



FISH HOEK SURF NEWSLETTER

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Worlds Team+

A massive congratulations to all of our super star athletes who competed at the Lifesaving World Championships in Riccione Italy, Cheyne Haupt, Mark Keeling, Levi Mayes, Georgia Singe, Peter Cullen, Mascha Moorloch and father-son duo Giuseppe & Roman Collonello really held the Fish Hoek flag high.

Fish Hoek Surf also saw a healthy number of club paddlers at the 2022 World Surf Ski Championships in Portugal. Josh Smith, brothers Dawid & Jasper Mocke, Nicholas Notten, Candice Murray, Mark Keeling, Luke le Roux, Dyllan Farrell and Levi Mayes, as well as past club members Kenny Rice, Ulvard Hart, Daniel Jacobs, Ant Lake and Kiera Bester all represented South Africa and did an outstanding job!



We now find ourselves surrounded by World Champions. Huge, huge congratulations go out to Mark Keeling (Lifesaving Surf Ski World Champion), Kenny Rice (Senior World Surf Ski Champion), Ulvard Hart (U23 World Surf Ski Champion), Joshua Smith (U18 World Surf Ski Champion). We are so incredibly proud of all our athletes and their achievements, as is their coach and life member, Peter Cole.



Calling All Members:

The Fish Hoek Surf Lifesaving Club Committee are proud to inform you that we have implemented a few new structures into our club. These will help increase our productivity as a united club, achieve equality amongst all members and improve upon the already awesome vibe that is so unique to our Fish Hoek Surf Family.

One of these new structures is the allocation of club craft amongst our athletes. Our nipper committee have been successfully allocating craft to certain athletes for a few seasons now and with our collection of FENN craft constantly growing, the juniors and seniors have adopted a similar approach. Club Captain, Cheyne Haupt recently put out an application form to the athletes via our main club WhatsApp group. We are happy to report that all athletes who applied for specialty craft were allocated either a board, ski or both. These athletes have been given preferential use of this craft for the duration of the season, which includes club training and competitions. For all athletes who have not been allocated FENN craft, this craft will still be available for you to use at club training and competitions, granted that the craft isn't being used by an 'allocated athlete'. We are so excited to watch our athletes' train and race on their craft, we wish them nothing but success. If you have any queries relating to club craft allocation, please direct it to the appropriate committee member.

We have also come up with a set of club rules. These rules are not new or something the ExCo stumbled upon, but rather putting in writing the verbal club etiquette we have upheld over the years. These flyers can be found on the notice board and at various points around the club. We urge our members to stand by these guidelines as they are in place to ensure everyone is able to make the most out of the Fish Hoek Surf Experience! These rules are not a suggestion, nor are they up for debate. Please abide by them as the senior members of the club will be enforcing them.

The committee has created a sub-committee including our Guardian safety partners for all disciplinary action. Any breaches in the club's etiquette policy will result in the appropriate disciplinary action. We, the Fish Hoek Surf Executive Committee, are committed to the protection of our members and will do our utmost to ensure a safe and positive environment at our beloved club.

Lastly, we bid our Chairman Ernst Singe farewell and want to thank him for the hundreds if not thousands of hours he served here at Fish Hoek Surf. Ernst has resigned to create more work, family and personal time. We appreciate all he has done for this club and look forward to seeing him enjoying the leisure side of the club. Vice Chairman Grant Edwards will be filling the role of acting Chair in Ernst's absence.



Our Training Policy and Club Etiquette Policy can be found on the notice board in the clubs main hall.



A friendly reminder that your subs are due at the end of this month (30th November). Failure to pay your subs will result in your membership termination without exception! If you are unable to pay your subs on time please contact club Treasurer Alex Topliss, if you have not already done so.

NIPPER NEWS

The Fish Hoek nippers are in full-swing, and we have over 250 Micro, Starfish and Nippers registered. How awesome is that! We have 21 Coaches and over 50 water assistants that run training each week. Behind the scenes we have 10 nipper subcommittee's making all this possible. We think that is incredible and would like to pause and thank every family for being part of the Fish Hoek Surf team as well as all of those who volunteer their time in creating this incredible lifestyle for our children.

We had 4 incredible open days were children between the ages of 5 and 13 came down to give nippers a try. Each age group got to showcase their skills, nipper training events and had so much fun while doing it!

We visited Bellville for a Stillwater demonstration in preparation for our first competition in December. We have 4 new medium size dummies and are learning more and more at every training session.

Some super exciting news we'd like to share is our Nippers voting for their Captains. We are proud to announce our 2022/23 Captains.

Girls: Captain: Kaylee Bakker
Vice-Captain: Jordan Saidie
Boys: Captain: Samuel Mocke
Vice-Captain: Braedon Powell

We had an exam at Clifton in early November, where we qualified / upgraded 40 Nippers. Well done all!

We had a great "New Parents' Day" where we answered all the questions on how Nippers operates. Remember for seasoned parents and new parents our information can be found here:

YouTube: Craft Care, Orientation, Exam Prep & Competition Information – check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/@fishhoeksurflifesavingclub2416>

Website: Our online shop, calendar and membership details: <https://www.fishhoeksurf.com/nippers/>

Facebook: Fish Hoek Surf Nippers – all the images and fun: <https://www.facebook.com/fishhoeknippers>

See you on the beach!



Attention Lifeguards

Our 2022/23 duty season is officially underway! Our 5 squads are looking incredible for this upcoming season, and we wish them nothing but luck for the fast-approaching festive season. All JLA's and LA's should be on their respective squad group chats by now. If you are qualified and have yet to be added to a group, please reach out to Cheyne Haupt. The squad lists with contact details and duty dates can be found here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/19jHZDWRfWdLeuz6zV_tWKGuf3-TKnn/view

A reminder that if you are unable to make a duty you must find a substitute. We would recommend swapping a duty with a member from another squad. Please don't leave subs to the last minute as it does put pressure on your Squad Leaders as well as your squad. With that being said, please keep in contact with your Squad Leaders when trying to find a sub, it is of the utmost importance that they are fully aware of your availability for the season ahead so as to plan duties accordingly and help you if needed.



Lifeguards are to note that a Fish Hoek Surf Lifeguard Handbook has been created by Squad Leader Rebecca Behne. These bound booklets will be left in the main tower, and we implore you to please browse through them in your downtime. A massive Thank You also goes out to Vice Squad Leader Matthew Busse for restocking and organising our First Aid room!

Our IRB is reaching the end of its life and we are looking into raising funds for a new one. This crucial piece of rescue equipment is used week in and week out by the Fish Hoek Surf Lifeguards. Our incredible IRB crew would greatly appreciate any donations towards this piece of equipment, many a rescue and safety have been performed using the IRB and it is an irreplaceable arrow in our lifeguard's quiver. Please reach out to our commodore Jeanne Topliss if you are eager to help out.



What to look forward to:

Wow what a cracker of a pre-season we have had! One Bootcamp done & dusted, super successful Nipper Open Days, Street Collection that saw the club raise just over R30 000 and a few competitions already under our belt! Don't worry if you've missed out on anything because we have an absolute cracker of a season in store for you guys!



The Peter Creese Lighthouse Race and Cape Point Challenge are fast approaching. These races are annual club events which see paddlers from all over the world visit our little bay. As a club we look forward to hosting these races once again and we hope to see you all on the finish line.

Some other exciting things to look forward to on the competition calendar are Cape Champs and Snr/Jnr Competition 3 & Nipper Comp 3 which are both happening here here at Fish Hoek! Pay close attention to our social media accounts for all the upcoming info!



With that we would like to wish all of our members a happy festive season! Enjoy your holidays and stay safe.



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