

# *NT Surfline* 23 July 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. It is not intended to replace club newsletters – the primary source of news from your local club. More information on website [www.lifesavingnt.com.au](http://www.lifesavingnt.com.au)

## **NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...**

Senior Competition Sunday 25 July, 3pm  
IRB Crew & Driver Training – Gove  
Board & Ski Training – Walngawu Djakamirri SLSC  
Lifesaving Champs 14-15 August – start training!  
Junior Lifesavers Make a Splash at Junior Comp  
BeerCan Regatta Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August – Surf Lifesavers needed

### **Senior Competition Sunday 25 July, 3pm**

An interclub competition will be held for U15, U17, U19, Senior and Masters members on Sunday 25 July at Casuarina Beach, commencing 3pm. This competition will feature selected team events as well as individual beach, board, ski and ironman events. Club Directors of Competition – please enter your members online via the SLSNT website and plan to stay around at the Darwin SLSC and enjoy some sunset hospitality.

### **IRB Crew & Driver Training – Gove**

All members enrolled for the IRB courses this weekend are asked to meet at the Gove Peninsula SLSC at 5 pm on Friday 23 July to make training arrangements and receive your resource materials. Most of the initial training will be done on Saturday 24 July. Contact Tony Snelling on 0417 173 287 for any further information.

### **Board & Ski Training – Walngawu Djakamirri SLSC**

A board and ski training session will be held at Shady Beach, Yirrkala from 1.00pm on Sunday 25 July. This session is aimed at those members intending to compete in the ‘Around the Island Race’ on Sunday 29 August and supporting events on the previous day. Contact Tony Snelling on 0417 173 287 or Stuart Kellaway on 0428 689 443.

### **Lifesaving Champs on weekend 14-15 August**

Save these dates! Three championship events will be held on Saturday & Sunday, 14-15 August at Casuarina Beach for club teams of 6-10 members. On Saturday the IRB Championships (IRB Tube Rescue & IRB Mass Rescue) and First Aid Championships will be held, followed on Sunday by the Patrol Championships. Further information is in Circular 06 that has been sent to clubs. Entry to these championships will be by clubs via the SLSNT website.

### **Junior Lifesavers Make a Splash at Junior Comp**

Junior lifesavers showed some outstanding open water skill and fitness in the first interclub surf life saving competition of the season. Held at Casuarina Beach members of the Darwin and Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Clubs, aged between 8 and 13 years of age, competed in individual and team events on the beach and in the water. The competition also served to upskill officials in preparation for the Territory Championships at the end of September. There were many great all-round performances in the individual events and three team events were held - the Board Rescue, Cameron Relay and an All-Age Beach Relay. The Board Rescue required a swimmer and a board paddler to effect a rescue about 100 m from the beach while the Cameron Relay put a swimmer, board paddler and two runners to the test around a challenging water and beach course. A big thankyou to the officials, duty boat and the water safety team who made it all happen very smoothly. All results are posted on the SLSNT website [www.lifesavingnt.com.au](http://www.lifesavingnt.com.au)

### **BeerCan Regatta Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August – Surf Lifesavers needed**

The annual Beer Can Regatta will be held on Mindil Beach Sunday, 8th August from 10 am and the Territory’s Surf Lifesavers will be there once again to provide an essential water safety service. Originally, the Regatta was a way to use excess beer cans after Cyclone Tracy but is now a colourful local and tourist

attraction, attracting to the tropical ambience of Mindil Beach. The water safety is being coordinated by the Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club and the Search & Rescue Team and all qualified lifesavers are welcome to assist. We need IRB crews, RWC Drivers, Beach Patrol and First Aid/Emergency Care – please call SLSNT on 8985 6588 or email [surf@lifesavingnt.com.au](mailto:surf@lifesavingnt.com.au) to register - even if you can only help for a few hours.

### **Save Time Save Lives - \$4.4m Technology Grant for Surf Life Saving**

Member feedback from the Can Do survey in late 2009 said one of the best improvements for our clubs and volunteer lifesavers was to further develop our IT systems. This resulted in a \$4.4 million grant application to the federal Government for assistance and the great news is that it has been approved. The two-year project will save our volunteers time by making more processes automated and providing more ‘self service’ systems and tools. There’s also a big overhaul of the SLSDA website coming soon. The new IT Change Website has more information, go to [www.it.sls.com.au](http://www.it.sls.com.au)

### **Letter to the Editor - thanks from Paul Gibson**

Paul Gibson copped a nasty jellyfish sting to the face while competing in his sixth Fannie Bay 2km Swim Classic and yesterday (Thurs, 15 July) his Letter to the Editor was published in the NT News. Paul wrote “a big thankyou to members of the Northern Territory Surf Life Saving Association” and “Organisers of the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club are to be commended on the fantastic organisation of this event.” Then, in true sportsmanlike spirit, Paul finished his letter with “I will be back next year to swim the event!”

### **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 an 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](mailto:surf@lifesavingnt.com.au) or call Julie Snelling on (08) 8985 6588.

# ***NT Academyline...***

### **IRB Courses at Gove 23-25 July**

SLSNT will conduct IRB Crew and IRB Driver courses in Gove from Friday 23 July to Sunday 25 July. You must be qualified with a current Bronze Medallion and Certificate II in Public Safety to start this course. Course cost is \$20 plus \$30 for a Powercraft Manual if you don’t already have one. You must register and pay through the SLSNT website [www.lifesavingnt.com.au](http://www.lifesavingnt.com.au)

### **Coxswain’s Course**

The Coxswain’s Certificate course will be provided externally at a frequency of two evenings per week over a 3 month period. It is primarily aimed at elite SAR Team members who will be including the Westpac Rescue Boat into their suite of lifesaving skills. Members with boating experience intending to be part of the SAR Team/Westpac Rescue Boat are encouraged to apply. You must register through the SLSNT website [www.lifesavingnt.com.au](http://www.lifesavingnt.com.au). No payment is required.

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### **Key Dates for your Diary...**

**July 29 (Thu):** SLSNT Council Meeting, 7.30pm

**Aug 14 (Sat):** IRB Champs, First Aid Champs. Casuarina Beach, Darwin

**Aug 15 (Sun):** Patrol Championships. Casuarina Beach, Darwin

**Sept 4 (Sat):** Beach Ball, Casuarina Beach, hosted by Darwin SLSC. A night not to be missed!

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

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

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