



## Newsletter June 2006

### Changes in Management & Organisation of Surfski Paddling

There will be some changes in the management of Surfski races for this upcoming season. Darcy has 'retired' from organisation except for representative work with canoeing NZ so a few Saturdays back some of us met to discuss how we would manage the various responsibilities going forward.

Darcy has been pushing surf ski paddling at different levels; locally with the beach series, nationally with the "nationals" race and internationally hosting the King of the Harbour (KOH), and working with canoeing NZ as a surf ski selector & representative plus encouraging paddlers to race internationally.

A Big thanks to Darcy for his massive contribution to surf ski paddling. Most of us did not realise the extent of his involvement until we sat down to work out how we could pass on this workload to others. We will see Darcy around next season but he will be packing a buggy and nappy bag to replace the paddle and training bag.

### New Roles and Responsibilities

- Paddlers representative: nominated by the paddling members of the boating club, their role is to represent the paddlers on the committee, take any issues / suggestions / requests to the committee and in turn communicate decisions etc back to the paddlers. Fraser agreed to be this person.
- Run the Surfski website - Simon and Oskar
- Look after the separate account KOH and series funds – TBC
- Newsletters and race calendar – Garren to co-ordinate with everyone tasked to provide input on what is happening and upcoming races.
- Organiser – Tracy (with help from Darcy + Darryl + lots of other people)
- Surfski Director, NZ Canoeing representative & Team Selector - Darcy (Garren is the co-selector).
- Nationals Organiser – Terry/
- Tuesday races race director. With responsibilities to set the course and call the start – TBC (this could be a shared role).

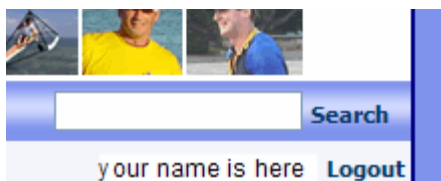
As you can see we could use volunteers at any level who could help with races, races starts, writing race reports, management of events, please let Garren, Tracy, or Simon know if you are keen to get involved.

### New Website [www.surfski.co.nz](http://www.surfski.co.nz)

Simon Greenwood has kindly setup our new website. This uses the latest in Content Management technology provided by his "**Insite CMS**" product. If you wish to contribute to any part of the site, please let him know and he will give you access to do this. If there is content you would like to see on it, please let him know at [simon@greenwood.co.nz](mailto:simon@greenwood.co.nz)

**NOTE:** We have transferred all your email addresses to the new site. If you need to change your details or unregister from this newsletter, please go to the registration section as shown below and enter your email address and **surfski** as the password. You can change this once you are logged on.

Once you have logged in or registered, you will see your name at the top right of the screen where the Register link once was. Click this to edit your personal details.



The old website can still be accessed at [www.surfski.co.nz/old](http://www.surfski.co.nz/old)

Registration section found on home page.



### **New Race Shop at Fergs Kayaks**

Ferg's are opening a new Race Shop upstairs called "**Fergs Racing Concept Centre**" at Okahu Bay. They have a special opening night at 7.30 pm Wednesday 14th June. Come and check it out plus meet and mingle other athletes. 12 Tamaki Okahu Bay. The website for it is.. [http://www.fergskayaks.co.nz/Fergs\\_Racing.806.0.html](http://www.fergskayaks.co.nz/Fergs_Racing.806.0.html)

## **CRNZ news:**

### **Molokai 2006**

Congratulations to Paul Wilford on his 10th placing at the Molokai Channel race in Hawaii in May. Apparently huge seas again this year - about 5 metres in the middle of the channel. The winner was 21 year old South African Clint Pretorius, with 43 year old Oscar Chalupsky, an 11 times winner, a close second, followed by Olympic gold medallist Clint Robinson of Australia in 3rd.

### **Surfski World Cup Durban SA, July 2**

This will be huge, Billy Harker is organising a great event. We are looking at getting a small NZ team over, comprising Steve Sly and Simon Mclarin, racing under 20's and over 40's respectively. Rachael Clarke has also been selected, but we have yet to confirm her participation.

Check out the race website on [www.surfski.co.za](http://www.surfski.co.za)

### **Ferg's Kayaks Autumn Paddle Series Race 3 – this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 12 noon**

A great chance to both stay fit and stay in touch with the other paddlers. Start time 12pm at Ferg's Okahu Bay. Skis and OC's welcome. 10km distance, \$10 entry. Details contact Alan Ferguson (021) 210 3016.