

TASMANIAN SURF LEAGUE

ROUND 2 & 3

SURF SKIS – JONO PRICE



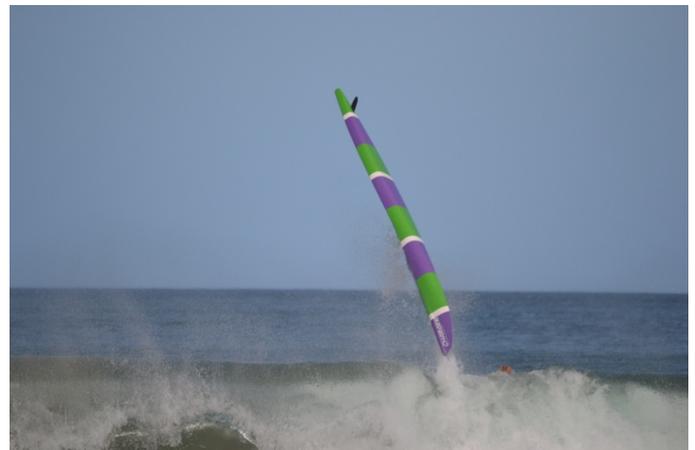
Round 3 and 4 wrap

Rounds 3 and 4 of the TSL Ski events proved to be equally exciting as the racing held in Burnie prior to Christmas. The Clifton conditions proved challenging for the younger age groups and provided close racing for the places in the open categories. Once again the courage shown by the u/17 female competitors proved to be the highlight as they tackled the challenging conditions with vigour.

In the Open and U/19 category Sam Norton continued his winning way taking out both rounds. Whilst Stephen Blizzard finished on the same wave as Sam in race 1, Sam was able to pull away close to the line to secure the win. Sam now extends his overall lead in the series and Stephen consolidated his 2nd place whilst 3rd place in the series remains wide open.

In the u/19 and Open Female section, Courtney Dowling secured the victory in round 3 followed by Georgia Matthews. In round 4, Courtney acclaimed her second victory of the day, narrowly holding off Annette Lakeland as the two finished on the same wave.

Jack Walton took the win in both rounds of the U/17 male ski. In JeJoon Littler's absence through injury, the category has been thrown wide open for the remainder of the season. The unpredictable racing in the u/17 female section continued. Whilst Lucy Eade improved significantly from the 1st 2 rounds to claim two victories on the day. This section once again provided plenty of thrills and spills which kept those on the beach on the edge of their seat. Morgan Dickson, Brooke Scott, Maeve Greave and Haley Sly all paddled well in the challenging conditions and minor places were all varied across the two rounds.



Round 5 and 6 preview

Given the likelihood of flatter conditions for round 5&6 that we have experienced thus far, the racing will remain open and tight in all categories. Once again Sam Norton will be the yard stick for the open competitors to match and competition for the minor placings will remain fierce. In the u/19 & Open women's section it will be a story of two contrasts. The stronger and more experienced Courtney Dowling and Annette Lakeland against the up and comers with Maggie O'Leary, Georgia Matthews and Miriam Boulton likely to rely on a solid fitness base.

On his home beach, Jack Walton will be looking to back up his solid results and Clifton and now extend his overall lead in the series. After two thrilling rounds of the U/17 female ski, the likelihood of flatter conditions will provide an ideal opportunity for these girls to demonstrate their flat line speed in an effort to pick up maximum points from the weekend.