

Submission to the editor
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WELCOME...

THIS IS THE FIRST EDITION OF WHAT WILL BE A MONTHLY PADDLING UPDATE, AIMING TO LET YOU KNOW OF THE DEVELOPMENTS AND NEW FEATURES IN NSW AND BEYOND.

We want to let you know what paddlers are doing so please let us have your news. Your PaddleNSW committee has been working hard to produce the features we trust will make paddling more enjoyable and fulfilling for you.

A NEW ERA...

for Recreational Paddlers..

The word is spreading. Paddlers are coming from as far afield as Newcastle and the Central Coast to join in recreational outings in the Sydney area.

The latest rec paddle was on Berowra Waters on Saturday October 13. It was the first such event under the Paddle NSW umbrella since we combined with the established recreational program run by the Lane Cove River Kayakers club.



Berowra Kayaks at Pontoon.

You have to get out on to the water to fully appreciate the beauty of the area. Steep, high wooded slopes all around, studded with hillside homes at first as you leave the marina near the Berowra Waters ferry, then just untouched magnificence as you head downstream towards the Hawkesbury.

Tony Carr, who launched the Lane Cove program, led the outing, which attracted five new members to PaddleNSW. They included Peter & Nicole Childs from Newcastle and Mark Diesendorf from Gosford. The others were Bettina Otterbeck and Simon Morgan.

The Berowra Waters marina is a great place to launch from. Good facilities and plenty of parking if you get there early. First stop on the



All set and ready to go.

leisurely paddle was at Calabash Bay, where we climbed on to a small pontoon, lashed all the kayaks together and then climbed about a million steps up the steep slope to see the ruins of an old hotel, built at Sans Souci in the 1890s and then transported stone by stone about a century ago to be re-erected overlooking this great spot.

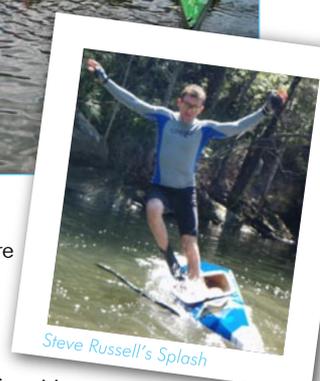
On to Neverfail Bay, and then Bennetts Bay for a beach lunch, and a diversion on the way back into the pretty little creek behind Joe Crafts Bay where it was warm enough for a swim.

And how do you finish off a recreational paddle? Why, you get stuck into the chocolate mousse from the marina café!

FUTURE RECREATIONAL PADDLES:

Sunday Nov 23

Explore historic Parramatta River, including a visit to the wrecked ships in Homebush Bay. (among them the collier which the Japanese midget submarines used as a decoy to enter and attack Sydney Harbour in 1942).



REGISTER NOW!

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Come along, have a great day out & make new friends

OCEAN SKI RACING..

Lion Island Race a fantastic success!

230 Paddlers struck out on Saturday 25th October in perfect conditions, paddled around Barrenjoey Head to Palm Beach, then back riding the swells round Lion Island and home. Tim Jacobs won the event convincingly against a strong field, putting him safely ahead of the pack in the inaugural PaddleNSW Surfski Ladder. Jeremy Cotter came in second and Dave Kissane got third. The full results will soon be available on www.oceanseries.com.au.

The event set the standard for management. Run by Brett Greenwood and his team at Avalon Surf Life Saving Club under



Lion Island participants



And they're off...

Northern Beaches Life Saving which runs the Ocean Series, everything from entries, finish and the presentation ran like clockwork. The oranges, melons and barbie laid on at the finish by Brett's people never tasted so good. Well done Brett and Marcial Nunara, the organiser from Northern Beaches!

There were plenty of thrills when we came around Barrenjoey Head and the rollers swept through, taking with them the Fenn Double of John Burrows and Darren Lee from Illawarra Canoe Club. Johnnie showed great enterprise when, knowing his ski was bound for the rocks, he still managed to grab his GPS off it before it disappeared to be smashed to pieces! Darren went looking for his paddle on the rocks and found it resting on a rock. Except the rock sank when he got near it. It was a dead turtle!

>> THE FULL RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE... www.paddlensw.org.au

More Info call TIM HOOKINS. Paddle NSW | 0408 109 607

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & Ladder for NSW Surfski Paddlers Commences!

PaddleNSW has partnered up with 4 New South Wales Surfski organisations to put on 14 events throughout the year. They are: Ocean Series (Lion Island, 20 Beaches etc) Dean Gardiner's World Series (Bridge to Beach and La Perouse to Watsons Bay) Manly Warringah Kayak Club's Fishermans Beach Series and Illawarra Canoe Club's Southern Series (Wollongong and Shellharbour Classics).

A point score system will be run throughout these events by PaddleNSW Inc. to produce a ladder putting a paddler on top and listing all the others on down. The proposed calendar is:

DATE	EVENT	KMs	RATING	ORGANISER	WEBSITE LINK
6 Dec '08	King of the Harbour		200pts	Ocean Series	www.oceanseries.com.au
14 Dec '08	Wollongong Challenge	18	200pts	Illawarra Canoe Club	www.illawarracanoecub.org.au
21 Dec '08	20 Beaches	25	300pts	Ocean Series	www.oceanseries.com.au

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS...

NSW 5000m Championships:

Wyong on November 30, 2008. A feature of this event will be the K4 races, held on a 5000m course with no turns. Get your teams together for some spectacular and fun racing. K4 Classes for open Male, Female, +35. +45 and +55 yrs teams. Entries open soon. PNSW membership required. Go to www.paddlensw.org.au

Burley Griffin Canoe Club: 24 Hour National Relay Challenge:

29 - 30 November, 2008. Compete against teams Australia-wide... A great leadup to the Murray Marathon.

Read more at www.paddlensw.org.au

Last ever Murray Marathon Event for Red Cross!

Sat 27 December - Wed 31 December 2008. LET'S MAKE IT A BIG ONE! See December events at www.paddlensw.org.au for more details.