

Newsletter to all members Jan 2009

1/ Round 1 and 2 National Surf cross

Results for the Whangamata and Mt Maunganui rounds are now on the website. We are sure you will all agree it was a successful 2 days brought about by great management from Gary and his team of voluntary marshalls and scorers. The fundraising by means of rides for the public and the raffles run by Celia Schollum (from Spaceships) raised over \$2000 for the club towards TV (and refund of individual levies). The rides were also a great public relations exercise. Thanks also to Spaceships and Line 7 for donation of the raffle prizes.

2/ Prop Guards

There has been an issue raised as to spacing of blades on a prop guard used on the Line 7 boat for round 1 and round 2 over the weekend. Due to what appeared to be an anomaly in the rule book this guard was permitted to be used. However the executive have reviewed the rules and it has become clear that this guard does not comply. Because they were passed at scrutineering there will be no loss of points. They have however been advised that the guard is now non compliant and they must replace or modify it for future events. Scrutineers will be checking the dimensions of all guards at Wellington so we would recommend if anyone has doubts as to the legality of their guard (particularly if it is a new modified propel type) they check the measurements as per the rule book and the appendix at the end of the rules showing the dimensions. Please contact Kyle Burdett on 0212202104 if you need further clarification.

3/ Lyall Bay

There are still spaces on the truck available for any boats that require transport. The truck will load up on Thursday night after work, arriving at Lyall Bay Friday afternoon and be unloaded Monday night upon return. Please advise Steve Frogley on 021965246 if you wish to book a space.

Boats and trailers can be left at Lyall Bay from Friday 4pm onwards where they will be under security guard.

Accommodation in Wellington

Rooms are available at the Comfort Hotel in Cuba St for the special thundercat rate of \$75 per night. Rooms are small but comfortable. For those that require more luxury and a kitchenette the Quality Hotel next door is available for \$150 per night. Please email fay@qualitywellington.com or phone 04 9131802 to book.

Role call for the surfcross will be at 8.30am on Saturday Jan 17 at Lyall Bay.

4/ Cook Strait endurance race

We need entries in now for the Cook Strait endurance race. This is to ensure we have arrangements for sufficient radios for all competitors. The safety equipment will be the same as the Auckland to Mangawhai race. A race management and safety plan will be emailed out next week.

Prizegiving for the surfcross on Saturday will be held in the Lyall Bay Surf club bar after racing on Saturday (approx 4pm). At approximately 6pm it will be confirmed as to whether conditions will permit the Cook Strait endurance race to proceed. The drivers briefing for the race will then be held at this time. Attendance is compulsory for all those who wish to compete in the crossing.

Prizegiving for the Sunday Cook Strait race will be held in the surf club bar immediately after the race.

See you all at Lyall Bay