

Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Inc.

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The 2013 season is past the halfway point already. Membership numbers have increased this year, we are now over the 100 mark and rapidly approaching 150. The reason for the increase is open to conjecture however, it may be a combination of factors ranging from the quality of the Hacking River and its surrounds and the relatively low cost of participation. There is no doubt that as surf club recruitment has grown then so has CSKC membership. The majority of craft now comprise Skis and Ocean Racers – K1s / K2s will always represent the true competition racing kayak and will figure in National/ International events but sadly the old Australian designed TK1 / TK2 could become a minority class. There will always be a need for entry level and stable boats which Skis, Recreation and K boats can be designed to accommodate. Most championship events now recognise the new craft classes which no doubt is in response to market demand.

COMMITTEE NEWS

The committee has been kept busy this season. A new draft constitution will be published soon for all members to peruse and comment on before the final version is distributed and voted on at a special general meeting. A new constitution is necessary because the old one is now out dated and the regulations governing associations and clubs have changed.

This year the committee has decided to secure our own independent public / professional liability insurance. In so doing, the club and its management committee are now better protected against claims for damages in the event of an incident that may arise as a result of an event that is run by our club. We have always had protection from a policy that Australian Canoeing has arranged for all affiliated clubs – the AC policy is subject to overriding event sanction conditions which we are not prepared to accept. Our independent protection arrangement has been made known to Paddle NSW who are currently trying to figure a way of overcoming our objection, in the meantime CSKC affiliation with Paddle NSW for the 2013/14 year remains unaffected.

A condition of our own independent liability policy is that all participants who enter into our events must become members of CSKC. For this reason our membership is fast approaching 150 in number. Most of the membership increase can be attributed to Surf Club members who wish to race with us during their off season. CSKC and Paddle NSW see this as a good thing as promising young athletes from the surf could well find themselves amongst the top canoeists in the sport. Our club along with others in NSW do provide a perfect avenue for this to happen at the same time the surf ski captains are pleased to see their charges maintaining their paddle fitness during the off season.

ICEBERG SERIES

The Iceberg series of races are organised by Paddle NSW harbour racing committee. CSKC was given the opportunity of hosting the first race in the series which was held on June 22nd. By all accounts those that took part enjoyed the venue and in the end was seen as a successful event. We owe thanks to those volunteers who again carried out the tasks required which was very much appreciated by the organisers and participants. We hope that this event will become an annual event on the Hacking to the benefit of the series and CSKC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Race 9 of the EPIC Marathon 10 series will be hosted by CSKC on **Saturday August 24th**. This will follow the same 5km lap course as last year. Start will be 10.00am – entries from 8.00am briefing 9.30am. The race is conducted on a divisional basis regardless of age and boat class. Each division is classified on time to complete the nominated course distance. For entry into this race it is required that you be a member of PaddleNSW or if not a current member of Paddle NSW then to complete the single event entry form and pay \$15.00 single event fee.

Our charity club race will follow the marathon with start at 2.00pm – which will be 5km to the net and return. Race fees will go in the bucket for donation to the **Sylvanvale Foundation**. The donation bucket will also be at the marathon registration desk and at the BBQ table. The Scout Hall is available for showers. The scouts have kindly lent us their BBQ.

The last big paddling club event of the year will be the **‘Rock’** race to South West Arm and return on **October 5**.

The **NSW Marathon Championships** will be held at the Penrith SIRC on Saturday **September 21st**.

The first race of the **PNSW sprint series** commences next **Saturday August 17** out at SIRC. Enter on the PNSW website – www.paddlensw.org.au

PRESENTATION DINNER

The presentation dinner will be held at the Wanda SLSC again with the same catering arrangement as last year. The club has been booked for Friday November 15.

Those members who hold perpetual trophies should hand them back to Peter, Max, Lorraine or Dallas before the end of our season on October 5th.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Saturday Sept 7

The AGM this year will be a special occasion for some. The meeting will occur after the afternoon races down at Swallow Rock reserve. Proper notice and the agenda will be given 21 days before the AGM in accordance with the constitution. It is important this year because it is time for some of us to stand down. The current committee has been operating on your behalf for the last 4 years so it is certainly the best time for a new fresh committee to take over the reins. The current executive has given notice that it is their intention to stand down hence vacancies will exist for the positions of President, Vice president, Secretary and Treasurer. These will need to be filled in order that the club remain a legal identity. Some of those who are on the committee no doubt will continue to be available for duty for the 1013/14 year including some of the existing executive but probably not in an executive roll.

WORLD MASTERS GAMES _ TORINO ITALY

We can be proud of the performance of seven of our club members who have been terrific ambassadors for Cronulla Sutherland KC and Sutherland Shire CC over at Torino recently. Collectively they have achieved their personal goals against competition rarely seen in Australia. Canoeing in Europe must have a first class following judging by the number of entrants on the start list of each event.

The sprint times tabled on the WMG website are quite phenomenal for women and men of senior age. It is worth checking out by searching for WMG Torino and going to the results link.

Sincere congratulations from all members of our club go to Dianne Chellew, Yola Janic, Pauline Findlay, Dallas Newman, Lorraine Harper Horac, Sam Janic and Darren Lee. Between CSKC and SSCC we represented the largest contingent of paddlers from Australia at the games. When it is time for CSKC to present our report to PNSW for their AGM they will get to hear and read about it.

That's it for now. More to follow at seasons end.