

NT Surfline 27 May 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

NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...

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Be at the Darwin Ski Club tomorrow evening (Friday 28 May) from 6.00pm to farewell our popular and energetic Lifeguard Supervisor, Cam Griffin. Cam joined SLSNT in 2007 with the Mindil Beach Lifeguard Service and has been our inaugural Lifeguard Supervisor for the Darwin Waterfront Lifeguard Service where he has done a brilliant job. He heads to Canada next week as Lifeguard Supervisor for a large lifeguard service just north of Toronto.

Register for Pool Comp

Clubs, through their Club Captain/Club Director of Competition or their representative, are urged to enter competitors for the Pool Recue Competition (see events below) via the SLSNT website www.lifesavingnt.com.au

Bring your Fins to Pool Comp on Sunday

If you have swim fins please bring them along – you’ll go much faster! If you don’t have any there should be enough to share around. Registrations are open for the Pool Rescue Competition on Sunday afternoon, 30th of May at Casuarina Pool in Darwin. (6th June in Nhulunbuy) Age Categories for males and females are...

JUNIORS - Under 12, Under 13, Under 14

SENIORS - Under 15, Under 17, U19/Open, Masters (40+)

Events are...

1 100m Obstacle Race (Juniors - 50m)

2 15m Line Throw (Juniors - 10m)

3 100m Manikin Tow with Fins (Juniors - 50m)

4 100m Manikin Carry with Fins (Seniors only)

5 100m Board Rescue

6 Super Surfer

Contact your club Director of Competition to register you for events. Practice and warm-ups commence at 1pm with competition underway at 2pm. Officials are needed - Referee, Marshall, Starter, Check Starter, Chief Judge, Timekeepers, Recorder, Water Safety Supervisor. Email to SLSNT on surf@lifesavingnt.com.au if you can help. This is the first year of our official Pool Rescue Championships – scheduled for October.

SLSNT Team wanted for Darwin Adventure Race

Nominations are wanted for a Surf Life Saving NT team to contest the Darwin Adventure Race on Saturday 10 July. 3-4 team members are needed and each must have access to a surf ski/kayak or canoe and a mountain bike. You’ll need to be prepared to run, navigate, swim and do some problem solving along the way as you go through the multiple stages– likely to take around 4-6 hours. Find out more by visiting www.synastrys.com.au

SLSNT will sponsor entry fees, selected race equipment and uniform for the selected members. You can nominate for the SLSNT Team by email to 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.

“Our Sporting Future 2010” Conference

The Australian Sports Commission will be conducting the “Our Sporting Future 2010” conference on the Gold Coast from 28 to 30 July. This conference may be of interest to you – for further information please go to http://www.ausport.gov.au/about/events/our_sporting_future_2010/message_from_the_ceo.

International Lifesaving confirmed for Arafura Games 2011

Mark the dates on your 2011 calendar – 7th May to 14th May 2011, the week the Arafura Games return to Darwin. International Lifesaving has again been accepted as a sport and we’re looking forward to building on the success of 2009 when 7 days of competition and development activities were conducted. Meanwhile we need people to form an Organising Committee – call SLSNT on 8985 6588 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au if you can help.

Open Water Swim #1 Saturday morning 5th June, ‘Swim with the Lifesavers’.

Who will beat the handicap system to win fabulous prizes for the inaugural 800m Open Water Swim on Saturday 5th June? SLSNT has joined forces with Swimming NT to present the **2010 Gatorade Open Water Series** and we are urging all SLSNT members to enter the 800m swim event, advertised on TV as ‘Swim with the Lifesavers’, on Saturday morning 5th June at the Darwin Recreation Lagoon. Members can register through the SLSNT website www.lifesavingnt.com.au however member and community entries will be accepted on the day until 8.00am. The event gets underway at 8.30am and is 2 laps of the Recreation Lagoon. For your first swim you’ll need your estimated finish time so handicaps will be allocated. The swimmer with the lowest handicap will start first while the swimmer with the greatest handicap (ie fastest swimmer) will chase the field. Should be an exciting finish! Swimmers are DQ’d if they beat their handicap by more than 2 minutes so be accurate for a chance of a prize. More swims on 3rd July and 14th August. After each swim “The Coffee Club” at the Waterfront is highly recommended for breaky/morning tea.

Patrol Rescues Boat at Mindil Beach

Our Surf Lifesavers on Top End beaches always have something to do at this time of the year and for Mindil Beach Patrol Captain Sharon Johnston it included rescuing a stranded boat. At the turn of the high tide a power boat came into the beach and anchored at the water’s edge. They got a whiff of the culinary delights on offer at the Mindil Beach markets so they headed over the sandhill for some tucker. Then they got distracted by the stalls and performers. By the time they returned to their boat it was stranded. Mindil Beach lifesavers, including new member Emanuel Viera, rallied around and, after ten minutes hard work, they refloated the boat.

Surf Patrol – popular on Channel 7

Series four of Surf Patrol is back on the **Seven Network** every **Wednesday** night at **8.00pm**. Hosted by Channel 7 personality and former surf lifesaver **Tom Williams**, Surf Patrol is an observational documentary series that takes viewers to the frontline of the daring and dangerous work carried out by Australia’s volunteer lifesavers. Missed an episode? Catch up on all the Surf Patrol action at Yahoo7

Lifesavers urge patience with Stinger Season

The Top End’s amazing surf lifesavers are urging Territorians and visitors to exercise caution if entering the sea during May. Duty lifesavers are flying red flags at the popular beaches to remind people of the stinger hazard or, if entering the water, to wear protective clothing - especially young children who are particularly vulnerable. If anyone is stung flood the affected area with vinegar, follow the treatment steps in the SLSA Training Manual, seek medical aid and always be prepared for CPR.

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...

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...

May 30 (Sun): Pool Rescue Competition 1.00pm, Casuarina Pool

June 5 (Sat): Open Water Swim #1, 8.30am, Darwin Recreation Lagoon

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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