

# Husband and wife make bodyboarding history

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ALISTAIR Taylor and his wife Karla (both Durban) completely dominated the Wimpy/Rossi Pro-Am held at Margate Beach over the long weekend.

The couple won the Pro and Ladies divisions in testing surf which ranged between 3 to 8ft over the three-day 4A Rated South African Bodyboarding Association (SABA) event.

The Taylors' victory has cemented the pair in the history of SA bodyboarding, and possibly even bodyboarding worldwide for being the first time that a husband and wife have won the premier titles at the same contest - this achievement bodes well for their three-year-old son Joshua who has already proved to be passionate about bodyboarding.

The 2007 Wimpy/Rossi Pro Am was the second stop on the SA Bodyboarding Association National Circuit, and proved to be a real exercise in endurance this year.

The Pro division saw some amazing bodyboarding throughout the three days of the event as competitors went all out to secure the lion's share of the R12 000 cash up for grabs.

Daniel Worseley from Cape Town ended up winning Wave of the Contest for his amazing air in round two of the event.

In the semi-finals, current SA champ Alistair Taylor got his required scoring ride with just 10 seconds remaining in the heat



KARLA and Alistair Taylor

after he had been washed some 150m down the beach by the notorious sidewash.

### Massive

He took 10 minutes to return to the line-up where he caught a set wave, launched into a massive air-roll-spin rotation, and landed it on the hooter to end the heat. Taylor's 9 point score boosted him from fourth to first in an instant.

Other notable performances in the Pro division were Dane Beales, who finished third in the Pro final. Beales, a Junior division competitor, has just come up from the Boys U14 division.

Also making a name for themselves were North Beach locals Michael Ostler and Charles Pass, also both Junior division competitors, who made it all the way into the elite Pro semi finals.

In the Pro final, Vaughn Harris, Dane Beales and Ian Kruger were all more or less shut down by the difficult wind conditions and rising high tide, while Alistair Taylor lucked into two big set

waves that opened up some hollow sections for him, allowing him to launch into some big aerial rolls and carving turns and 360s to nail the win.

The Ladies division was owned by none other than two times women's world champ from Brazil, Karla Taylor. Not only did she throw out scores that made most of the male competitors blush (like her stunning 9 point ride in the final), but she also

competed in the male dominated Pro Division and went as far as the quarter-finals, finishing 13th in a field of some 40 or so of the best in the country.

The R2 400 Factory7 DK division was taken by local boy Derek Footit, followed by Factory7's Sean Tickner, Cape Townian Vaughn Harris in 3rd and Durban's Wayne du Preez in 4th.

The Masters division was taken by Kevin Williams, followed by another guy who has also emerged from "hibernation", Justin Klusener from Durban. Third was the evergreen finalist Michael van Huyssteen.

In the juniors, SABA Junior champ Jared Houston was narrowly piped by local standout Jaryd Enslin. South Coast rippers Emile von Vollenhoven and Justin Zietsman were third and fourth respectively.

The Men's division saw a tight jostle for first and second between David Hartman, and the eventual winner all the way from Blouberg in Cape Town, Donovan Basset.