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Lifesavers pull man from rip

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"This is a reminder that the beach can be quite dangerous," he said. "If people are unsure of the condition of the water they can ask the surf lifesavers on patrol."

He said "no flags, no swim" was an easy way to remember that a beach was closed if flags were not displayed.

"Fortunately, the North Cronulla patrol had a fast response and no one was injured," he said.

Sunday's rescue is one of the first for the surf season, which started on Saturday.

More than 21,000 volunteer surf lifesavers will patrol beaches on weekends and public holidays until April 26 next year.

With last season's NSW coastal drowning toll at 27, Surf Life Saving NSW is urging beachgoers to swim only at patrolled locations in between the red and yellow flags.

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On patrol: One of the North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club's surf patrol teams, Madison Kelly Makovec, Charlotte Macnamara, Lucy Green, Brigitte Duffy and patrol vice-captain Danielle Herman, at North Cronulla beach on Saturday. **Picture: John Veage**

Teams ready for action

By Paul Haigh

SATURDAY marked the official start of the new surf lifesaving season.

The Bate Bay clubs — North Cronulla, Cronulla, Wanda and Elouera — spent the day on the beaches and in the ocean.

The dedicated members of the clubs reported for duty for their first surf patrols of the season.

The clubs are the guardians of Sutherland Shire's picturesque beaches alongside the

council's professional life-guards.

Safety is paramount and the dedicated, skilfully trained volunteers play an important role in the community.

The surf patrol teams do their utmost to ensure public safety by reminding the public to swim between the flags.

North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club member Madison Kelly Makovec, 13, of Menai, has just started patrols.

"Being part of the surf lifesaving movement is about being able to help other peo-

ple and I have just become a cadet after nine years of being a North Cronulla Nipper," Madison said.

"I love being able to be on patrol and use all my training to help keep our beach safe."

"I love being down at the beach with my friends on patrol and would recommend everyone my age volunteer their time to surf lifesaving."

Surf Lifesaving NSW has 129 clubs and 76,000 members statewide, making it one of the largest volunteer movements in Australia.

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Top surfers showed their skills at the North Cronulla Maxum ASP Women's Pro Junior and NRMA Women's Surf Classic. See John Veage's photo gallery.

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