

NT Surfline 30 April 2009

NT Surfline is for members, friends 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 designed to replace club newsletters - the primary source of news from your local club.

New items in this edition of NT Surfline...

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Darwin Wave Lagoon Opens - Volunteers needed!

Saturday 2nd May is opening day for the new Darwin Wave Lagoon - bring on the waves!!!. The Wave Lagoon will be open every day from 10 am to 6 pm and is part of the Darwin Waterfront Development which includes a large Recreation Lagoon and a lovely crescent-shaped beach. Please note that you cannot take your personal surfboards or boogie boards into the Wave Lagoon. The whole precinct is patrolled by lifeguards trained to Surf Life Saving's exacting standards and most are members of local surf life saving clubs. They'll be easy to spot in their red and yellow uniforms - the national and international standard for all lifeguards.

Surf Lifesavers on the beaches this weekend

Volunteer surf lifesavers from the Territory's three surf life saving clubs - Darwin, Mindil Beach and Gove Peninsula are patrolling this weekend as part of their world-famous volunteer commitment to the safety of the public on some of Australia's most popular tropical beaches. Not only will every Active surf lifesaver have an SLSA Bronze Medallion they will also be qualified with a Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) as part of a national commitment to place our surf lifesaving awards within the Australian Qualifications framework. Many of our members have further advanced qualifications in powercraft operations and advanced emergency care. As we officially enter the dry season we extend a huge thankyou to all our volunteers who provide this essential service through to the end of October. Duty times are

Mindil Beach:	Sundays	1pm-6pm
Casuarina Beach:	Saturdays	3pm-6pm and Sundays 8.30am-11.30am & 3pm-6pm
Nightcliff Beach:	Saturdays	3pm-6pm and Sundays 3pm-6pm
Town Beach (Gove)	Sundays	9am-1pm

Box Jellyfish Risk

Last weekend SLSNT inspected local Darwin beaches and found over 50 people bathing in the shallows - the most dangerous area for box jellyfish stings. All members are reminded that the 'Stinger Season' in the NT extends to May 31st and patrols should display a red flag when on duty. Protective clothing is required for all patrolling lifesavers and lifeguards when entering the water and is also strongly recommended for any member engaged in competition training in the open ocean. Any member of the public entering the water without protective clothing should be advised that there is a risk of dangerous marine jellyfish stings at this time of the year

and that they should leave the water immediately. Treatment for Box Jellyfish stings is remove the patient from the water, restrain if necessary, call for ambulance and antivenom, DRABCD, flood the affected area with vinegar for at least 30 seconds, perform CPR if necessary. Do not apply compression bandaging but ice packs can be used for temporary pain relief. Further information can be obtained from Director of Lifesaving Jo Gardiner on 0419 039 300.

Gove Surf Club welcomes epic sea kayak paddler

Its not often a sea kayak paddler completes a few thousand kilometres of journey and drops in at the Surf Club - but that's exactly what's happening in the next few days. Members of the Gove Peninsula SLSC are eagerly awaiting the safe arrival of Freya Hoffmeister on an epic 'Race Around Australia' voyage (see image below). Many Gove members have a special affinity with this sort of extraordinary sporting feat having paddled their surf skis, along with a number of Australia's elite ironmen and women, from Gove to Darwin five years ago for a major fundraiser. Freya will be hosted by the Surf Club during her stay and is expected to meet members at the club's Opening Day this Sunday. Freya started in Melbourne and the latest leg of her journey brings her across the Gulf of Carpentaria to Gove. After a few days rest she will commence the Gove-Darwin leg and preparations are underway for Surf Lifesavers to meet her as she paddles into the Darwin Estuary. Apparently she is craving pavlova!



Telstra Assistance Fund Announced

The 2009 Telstra Assistance Fund offers local Surf Life Saving, Swimming, AFL and NRL clubs the chance to access a share in \$1 million worth of equipment. Ironman Zane Holmes represented Surf Life Saving at the official launch of the 2009 Telstra Assistance Fund, which this year will offer a total of \$1 million worth of sporting equipment. All NT Surf Life Saving Clubs are strongly encouraged to apply. for the chance to receive financial assistance for their clubs. Information on how to apply online is at www.telstra.com/beinvolved. Applications are open from 4 May to 14 June, 2009.

Gove Peninsula Open Day

This Sunday Surf Club gets underway in Nhulunbuy with all junior and senior members invited to the club on Sunday morning. Special guest Freya Hoffmeister (see above) has been invited to share some stories about her epic sea kayak adventure. Call Club Captain Alan Cross 0417 803 569.

Competition Calendar kicks off at Casuarina Beach

Darwin SLSC and Casuarina Beach will be the venue for a series of exciting invitation on Sunday 17th May, commencing 9.00 am. First up will be a 2 km beach run followed by a 2 km board paddle and a 5 km ski race for single skis and double skis. Our visitors to the Arafura Games have also been invited to participate so start training now as the competition will be intense. Age categories will apply which is sure to draw out some of our outstanding youth and Masters competitors. If you are not intending to compete please volunteer as an official or for water safety by replying to this email - IRB and RWC (Jetski) crews needed.

New members for Mindil Beach SLSC

The Mindil beach SLSC had a very successful Come and try Day at Lake Alexander last Sunday afternoon with many new families and senior members joining the club. During May, activities will be held every Sunday afternoon, 2pm - 4pm, for juniors (nippers). Senior members are invited to board and ski training at 4pm. For more information call Sonia Marsh on 0407 518 625 or Tony Tilley on 0417 815 215.

Patrol Hours for Championships

All active members are reminded that they need to have completed 16 patrol hours by 31st July to be eligible for the 2009 NT Championships. These hours can include patrol duty last season from 1st August 2008. Active Reserve members must have accrued 8 hours. Long Service and Life Members are exempt. For new members, gaining their Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion/Certificate II in Public Safety this season, there are concessions and these can be explained by your club's Director of Lifesaving or Club Captain.

Arafura Games 2009

Thankyou to all the volunteers who have registered to help with the biennial Arafura Games in Darwin from the 9th to the 17th of May. Don't miss seeing the International Lifesaving events at the Arafura Games. The key dates and approximate times are:

Wednesday 13th May - Casuarina Pool, 4pm - 8pm. Starts 5pm.

Thursday 14th May - Darwin Wave Lagoon, 8am - 1pm. Starts 9am.

Thursday 14th May - Mindil Beach - 4pm - 8 pm. Starts 5 pm

Friday 15th May - Casuarina Pool, 4pm - 8pm. Starts 5 pm

Saturday 16th May - Darwin SLSC, 7.15 am - 12 noon. Starts 8am

This international sporting highlight will culminate in a medal presentation at the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club on Saturday evening, 16th of May at 6pm.

40 Volunteers needed for Arafura Games Opening Ceremony

Surf Life Saving will have the honour of being the marshals for the visiting teams at the Arafura Games Opening Ceremony on Saturday 7th May. 40 volunteers, aged 18 or over, are needed for this prestigious event including rehearsals on Tuesday and Friday evenings, 3rd & 6th May. You will have the best seats in the house for the spectacular entertainment of the opening ceremony as you mingle with sportspeople from all over the world. Volunteers are being coordinated by our two Darwin-based clubs - Darwin SLSC and Mindil Beach SLSC. More information is being sent through club networks.

NT Academyline...

Academy Courses - Trainers Needed

The Australian Lifesaving Academy NT is under great pressure with lifeguard training and an unprecedented demand from the community for our courses, including Outdoor Education programs for schools during the dry season. Our reputation as providers of excellent courses is spreading rapidly and we are struggling to meet the demand. If you are able to be a casual or part-time trainer please contact Julie Snelling on 8985 6588 or email julie.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au

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Key Dates for your Diary

Sat 9th May - Sun 17th May - Arafura Games, Darwin.

Saturday 20th June: Darwin's Classic Fannie Bay Swim, Darwin.

Sat 1st August - Sun 2nd August: First Aid, Patrol and IRB Championships.

Sat 26th Sept & Sun 27th Sept: NT Surf Life saving Championships, Nhulunbuy.

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