

# Husband and Wife Make History

Alistair and his wife Karla Taylor (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 Taylor's 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. Day two of the three day event saw a cold front with gale force SW winds blow its way up the Hibiscus Coast, sending in solid 4-8 ft waves for the final day of competition at

Margate Beach. Along with the strong winter swell came a freight train of a current that wreaked havoc with competitors' paddle outs in every heat.

In the semi finals, current SA champ Alistair Taylor escaped elimination from the contest when he got his required scoring ride with just 10 seconds remaining in the heat after he had been washed some 150m down the beach by the notorious sidewash. He took 10 minutes to return to the lineup 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 is not only a Junior division competitor, but has just come up from the Boys U14 division. Also making a name for themselves were North Beach locals, Michael Ostler and Chales Pass, also both Junior division competitors, that made it all the way into the elite Pro semi finals.



*The Taylor team*