

Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Inc.

Member News Issue 16

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The 2013 season is now in full swing. It's great to see the turnout each Saturday as strong as ever. We have welcomed some new members this year and we hope they will enjoy the 2013 competition. The beginning of this season has been blessed with idyllic Autumn weather but be prepared for the cold westerlies. There are not many sports you can do on the water in the cold of winter – fortunately kayaking is one sport that you can participate in without too much discomfort provided you stay in your boat. We do offer a trophy for those who find it difficult to stay afloat - the 'in the drink' award – this trophy has been won by many previous accomplished paddlers of note. Legend has it that the origin of this trophy goes back to Clint Robinson who we believe once drank out of the Coke bottle that adorns the trophy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Race 1 of the **ICEBERG** series will be hosted by CSKC. The inaugural race will follow our familiar 'Rock Race' course from Swallow Rock Reserve to SW Arm and return will be held on June 22. This race will be called the '**South West Arm Challenge**' and will attract many of the Ocean and Harbour Racing Kayak competitors. Prizes after the event will be offered.

The race commences and finishes at our regular start line at Swallow Rock. Start time is 9.00 am – registration from 7.30am to 8.30am - briefing 8.45am. Some help will be needed to run this event – assistance at the registration desk, safety boat crews, putting out cans and timing assistance.

A fund raiser is to be hosted by Southside Paddlers down at Woronora on Sunday July 7. This is in support of Mitchell Hughes who has been selected in the junior K1 team to represent Australia in Canada. The day starts with registration at 8.30am. There will be informal sprints and a 5km race for all boat classes - singles, doubles and K4s. \$15.00 allows you to enter any race or races and includes a sausage sizzle feed.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Insurance

We have been considering taking out our own CSKC public liability and professional indemnity insurance independent to that which is currently provided by Australian Canoeing/ Paddle NSW. For years we have accepted Surf Club Ski paddlers as part of our club races which are sanctioned by the SLC clubs as part of their off season training program. Unfortunately this practise is in contravention to our affiliation condition with PNSW which could negate our liability insurance and so place CSKC and its directors at considerable risk. In consequence of this, the committee has elected to purchase our own public liability and professional indemnity insurance through Sportscover – underwritten by Lloyds.

We can now accept entries from people who do not wish to join PNSW. A condition of our independent cover is that **all participants must be current financial members of CSKC Inc.** The cover commenced on April 13 and will protect us until April 2014. The new 2014 committee will need to decide to continue with the policy before the start of the next season.

The above CSKC action has been fully disclosed to PNSW both verbally after the Wyong marathon and by email on Sunday May 5.

The PNSW board has considered CSKC action and have suggested a course of action that might achieve a positive result for our club and for the sport in general. The solution to the problem that we have defined is still developing and is best left until a mutual agreement is reached.

Paddle NSW Club Forum – May28.

An open club forum was conducted by PNSW on the evening of Tuesday May 28. Laurie Ward and Peter Sigal represented CSKC. The meeting was an opportunity for clubs to contribute toward planning for the future of the sport over the next few years. There were a number of sensible suggestions made by many of the clubs. We saw it as an opportunity to explain to the meeting in the presence of the other clubs the reasons behind us obtaining our own public liability and professional indemnity insurance. It was thought that other clubs might have objected strongly on the basis that they were subsidising those that did not want to join PNSW. Surprisingly there were no such objections but rather a general understanding of what CSKC (and some other clubs) are trying to achieve. Increased participation in the sport is what every club sets out to do – by being more consenting on various club needs might just result in higher membership all around so it will be interesting to see how our initiatives evolve in the short term.

One outcome of the forum that has been acted on by PNSW board is that the single entry fee for persons who are not members of PNSW will go up from \$10.00 to \$15.00 of which the clubs receive \$5.00.

For those who are renewing their PNSW membership for the 2013/14 year - the renewal is cost is \$66.00.

NEW CONSTITUTION

The new constitution draft is almost ready for the committee to consider and approve after which it will be presented to the members for approval at a special general meeting or at the next AGM.

That's it for issue 16. More in issue 17.