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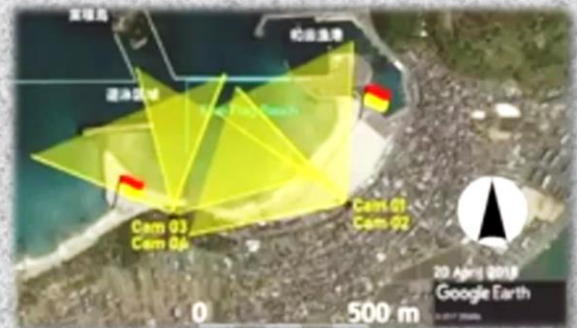
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## EVENTS CALENDAR 2020/21

**Spring CSLSA 2020 Board of Directors Meeting**  
April 15, 2021 **ONLINE MEETING**  
Location: Zoom

**Spring USLA 2020 Board of Directors Meeting**  
April 5- 6, 2020 **ONLINE MEETING**  
Location: Zoom

**CSLSA 2021 Regional Jr. Lifeguard/Lifeguard Championships** July 23-24 Carpinteria, CA

**Fall CSLSA 2021 Board of Directors Meeting**  
October 7-8, LA County Lakes

**Fall USLA 2021 Board of Directors Meeting**  
October 21-23, TBD

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gus Avila, Interim President  
California Surf Lifesaving Association

Hello Lifeguards,

Earlier this year, CSLSA President Bill Humphreys advised me that he would be taking a Leave of Absence from his position. This was due to some medical issues that had arisen that he had to have addressed. As the Vice President, I have stepped up in the Interim President's position and have taken on those duties.

I am glad to report that Bill has asked that I let all of you know that he misses seeing everyone and would like to thank you all for your well wishes. He is also looking forward to getting back into the swing of things before summer, and that he hopes to see everyone soon.

Due to Bill's Leave of Absence, and my continuing duties as the USLA President, I have asked Mike Beuerlein to fill the spokesperson/representative position within USLA. Due to the USLA Bylaws, as the USLA President, I am not able to vote on issues as both a CSLSA Delegate and USLA President. So, in order to ensure that the CSLSA is always able to utilize all of

our voting rights, Mike is our lead Delegate to the USLA, and will be presenting our Region's report at the upcoming USLA BOD meeting.

As we now look forward to the remainder of the spring and enter into the summer, it appears that we will soon have beaches and public areas open to pre-pandemic crowds. I am keeping my fingers crossed that everyone wishing to get vaccinated has the opportunity to do so. While we transition to normal visitation and activity levels, I hope that we keep up our vigilance and do not allow ourselves or those around us to become complacent or ignore the recommendations that are made for a safe transition that will allow for normal activities.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon. I thank all of you for everything that you have done to help ensure the safety of our visitors and families. Please stay safe.

Thank you,

Gustavo S. Avila  
President (Interim) CSLSA



*As open-water lifesavers, our **MISSION** is to promote beach safety awareness and professional lifeguard standards through public education, training programs, exchange programs, junior lifeguard programs, competition and other means. The ultimate goal is to prevent and reduce aquatic injuries, accidents and death at open-water beaches in the Southwest Region of the United States Lifesaving Association.*

***Congratulations to the Following Award Recipients:***



**MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD**



**Nick Macko – Los Angeles County Lifeguard**



**January 21, 2021**

*Left to Right: Bill Richardson, Tristan Mork, Tracy Mork (Nick's Fiance), Nick Macko, Bob Moore, and Los Angeles County Lifeguard Division Chief Fernando Boiteux. (Note the masks were worn due to strict Covid precautions in Los Angeles County)*

It was approaching dark, when Nick Macko, a Los Angeles County Lifeguard, received a call of a swimmer in distress and trapped in a gorge surrounded by razor sharp rocks. The surf was large, in the 8–10-foot range, with an incoming tide. The area of the incident is in a remote area of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, located in southern Los Angeles County.

Upon arrival Nick ascertained the victim's location from witnesses, entered the water, negotiated the sharp rocks and entered a channel leading into one of the many partially submerged caves in the area. He found the victim inside one such cave, clinging to the wall of the cave, being battered by the incoming surf and increasing tide, had he remained inside the cave much longer, it was likely he would have been trapped inside and eventually drowned from the inflow of the surf and tide.

Nick strapped the victim into his rescue tube and swam him out of the cave, timing his exit with the outflow of the surf. The victim was assisted onto a rock in a safer location and subsequently released to LA Co Fire Paramedics for transport to the hospital, where he fully recovered. For his heroic actions in extremely hazardous conditions, Nick Macko is awarded both the California Surf Lifesaving and United States Lifesaving Association's Medals of Valor.

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**HEROIC ACT AWARD**



**Sean Richards - Newport City Beach Lifeguard  
November 11, 2020**



*Left to Right: Newport Lifeguard Division Chief Mike Halphide, Sean Richards, Bill Richardson, and Newport Beach Fire Chief Jeff Boyles*

On Wednesday, November 11, 2020, Bill Richardson, representing CSLSA and USLA, presented Sean Richards with his Heroic Act Awards. Numerous Newport Beach Lifeguard and Fire personnel were in attendance for the presentation done on the Newport Pier adjacent to Lifeguard Headquarters.

On Friday July 3, 2020, Sean Richards was assigned at Newport Beach Tower A, just south of the Balboa Pier. The conditions at the time of the incident were 8-10' shore break waves and strong lateral current pulling through the pier. Sean had made multiple critical rescues throughout the day.

At approximately 4:10 PM he responded to another swimmer in distress, however, this time, the victim and Sean were caught in the impact zone and held underwater several times as they approached the pier. Sean protected the victim, but both were thrown into the bottom and the pier pilings. Both Sean and the victim barely made it to shore. The victim was uninjured, but extremely tired. However, Sean sustained bruised ribs, a contusion to the wall of his thorax and aspirated ocean water.

He was taken to the hospital for treatment and kept overnight for observation. After recovering fully, he returned to work one week later.

For his selfless act of lifesaving heroism, Sean Richards was awarded CSLSA and USLA Heroic Act Awards.

**Synopsis of Service:**

- Carl began his Lifesaving career in 1972 as a Seasonal Lifeguard in 1972 at Huntington State Beach
- In 1974 he promoted to a Permanent Lifeguard position at Huntington State Beach and State Parks Peace Officer in 1977
- He served as statewide Training Officer from 1975-1980 for numerous lifeguard classes, and boat training for rescue boat skippers
- Carl eventually promoted to State Aquatic Specialist for California State Lifeguard System, serving in Sacramento before his retirement in 2000
- He served on the CSLSA Executive Board, and Delegate to USLA 1984-1990
- Carl also served as USLA Competition Committee Chair for a time and volunteered numerous CSLSA and USLA competitions as an Official and Judge.
- He traveled extensively to several countries including Australia, New Zealand Peru and Chile. He provided training opportunities in many of those countries.
- Carl passed away in Placerville, California on September 23, 2020 after a courageous and graceful battle with metastatic prostate cancer.
- He is survived by his loving wife Dori, two stepdaughters and four grandchildren.



**LIFE MEMBER  
AWARD**



On Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Bob Moore and Bill Richardson traveled to Placerville, CA to present Carl’s wife Dori with Carl Drake’s Posthumous Life Member awards.

Mr. Moore presented the CSLSA award on behalf of the Southwest Region, as Past President of CSLSA. and Mr. Richardson presented the National award as Past President of USLA.



*Carl Drake at the CSLSA BOD Meeting Santa Cruz – 11/07/2019*

**Recipient:** Carl Drake  
**Job Title:** State Aquatic Specialist (Retired)  
**Chapter:** California State Lifeguard Association  
**Agency:** California State Parks



*Bill Richardson, Dori Drake and Bob Moore*

# 2021 Beach Safety Technology Conference

An international forum exploring the use and development of technology for ocean lifeguards, beach safety professionals and researchers.



## By William Koon

On March 11, 2021, over two hundred beach safety professionals and researchers from all over the world logged in to participate in the 2021 Beach Safety Technology Conference, a 4.5-hour online event designed to be "an international forum exploring the use and development of technology for ocean lifeguards, beach safety professionals and researchers." The free conference was hosted by the [University of New South Wales \(UNSW\) Beach Safety Research Group](#) and [Smart Beaches](#).

Participants at the conference tuned in from 30 different countries, most from Australia, the United States, Spain, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Canada. Participants represented a variety of organisations including professional and volunteer lifeguard organisations, research and academic institutions, private industry, other emergency services and governmental agencies, hospitals, education and other water safety bodies.

The conference featured 22 different presentations on a variety of topics related to emerging technology relevant to beach safety and lifeguarding. Keynote speakers included Professor Rob Brander from UNSW Sydney and Tony Blunden from Smart Beaches Lake Macquarie City Council. A moderated panel discussion on the role of technology in beach safety and life-

guard operations featured Matt du Plessis, Waverly Council Lifeguard Manager (Australia); Andy Kent, Surf Life Saving New Zealand National Lifesaving Manager; Adam Uehara Los Angeles County Lifeguards Section Chief (United States), and Shane Daw, Surf Life Saving Australia General Manager Coastal Safety (Australia). The conference also featured breakout sessions on predictive modelling and



*Pictured top row (L to R): Adam Uehara, Section Chief, Los Angeles County Lifeguards; William Koon (Moderator), UNSW Beach Safety Research Group; Shane Daw, General Manager Coastal Safety, Surf Life Saving Australia. Bottom Row (L to R): Matt du Plessis, Lifeguard Manager, Waverly Council (Bondi Beach); Andy Kent, National Lifesaving Manager, Surf Life Saving New Zealand.*

risk forecasting, crowd counting technologies, technology for lifeguard data collection and activity reporting, and education and public communication technology. Presenters represented a mix of ocean lifeguard organisations, researchers and industry experts from eight different countries. A full agenda of the conference is available below, and recordings of the conference presentations are available.

The conference, the first of its kind, brought together an international group of beach safety leaders to share their experiences around new technological tools. While many presenters discussed the benefits and success of technology in saving lives or aiding lifeguards to do their jobs better, many also acknowledged barriers and challenges and the usefulness of some technology. The candid and transparent conversations on the difficulties of working with new technology and the importance of defining the problem first provided important lessons for participants, many of whom are also beginning to work with new tools.

Feedback about the conference was overwhelmingly positive, 95% of post-conference survey respondents indicated they would attend a future conference or webinar on beach safety topics.

Missed the conference? You can watch recorded presentations from the event, for free...

<https://www.beachsafetyresearch.com/bstc21-videos>

The 2021 Beach Safety Technology Conference is hosted by the UNSW Beach Safety Research Group and Smart Beaches. Please [contact us](#) with any questions or concerns.

**The “Mostly Tentative” 2021 Lifesaving Sport Competition Dates:**  
(depending on covid status)

**June Tune Surf Racing Clinic & Challenge**

Hermosa Pier Sun June 6

**South Bay Dozen-Torrance** June 19 or 20

**Santa Monica “Pier 360” Ocean Festival** Sat/Sun June 26-27 (Lifeguard Races-Sun June 28)

**Ed Perry Regatta** Venice Avenue 26 Sun July 11

**Santa Barbara Fiesta** Sat July (?)

**San Clemente Ocean Festival** Sat/Sun July 17-18 (Lifeguard Races-Sat July 17)

**41<sup>st</sup> CSLSA California Surf Lifesaving Championships** Carpinteria, CA Fri/Sat July 23-24

**International Surf Festival-Taplin Ocean Medley Relays** Hermosa Beach Sat July 31

**41<sup>st</sup> USLA National Lifeguard Championships** South Padre Island, Texas Wed-Sat August 4-7

**Orange County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Staffed by Lifeguards**

*(Photos by Mike Halphide and Leslie Schwene)*



*A group of the lifeguards who worked at the Central Net Vaccination POD*

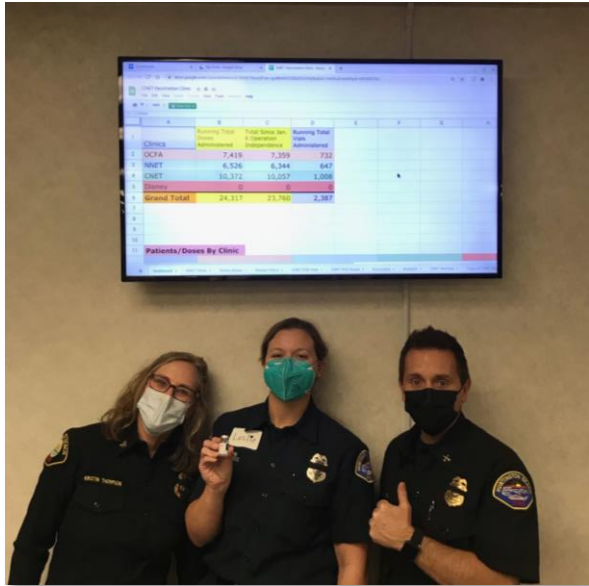
**Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, lifeguards around the United States have been given the opportunity to work in many different roles. Lifeguards have worked in Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) and staffed testing sites.**

**By Leslie Schwene**

In December 2020 in Orange County, California, lifeguards were given a new role—staffing a COVID-19 Vaccine Point of Distribution (POD) in Huntington Beach at the Central Net Training Center. Under the direction of two EMS Chiefs from Huntington Beach and Newport Beach the POD served Fire Department personnel, including lifeguards, from Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, and Laguna Beach. The POD’s mission was soon expanded to include local law enforcement and all Orange County lifeguards.

In January 2021, Central Net was opened to the public for vaccinations, in addition to the first responders. This majority of the staff was lifeguards from Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Seal Beach, Laguna Beach, CA State Parks, and OC Lifeguards. Chief Halphide of Newport Beach took the lead in organizing the lifeguard personnel who worked over a span of close to 40 days throughout January, February, and March.

Lifeguards worked in every aspect of the operation: registration, vaccination assistants, EMTs in the



Pausing to commemorate **10,000 doses** at the Central Net POD. Pictured are EMS Chief **Kristin Thompson**, NBF; Marine Safety Officer **Leslie Schwene**, HBF Marine Safety Division; and EMS Chief **Jeff Lopez**, HBF.

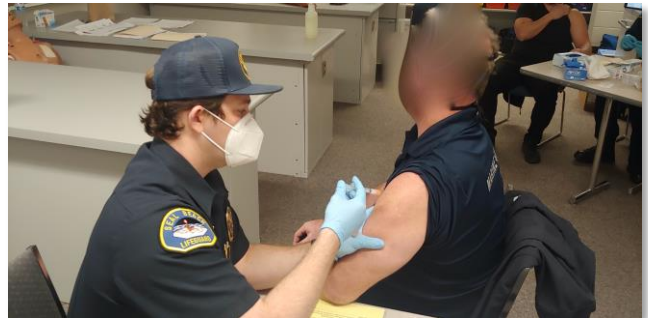
monitoring area, and line management. Some lifeguards, who were qualified Registered Nurses and Paramedics, administered the vaccinations. The teamwork of the Fire Department personnel and lifeguards from up and down the coast allowed the Central Net POD to deliver over 10,000 doses before closing in mid-January.

In February 2020, the state of California allowed EMTs to be trained as vaccinators under guidance and monitoring by Paramedics and Registered Nurses. In order to be qualified, EMTs had to finish online training, hands-on training, and be closely monitored for a minimum of 4 shots by a Registered Nurse or a Paramedic before being cleared to vaccinate under their supervision. EMS Chief Kristin Thompson of the Newport Beach Fire Department helped to facilitate hands-on training for individuals from several lifeguard departments and there are now approximately 52 Lifeguard EMTs who have been cleared to deliver vaccinations to support the COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts in Orange County.

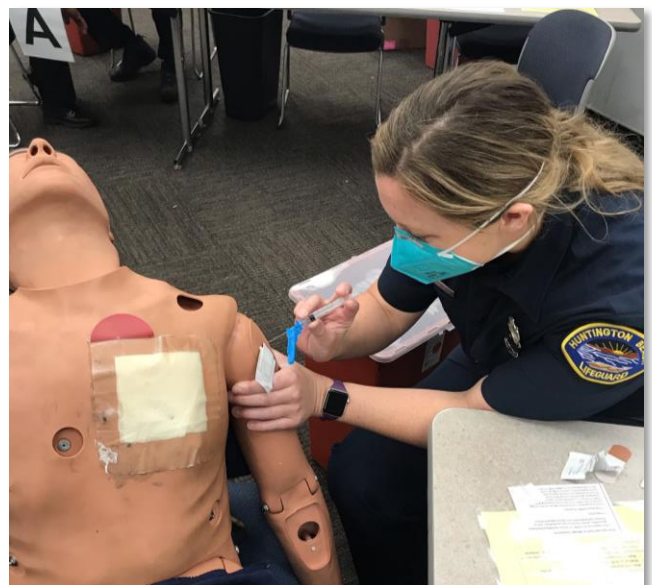
In addition to staffing the Central Net POD, the Huntington Beach Fire Department, Marine Safety Division Lifeguards, and the Newport Beach Lifeguards



Wyatt Muller working at the Central Net Vaccination POD.



Seal Beach Marine Safety Officer Michael Diller administering a vaccine.



Leslie Schwene participating in Hands-on Training for Vaccinations

have been supporting vaccination efforts in their respective communities. They have been requested to help vaccinate local seniors who have been given the opportunity to get their shot through the local senior centers and the Huntington Beach Hospital.





Jessica Moore working registration.

The vaccination efforts by the Lifeguards in Orange County, demonstrate the level of adaptability, service and professionalism that lifeguards everywhere bring in their regular assignments on a crowded beach are serving their community in a time of crisis.

## Charlotte Graham Retires after 32 Years of Lifeguarding



(photos by Joel Gitelson)

### By Robert A Moore

In 1983 Charlotte “Lotte” (Smits Van Oyen) Graham was introduced to the Los Angeles County Junior Lifeguard Program. On her first day as a Junior Lifeguard, JG, she knew she wanted to become a lifeguard. She would spend the next six years as a JG becoming one of the first original JG Cadets. Graham was immersed in the lifesaving culture from the very beginning. She is extremely independent and competitive in all aspects of her life. She knows what she wants and puts in the time and effort to achieve her goals and objectives.

Charlotte loves the outdoor lifestyle. In 1989, she became a recurrent lifeguard for L.A. County. Her thoughts at the time were to become a History/Physical Education teacher during the school year, which would allow her to lifeguard in the summertime. While attending University of California San Diego, UCSD, she was paddling for an outrigger canoe club. Her fitness workouts always included running, swimming, canoe paddling, board paddling, and later surf ski paddling. After graduating UCSD with a bachelor’s degree, Graham had an opportunity to become a permanent lifeguard in 1997. She could not believe her good fortune and jumped at the chance for a career in lifesaving.

Becoming a permanent lifeguard did not end there. If Graham was going to be a part of the profession, she was going all in. Having been a participant in the New Zealand/CSLSA Lifeguard Exchange in 1996, she had the opportunity to exchange ideas and



concepts in open water lifesaving between the two countries. This experience helped prepare her for her new role as a permanent lifeguard. Over the years, she got involved in competition and lifesaving beyond her agency. She was a member of the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association, LACOLA, and then became a member of the California Surf Lifesaving Association, CSLSA, and the United States Lifesaving Association, USLA.

Graham has been a competitor locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. She not only competes, she organizes the competitors, memberships, competitions, teams, etc. She recruits, fundraises, plans, organizes, implements, and follows-up on all major projects. As an example of her hosting abilities, she was the main mover and shaker in organizing and hosting the Hermosa Beach and the Manhattan Beach USLA Lifeguard Nationals. There are many highlights in Graham’s career as a lifeguard, competitor, local association, regional association, and na-

tional association participation. As a permanent lifeguard, she worked many stations in L.A. County. Of significant note, she was the first female 'on schedule' as a Rescue Boat Deckhand, and she spent five years in that role. Due to a back injury on the Rescue Boat, she moved into an administrative position to recover and became the Assistant JG Program Director. In 2004, she became the JG Program Director and held that position for four years. During that time, she worked hard to integrate the program al-



lowing all L.A. County JG's to become members of the CSLSA/USLA. This was a benefit to all children in L.A. County to see that there are others in the country who have the same passions.

After her tenure in the JG capacity, she became a Call Car lifeguard, which worked 24-hour shifts. This position has many responsibilities that were above and beyond the normal daily lifeguarding vigilance. She enjoyed all of her assignments throughout her career, but giving back was her most cherished passion.

Charlotte became active in local, regional, and national organizations that would benefit lifeguards and JG's in general. In L.A. County, she helped organize a separate branch of Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association, LACOLA, which was dedicated to the same goals and objectives of the regional and national organizations. This new organization was called the Los Angeles County Surf Lifesaving Association, LACoSLSA, where she continues to serve on the Executive Board. Regionally she rose to the ranks of Vice President of the CSLSA and was extremely active in the JG Committee, Competition Committee, and the Membership Committee. The extension of her involvement locally and regionally, naturally progressed to the national organization, where she has served on the respective committees in the USLA and has been instrumental in implementing the computer program that assisted in membership and competition.

Charlotte continues her participation at all levels. She continues to organize and coordinate L.A. County JG sales, providing uniforms and equipment to JG's for sale as a fundraiser to fund a national team to the USLA Lifeguard Nationals. When traveling to the 'opposite' coast, she hires an 18-wheeler to transport equipment for the L.A. County National Team, also allowing other Chapters in the CSLSA to send their equipment as well. On behalf of LA-CoSLSA, she books the National Team's rooms and coordinates everyone's flights to provide shuttle services to their hotel.

In the Fall of 2018, Graham was honored as a "Life Member" by the CSLSA and two weeks later the USLA presented her with their "Life Member" award. The Life Member awards are the highest awards given by these organizations. Both awards were well deserved as she continues to contribute on behalf of lifesaving.

During her commitment to lifesaving as a career and an obsession, she somehow found the time to have her most rewarding achievement, her daughter, Grace. The last few years of her career with L.A. County have been fraught with injuries resulting in Limited Duty assignments. She has not been able to personally enter competitions as of late, which she so enjoys. Instead, she takes on leadership roles to supplement her loss of personal enjoyment. Her retirement will allow her to spend more time with Grace and taking care of her father full time. However, she says her commitment to the JG's, LACoSLSA, CSLSA, and USLA will continue.



Lifesaving was not a job to her, but a passionate lifelong career. She wanted to make this a safer and better world for open water safety, both for the lifeguards and the public. Charlotte Graham exemplifies the motto, "Lifeguards for Life."

## AquaSMART Live! "Lifeguard Edition"



***In January 2021, in the span of two weeks, there were six drownings in unguarded water along the coast from Monterey to Sonoma Coast that hit the California State Lifeguard community hard.***

### By Sara Kennedy

California State Parks has 280 State Parks throughout California, ranging from coastal parks on the beach to inland parks with lakes, reservoirs, and rivers. These parks offer incredible outdoor recreation opportunities including ocean sports, lake sports, boating opportunities, river rafting, fishing and much more. But with these exciting opportunities people often unknowingly put themselves in dangerous situations, which can cause serious injuries and death. But how do we reach people before they come visit our beaches and waterways?

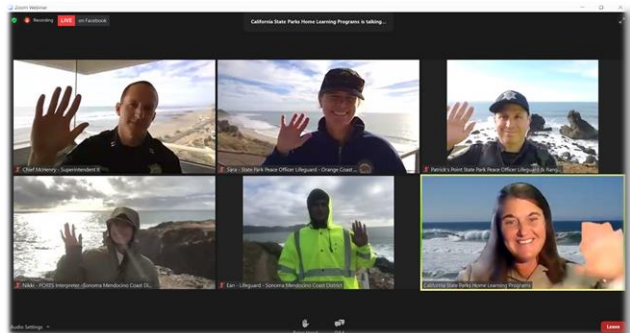
Sonoma Coast Lifeguard, Ean Miller knew that we desperately needed to get public safety messaging out to help prevent these drownings caused by sneaker waves. Drowning is the number one cause of death in California State Parks, and as lifeguards we all know, one drowning is too many.

The California State PORTS program (Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students) has been teaching free interactive virtual field trips for K-12 classrooms since 2006. The long-standing live On-Demand Programs were designed for students learning in virtual or in-person classrooms. Home Learning Broadcasts were created in response to COVID-19 school closures for students and families learning

from home. In 2020, the PORTS Program delivered 3,250 programs to 170,000 students.

California State Parks teamed up with the Boating & Waterways Division and PORTS Program to deliver public safety messaging, virtually through Facebook Live and YouTube.

Ean Miller reached out to Sonoma Coast Interpreter Nicholle Kohls and North Coast Redwoods Lead Interpreter Erin Gates and this prompted a live virtual event on the California State Parks Facebook page on January 28, 2021.



Pictured top row (L to R): Aquatic Specialist **Justin McHenry**, Lifeguard **Sara Kennedy** from San Clemente State Beach; Lifeguard **Carlos Alfaro** from Patrick's Point State Park. Bottom Row (L to R): Interpreter **Nikki Kohls** from Sonoma Coast; Lifeguard **Ean Miller** from Sonoma Coast, and Interpreter **Erin Gates** with the PORTS Home Learning Program

<https://www.facebook.com/153814847813/videos/2852448651711298>

The Facebook event, hosted by Aquatic Specialist Justin McHenry, virtually traveled to Patrick's Point State Park, Sonoma Coast and San Clemente State Beach. The program reached over 15k views.

It was clear that people were interested in hearing from California State Park Lifeguards and that we had found a platform to reach people about safety messaging before they come to our beaches and parks.

Soon California State Park Lifeguard, Sara Kennedy saw an opportunity to reach kids and their families by utilizing the existing PORTS platform for a learning program specific to *Beach & Ocean Safety*

That's when *AquaSMART Live! "Lifeguard Edition"* was born!

The first event was held on April 1, 2021 on the California State Parks Facebook Live page and focused on **River & Swift Water Safety**.



*Pictured Top Row (L to R): Lifeguard Sara Kennedy at San Clemente State Beach; Rangers Megan Sanchez and Lauren Shoemaker from Auburn SRA; Dept. of Boating and Waterways Education and Outreach Specialist Melissa Miranda. Bottom Row (L to R): Folsom Lake SRA and Ranger Ryan Randar from South Yuba River State Park.*

[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=1770513603108030&ref=watch\\_permalink](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=1770513603108030&ref=watch_permalink)

The online event was hosted by Sara Kennedy. The virtual audience “traveled” to Auburn State Recreational Area, South Yuba River State Park and Folsom State Recreational Area, and learned about the incredible recreational opportunities, and many helpful life-saving tips from lifeguards and rangers.

The Division of Boating and Waterways Outreach and Education Specialist, Melissa Miranda, also taught about how to properly fit a life jacket and informed the public about the **Life Jacket Loaner Program**.



This virtual program had 1k live views and currently has 4k views and counting.

The next *AquaSMART Live! “Lifeguard Edition”* will be about **Beach & Boating Safety** where viewers will virtually travel along the California Coast and inland parks to learn about ocean, lake and boating safety.

The program will also feature a virtual trip to a California State Parks *Surf Watch* Rescue Boat. The program is set to air the week before Memorial Day weekend on National Boating Safety and Beach Safety Week, May 22-May 28, 2021 (exact date TBD).

A third edition focusing on **Rip Current Awareness** is planned for later in the year. We hope that you can join us virtually!

Tune into the [California State Parks Facebook page](#) for updates on the program.

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**Did you know that California State Parks offers free resources to start up and help maintain life jacket loaner stations at any waterway offering water recreation?**

Starting a new life jacket loaner station is a simple process and will be tailored to your waterway. Expectations for loaner stations include determining the most appropriate type of life jacket loaner station considering building capabilities, construction and installation of loaner boards, and monitoring abilities; daily monitoring of life jackets to ensure life jackets remain in serviceable condition (i.e. no rips,

holes, or flotation breakdown); requesting replacement life jackets when needed; and providing periodic reporting information.



California State Parks will provide life jackets, signage, and will host location information on the life jacket loaner station website. Get creative! Loaning out life jackets doesn't have to be a complex operation. Life jackets

can be distributed at entrance kiosks, visitor centers, lifeguard towers or wherever is best suited for your park. An easy idea to execute is to hang life jackets on a rolling garment rack using clothes hangers.

If you are interested in bringing a new loaner station to your beach, please contact: [Melissa.Miranda@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Melissa.Miranda@parks.ca.gov).



## Junior Lifeguard's Corner



### 2021 JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAMS

Click on any of the Lifeguard agencies below for their respective Junior Lifeguard web page...

[Santa Cruz City](#)  
[Santa Cruz State](#)  
[Santa Cruz County](#)  
[California State Parks](#)  
[Pismo Beach](#)  
[Santa Barbara \(Henry's\)](#)  
[Ventura County](#)  
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[Camp Pendleton](#)  
[Solana Beach](#)  
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[San Diego](#)  
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### CSLSA Grants for Junior Lifeguard Programs

Grant money is available for qualifying Junior Lifeguard programs.

See [cslsa.org/juniorguards](http://cslsa.org/juniorguards) for more information.

### Editor's Note:

This Edition of the CalSurf News is dedicated to the loving memory of Kim McGowan. Beloved wife of Life Member Rob McGowan



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### Soft Top Surf Rescue

P2P Rescue Soft Tops are designed to be extremely lightweight and durable surf rescue boards. Reinforced nose and tail casings for added protection. Features full-length traction pad and 6 quick-grab high visibility red handles.

\$915 USD  
LENGTH: 10'  
WIDTH: 23 3/4"

\$935 USD  
LENGTH: 11'  
WIDTH: 25"



### Custom Fiberglass Surf Rescue

Custom board designs can serve lifeguards and ocean safety professionals for better use along the diverse coastlines of the world. We use innovative construction to create unmatched product durability and reduce overall board weight.

\$1,500-\$2,500 USD  
LENGTH: 5' - 14'  
WIDTH: 18" - 36"



### PWC Rescue Sled

P2P Rescue Soft Top Sleds are designed to be extremely rigid for stability and feature a unique tail design for better tracking behind your PWC.

\$1,995 USD  
LENGTH: 5'6"  
WIDTH: 35"



### NEW! Junior Guard Boards

Two styles both with our innovative rubber core rescue handles, durable construction, and soft top exterior for safely introducing our kids to the water.

\$495 USD  
LENGTH: 9'  
WIDTH: 24"

\$895 USD  
LENGTH: 9'  
WIDTH: 19"



### NEW! Carbon Race Board

10'6" P2P Carbon Race Boards meet ILS specs with 6 volume size range XXS - XL. Board bag and fin included. Available on West Coast & East Coast pickup for no shipping charge.

\$1995 USD, WITH BAG & FIN!

CUSTOM RACE BOARD  
**\$2,150**

WITH BAG & FIN

