

## Saltwater Girl Issue 9#10



# SA Bodyboarding Champs

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The 21st annual 5A rated South African Bodyboarding Championships went down in September at The Wedge in Plettenberg Bay. Swell during the majority of the event was consistently good, averaging in the region of four to six feet, with light winds and enough sunshine to keep onlookers warm on most days. Teams from eight provinces along South Africa's coastline competed in various divisions in the hope of being crowned South African Champions. For the first time at SA Champs the ladies' division competitors competed for cash prizes, sponsored by Pennypinchers. Local rider, Lyndell Pells (EP), hoped to claim victory in the division during the absence of former ladies world champion, Karla Costa -Taylor (CKZN), but had her ambitions dashed when she met with Pamela Bowren (WP) who took the title. Bowren seems to have surfing at The Wedge down to a fine art, having won the division at the 4A rated Wedge Classic, held in July. Pells finished in second place with Geline Derbyshire (SC) and Wida Scholtz (SKZN) coming in third and fourth respectively. Overall team victory went to Central Kwazulu-Natal. See the alternative sports profile on page 104 to meet the new champ.

