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ENTRY INFORMATION



North Island Surf Boats 3-4 February 2024 – Waihi Beach

Entering Our Competition:

Entries may be made using the SLSNZ Online Event Entry System. Your club has access to this system and will process your entries. Following the close of entry, as detailed below, your entries will be invoiced directly to your club for payment before the competition.

Entries Open: 20 December 2023

Entries Close: 20 January 2024

Entry Fee: \$275 per crew

The entry fee includes the NI Surf Boat Champs, the Dan Harris Champion of Champions event, AND your iconic Waihi Beach burger.

Event and spot prizes will be awarded.

All teams registered and paid in full by the 12th January 2024 will go in the draw automatically for a **\$100 team voucher for the Deck Kitchen and Bar.**

Payment: Please make electronic payments to Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services Inc. 03 1576 0021159 00. Please use your Club name and crew name as the reference.

Eligibility of Competitors: Please see Section 2.2 of the SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual for a comprehensive breakdown of eligibility criteria.

Know Your Rules:

This event will be conducted under the rules contained in the following documents.

Surf Sport Competition Manual - 10th Edition 1

, including any additional amendments as detailed on the website and any additional requirements as communicated by the Event Management Committee. Please ensure you are referring to the latest edition.

- Athletes are to be 15 years and older to be eligible to compete in Surf Boats.
- Masters athletes are required to hold a refreshed surf lifeguard award.
- A new division of Open Mixed is on offer for crews to enter for the Champion of Champions.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Events:

The following events and divisions will be held at the competition (listed in no particular order).

Team Events:	Age Group:	Gender
NI Champs - Long Course	U19, U23, Open, Masters	Male, Female
Champ of Champs – Short Course	Open	Male, Female, Mixed
Mixed Surf Boat Relay	Open	Mixed

Event Programming:

Draft Programme can be found below.

Please note that the Draft Programme is subject to change due to the dependence on the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

DAY 1 – NORTH IS SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

Officials Meeting:	7:00am
Sweeps Meeting:	7:15am
Marshalling Start Time:	7:45am
Event Start Time:	8:00am

Surf Boat Arena	Age Groups
Long Course - Surf Boat Round 1	Open, U23, U19, Masters
Long Course - Surf Boat Round 2	Open, U23, U19, Masters
Long Course - Surf Boat Round 3	Open, U23, U19, Masters
Long Course - Surf Boat Semi Finals	Open, U23, U19, Masters
Long Course - Surf Boat Finals	Open, U23, U19, Masters
Surf Boat Relay	Mixed Age, Gender and Clubs

Note the Surf Boat Relay is mixed gender and mixed club that will be formed on the day from all those keen to race.

DAY 2 – DAN HARRIS CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS 2024

Sweeps & Officials Meeting	7:30am
Marshalling Start Time:	7:45am
Start Time:	8:00am

Surf Boat Arena	Age Groups
Short Course - Surf Boat Round 1	Mixed
Short Course - Surf Boat Round 2	Mixed
Short Course - Surf Boat Round 3	Mixed
Finals E,D,C,B,A	Mixed

NZ Surf Boat Sweep Academy:

A Sweeps Academy will take place at the end of racing following the Champion of Champions. More info will be provided, so watch this space.

COMPETITION COMMUNICATION

Communications:

Event Management utilise a variety of tools to keep you updated with the latest event information and news. These include:

- [The SLSNZ Website](#)
- [Waihi Beach Facebook](#)
- [Live Results](#)

Please note that the SLSNZ Website will provide the latest event information at all times.

Important Information:

Prize Giving:

The prize giving events on Saturday and Sunday will be held 30 minutes following the last event held on each day. Waihi Beach Lifeguard Service bar will be open during prizegiving.

Event Merchandise:

New merchandise is available for this event!

Click/scan the QR code here to order.

All orders received by 12 January will be waiting for you

at the start of the event and be in the **draw to win a \$50 voucher for The Deck, the Club's kitchen and bar.**



Competition Safety Plan:

The Competition Safety Plan will be made available through the website prior to the event commencing. The document is also available for viewing in the Event Management Area during the event.

Parent, Guardian, Coach, Team Manager and Club Obligations

It is the responsibility of clubs, through their coaches and manager, to ensure that each individual competitor is competent to safely compete in the conditions that prevail on any given day.

It is therefore the club's responsibility to ensure that competitors who are not competent to compete in the prevailing conditions are withdrawn from an event rather than expose them to unnecessary risk or potential harm by encouraging or coercing competitors to compete, particularly against their will. Please refer to statement (e) of the Agreement to be bound by the Manual section of the Surf Sports Competition Manual. The Manual can be found here.

It is the expectation of the organisers that all clubs will only permit competent competitors to compete in an event.

Dune and Environment Protection

As per all our events dune and environment protection is the responsibility of everyone and as members of Surf Lifesaving New Zealand, we ask you to please make sure you look after our beaches and sand dunes. If you see anyone walking through the dunes or placing equipment in areas they shouldn't be, please advise them to remove it or inform event management. Please make sure all rubbish is placed in the bins supplied or taken away with you.

Missing Person at Sea Responsibilities

Whether you are an Athlete, Official, In an IRB, Team Manager/Coach or a spectator, we all have a role to perform if someone goes missing in the water during an event or activity. Check out your role and how you may help in this situation by clicking [here](#).

Equipment:

Helmets

The Event Management Committee reserves the right, if conditions warrant, to require boat crews to wear helmets. All clubs should bring helmets to the competition if conditions warrant their use.

Competition Safety Vests

The wearing of high-visibility vests will be mandatory at this event. Supplying safety vests is a club's responsibility and must align with the SLSNZ guidelines for safety vests. This information can be found in the Equipment Specification Manual [here](#).

Medical Information:

Pre-Existing Medical Conditions

All participants and officials with a pre-existing medical condition must complete and submit a 'Pre-Existing Medical Conditions Declaration' form prior to the close of entries. These forms are to be submitted to the Event Management. Participants are, however, encouraged to submit these as early as possible. Once submitted, the forms will be reviewed by SLSNZ, and a decision will be made on whether a 'Competitor Waiver' form is required to be completed.

It is important to note that that a pre-existing medical condition includes a concussion event that has occurred prior to this event.

These forms are available through the website [here](#).

Concussion Protocol

1. Any person diagnosed with concussion within the 23 days (21 days for over 19 years) preceding a SLSNZ event or activity, who is not able to provide evidence of a Graduated Return to Play (GRTP), and provide a medical diagnosis and SLSNZ Medical Clearance, will not be permitted to compete in a SLSNZ event.
2. Any person observed or reported to have been unconscious during an SLSNZ event is not permitted to participate in any further SLS event or activity, pending participation in a 23-day GRTP (21 days for over 19 yrs), and provide a SLSNZ Medical Clearance before further competition is permitted.

3. Any person suspected of a concussion during a SLSNZ competition may not participate in any further races for at least 24 hours, and must provide SLSNZ with the required SLSNZ Medical Clearance before further participation is permitted.

4. Any person suspected or diagnosed with concussion who wishes to return to a SLSNZ competition must provide SLSNZ with a copy of a SLSNZ Medical Clearance, which is to be completed by a medical practitioner, prior to returning to competition.

Key Contacts:

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact the Waihi Beach Event Director or Admin Manager, or Surf Boats Advisory Group Chair and Event Advisor Bruce Matheson.

Name	Role	Email	Mobile
Kathryn Troughton	Queries regarding invoicing, payments and merchandise	info@waihibeachlifeguards.co.nz	027 863 5108
Natalie Lloyd	Event Director	nataliel@xtra.co.nz	027 476 6379
Bruce Matheson	Event Advisor, Programme & Officials	brucematheson@hotmail.com	021 822 193
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MISSING PERSON AT SEA

Appendix One

Missing Person at Sea - [Officials Reflex Tasks](#)

The continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, confirms that a competitor is missing at sea.

OFFICIALS' response and responsibilities

Immediately close and clear the water arena of competitors and craft, by...

1. The continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, until all competitors are out the water.
2. With the assistance of supporters immediately clear competitor's equipment from the beach within the affected arena/s then keep supporters and all competitors, who are not part of the competitor search party (CSP), out of the affected arena/s.
3. Arena Referees (AR) with assistance of officials and team managers/coaches, assemble the designated CSP into orderly lines, with fins & goggles/masks, ensuring each are "buddied up," and with lifeguard (LG) support, (preferably 1X10). LGs must have fins and a tube.
4. Arena Referees (AR) to 'standby' on their allocated radio channels for instructions from the Event Safety Officer (ESO) who will confirm the location and timing for the deployment of the CSPs.
5. When requested, deploy the CSP to sea, then observe and monitor progress of the CSP and their safety. AR to provide feedback to ESO only where necessary and only as radio traffic permits. AR should continue to 'standby' their radios from further information and instructions.
6. Officials may be called upon by the ESO to call for volunteers, (qualified LGs, whom are competent swimmers, and whom have fins, goggles/mask, and preferably a wetsuit vest) from supporters, who are able and willing to take part in the search upon completion of a suitable briefing, to form supporter's search parties (SSP). Officials may only deploy SSP after cleared to do so by the ESO or their delegate, and only when the ESO or their delegate is satisfied that the SSP have been adequately briefed of their roles, safety procedures, and the potential hazards and risks.

Missing Person at Sea - [Managers/Coaches Reflex Tasks](#)

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TEAM MANAGERS/COACHES' response and responsibilities.

1. Team managers to check that their competitors are all accounted for.
2. Assign only competent lifeguards (LG) to the competitor search party (CSP) with fins and goggles/masks, and direct them to their Coach or Arena Referees (AR) in the affected arena/s.
3. Coaches to report immediately to the AR in their assigned arena and organise their CSP in
4. line/s, ensuring that they are 'paired up' while awaiting instructions from the AR.
5. CSP should be sorted into lines with the most capable athletes closest to the water and least capable furthest from to the water. Coaches to remind CSP that when in the water, searchers will take turns at diving under water to search, while their buddy makes sure they are safe and that their buddy returns to the surface.
6. Coaches/Team managers must should know the number and names of their CSP prior to entering the water and ensure that they are all accounted for prior to leaving the water and or search party.
7. Team Managers/Coaches and the CSP must follow the instructions of the AR and officials at all times to ensure that the search is implemented in a coordinated manner. If competitors do not feel confident or capable of implementing a search they must withdraw from the CSP, ensuring that they notify their buddy and coach/team manager before leaving the water and or CSP

Missing Person at Sea - [Supporters Reflex Tasks](#)

The continuous sounding of air horns & whistles, and waving of flags to competitors, confirms that a competitor is missing at sea.

SUPPORTERS' response and responsibilities.

1. Immediately leave the beach area closest to the water, taking all equipment that you can, to provide clear open access to the water arena by officials and search parties.
2. Only re-enter the arena area, if required, to continue to remove craft and equipment from the arena.
3. Then please remain outside the arena and the designated search zone until instructed or permitted to do so by officials or an announcement by the event management group over the public address system.
4. If you are a qualified and refreshed lifeguard, a competent swimmer, and have fins and goggles/mask with you, and preferably a wetsuit vest, you may wish to consider making yourself available, to join a support search party. If you meet all these requirements, please report to an official in the affected arena/s with the equipment detailed above, and follow their instructions as directed.

Missing Person at Sea - [IRB Reflex Tasks](#)

Upon hearing **rescue, rescue, rescue** or the **continuous sounding of air horns & whistles**, and waving of flags to competitors, confirms that **a competitor is missing at sea.**

IRB CREWS' response and responsibilities.

1. One crew to immediately return to shore and pick up the LKP (pink) buoy and place this at the Last Known Position of the missing person.
2. Once the LKP is in the correct position, the crew person must enter the water with life jacket, at the LKP, and allow themselves to drift in the direction of the prevailing current, while maintaining their distance from the shoreline.
3. **All other Crews** - Immediately remove all competitors from all arenas, regardless of the race completion.
4. Position the IRBs on the ocean side of the break zone and LKP and stand by on your assigned radio channel for further instructions.
5. Monitor progress of the competitor search party in the water and provide immediate assistance if required.
6. If the missing person is found, immediately return to the designated position on shore.

COMPETITION SITE MAPS

Competition Arenas:

Please note: The Site Plan is subject to change based on the number of entries and surf/weather conditions.

