

NT Surflife 18 June 2010

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NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...

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Craft & Beach Comp at Mindil Beach

The first craft and beach competition of the season will be held at Mindil Beach on **Sunday afternoon, 27th June**, commencing 3.00pm. Age categories are U15, U17, U19-Senior (17-39yrs), Masters (40+yrs). A big local and tourist crowd is expected at Mindil Beach to witness the action. The events are

- Beach Sprint
- Beach Flags
- Beach Relay
- Single ski
- Board
- Ironman/ironwoman.
- Surfboat events will be held if crews are ready for competition.

OK to Swim at East Point, Nightcliff and Casuarina Beaches

The Department of Health and Families (DHF) has ok'd swimming at East Point, Nightcliff and Casuarina beaches following extensive testing this week. However, Mindil and Vestey's beaches remain closed, with test results still indicating levels of *E.coli* above public health safety guidelines. Considerable quantities of the marine blue-green algae *Lyngbya majuscula* have again been washed at Vestey's Beach and in the Fannie Bay area. Small quantities of the algae are still present in the water.

Key points for lifesavers...

- Fishermen should be advised not to consume shellfish collected from shallow waters.
- Symptoms of contact with the *Lyngbya majuscula* algae include skin, eye and respiratory irritation.
- Treatment is to rinse the affected area with fresh water as soon as possible after contact and, if irritation persists, refer the patient for medical treatment.

Darwin Fannie Bay Classic Swim rescheduled to Sunday 4th July

The best open water swim in the Territory!!! The Darwin Fannie Bay Classic Swim has been rescheduled – Sunday 4th July, start time 9.30am. Early Bird registration (\$30) is Friday 2nd July, 5.30pm-7.30pm. Registration on Sunday 4th July is 8.00am (\$40), Race Briefing at 8.45am and Race Start at 9.30am. 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 brunch & refreshments! Our top 2.1km swimmers are expected to bolt across Fannie Bay in around 31 minutes!

Thanks to all surf lifesavers for help with beach closures

A huge thankyou to the beach patrols of the Darwin and Mindil Beach Surf Clubs, the Mindil Beach Lifeguard Service and dedicated volunteers and staff who have helped during the week to alert members of the public to the public safety risk associated with water quality on our Darwin beaches. Your professionalism and experience is greatly appreciated.

Get your handicap for next Open Water Swim

Saturday 3rd July, 8.30am – Round 2 of the 800m handicap swim as part of the **2010 Gatorade Open Water Swim Series**. For swimmers in Round 1 your handicap is now listed on the SLSNT website www.lifesavingnt.com.au Go to Surf Sports/Results. For new swimmers, including members of the public, you will need to provide an estimate of your 800m swim time so that a handicap can be allocated to you.

Volunteers wanted for indigenous lifesaving program

Fancy a week in NE Arnhem Land teaching surf lifesaving qualifications? We're looking for surf lifesavers to volunteer a week of their time for the following program dates:

Monday 23 August – Friday 27 August

Monday 30 August – Friday 3 September

Travel, accommodation and meal costs are provided. This important program is providing lifesaving skills and qualifications to some fantastic indigenous youth and is experience you will remember forever. Please note the weekend of 28-29 August includes the inaugural 'Around the Island Race' at Shady Beach, Yirrkala. Contact SLSNT on surf@lifesavingnt.com.au or call Julie Snelling on (08) 8985 6588.

RWC Drivers Wanted

Members with RWC (Rescue Jetski) qualifications are urgently needed for the Darwin Fannie Bay Swim Classic on Sunday 4th July (0800-1100) and the Darwin Adventure Race on Saturday 10th July (0630-1000). Please call Tony Snelling on 0417 173 287 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au

Training Available for Westpac Rescue Boat

Thanks to the generous support of the Ian Potter Foundation training programs for members to qualify as Westpac Rescue Boat crew are available from July to November. SLSA qualifications as well as marine industry qualifications are available. Call SLSNT on 8985 6588 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au if you are interested.

NT Academyline...

Register for a Course

All course registration and payment is now done through the SLSNT website. Coming up in June...

- Age Managers Course
- IRB Drivers Course
- Level 1 SurfCoach (including re-accreditation)
- Level 1 Officials (including re-accreditation)
- Spinal Management Certificate

General Information...

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Key Dates for your Diary...

June 19 (Sat): NUS Lifesaving Championship, Singapore

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

June 27 (Sun): Craft Carnival, 3 pm, Mindil Beach.

July 10 (Sat): Darwin Adventure Race, Darwin

July 31 (Sat): Patrol Championships, First Aid Championships

Aug 1: (Sun): IRB Championships

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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