

Crew Name – Red Beach SLSC

	<p>Craig Dillon (sweep) Brought in as a replacement sweep for Shane O'Halloran. Member of Red Beach SLSC for almost 40 years. Ex-New Zealand surf boat selector and member of the Surf Boat Advisory Group.</p>
	<p>Shamus O'Halloran (stroke) Has been competing in surf boats for 12 years. Hates losing more than he likes winning. Keen to put it on the line with the boys against the Aussies</p>
	<p>Chris Carew (second stroke) Spent years as a flat water rower. Taking up surfing led to the change to surf boat rowing and hasn't looked back since. The newest member of the Red Beach Boomers and very keen to prove his worth on the water. 2018 is set to be a big year, representing NZ in February and then first child on the way in July.</p>
	<p>Hayden Smith (second bow) In the engine room to get the business done. A proud New Zealander of Ngai Tahu decent, Founding Trustee of the SEA CLEANERS Trust. New Zealand's Local Hero, 2017 New Zealander of the Year awards. Husband of Amy and father of son, Dukekahanamoku Smith.</p>
	<p>Jed Wright (bow) At the fun end of the boat looking for that air time. Jed has been rowing surfboats for 12 seasons. Had the honour of representing NZ as the Development Crew in 2011. Self-employed builder which helps to fund his surfboat addiction. Engaged to boatie (Amie) to be married at the end of this season. Beyond excited to be a part of the NZ team, this time as the Open Men BOOMERS.</p>

What does it mean to your crew to be a part of the SLSNZ Surf Boat Team?

To wear the silver fern and compete for our country is an honour and a responsibility not lost on the Boomers. It is a special opportunity which all crew members will value for the rest of their lives. To be the first Red Beach Open Men crew to represent NZ and become a small piece of history in the club is very rewarding. Uniting with the Open woman and Development crews as one NZ team to face our Australian challenges is on its own inspiring.

What are your long-term crew goals as New Zealand representatives? Over the next three years keep the Boomers crew amongst the top Open men crews in NZ and use the experience of international tests and carnivals as a means of continuous improvement and keep pushing for further representative honours. At the same time demonstrating both on and off the water the sportsman values and principles expected of all NZ athletes.

What were your 2017-2018 season goals? To gain NZ selection and to win the test series was the Boomers primary focus and only goal. Anything that happens after that will be what it will be. Secondary goal is to win NZ National title.