



Eastern Region Update – October 2015

Hi Eastern Region Clubbies,

The third and last event of the BOP/Coromandel Winter Series saw a huge improvement in the weather that signalled summer and the start of the patrolling season is just around the corner. Local Area Lifesaving Committees are in the final stages of signing POM's off and the Raglan IRB Weekend saw us put 81 members through IRB awards, so in terms of Regional preparation for the oncoming summer we are well down the track.

On a club level I have managed to get around most of the Club Committees or Boards within the Eastern Region over the last two months and I have to say there is a lot going on. One common theme that is coming through loud and clear is that clubs are starting to talk to each other more and more about Best Practice and the sharing of ideas, we as staff can only support this 100% as it clearly fits into building capability and long term sustainability. What we need to try and do is now pull some of the best practice ideas out and develop them into guidelines can all clubs can share.

The last of the winter/spring pool events also kicks off this weekend with the National Pool Champs to be held at the Westwave Aquatic Centre from the 2nd to the 4th of October, it is also the first of the National Titles that is on the line, good luck to all the Eastern Region Clubbies that are competing.

That's all from me for now; see you on the beach for Labour Weekend....

Yours in Surf....

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Upcoming Courses & Events ([Click Calendar here](#))

[New Zealand Pool Championships \(Click here\)](#)

When: Fri 2 Oct - Sun 4 Oct

Venue: West Wave Aquatic Centre, 20 Alderman Drive, Henderson, Auckland, National

Eastern Region Examiners and Instructors Briefing (2)

When: 6th October

Venue: MRC

Time: 6.30pm

Eastern Region Examiners and Instructors Briefing (3)

When: 7th October

Venue: Omanu Beach

SLS Surf Officials Level Two Course

When: Sat 17 Oct

Venue: TBC, National

[Eastern Region Introduction to Surf Coaching Course \(Click here\)](#)

When: Sat 17 Oct

Venue: Papamoa SLSC, Eastern - Bay of Plenty

[Eastern Region Surf Official Level One Course \(Click here\)](#)

When: Sun 18 Oct

Venue: Mount Maunganui LS, Eastern - Bay of Plenty

Gisborne Developing Surf Coach Course

When: Sat 24 Oct 9:00AM - Sun 25 Oct 3:00PM

Venue: TBC, Eastern - Gisborne

Eastern Region Surf Official Level One Course

When: Sat 31 Oct

Venue: Gisborne (TBC), Eastern - Gisborne

Bay of Plenty Spring Series (1)

When: Sat 31 Oct 9:00AM

Venue: Omanu Beach, Eastern - Bay of Plenty

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News Feed

Water safety sector announces ambitious new targets

Posted by SLSNZ Media on Tuesday, 22 September 2015

Water safety organisations have joined together to develop a collaborative plan to address New Zealand's high drowning toll - setting ambitious new targets in the process. [Read more here](#)

SLSNZ Hall of Fame (Follow Link Here)

Dear Clubs,

Surf Life Saving New Zealand invites clubs and members to make nominations for the 2015 Surf Sport Hall of Fame induction for the era of 1991 to 2010.

The SLSNZ Hall of Fame was established in 1990 with fifteen people inducted. Second and third inductions were completed in 1995 and 2007 respectively. Prior to 2006 the objective of the Surf Life Saving Hall of Fame was to recognize exemplary contributions to Surf Life Saving New Zealand.

The objective of the SLSNZ Hall of Fame post 2006 is that:

'The SLSNZ Hall of Fame is to acknowledge outstanding competitive performances by members of our organisation so that their achievements in surf sport are not forgotten and can inspire future generations'.

For full details on the [Surf Sports Hall of Fame Criteria](#) and [Nomination Forms](#) these can be found on the SLSNZ website via the following link. [Surf Sport Hall of Fame](#)

2015 nomination time frames for the era of 1991 to 2010

☑ Nominations open Friday 18th September 2015

☑ Nominations close Friday 8th April 2016

Nominations are to be completed using the nomination form and be sent to SLSNZ, CEO, Paul Dalton. paul.dalton@surflifesaving.org.nz, p. (04) 560 0335

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Celebrating one year since the Black Fins became back to back World Champions

Posted by SLSNZ Media on Monday, 21 September 2015

This time last year, the New Zealand Black Fins were re-writing history as the first NZ surf lifesaving team, and the first nation other than Australia, to win back-to-back titles at the Lifesaving World Championships. [Read More here](#)

2015 Awards of Excellence winners announced

Posted by SLSNZ Media on Saturday, 19 September 2015

Safety, excellence, courage and respect are values that have led surf lifeguards to save over 1,300 lives in the last season and tonight, their efforts were officially recognised at a formal award evening.

[Read More here](#)



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Ngati Porou Surf Life Saving receives London Trophy at 2015 SLSNZ Awards of Excellence

The London Trophy, awarded to the club with the highest number of Surf Lifeguard Awards gained as a ratio of membership is a prestigious award which Ngati Porou Surf Life Saving won this year.

Receiving the award on behalf of NPSLS are (from left) Aidan Lawrence (NPSLS Instructor) and Peter Boyd (NPSLS Chairman) with MC Stephen McIvor, both have been club instructors for NPSLS and helped to put 21 candidates through their SLA. No small feat for a club that is only in their second year of establishment.



Debbie Hutchings received distinguished service award at 2015 SLSNZ Awards of Excellence



Congratulations to Debbie Hutchings who won the 'Distinguished Service' award at the 2015 New Zealand SLS Awards of Excellence.

Debbie has been a longstanding member of Waikanae SLSC and the SLS movement. A small list of Debbie's achievements are below:

- Qualified as a lifeguard 1988
- Regional Service Award in 1999
- SLSNZ Service Award in 2011
- Surf Official Level 2 2011
- Arena Referee for the 2015 Nationals

Midway SLSC Auction Night

On Friday 18th September Midway SLSC held their annual Auction night at Peppers Café. Midway junior surf committee member Tania Gray said "Midway had another great auction night which is now our annual fundraiser event pre-season. The money generated will benefit various aspects of the club. We have found that it is such a great way to get the whole club on board and creates a great buzz for the upcoming season and shows how generous our members are with their donations and time for this event. Thanks to Peppers café for hosting the event.





Wainui Club member John Minoque shares water safety knowledge in Indonesia

Wainui clubbie John Minoque has lived and worked in West Java, Indonesia for 10 years where he has been training the local lifesaving organisation and also set up the organisation Sekolah Pengembangan Olah Raga Air (SPORA) which translates to 'The School of Water Sports Development.'

The organisation was established with the aim of developing water sports and

providing the tourism industry with quality workers, as well as aiming to aid the growth of tourist attractions in Indonesia through training in the basic knowledge and skills of water safety.

In June, John helped a group of 33 trainees gain their bronze Surf Lifeguard Award during a five day training programme run by SPORA at Pangandaran Beach in West Java.

For more info please click [here](#)

Ūawa Tiaki Tai (Tolaga Bay SLSC) hang 10 with local surfing/SLS legends

Recently Gary Smith and his daughters (Jasmine & Stella) and niece (Abby Falwasser-Logan) spent some time with Ūawa Tiaki Tai to talk about their journey, sponsors and life as athletes as UTT grow and develop their UTT-Papatai Boardriders

Picture to the right is the crew with Jasmine Smith - 4yrs in the NZ Surfing team, 2 yrs in the NZ SLS team, NZ prone paddler rep, 2 national titles in Surfing and SLS (standing behind Kerehama).Stella Smith with the SUP board. Abby Falwasser Smith - 1 NZ surf title, 3 Sls National titles, NZ Maori surf team (standing next to Uenuku)



Sports Update

Winter Series Results

It was 3rd time lucky, with the Winter Series #3 being raced in beautiful conditions at the Main Beach Mt Maunganui on the weekend. All up, 81 athletes registered and competed for points over the 3 half day, long course events.

Series Event Winners – over the 3 events

Male

Under 16 –	1 st Declan Dempster	28pts
	2 nd = Connor Dempster	19pts
	2 nd = Daniel Miller	19pts
Under 19 –	1 st Jack Bullock	14pts
	2 nd = Josh Jarvis	11.5pts
	2 nd = Daniel Edwards	11.5pts
Open –	1 st Owen Miller	12pts
	2 nd Scott Cowdrey	11pts
	3 rd Andrew Newton	9pts
Masters –	1st Damo Munro	9pts
	2 nd = Wayne Cambell	7pts
	2 nd = Jim Allen	7pts



Declan Dempster with one of his many 1st placings.



Female

Under 16 –	1 st Sophie Hayden	16pts
	2 nd Alicia Wilson	13pts
	3 rd Sophie Sanford	9pts
Under 19 –	1 st = Katrina Gadsby	5pts
	1 st = Emma Byrom	5pts
	3 rd Kate Miller	4pts
Open –	1 st Ashley Cochrane	4pts
Masters –	1 st Ceilia Cutfield	3pts
	2 nd Jill Barron	1pt

Thank you to Breakers Café and Bar for supporting the Winter Series. Also thank you to the Officials and Water Safety Crews from each club that have assisted and made this a safe and fun event. Thank you to the athletes for your participation, keeping in mind that the Spring Series is rapidly approaching.

Course Information

Introduction to Surf Coaching – 13 newly qualified surf coaches will hit the beach this summer after a course at Waihi this past Saturday, hopefully the knowledge and skills they learned will be put to use at their respective clubs Junior Surf Programmes over the coming summer. To find out about Coaching courses [click here](#)

Officials Level 1 courses – We have five Officials Level 1 courses being held in the Eastern Region over the next few months, if you are interested in assisting your club in this capacity over summer [click here](#) for more information about the nearest course to you.

Lifesaving & Education Update

Lifeguard refreshers

I need to remind **ALL** Surf Lifeguards about Lifeguard Refresher requirements for the coming season to avoid any confusion. There has definitely been some confusion in past years in regards to Lifeguard refreshers and Regional Lifeguard assessments.

Regional Lifeguard Service (RLS) Assessment day:

This assessment day is merely for the Lifesaving Manager & the respective Regional Guard Supervisors to assess the fitness and skills of RLS applicants.

It does **NOT** replace the required annual refresher that every volunteer lifeguard **MUST** complete. The reason being; The RLS assessment doesn't contain any tube rescue, first aid (CPR) or IRB refresher components.

Annual Lifeguard Refresher:

All Volunteer Lifeguards **MUST** refresh annually. All IRB drivers **MUST** refresh annually. Regional Lifeguards do not get any special exemptions that cover off on this refresher.

I hope this helps clarify the refreshers well prior to the season. Remember this year's refreshers expire on **31st December 2015** (not 31 January as per previous seasons)

Regional Lifeguard applications and notification

Applications for the Regional Lifeguard Service closed on 18th September 2015.

I have received more than 160 applications for the Eastern Region. I will not be accepting any late applications.

I will be notifying all those returning RLG's (2 or more RLS seasons) who will be given "conditional offers" very soon. All other applicants will receive an email with the details of the RLS assessment days in their respective areas very soon also.

I am sorry if any members have missed the application process, however it was widely advertised on our website, to clubs, on our Facebook page and in this newsletter.

ER - Lifeguard Award Examinations – 2015/16 Season

Coromandel

- **Exam 1 - Labour Weekend 24th to 26th October 2015 (Whangamata Beach)**
(This will accommodate most of the new lifeguards)
- **Exam 2 - 19th & 20th December 2015 (Waihi Beach)**
(Pre-holiday period exam)
- **Exam 3 - 9th & 10th January 2016 (Whangamata)**
(Mop-up for any athletes wanting to be entered for ERC's)
- **Exam 4 - Waitangi Weekend (6th – 8th February 2016 – Tairua or Pauanui)**
(Athletes wanting to be entered for Nationals)
- **Exam 5 – 26th & 27th March 2016 – To be advised** (End of season exam)

BOP

- **Exam 1 – 17th/18th October 2015 (Mt Maunganui Beach)**
(This will accommodate most of the new lifeguards in WBOP)
- **Exam 2 – 7th November 2015 (Whakatane SLSC – Ohope Beach)**
(Eastern BOP)
- **Exam 3 – 7th December 2015 (Omanu Beach)**
(End of school exam/Mop-up for any athletes wanting to be entered for ERC's)
- **Exam 4 – 10th January 2016 (Location TBA)**
(New Athletes wanting to be qualified for ERC's)
- **Exam 5 – 28th February 2016 – (Location TBA)**
(End of season exam/Athletes wanting to be qualified for Nationals)

Gisborne

- **Exam 1 - 27th & 28th November 2015**
- **Exam 2 - 18th & 19th December 2015**
- **Exam 3 - 12th January 2016**
(Mop-up for any athletes wanting to be entered for ERC's)
- **Exam 4 - 26th & 27th February 2016**
(End of season exam/Athletes wanting to be qualified for Nationals)
- **Exam 5 - 2nd April 2016**



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