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**To:** Capital Coast Surf Sport Coaches/Coordinators

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**From:** Sarah Melios-Traver, CDO Capital Coast

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**Subject:** Capital Coast Surf Sport Memo

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Hello Senior's and Masters Surf Sport Coaches and Coordinators,

Please read on for important information regarding the 2016/2017 Capital Coast Surf Sport Season.

Competition	Date	Location	Events
White Horse #1	13 <sup>th</sup> November '16	Titahi Bay	2km Beach Run, Surf Race, Ironman, Two Round Series: Ski Race, Board Race Three round series: Long Course Boat and Canoe.
White Horse #2	27 <sup>th</sup> November '16 (1-4pm)	Paekakariki	Beach Flags, Beach Sprint, Surf Race, Board Race, Ski Race, Ironman. Three round series: Long Course Boat and Canoe.
Central Region Champs	14 <sup>th</sup> January '17	Waimarama, Hawkes Bay	TBA
Capital Coast IRB Champs	21 <sup>st</sup> January '17	Riversdale	Single Rescue, Mass Rescue, Assembly Rescue.
Capital Coast Champs and Prize Giving	6 <sup>th</sup> February '17	Paekakariki	Full competition; No boats
White Horse #3 (Plus Oceans Kids)	12 <sup>th</sup> February '17	Maranui	Tube and Board Rescue Only.
Capital Coast Surf Boat Champs (Twilight)	TBA	TBA	Long and short course. (Program will be set on the day depending on crew numbers)
SLSNZ National Champs	16 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> March '17	New Brighton	See website for further details
BP Surf Rescue National Champs	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> April '17	Waipu Cove	See website for further details





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Senior Surf Sport Events will start racing at **8:00am** for 2016/17 in the Capital Coast.  
(Excluding where specified on calendar)

### **Event Entries:**

For this carnival we will be using the new event entry system. I have tried to make the entries as easy as possible for the first time around! As this is new, there is likely to be some hiccup's in how I have set it up!

I apologise that this may seem like an arduous task, but the steps that need to happen to enter a competitor are actually just general requirements for you senior and master surf members and are not just for competing. Being an active member and details and qualifications loaded on the database is an overall health and safety requirement and covers those members by insurance e.t.c. Hopefully this will help start the ball rolling on making sure that everyone is covered off on all accounts!

1. Active Members
2. Competition Categories
3. Event Entry Website

### **1. Active Members:**

To be entered, you must be Active/Rolled Over members of you clubs for the 2016/2017 season. Please speak to your club admin/database person to get this sorted.

- New members need to have applied on the [Join a Club](#) page of the website
  - The club admin then needs to accept their membership application – info in the [CRM User Manual](#) – page 26 or under the Application Heading on the [PAM page](#) of the website

### **2. Competition Categories:**

- For each age group there is a "Water" and "Beach" option (i.e U19 Men – Water, U19 Men – Beach)
- Competitors can be entered in either or both
- This is to help marshals ensure the right competitors are in the right races, with the correct qualifications and to help me with planning what safety resources are needed where
- All water event competitors of any age must wear a hi-vis vest and their club cap

### **3. Event Entry Website:**

**Website:** <http://slnz.enternow.co.nz/slnz/>

If your club doesn't currently have access, please contact Sarah Traver.

*Any competitors that come on the day that aren't entered in the event will be unable to compete in any water events. Entry into beach events will be at the discretion of the arena controller of that event.*

### **Masters Competition**

This season the Local Spots committee has decided to bring back Masters Competition to the local senior surf sport events this year. The events will run as per usual with additional age categories.





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The definition of a masters competitors as per the Surf Sports Manual is anyone over the age of 30 years plus (see section 1.3.11 for further details).

In master's events, boat sweep oarsmen do not need to be 30 years plus, provided they meet the SLSNZ Award requirements for their mage. They may compete in multiple master's age categories as the sweep oarsman.

The Masters competition will be in categories in age brackets of 5 years.

### **Whitehorse Series Points**

Points from each event will count towards the Whitehorse Trophy for top Senior Competition Club (including all individual and team events).

Points for individual and team events are: 1st = 3 Points  
2nd = 2 Points  
3rd = 1 Point

### **Age Categories**

For all merged or combined racing e.g. Masters, Open and U19 Women are run together due to low numbers, competitors must state their age category at the start of the race and remain in that category for the duration of the race, including all rounds/semis/finals.

You can still compete in multiple age groups across the entire event e.g. If you are 18 and want to compete in U19 Board Race, but also the Open Ski Race you can do so, but must remain in the chosen age category for the duration of racing.

*Importance details as per the Surf Sports Manual for Masters Competition:*

**Note 1:** In individual Events, Masters may only compete in their own Masters age group or the next youngest age category in a particular Event if there are insufficient starters to conduct the Event in their own age group. This concession is without prejudice to their age category in other Events.

**Note 2:** Masters are permitted to compete in only one age category in each team Event conducted at a Competition. Where a team Event with two Competitors is conducted (e.g. double surf ski), the age of the younger Competitor shall determine the age category of the team. Where a team Event with three or more Competitors is conducted, the average ages of the team members shall apply. In Masters Surf boat categories, the age category is determined by the average ages of the four rowers

*(Surf Sports Manual 8<sup>th</sup> edition V2)*

### **Wetsuits**

Any form of wetsuit (top, shorts or steamer) is optional for competitors to wear at any event up until Christmas. After Christmas wearing of wetsuits will be at the discretion of the Event Referee, in conjunction with team managers.





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### **Fluro Safety Vests**

It is **compulsory** for all Surf Sport competitors to compete wearing a SLSNZ sanctioned fluro safety vest. Any competitor found not wearing a fluro vest will not be allowed to enter the water. This applies to all age groups and events. No exceptions.

<http://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/clubhouse/gear-shed/slsnz-high-visibility-vests/>

### **Communication and Code of Conduct**

During an event all communication must go through the Team Manager. No parent, coach or competitor should approach the Arena or Event Referee directly.

*No matter what role you hold on the day of an event any abuse or interference from any person will not be tolerated, and any competitor/parent/helper/coach judged to show behaviour that is obstructive, offensive or dangerous will be asked to leave the beach.*

Here's to a fun, safe summer!

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