

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 23 SEPTEMBER 2013

Entries have closed, although late entries will be taken on the day, with co-ordinator Jim Dougherty expecting up to 200 starters at the 4th Annual Jacob Lollback Memorial Board Race Day at Yamba's Main Beach this Saturday September 28.

Racing starts at 10am with the open men's 4km underway at 11am.

There are strong entries from the big Queensland clubs including Northcliffe, Currumbin, Tugun, Burleigh Heads, Kurrawa, Surfers Paradise, Noosa Heads and also the Manly club from Sydney.

In the Open Mens 4km board race the last 3 years race winners will all be back chasing the \$1000 first prize - 2012 winner Jackson Maynard from Currumbin, 2011 winner Hugh Dougherty Yamba/Tugun and 2010 winner Wes Berg from Burleigh Heads.

In the Open Womens 4km board race all 3 placegetters from last year will be back - Courtney Hancock, Harriet Brown and Bonnie Hancock all from the Northcliffe club.

They will be joined by 2010 winner Jordan Mercer who last month won the big Molokai paddle race in Hawaii, New Zealander Devon Halligan who won the board race at the International Surf Challenge in Japan just this week and of course Yamba's own Alyce Bennett.

Jim Dougherty (0428 664 701) is looking for a good turnout of members to help prepare the beach and run the Jacob Lollback event from 8am on Saturday morning

Alyce Bennett requalified for her 8th Nutri Grain Iron Woman Series after finishing 3rd in the qualifying trial races held at Salt beach on the Tweed coast last weekend.

She finished 12th in last years series and had to requalify with only the top 10 girls getting utomatic entry into this years event.

The series starts on November 16 with the first race at Margaret River in Western Australia.

Yamba's Hugh Dougherty, who had already qualified for this years Series has withdrawn from the event due to work commitments.

Trainer James Ryan and assessors Don Lee and Larry Platt put through another group of candidates for the IRB drivers certificate and IRB crew certificate awards on Saturday morning (see photo).

The successful candidates were drivers Matt Saunders, Harry Fahey, Jake Pitkin, Pierre de Billot, Patrick de Billot and crew Caitlin O'Mahony, James Browne, James Wheeler

Another IRB course will be starting after the school holidays with more details from James Ryan – m: 0400 353 792.

Rob Imeson off 70 seconds (off 90 seconds next start) took the first 2013/14 season round of the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim on Sunday from Jane Lawrence (30 seconds), visitor Andrew McKenzie-Wood (60 seconds) and a fast finishing Will Brighton (100 seconds) in a field of 29 starters.

Yamba SLSC is part of the annual Surf Club Open Day this Sunday October 29 from 9am to 2pm with the public invited to Main Beach to watch working patrols, tour the historic clubhouse, join the club and try

refreshments from the kiosk.

There will be 11 Yamba surf lifesavers with Hugh Dougherty (Tugun) and Mitch Imeson in the 42km open event, a masters team in their 42km race and two under 19 teams racing over 30kms at the Schick Hydro Coolangatta Gold on October 19 and 20.

The masters team is Rob & Amy Imeson, Peter Rheinberger and Joe Fahey, under 19 team 1 Harry Fahey, Sean Leonard and Will Brighton and under 19 team 2 Kealy Day and Kelsey Wilkes.

Other club activities include a successful beach clean-up by Brian Badgery and his team on Saturday, Rob Imeson board training every Wednesday from 4.30pm and bronze squad training on Sunday mornings with assessment assessed on October 27.

Club education director Kim Morgans has plans for surf rescue certificate (likely October 5), 1st aid (likely November 30) and spinal management (hopefully prior to Christmas) courses.

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

Training candidates can also enrol at the club office (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

Yamba SLSC nipper 2013/14 season starts on Sunday October 6 9am-11am and co-ordinator Kerry Lee (m: 0413 536 944, e: yambanippers@gmail.com) reminds parents to sign up before September 21 to save \$10 on the registration fee.

The nippers have an age managers course, supervised by branch youth development officer Paul Smith at the clubhouse this Friday September 27 and a sign on day at the club house this Sunday September 29 10am-12 noon.

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.

Nipper swim proficiencies are on Sunday October 6 and 13 while there will be a \$10 Sassafras Restaurant nipper of the week voucher award during the season.

The first half of the 2013/14 season will also feature the Yamba Ocean Swims starting from Convent and Main Beaches on Sunday December 29.

Yamba 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 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.

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 September 28 with Allan & Jane Lawrence, Alan Schofield and Ken Ryan selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm

Main Beach patrols for this weekend are:

Saturday September 28 9am-12.30pm Patrol 5: Andrew Cumberland (c), Chris Bonner, Wayne Ringland, Brendan Watkins, Stephen Morfett, Caleb Watkins, Jaydan Watkins, Tristan Watkins, Alicia Cumberland.

Saturday September 28 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 6: Mark Symons (c), Roger Varcoe, Sam Kapeen, Marc Adamson, Caleb Ellem, Vince Boulton, Rachel Fahey, Lucy Bindon, Tarni Forbes, James Browne

Sunday September 29 9am-12.3pm Patrol 7: Matteo Cervella (c), Josh Ryan (vc), Ben Plunkett, Andrew Bell, Nick Agostini, Julia Hodson, Sally Gilbert, Bella Gilbert, Mark Chiaruttini, Erin Johns, Mitchell Johns.

Sunday September 29 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 8: Pat Ridgway (c), Jim Wheeler (vc), Linda Horton, Caitlin Cooney, Will Brighton, Molly Sanders, Shae Symons, Ellie Felmingham, Zac Robison, Alex Robison.



Successful Yamba SLSC IRB driver and crew award candidates with trainer James Ryan and assessors Don Lee and Larry7 Platt.

Mike Harvey