

NT Surfline 1 April 2010

NT Surfline is 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.

It is not intended to replace club newsletters – the primary source of news from your local club.

NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...

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Happy Wet Easter

SLSNT wishes all members, families and friends a very happy and safe Easter and urges everyone to be especially safe around water. Easter in the Top End typically involves water – boating, fishing, wave lagoon, backyard swimming pools, paddling surf skis and boards and lots more. Please take care and keep a close eye on the kids!

Aussie Champs Broadcast – Easter Saturday

Highlights of the 2010 Australian Championships will be broadcast on Channel 7 on Easter Saturday, 12noon-1pm.

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.

New Seadoo Jetskis are Awesome

SLSNT's new Seadoo Jetskis were put through their paces by the SAR Team last Sunday and got a big thumbs-up from Team members. The new 135hp jetskis are equipped with Wahoo Rescue Sleds and, with the addition of reversing capability, have added manoeuvrability around reefs, rocks and wharves. Our Rescue Jetskis provide an excellent inshore lifesaving capability to support club patrols and were deployed 7 times last year for a number of incidents including mid-week beach closures due to crocodile alerts.

Queenscliff SLSC thanks Members for their Support

David Piper OAM, President of the Queenscliff SLSC, has written to all Surf Clubs in Australia to express gratitude for the support of members following the tragic loss of U19 clubmember, Saxon Bird. In his letter David said the club had been overwhelmed with messages of support for the immediate family - Dana, Phil and sister Arielle, and for the club. David wrote, "The solidarity and support which we all received from leaders within Clubs and the Association was unbelievable in its depth and feeling. We were particularly impressed with the way in which all Clubs' young members conducted themselves – truly a credit to our future."

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 11 (Sun): IRB Crew course & assessment, 1pm – 6pm, Darwin SLSC

April 11 (Sun): RWC Course Pt 2, 1pm – 6pm, Darwin SLSC

April 13 (Tue) Training Officer Course (Pt 1), 7pm at SLSNT

April 25 (Sun): IRB Driver course commences.

April 25 (Sun): RWC assessment.

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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