome fun for all ages. All members, and anyone interested in joining, are invited to the following Sign On/Registration Days for these NT clubs:

Darwin SLSC, Darwin: Saturday 17 April, Time to be advised

Mindil Beach SLSC, Darwin: Sunday 18 April, 2-4pm at Lake Alexander

RWC Proficiency - Sunday 25 April, 1-5pm

SAR Team Members needing to do their annual RWC proficiency and induction on the new Seadoo jetskis should meet at the Darwin SLSC on Sunday 25 April (Anzac Day), 1-5pm. The session includes a comprehensive practical component covering all rescue techniques.

Australian Inflatable Rescue Boat Championships hit Penguin this weekend

Some of the country's best surf lifesavers will put their rescue skills to the ultimate test this weekend at the Australian Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) Championships in Penguin, Tasmania. With more than 500 competitors from 35 clubs across Australia set to take to the line, Surf Life Saving Australia's Director of Surf Sports, Dave Thompson, said the competition is expected to be tough. Reigning champions Kurrawa (Gold Coast) are set to come up against hot competition from rivals North Burleigh (Gold Coast) and the ever consistent Point Lookout team. Other clubs to look out for include Thirroul and Kiama Downs clubs (NSW), Scarborough and Fremantle (WA), Port Noarlunga and South Port clubs (SA), with Williamstown and Anglesea set to lead the charge for Victoria. The locals will be looking to use their home state advantage to the maximum, with Boat Harbour Beach, Clifton Beach and Burnie ready to fly the flag for the Apple Isle. IRBs are the 'work horse' of the Australian Surf Life Saving movement, playing a pivotal role in many rescues around the nation.

Inaugural 'Around the Island' race planned

The inaugural 'Around the Island' race, from beautiful Shady Beach at Yirrkala in East Arnhem Land, is planned for the weekend of 28-29 August. Using boards, skis and other paddle craft the event will be a sensational way to celebrate the first anniversary of the Walngawu Djakamirri SLSC. The 6km 'Around the Island' race is proposed for Sunday morning (29 Aug) and will be preceded by a scenic 20km Yirrkala to Nhulunbuy paddle on Saturday afternoon with the backing of the ever-reliable SE'ly trade wind. The proposed event is already attracting a great deal of interest from interstate paddlers. More details soon.

Officials needed for 2010 SLSA Australian Pool Rescue Championships

SLSA is calling for nominations from licensed SLSA Surf Sports Officials wishing to officiate at the 2010 SLSA Australian Pool Rescue Championships on 5-6th of June 2010 at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, Albert Park, Victoria. This is a great opportunity to develop pool lifesaving officiating skills. Contact SLSNT On 8985 6588 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au if you are interested in nominating. Nominations close Monday, 26 April 2010

Paddler needed for long distance swim on Lake Argyle

Mindil Beach SLSC's amazing Masters Swimmer, Moira Wigley, is competing in a long distance swim on Lake Argyle in Kununurra on the May long weekend and needs a paddler to accompany her on the course. If you can help please ring Moira on 8931 2170 for further details and travel arrangements.

Mentor Training Program

An Australian Sports Commission accredited workshop, aimed at developing and enhancing skills of mentors working in the Sports and Recreation industry, will be held on Tuesday 20th April, 9.00am - 4.00pm, at the Darwin Leagues Club, Richardson Park, Ludmilla. The workshop is free but bookings are essential – please contact Sam Gibson, Sports Development Coordinator... E: sam.gibson@nt.gov.au Ph: 8982 2328

SLSA General Manager of Surf Sports appointed

Dave Thompson, our has been appointed to the SLSA staff as the General Manager Surf Sports, commencing Monday 10 May, 2010. Dave has an extensive background in Surf Life Saving including the volunteer roles of National Director of Surf Sports and ILS World Commissioner for Sport. His contribution to lifesaving has been recognised with Life Memberships of the Ocean Beach SLSC, SLS Central Coast, SLSNSW and SLSA (he is our most recent national Life Member). Dave is passionate about surf sports and is a Level 3 Accredited Official with extensive credentials in managing sports events at local, State, national and world levels, and sports development programs. Dave joins SLSA's executive management team after nearly 28 years working with Telstra in senior management positions. Our current Surf Sports General Manager, the highly respected Grant Baldock, has accepted the CEO job with Equestrian Australia.

Mindil Beach SLSC Training Thursday Afternoons

Board and ski training for Mindil Beach Surf Club members occurs at Lake Alexander every Thursday afternoon from 5.30pm. A range of equipment will be available to suit novice and high performance athletes. New members are welcome. Contact is Craig Croke 0419 833 702.

Calendar on SLSNT Website

The Surf Life Saving NT 2010 Calendar is on our website. Following the drafting of the calendar earlier this year, and discussion at our Annual Conference several weeks ago, the website calendar will become the sole source of reliable, updated information. The calendar is subject to change and whenever possible these changes will be communicated via *NT Surfline*.

Darwin Adventure Race Planned

An Adventure Race is planned for Darwin on Saturday 10 July. True Adventure Racing principles underpin the event with elite individuals or teams of 3 & 4 completing all legs simultaneously with Day/Night transitions and cognitive challenges. This competition will also serve as a selection race to represent the NT in future interstate and international races. Love to see a Surf Club team take it out! Water safety crew also needed. Visit www.synastrys.com.au for more news and information.

Darwin Fannie Bay Classic Swim

The best open water swim in the Territory!!! The Darwin Fannie Bay Classic Swim, is on again – Sunday 20th June, start time 10.30am. In recent years the number of swimmers has grown strongly and is now edging toward 150. There's a 2.1 km course and a 1.2 km course with the finish line at the Darwin Trailer Boat Club – just in time for lunch & refreshments! Our top 2.1km swimmers are expected to bolt across Fannie Bay in around 31 minutes!

NT Academyline...

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Key Dates for your Diary...

April 25 (Sun): RWC proficiency.

June 19 (Sat): NUS Lifesaving Championship, Singapore

June 20 (Sun): Darwin Fannie Bay Swim Classic, starts 10.30am

July 10 (Sat): Darwin Adventure Race, Darwin

September 25 (Sat): NT Surf Life Saving Senior Championships, Casuarina Beach, Darwin.

September 26 (Sun): NT Surf Life Saving Junior Championships, Casuarina Beach, Darwin.

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