

Holywell Bay Surf Life Saving Club welcomes you all and would like you to know.....

The beautiful Holywell Bay is situated on the north coast of Cornwall, near Newquay.

Postcode for your SatNav is **TR8 5PG**.

The logistics of getting a substantial amount of surf lifesaving boards, skis, equipment, competitors and spectators down to the beach, through a single (**narrow!**) country road is again the biggest challenge we face so we would really appreciate your support to help things run smoothly. Many of you described last year as being like a military operation – we plan to do the same this year but it does need your co-operation.

Before the event

We expect that most clubs which have gear trailers will plan to bring these on or before the Friday before the event. Please contact Adam Coad in advance and he will agree a time and location with you for hitching up your trailer and getting it towed across the beach to the gear compound. Get your slot booked early Adamcoad@btinternet.com

Parking and getting to the event

Holywell Bay is serviced by a NT (National Trust) car park which fills up very quickly in the summer weeks. We have worked closely with the NT which owns the car park and the beach, the NT has given permission to use a designated area of Holywell beach for the event. Once again this year the NT request those attending the event use the alternative event parking, (this actually forms part of the NT permission for the event to take place). The NT car park will be locked and closed until 9am and locked again at 9pm. **Please do not use this car park. It is important to the NT and to the Holywell Club that other beach users have access and enjoyment of the beach and hopefully the event.**

Mornings - after you drive through Cubert onto the Holywell Road please continue down into Holywell. You will see club members in Hi-Viz jackets; they will direct you to a turnaround point after which you will be brought up to an unloading area where your passengers can disembark. You will be helped to unload your kit which will then be taken for you to the signed collection point in the clubs event area on the beach. **It is a 10 minute walk from the drop off to the event area so please leave plenty of time to get down to the drop off and to walk to the event.** Nippers will be particularly busy so the ideal would be two adults, one dropped off to walk their Nippers to the event area and the other to take the car up to the parking – we do appreciate this is not possible for all families.

Drivers are to then drive back up the hill from Holywell for about quarter of a mile; you will see a large parking sign to the left and will be directed into the parking field. After parking up you will be brought back down by shuttle buses. Event parking is **£4** all day - reduced to **£2** for NT members please remember to bring your NT membership card to get the discount, cash only please.

The morning shuttle buses will run from 6.30am until no longer needed.

Afternoons – as you leave the beach we would ask drivers to walk back up the lane to the shuttle bus pick up/drop off and for passengers to walk across to the small green opposite the NT car park.

Drivers can then bring their cars down to collect passengers and kit. We will also be shuttling larger kit, boards and so forth by trailers from the collection point in the event area up to a reclaim point in the event designated parking.

This year we will take anyone attending the event on the shuttle buses, but the more who use them the more chance of your having to wait a while, this is why we encourage **only drivers to use the shuttle**. For safety reasons we can only allow one piece of hand luggage on the buses; it must be able to sit on your lap. If you have larger items which have not been dropped at the drop off in the event area there will be another drop off area with marshals by the start of the lane which leads up to the shuttle, all items will be taken up to the reclaim point in the event parking area to be reclaimed.

The afternoon shuttle will start when the last events of the day are taking place - from around 4pm onwards and will continue until 7.30pm.

Please Note – we do not have any child booster seats. If your child would normally use one you will need to keep it with you so that it can be brought to the minibuses in the afternoon should you wish to use the shuttle – we would suggest it would be better in such circumstances for only the driver to collect the vehicle from the event parking and return down to pick up the passengers.

There will be plenty of marshals to help and direct you both morning and evening.

Please **do** follow the club marshals' directions, you may have to be a little patient but the plan worked last year and with your help will work again this year. We are getting a lot of people and gear moved in a short space of time.

Please **do not** disembark passengers or unload kit in the mornings until you have been brought to the marked unloading area, if you choose to unload before getting to that area you will have to get your kit to the event under your own steam – we **do discourage** you from doing so as it will disrupt the plan and cause unnecessary delays in the traffic flow.

Please **do not** bring your vehicle down to the NT car park during the day – the NT have allowed this event to take place because we have convinced them we will leave space for other beach users who are enjoying their holidays in Cornwall. You **might** be able to bring your vehicle down during the afternoon if the weather is not too good and the beach is not busy with holidaymakers – **but** we do not encourage you to do so - **this is unlikely in any event as we have booked good weather!** Remember non-NT members will be charged to use the NT car park.

The Event Village

This is the beating heart of the event – where you will find the Holywell Bay Hut, SLSGB Event Control, and the event marquees, all activities flow from this area. Anyone in the event village in a Hi-Viz jacket will be from the Holywell Club and will be pleased to help you and answer any questions. The club has very limited toilet facilities these cannot cope with this event. Please use the bank of Portaloos situated near the clubs designated area. These will be cleaned daily.

The HBay Café - this year to compliment the caterers the club will be running a café supplying hot and cold drinks and a variety of cakes (some homemade and delicious – but we cannot guarantee the contents do not have traces of nuts or other allergens) and other snacks. **We want to continue the theme of reducing all waste - including the devil's own disposable (but not recyclable) hot drink cups.** So, **if you bring a few of your own mugs/keep cups and a small tray or two**, hot drinks will be just £1 each. If we supply a disposable cup there will be a 50p surcharge per drink– **we don't want the surcharge - we want you to BYO mugs to help save the environment and save yourself 50p each hot drink.**

The HBay Bar - we will be running a bar selling chilled draught beers, Pimms, wines and soft drinks, and some nibbles. We will publish the daily opening times on our FAQ board outside the club hut. We also have daily live musical entertainment details of which you will find in our **A4 flyers** in the event village, we will have something for everyone.

You don't need to buy or bring single use plastic bottles of water, **bring a sports drink bottle or flask and fill it up free at one of our two Water Bars**; one will be in the event village the other down on the beach. Last year they were a bit understated, this year they are not – you won't be able to miss them.

The Caterers – will be serving up fresh locally sourced produce – they are planning a great menu of hot dishes for you to enjoy including of course the morning breakfast rolls. We hope to get the menu published to you in the week before the event.

The HBay Merchandise Stall – we will be offering event merchandise – good quality t-shirts in all sizes, and attractive and useful recycled plastic event drinks bottles. When they're gone they're gone!

The HBay Raffle – what can we say? - The generosity of the prize donors has been spectacular;-

- 1st Adjustable ICON Racing Ski worth £1,700**
- 2nd OceanPerf Racing Board worth £1,000**
- 3rd Luxury Cornish Holiday Break worth £1,100**

Plus many other great prizes including a **Nipper Board, custom made Snugg Ironman suit, Fourth Element All Weather Poncho, Base Layers, local artist's mounted drawings and photos...and more.**

Tickets will be on sale throughout the week up to the draw on the final Saturday. If you have left before the draw day don't worry, if you win we will work out how to get your prize to you.

We will have card readers set up to allow card payments to be made at all the above, though we do need to confirm this with the caterers.

Off the Card events

SLSGB have spread the Nipper events over three days this year to keep things a little less frantic. This has also allowed us and SLSGB to add some '**more fun less competitive**'? events into the final

weekend. All are subject to sufficient time and the weather – but we are always optimistic in the Bay of Dreams where Ross Poldark strolls.

- On the Friday afternoon of Nippers the Search and Rescue helicopter and the RNLI **may** do a simulated water rescue from within Holywell Bay – **may** is the important word as this is dependent on wind and weather, and the possibility of the helicopter doing it for real elsewhere along the coast, but if they can do it for us – they will.
- Friday evening 6pm for 6.30pm the old lifeguards challenge, who is fastest in the **‘Round the Rock’** race – full details for this vintage event will be circulated separately; there will be a small entry fee. On completion there will drinks and music for all in the Event Village.
- By popular demand we plan to get the **Tug ‘o’ War** rope out again in the event arena.

We are looking forward to seeing you all and a great event.

All at Holywell Bay Surf Life Saving Club

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