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## **WATER SAFETY AND ROCKFISHING FOCUS AT BOAT SHOW**

**Surf Life Saving NSW will be on deck at the 2009 Sydney International Boat Show to promote safe practices around waterways and beaches.**

Surf Lifesavers will be presenting important water and surf safety messages to visitors at this year's Sydney International Boat Show (30 July to 3 August). Along with general water safety tips, surf lifesavers will be providing information about becoming a surf lifesaver or lifeguard and our extensive range of first aid and CPR training courses available to the public.

As the state's major water safety and rescue organisation, our mission is to provide a safe beach and aquatic environment throughout NSW. Our 129 Surf Life Saving Clubs and almost 67,000 members protected more than seven million beachgoers last season.

This season a major focus of our safety campaign will be on the dangers of rip currents and rockfishing, the two major causes of drownings in NSW over the last 12 months.

There will also be daily presentations at 11.30am by our lifesaving experts on how to keep kids safe around water.

**Water Safety for Parents** will include:

- Why kids in the 0-5 age group are at greatest risk of drowning
- Safety around pools – pool fencing and gate locks
- The use of floatation devices – good and bad types
- Parental / Carer supervision
- Lifejackets on boats
- Beach safety

Look out for the bright red Surf Life Saving promotional trailer in the Marine Precinct at the show.

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