

Exiting Ocean Events weekend Scheveningen

In the weekend of 15 and 16 September a lot of Life Savers came to Scheveningen beach. Why? To compete in the 2007 Open Dutch Championships.

The club team of Echt became the overall winner, but also the Heythuysen club team and the team from Switzerland did very well in de final classifications.

With the help of DLRG experts and all the working groups of the EJC 2008 we used this championship as a test competition for the European Junior Championships in 2008. And we learned a lot in this weekend. A rough sea made us improvise a lot. The currents forced us to think of another way to place the buoys next year. The communication between the different groups was tested and improved.

Over all it was a very sportive weekend with great results and great efforts by athletes, judges and organizers.

The Life Saving Club of The Hague took care of safety. They had a busy weekend. The placing of the buoys was also done by their team in difficult circumstances.

Both parties (safety and competition) now know how to work together and make the very best of it. For the life guards it was a heavy three day weekend.

(pictures from website: www.ejc2008.nl)



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Logistics

In each newsletter we want to introduce you to the work of one of our EJC working groups. This time 'Logistics' has its turn.

In the organization structure this group is responsible for transport (of teams, competitors, volunteers, judges), and a transport schedule. We would like to welcome teams at airports and bring them to our venues, but also the big trip from Eindhoven to Den Haag (after the pool competitions) is a major job for Logistics.

The care for all our volunteers, the competition equipment, the presence of flags and flagpoles, a sound system at the beach and facilities for radio-TV and other press are big jobs for this group. One other major job will be the competition field at the beach. This item had its first test at the Open Dutch Championships from 14-16 September in Den Haag. At Scheveningen beach there was a lot to do for our Logistics volunteers. And they learned even more from this event. The circumstances for placing the buoys were so heavy that we have to invent another system for stabile placing of those buoys. Another major hazard was the presence of many board surfers. They came close or on many occasions into the competition area. For next year we have to think of a solution for this major problem. Logistics had a great test in the competition weekend. Through hard work, and the ability to improvise and communicate well, they did a good job.





National Swimming Stadium De Tongelreep

After the swimming success of the speed swimming team at the Olympic Games in Sydney, the government and the local council of Eindhoven started making plans for a national swimming stadium. The gold medals won by Pieter van den Hoogenband and Inge de Bruin were certainly of great influence on this decision.

In 2006 the construction of the swimming stadium was finished. It is a fact that Eindhoven will be the host of the 2008 European Swimming Championships.

Inside the building

In De Tongelreep there are:

- A leisure pool with slides and currents
- A 25m instruction pool en 2 smaller instruction pools
- Diving towers and a 20 x 25m pool for competition diving
- A 10 x 50m training pool
- A 25 x 50m competition pool.

The whole accommodation is covered and outside are several leisure pools to be used in summer time.

Other facilities

There is seating for 3000 spectators in the main hall of the stadium. Facilities for spectators and athletes are separated. We can also find press rooms, meeting rooms, a special area for doping control, First Aid rooms and a room for processing competition results.

A swimmers restaurant is located in the main hall of the complex.

The local life saving club has its clubhouse in the complex and this will serve as championships office during the competition days in Eindhoven.

On the 4th of November everyone who is interested can visit the swimming stadium during our Open Dutch Championships. Teams can even take part.

Pool Events competition 4-11-2007

On our special EJC website (www.ejc2008.nl) you can find up to date information on the test competition on the 4th of November 2007. Hurry if you want to take part and when you want to use facilities as:

- hotel or youth hostel,
- transport,
- meals and packed lunches,
- a special programme on Friday (2nd) and Saturday (3rd November).

Please mail to t.sligchers@zonnet.nl for any enquiries concerning this championship and the side programme.



Web Site

Our web site is in the air. We try to put as much up to date information on it as possible. Try to visit the web site on a regular basis. We will try to put any information that is of interest to potential participating teams, fans, visitors or just people who take an interest in life saving on it:

www.ejc2008.nl .

