

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 19 AUGUST 2013

The Yamba Surf Life Saving Club 4th annual Jacob Lollback memorial board race day is expected to draw a record entry of NSW and Queensland club paddlers at Main Beach on Saturday September 28

Organiser Jim Dougherty, who is also club surf sports director and competition gear steward, says the event remembers the outstanding surf life saver and competitor Jacob Lollback who tragically drowned on September 22, 2009.

Strong teams are expected from the Gold Coast clubs at Kurrawa, Burleigh Heads, Surfers Paradise, Northcliffe and Tugun.

On-line entries can be made at www.jacoblolbackday.com.au while local starters can nominate on the race sheet on the club notice board.

Jim Dougherty says the 6 major sponsors – Kracka Surfcraft, Dolphin Surfcraft, Xcel Surfcraft, Infront Surfcraft, Finz Swimwear and the Pacific Hotel – have signed on again with 4 new racing boards to be given away in lucky draws to eligible competitors.

There is a number of other important sponsors and an opportunity for other businesses and individuals to become involved by contacting Cathy Dougherty on 0432 227 349.

Jim Dougherty (0428 664 701) needs a large contingent of members to carry out the many jobs – beach set-up, tent erection, traffic control, entries, competitor numbering, marshaling, result recording, water safety, raffle ticket sales, BBQ, bar tenders etc - involved in conducting a successful event.

The Jacob Lollback board races and the annual ocean swims on Sunday December 28 are highlights of the 2013/14 season which gets underway in 5 weeks with the first patrols on Main Beach on Saturday September 21 at 9am.

The club has had a busy winter off season with swim, ski, board and IRB training, education programs and equipment updates.

The first proficiency test for intending patrol members will be held on Sunday September 15 and the first of the weekly Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim is at Main Beach on Sunday September 22 at 11am.

IRB captain James Ryan is running IRB (rubber ducky) courses at Main Beach on Sunday mornings from 9am and any interested members should see James on the beach.

Club education director Kim Morgans has an advanced resuscitation techniques certificate (ARTC) course which is free of charge to members starting this Saturday August 24 at 8.30am.

There is also a bronze medallion course starting on September 8 with the assessment on October 27 and a senior first aid course on either November 2 or 30.

Training candidates need to contact the club office (6646 2462 during open hours – see below) to enrol.

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.

Yamba SLSC club members will provide water safety with IRB's, the jet ski and boards for the Yamba Bay and Whiting Beach swims at the 1st annual Yamba Triathlon on Friday to Sunday October 11-13.

A team of 12 Yamba SLSC surf boat rowers are fundraising to finance their involvement in a 2 day/53km race as part of the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing program in Turkey in 2015.

Mike Harvey