

## Between the Flags

### BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 4 MARCH 2013

Another week of surf life saving cancellations although an intrepid team of Yamba Surf Life Saving Club parents and 8 nippers made the long road trip there and back to the Central Coast to compete in horrendous conditions at the NSW nipper titles.

Gale force winds, cold, rain, foam, big seas and discolored water meant the titles were held at Umina, Ocean Beach and Terrigal.

Sydney clubs dominated the events and Yamba competitors were recognised for their effort, sportsmanship and enthusiasm

Malik Elabbasi was 6<sup>th</sup> in the under 8 wade, Jordan Elabbasi made the final of under 11 ironman, Hayley Fischer the under 9 sprint and flags semi finals and Yasmin Elabbasi the under 8 flags semis.

The Yamba nippers will have their 2012/13 presentation day at Main Beach this Sunday March 10 from 2pm.

Yamba SLSC nippers thank their sponsors for their support and encouragement during the 2012/13 season

The 2012/13 nipper sponsors are All Terrain Access Scaffold & Edge Protection, Fairways Restaurant @ Yamba Golf & Country Club, Jim's Mowing, Lower Clarence Funerals, Tony McFarlane Builder, Yamba Florist, Yamba Physiotherapy, Signcraft, Maclean Variety Meats, Melay Independent Tiles and Waves Fitness & Squash.

Yamba SLSC will have their masters, under 23 and under 19 boat crews, 5 under 17 years and 2 masters competitors at the 2013 Allphones NSW senior surf life saving championships at Umina (subject to conditions) this Thursday to Sunday March 7 to 10.

The final senior carnival for the 2012/13 season is Australian titles at North Kirra/Tugun Monday to Sunday April 15-21.

Yamba SLSC senior club sponsors for the 2012/13 season are Gold – Elders Real Estate Yamba, Clarence Valley Council, Yamba Golf & Country Club; Silver - .Westlawn Finance, Yamba Shores Tavern, Freemason/MasoniCare, North Coast Heavy Towing, Nortec; Bronze – All Terrain Access, Clarence Valley Review, Maclean Variety Meats, Belinda's Store, The Daily Examiner, Yamba Lions, Yamba Rotary, Daily Examiner, Pacific Hotel, Radio 2GF and Sanctuary Cove Golf.

All club information, including membership forms and training programs, is available on the web site [www.yambaslsc.com.au](http://www.yambaslsc.com.au)

A team of walkers, canoe and raft paddlers will tackle the Nymboida, Mann and Clarence River system in a 3 week/377 km downstream River Odyssey from Barren Mountain on the Dorrigo Plateau to Yamba starting this Friday March 8

The paddle is raising funds for the Maitland Hospital Foundation and Yamba Surf Lifesaving Club - donations can be made at [www.mycase.com.au/page/54157](http://www.mycase.com.au/page/54157)

Alex & Stephen Abrahams, Richard Bennett, Bob Wonders, Paul McDonald and Shaun Walsh will start the paddle at the source of the Nymboida River on Barren Mountain, 1470 metres above sea level.

The first stage will involve 3 days walking to reach sufficient paddling water and avoid the 90 metre drop at Rob Roy Falls, 2 days canoeing and 2 days rafting to reach the Nymboida Hotel on Friday March 15.

Brothers Alex and Stephen with Richard and Bob will complete the paddle into the Mann and Clarence Rivers to finish at sea level on Main Beach Yamba, subject to good weather, a good flow in the rivers and suitable tides/swell, on Tuesday March 26.

The weekly Yamba SLSC raffles at the Golf Club with 33 terrific meat trays this Saturday March 9 have John Barnier, Sachie Ardrey and Keith Bradley selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

Saturday March 9 9am-1pm Patrol 11: Patrol 3: Phil Kelly (c), Nicholas Tarrant (vc), Alex Robison, Zac Robison, Daniel Connors, Kris Ryan Clout, Dylan Brown, Rory Brown, Rebecca Clout.

Sunday March 10 9am-12.30pm Patrol 4: Ray O'Brien (c), Zac Fraser, Mike Smith, Jo King, Leah Essex, Colleen Hage, Erin Johns, Helen Clare.

Sunday March 10 12.30pm – 4pm Patrol 5: Andrew Cumberland (c), Greg Levey (vc), Chris Bonner, Wayne Ringland, Matthew Saunders, Brendan Watkins, Stephen Morfett, Caleb Watkins, Jaydan Watkins, Tristan Watkins, Alicia Cumberland.

**Mike Harvey**