

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 14 OCTOBER 2013



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club had 20 volunteer club members (some in the photo before the Friday afternoon start) provide water safety for the swim legs and races at the Yamba Triathlon held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

There were 10 board and ski paddlers, 2 IRB's (rubber duckies) and a jet ski in the water for 9 hours over the weekend

Sunday drew 33 starters and a confident win to Jill Meldrum off 30 seconds (watch out for the handicapper) from Shannon Brittain (80 secs) and Blake Thomsen (20 seconds) at the YSLSC Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim at Main Beach.

The Sassafras nipper of the week was Hogan Holliday from the under 10's and all nippers received their hi-visibility colored rashies thanks to a generous sponsorship from Rob Foster of Waratah Constructions at Main Beach on Sunday.

Next Sunday's activities will be held at Main Beach from 12 noon to 2pm due to the morning high tide.

YSLSC nippers also competed well in the Yamba Triathlon on the weekend while Shannon Colwell, the only Yamba competitor, finished 16th in the under 13 age division at the Lennox Head Enduro ironman.

Nipper proficiencies will continue over the next couple of weeks with a pool swim for the under 8's and pool & ocean swims for the under 9's and older age groups

Nipper co-ordinator Kerry Lee (m: 0413 536 944, e: yambanippers@gmail.com) says nipper registrations, which currently stand at more than 100, are still open.

The 2013/14 nipper includes the usual Sunday mornings from 9am at Main Beach as well as Saturday twilight and afternoon activities at the Yamba community pool and Turners Beach.

There will be a nippers march past team again this season with training sessions to be held by Andrea

Miltiadou and Leah Essex after the conclusion of the nipper activity days.

The 2013/14 Yamba nipper sponsors are All Terrain Access Scaffold & Edge Protection, Fairway Restaurant @ Yamba Golf & Country Club, Jim's Mowing, Lower Clarence Funerals, Tony McFarlane Builder, Yamba Florist, Yamba Physiotherapy, Signcraft, Maclean Variety Meats, Yamba Flooring Xtra and Waves Fitness & Squash.

There will be 10 Yamba surf club lifesavers with Hugh Dougherty (Tugun) and Mitch Imeson in the 42km individual open event, a masters team in the 42km relay and an under 19 male team racing in a 30km team relay at the Schick Hydro Coolangatta Gold on October 19 and 20.

The masters team is Rob Imeson (board), Joe Fahey (ski), Peter Rheinberger (swim), Amy Imeson (run) and the under 19 team Kealy Day (board), Harry Fahey (ski), Sean Leonard (swim) and Will Brighton (run).

The under 19 mixed team has withdrawn due to an injury to Kelsey Wilkes.

Yamba SLSC captain James Ryan (m: 0400 353 792) will have another IRB captain and crew training course starting soon.

Rob Imeson has board training every Wednesday from 4.30pm and there is a bronze squad training on Sunday mornings with assessment on October 27.

Club education director Kim Morgans has a surf rescue certificate course underway with other courses for 1st aid (likely to start November 30) and spinal management (hopefully prior to Christmas).

Interested participants contact Kim Morgans (6646 2823), kmorgans5@bigpond.com) as soon as possible.

Training candidates can also enrol at the club office (ph: 6646 2462 during opening hours – see below).

Kim Morgans has also made a call for more training officers, particularly from the younger age groups, to help with the rapidly growing training program at the club.

The next patrol proficiency day will be on Saturday November 2 while the club will host a Combined High Schools surf carnival on Friday November 8

Club membership renewal forms are on the club website www.yambaslsc.com.au and available at the club house or Elders Real Estate in Coldstream St.

The club is also preparing for the Yamba Ocean Swims starting from Convent and Main beaches on Sunday December 29.

A team of 12 Yamba club surf boat rowers and supporters will be involved in a 2 day/53km race as part of the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing in Turkey in 2015.

The Yamba team of Mick Smith, Tim George, Ray Wiblen, Josh Ryan, Andrew Bell, Alan Schofield, Zac Robison, Caleb Ellem, Jo King, Leah Essex, Hannah Smith and Angela Eke will be in Turkey for 8 nights and 9 days.

A Turkey trip fundraising program is underway.

The "boaties" will meet at the fishing club boat ramp near the marina this Wednesday at 5pm for their first training session – contact Rod McSkimming 0427 275 742

All club information, including newsletters, membership details, training courses and coming events, is

available on the website www.yambaslsc.com.au.

As well the club office is open on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9am to 12 noon.

The Yamba SLSC weekly raffles at the Yamba Golf Club will have 33 meat trays this Saturday October 19 with Ray O'Brien, Pat Ridgway, Steve Pettet and Rob Foster selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm

Main Beach patrols for this weekend are:

Saturday October 19 9am-1pm Patrol 8: Pat Ridgway (c), Jim Wheeler (vc), Linda Horton, Caitlin Cooney, Will Brighton, Molly Sanders, Shae Symons, Ellie Felmingham, Zac Robison, Alex Robison.

Sunday October 20 9am-12.30pm Patrol 9: Harry Fahey (c), Kealy Day (vc), Brendan O'Mahony, Jack Morrissey, Caitlin O'Mahony, Angus O'Mahony, Thomas Smith, Jake Pitkin, Zac Sullivan, Will Pitkin.

Sunday October 20 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 10: Andrew Morris (c), Tony McFarlane, Joe Fahey, Darby Fahey, Kelsey Wilkes, Sashelle Aitken, Clayton Marshall, Jesse-Clare Beresford, Brittany Smith, Xahlia Pashen, Teagan McFarlane.

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