



## U14 New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships

**Dates:** Thursday 1 March 2018 - Sunday 4 March 2018  
**Venue:** Orewa Beach

Welcome to Oceans' 18, the Under 14 New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships. Oceans' 18 has a proud history of being not only the largest Junior Surf Life Saving Event in New Zealand, but the most competitive, exciting and fun!

We invite you to celebrate all that is Under 14 in Surf Life Saving as our young members compete for their friends and against their fellow athletes.

***“The expert in anything, was once a beginner.”***  
*- Unknown*

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### Team Manager Memo #1

This document provides you with additional information you need to know as a Team Manager at Oceans' 18.

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## **Programme**

No changes to the existing programme are currently proposed. If any changes are made, you will be informed at the Team Manager Meeting each day.

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## **Rescue Events**

Following the close of entries, we have historically reviewed the entry numbers of each club and offered large clubs additional entries into the rescue events. This is calculated on a ratio to ensure all clubs and their athletes are given a fair opportunity to compete.

However, it is noted that the entry system allowed up to 6 entries, as opposed to stated limit of 4. We are currently working through the variations to ensure each club has been given a fair number of entries into the events.

We will be in contact with each club that may gain entries or be limited to only 4 entries.

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## **Radio-Frequency Identification Tags**

Unfortunately, the planned roll out of these tags at Oceans' 18 has been cancelled. This is due to the tags ordered being faulty and not being fit for purpose.

In the absence of the tags, we will be providing coloured wristbands as per previous seasons.

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## **Water Quality**

The water quality at Orewa Beach has been raised as a concern by several clubs following reports that Auckland beaches have been closed as a result of water quality concerns.

The Event Management Committee is well aware of the situation regarding water quality. Orewa Beach is one of the best performing town beaches for water quality and water quality has only become an issue during or immediately following major weather events.

While the risk of water quality becoming an issue at the event is considered to be low, the Event Management Committee will be keeping a close eye of weather forecasts to ensure the safety of the athletes and event guards in the water.

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## **Sony Photo Booth**

This season, Surf Life Saving New Zealand is proud to have Sony New Zealand as a partner of our national sports events. In addition to capturing footage utilising Sony's waterproof Action Cams and 4K Handycam camcorders at Oceans '18, the Sony team will be on site with a photo booth on Thursday and Friday to take high quality portrait photographs of the athletes, volunteers and parents with their new Sony Alpha cameras.

The imagery will be available to view on Surf Life Saving New Zealand and Sony's social media channels and may even be included in an upcoming photography exhibition. Anyone wishing to be

photographed at the event will need to sign a release form and those aged under 18 will need permission from a parent or guardian. The forms can be downloaded on the Oceans '18 page of the SLSNZ website.

If any of your athletes won't be attending with a parent/guardian, please make sure they fill out the forms prior and bring them along to the event to avoid disappointment. Those that visit the photo booth to have their photo taken across the four day event will be in to win some Sony gear including headphones and portable speakers. Keep an eye out on the Oceans 18 Facebook event page for more information.

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## Media Accreditation

Thank you to those who have already submitted their club photographer accreditation. For those who are yet to submit one, please see the information below:

There are two levels of accreditation for media and photography at Oceans '18.

1. **Media:** Journalists and photographers working directly for, or contracted to, local, national and international media outlets including TV, radio, newspapers, magazines and websites.
2. **Club Photographers:** Photographers appointed or contracted by a participating club to produce imagery. Only one Club Photographer can be appointed or contracted per club.

Individuals seeking accreditation for Oceans '18 must read and complete the accreditation application form and return it to [media@surflifesaving.org.nz](mailto:media@surflifesaving.org.nz). Numbers are restricted within the arenas so if your club would like to appoint a team photographer, please ensure they apply as soon as possible and prior to the event.

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## Teamline

Teamline has two pairs of DMC Fins to give away to anyone that pre-orders their official #Oceans18 merchandise before 5pm on February 26. Visit their website now to view the full range and place your orders for collection at the event. The two winners will be drawn at random and presented to them at Orewa from March 1-4.

Teamline have an awesome range of official merchandise available for purchase online in the lead up to the event, and at the event. Check out the range here: <http://www.teamline.co.nz/oceans-2018-orewa/>

GET YOUR OFFICIAL EVENT MERCHANDISE NOW!

**SLSNZ OCEANS 2018 - OREWA**



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## Facebook

This year, more than ever, we will be using the Oceans' 18 Facebook page as one of our main communications tools to post a lot of key information about the event.

Please keep a close eye on this page as we post event notices and programme changes and updates prior to and during the event. This information will be vital to team management, club supporters, athletes and family members so please make them aware of this page.

We have also planned an entry giveaway to one lucky club and a very exciting video competition for the athletes to get engaged with. All of this will be advertised through the Facebook page, so please encourage as many people as you can to like the page.

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## Key Contact

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact the Event Manager.

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